

**May - June Happenings** CTP - Helmet Recalls – Motorcycle Parking –Learner Speed Limits – etc**CTP – A Battle Won, but the War Continues**

Most riders will be aware of the Government's plan to introduce the Motor Accidents Amendment Bill 2013, or the CTP / Greenslip reforms, which they tried to slip through Parliament in the dark of night ... and most riders will be aware of the small win we have had through direct action by many riders in contacting the appropriate members of parliament and the work carried out by the MCC of NSW on behalf of riders.

For those who are not aware of the issues hidden within the legislation should have a look here

<http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/203.html> and here <http://injuredpersons.org.au/a-laymans-guide-to-the-motor-accident-injuries-amendment-bill-2013/>

The proposed legislation was pushed through parliament with no announcement, no notice to key stakeholders and no opportunity for any detailed review of the impacts from the legislation. The MCC were made aware by Matt Berringer of our legal advisors LHD Lawyers, of the legislative Bill reaching its second Reading in the upper house. A strategy meeting was convened for the night of Monday the 27th May.

The Bill presented to Parliament has some alarming omissions and provisions that were not disclosed during public consultation.

This issue was deemed so important that MCC of NSW decided to recruit other interested parties and combine forces and knowledge. Other rider advocacy groups were invited to the legal analysis and strategy meeting in order to give all riders in NSW the best opportunity of success.

Guy Stanford had already booked Parliamentary meetings for the following Thursday to discuss motorcycle policy so we piggybacked Dave Cooke of the Alliance onto these and met with Ryan Park (Opposition Roads Minister) and the Shooters and Fishers party in an attempt to stall the legislation and get some breathing space to review it. It was a tough day, as Parliament had not risen until 4am the previous night and Guy and Dave were visiting Parliamentary offices with bowls of breakfast cereal still on the desks at 11am. Time was at a premium. We were unable to get a face to face meeting with the Christian Democrats, who along with the Shooters and Fishers control the balance of power in the NSW Upper House.

Fortunately the Shooters & Fishers agreed to stall the Bill until the next sitting day of 18th June, giving us a respite of a couple of weeks. They did, giving 10 days breathing space to raise a protest movement.

Every interested rider chipped in. A Facebook page was created by concerned riders and quickly grew to have over 11,000 members in a matter of 9 days, all of whom were itching to do something. A mass letter writing and phone call campaign ensued which broke quite a few email inboxes. Press releases were thrown out the window like confetti and the likes of Jonesy and Amanda from WSFM came on board and lent support. The MAA went into damage control. Many different channels of objection were opened and there's just too many individual names to thank, but to you all, THANK YOU, YOU DID IT !

The end result of all this was? The Finance Minister Greg Pearce went on stress leave and we received a call to meet with the fill in Minister Andrew Constance to discuss our concerns. The next morning (19th June) Minister Constance had a press release put out that stated;

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GOVERNMENT ACTS TO ADDRESS CTP CONCERNS

... "Yesterday, having met with the leadership of the motorcycle community, it was clear that they wanted more time to assess the bill and what it means for NSW motorcyclists. They indicated that other community groups were also keen for more time to assess the bill."

This has given us time to assess what is on offer and what our options are. Opinions differ but there is a lot of evidence pointing to the fact that the proposed legislation is not all it is cracked up to be and is nowhere near being the silver bullet that the MAA have promised it to be.

This fight is far from over and there is much work to be done in getting a CTP scheme that works for all in a fair and affordable manner.

Guy Stanford met with Ryan Park (Shadow Roads Minister) again on Thursday the 27th June while Christopher Burns met with Robert Brown and Robert Borsak from Shooters & Fishers Party as a follow up on the CTP discussions.

We would also like to thank Alan Hay the patron of the Australian Confederation of Motor enthusiasts Clubs (ACMC) and the Nationals candidate for the federal senate for his invaluable advice and strategy input into this issue

This would not have happened were it not for all the noise created by riders in NSW to their local members and to the cross bench MP's so this is a win for all riders and shows that we can change the world if we have a go.

