



## July Happenings

CTP continues – Helmet recalls & standards – Bells Line of Road upgrades – MARI – Motor vehicle census – ausRAP - etc

### CTP - The Fight Continues

Since the last newsletter CJ and Guy have continued speaking to the minor parties, the opposition and various other interested parties. Continued study and discussion of the reforms suggest they dramatically reduce benefits for victims and reduce victims capacity to pursue just compensation for their injuries and loss of earning potential.

CJ also represented the MCC of NSW at the Government's CTP reform 'roundtable' meeting. More info on the fight against the CTP reforms and the roundtable meeting can be found here: <http://mccofnsw.org.au/a/203.html>

The CTP steering committee are now taking submissions from anyone/everyone. Information can be found here: <http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/ctpstrategy> Please follow the link and have our say.

The NSW Dept. of Finance have released an edited version of the Ernst and Young Report on the proposed viability of the new scheme.

On the 1st August the Premier sacked Greg Pearce from the Finance Ministers position and replaced him with Andrew Constance, who had filled the position during Pearce's absence on "stress leave" and taken responsibility for the CTP reform issue from the start of that leave.

Remember: All over 40 year old MCC Individual Supporters and members of MCC member clubs have access to Monaland Insurances CTP. Monaland should be able to provide a cheaper CTP policy than anyone else in NSW in most circumstances. See the individual Supporters section below for contact details.

### Helmetts

The recalls just keep on coming. The latest is the J & M Dixon X1 Moto XR-205 Motorcycle Helmet. A skull cap/pudding bowl style helmet sold via eBay and claiming to be . "Consumers should immediately stop using the helmets and contact supplier to organise for a refund or replacement. For further information, please email [mxsone@bigpond.com](mailto:mxsone@bigpond.com)." See the recall notice here: <http://www.recalls.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/1049486>

Also on helmets, CJ and Guy (and Angie) appeared in a TEN news segment regarding Helmet Standard laws. A link to the segment can be found here: <http://mccofnsw.org.au/a/346.html>

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

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### **Upgrades to Bells Line of Road**

According to an article in the Western Advocate on 15th June. Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner announced that \$43 million had been 'quarantined' for an upgrade of Bells Line of Road.

"It is the start of the process, at the end of which we hope to have a straighter, safer, faster dual carriageway route" \$43 million will not go far, but with a group called the Bells Line Expressway Group pushing the Government we may eventually lose the Bells Line as a fun link to the roads of the central west.

### **Meetings**

A meeting with Transport for NSW to review the preliminary results from the Lane Filtering trial – All is looking good. Also attended a Road Safety Advisory Council meeting – beware an addition 45 camera cars will be rolled out from Jan 2014. Also failure to keep left in 80kph+ zones will be a target more often in future and wearing headphones while driving looks like becoming an issue.

### **MARI (Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative) – Volunteers needed!**

After six years of knocking on the door we finally have the MARI ( <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/242.html> ) ready to launch a pilot volunteer programme.

This will be make or break for this depending on the number of riders prepared to get involved and the willingness of the clinicians to avail themselves of the service. While this will initially be at St Vincent's Hospital in Darlinghurst, the aim is to have small groups of volunteers ready to visit and assist downed riders in their local area. The aim is to get it started at St Vinnie's then put it under our arm and beat down the barriers at hospitals anywhere we can get riders to volunteer.

Prospective volunteers will need to pass a national police records check and a clear a working with children check. These checks will be paid for by either the hospital or if necessary out of MARI funds.

The next Volunteer Information Session are Tuesday 13 August 2013 from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm Level 2 (reception) Sacred Heart Health Service 170 Darlinghurst Rd DARLINGHURST NSW 2010

Riders wishing to attend the Information Session should express their interest by return email or call me direct.

Ideally, this would suit folk who are semi-retired or who are time flexible but if you are interested and don't fit the above throw your hat in the ring anyway as it might come down to a pool of people with varying availabilities.

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### **Motor Vehicle Census, Australia, 31 July 2013**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics press release on 23rd July started with the following words:

#### **"Motor cycle numbers have really accelerated in the past five years**

Motor cycle registrations grew at a faster rate than any other type of vehicle over the past five years, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

"From 2008 to 2013, motor cycle registrations - including scooters - went up by over 30 per cent", said Sybille McKeown, ABS Director of Transport Statistics, "while cars only saw an increase of 10 per cent."

More information is available on the ABS website at: <http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/mf/9309.0>

### **ausRAP**

The Australian Automobile Association released the Government funded ausRAP star rating report on the 24th July. Its an assessment of the safety of the National Highway Network. The report (7.64mb pdf) can be downloaded from here:

[http://www.aaa.asn.au/documents/reports%2F2013%2F13174\\_AAA\\_Star\\_Rating\\_Booklet\\_web\\_version-1.pdf](http://www.aaa.asn.au/documents/reports%2F2013%2F13174_AAA_Star_Rating_Booklet_web_version-1.pdf)

While ... "The model produces different Star Ratings for vehicle occupants, motorcycles, cyclists and pedestrians as the safety risks from a given road attribute vary for each of these road user groups." Sadly ... "Results presented in this report are for vehicle occupants, as the national highway network has relatively low volumes of motorcycles, bicycles and pedestrians." Apparently the owners of 3/4 million motorcycles in Australia are not significant. The report suggests that 90kph+ rated roads in NSW are becoming safer ... for 'vehicle occupants'.

### Rider Risk Videos

Make sure you and your riding mates check out the Rider Risk Videos at [www.mccofnsw.org.au](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2013

Meetings are not only for clubs or delegates.  
**All motorcyclists are invited to attend.**

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### Upcoming Events and Appearances

- **10-11th August** - 2013 Watagan Trail Bike Rally
- **17th August** - National Vietnam Veterans Day
- **15th September** - Bikers Against Child Abuse "100 Mile Ride"
- ... and more

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](mailto:webmaster@mccofnsw.org.au)

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