



August Happenings

CTP – Helmet laws – Motorcyclist taking over the nasho – Motorcycle parking – Police harassment – Phones on the Putty

CTP - The battle is won ... the war continues

The NSW government has withdrawn the controversial proposed changes to CTP scheme due to a lack of support in the upper house of parliament. The MCC of NSW is now consulting with the MAA on changes that can be made to the existing scheme to make it more efficient and transparent. Issues being discussed include the capacity class system, alternative methods for cutting costs, recreational rego, and the regulatory role of the MAA.

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. Phone Kevin or Deborah on 4577 8507 or 0412 783 322 www.monaland.com.au

Helmets - ACCC

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission is currently reviewing the 'Consumer Product Safety Standards for Protective Helmets for Motor Cyclists'. They are proposing 3 options: Option 1 is to remove the current mandatory safety standard and rely on other existing powers under Australian Consumer Law. Option 2 is to remove the current mandatory standard AS 1698-1988 and replace it with the most current Australian Standard and allow other international standards (such as European UN/ECE regulation; Unites States DOT standard; Japanese JIS standard; United States Snell standards). Option 3 is to replace the current 1988 compulsory standard with the 2006 version of the standard.

The ACCC prefers option 1, however they recognise that motorcyclists prefer option 2. The MCC has made a submission supporting the adoption of Option 2, as has the Australian Motorcycle Council. Submissions closed on 2nd September.

Wots Den donation of Helmets

Benny from Wots Den at Minchinbury has kindly donated 5 new helmets for workers to use at Bathurst. The Bathurst Contract to mark out camping spots at the V8 race and to escort campers to their camping spots is the MCC of NSW primary source of income, without which we would struggle financially. The helmets are required for workers to ride quads or other vehicles required to complete the work.

A big thankyou to Benny!

Motorcycle Parking

Parking continues to be a contentious issue among local councils. Waverley Council resolved an application by Iceberg's to install more motorcycle parking, but a motion to remove paid motorcycle parking within parts of the LGA was defeated. A number of councillors believe multiple paying motorcyclists in one usual car space length is subsidizing car parking. Other councils continue to set good examples.

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Are motorbike joyriders overrunning the Royal National Park?

The St George and Sutherland Shire Leader 22nd August edition front page bluntly accused motorcyclists of numerous unsubstantiated claims, raised by unidentified individuals raised at a meeting convened by Heathcote MP Mr Lee Evans. Local residents, Highway Patrol and local police command officers, Roads and Maritime Service and Environment Protection Agency representatives attended, but not one motorcycling interest group was invited. Read and comment on the article at the follow link <http://www.theleader.com.au/story/1715213/are-motorbike-joyriders-overrunning-royal-national-park/>

In response, the MCC was invited to join a group of local riders responding to the front page "scoop". Printed on page 3 the following edition (29th August), Sydney Knights delegate Craig Browne defended motorcyclists touring the 'nasho' and Steph Di Val reminded readers that riders are regular people, too. Justin Dorward has since called on Mr Evans to include the MCC in future discussions. <http://www.theleader.com.au/story/1737345/motorcyclists-indignant-over-criticism-they-have-taken-over-royal-national-park/>

Putty Road police harassment

Recently a number of riders were pulled over by Police at the Broke end of the Putty Road and riders issued with notices to attend the EPA for noise testing of their exhausts, and various other infringements handed out. Photos were also taken of their exhaust pipes so that they could not swap them out before testing. Riders were told that any motorcycle with an aftermarket exhaust pipe would be sent for testing and that local police would be running the operation for months leading up to summer. Be warned! Note: aftermarket pipes are not illegal provided they do not exceed noise regs.

Unfortunately, inconsistencies continue to exist between Australian Design Rules, which determine the allowable noise at the point of sale, and the NSW Government's regulations for registered vehicles. The NSW Government has consistently failed to update the NSW regulations to match the ADRs. Many sports bikes built after approx. 2006 will breach the NSW regulations the instant they leave the showroom floor.

Calling Putty Road

Opposition Leader Tony Abbott has announced a \$100 million national policy to improve mobile phone reception black spots. This policy, announced at Colo Heights on the 13th August, is designed to entice another \$100 million from the private sector. A MCC representative attended the announcement and spoke directly with Mr Abbott and local member Louise Markus. The MCC looks forward to ensuring significant motorcycle roads in our state receive due attention, such as Putty Road, Oxley and Thunderbolts, Snowy Mountains Highway and Alpine Way, regardless of the federal election outcome.

Previously and separately Alan Hay of the NSW National Party has promised \$250,000 for Emergency Roadside Telephones to fix gaps in mobile phone coverage along popular motorcycle roads in NSW.

Volunteers needed

The next couple of months are very busy for the MCC of NSW. You can help us by:
Helping out with the Motorcycle Awareness Week launch at Martin Place, Sydney CBD on 16th October
Helping distribute Motorcycle awareness week posters
Helping man the MCC of NSW stand at the Sydney Motorcycle Expo - 15-17th November
If you are able to assist with any of the above please email enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

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

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 **14th Oct 2013**

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

MCCofNSW facebook Page

Upcoming Events and Appearances

15th September - Bikers Against Child Abuse 100 Mile Ride

20-22nd September - Ride K's 4 Kids

20-22nd September - Ride Thru the Old Bar

21-22nd September - 6th Far Cairn Rally

22nd September - DOC NSW annual Concours d' Elegance

16th-27th October - Motorcycle Awareness week

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

Send events to webmaster@mccofnsw.org.au

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