The MCC of NSW will continue to fight this on behalf of all riders. Stay tuned for details.

Cheap CTP for over 40s !

From 1st July 2013 Monaland Insurance will be opening up the MCC of NSW CTP rate to **all** over 40 year old members of **all** MCC of NSW affiliated clubs, as well as MCC of NSW Individual Supporters.

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Motorcycle Helmet Safety Recalls – More!

As mentioned previously 2 helmets have been recalled. Initially the Kylin XR-205 Motorcycle Helmet, an open-faced helmet sold by Bulk Bikes was the subject of a Product Safety Recall for size Large only. The recall has now extended to cover ALL sizes of that model helmet. The helmets have been found to "not meet performance requirements that are outlined in the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS1698:2006". "Consumers should immediately stop using the helmets and contact Bulk Bikes to organise for a refund or replacement. For further information please email bulkbikes@bigpond.com."

<http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1047706>

As mentioned previously the KBC VR-1X Motorcycle Helmet with manufacture date 2012-6 distributed by Monza Imports is also the subject of a Product Safety Recall. "Consumers should immediately stop using the helmets and return it to the place of purchase for a refund or replacement." <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1047524>

City of Sydney Motorcycle Parking

From item 24 of the City of Sydney Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee 19th June 2013 meeting agenda: "The Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee at its meeting on 21 November 2012 recommended that motorbike parking be investigated on either side of the driveway and results to be brought back to a future meeting following consultation. "

"Residents were notified of the Committee's recommendation and agreed to allocate one car space on the northern side of the driveway for motorbike parking."

This is a great example of how replacing the first and last car space with motorcycle parking can improve road safety!

This issue was also raised with Ryan Park (Shadow Roads Minister), particularly the "first and last" at intersections and "upstream" at parking station driveways. (i.e. convert parking spaces to motorcycle parking as they are low in height and open up sight-lines around intersections and driveways, making them safer for all road users).

Learner Speed Limit Increase From 1st July 2013

RMS has announced that as of 1st July 2013 the learner speed limit will increase from 80 kph to 90 kph. More details here:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/licensing/gettingallicence/car/learners/learner-driver-initiative-qa.html> The MCC has confirmed with RMS that this speed limit increase applies to riders as well as drivers.

Webserver and Email Lists

At the end of May the web servers on which the MCC's website and mail lists are hosted were relocated. Unfortunately the relocation did not go smoothly! It would appear that some data had to be restored from back-ups and some data may have been lost. If you haven't received any email from either the delegates or newsletter mailing lists during June as you would expect please contact webmaster@mccofnsw.org.au

Rider Risk Videos

Make sure you and your riding mates check out the Rider Risk Videos at www.mccofnsw.org.au

Motorcycle Council of NSW meetings

The Motorcycle Council of NSW meets on the first Monday of each month at the Ryde Ex-Services Club, 7:30 PM. The next meeting will be on **1st July 2013**

Meetings are not just for clubs or delegates.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

MCCofNSW facebook Page

Upcoming Events and Appearances

- **13th July** - The Wots Den 2nd Annual Show and Shine - The M Centre, Minchinbury
- **13-14th July** - Winter Rally - 4 km south of Nerriga on the Nowra-Braidwood Road
- **28th July** - Sy's Show and Shine - Sy's Harley Davidson, 16 Blaxland Road, Campbelltown.

See <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html> for details

If you have an annual or one-off event you would like the MCC of NSW to add to our calendar of events please have a look at the Events page at the above address and send your event details in a similar format to webmaster@mccofnsw.org.au

This newsletter and past newsletters can be downloaded from <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/326.html>

Individual Supporters

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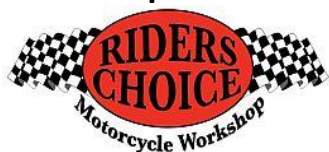


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