



Late 2014 Happenings: Meetings Meetings Meetings – Working with Government – Helmets – Motorcycles on TV

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Following the MCC of NSW regular monthly general meeting on 1st December a Special General Meeting was convened to make changes to the MCC's constitution. The alterations were primarily minor changes to wording to remove potential ambiguity and clarify the meaning of various clauses within the constitution. The changes were passed by the delegates present.

Following the Special General Meeting an Annual General Meeting was convened. The various positions on the MCC of NSW Executive Committee were declared vacant by Guy Stanford, acting as Returning Officer, and the following delegates were elected to the Executive Committee: Paul Taffa (Chairman), Bruce Campbell (Vice Chairman), Brian Wood (Secretary), Jason Antony (General Committee), Peter Ivanoff (General Committee), Kevin (Trip) Henry (General Committee). No nominations for the position of Treasurer were received on the night. Bob Maddell has agreed to continue as the Treasurer until a replacement can be found.

Working with Government

Implementation Working Group

NEURA (Neuroscience Australia) gave a presentation on their 'In-depth Motorcycle Crash Study' that's nearing completion. This study investigated about 100 crashes. A huge amount of data has been collected to determine the differences between those who crashed and those that didn't at the same site. The results indicate that you are 9 times more likely to crash if it's a road you ride regularly compared to someone who only rides the road occasionally. You are also more likely to crash if you've

ridden the road very few times. I.e. you crash more if you are unfamiliar with a road OR overly familiar with the road.

The MCC gave a presentation regarding the motorcycle safety forums which were held in May and June this year.

MAA Working Group Meeting

In our ongoing quest for fair CTP pricing the MCC has made a request for data to assist in determining the underlying factors that influence CTP pricing. Stay tuned for more info.

Barrier Testing

The Centre for Road Safety and CrashLab are undertaking a series of tests on motorcycle rub-rail. Rub-rail is the additional rail on W-beam barriers that is designed to prevent riders sliding along the road colliding with the posts. These can be seen on some bends on the 'old road' and Macquarie Pass.

The MCC was able to witness a crash test dummy colliding with rub-rail at 60 kph at CrashLab's facility at Huntingwood. The results won't be released until all the tests have been done. We've asked to be invited to witness further tests in the New Year.

Road Safety Advisory Council

Year-to-date figures show motorcycle fatalities down 9 on last year. This is great news and hopefully this reduction can be maintained to the end of the year and into next year. The Centre for Road Safety is devoting a considerable amount of resources and money to motorcycle safety and it appears this effort is paying off.

The In-depth study, the barrier testing, the MCC forums, helmet testing, Ride to Live advertising campaign are all Centre for Road Safety initiatives.

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From 1st February 2015 there will be stricter requirements on NSW drivers/riders convicted of serious and repeat drink driving offences. The new laws will include a requirement for offenders to fit alcohol interlock devices to their vehicles. These will include motorcycles.

been organising a meeting of relevant state and commonwealth agencies to try to resolve the numerous issues related to helmets standards and state helmet laws. The parties are due to meet in February. Hopefully sensible, workable laws will follow.

Helmets – the end is in sight?

Recently there has been a lot of angst on social media regarding riders fined for fitting video cameras (Go Pros, etc) to their helmets and more recently for using tinted visors. Riders are charged with the same offence as not wearing a helmet at all. This is clearly a ridiculous situation created by poorly written state laws. The cases prominent on social media have occurred in Victoria however instances have also occurred in NSW and are yet to be tested in NSW courts.

Guy Stanford (MCC delegate to the Australian Motorcycle Council) was invited to witness the Centre for Road Safety crash testing helmets with Go Pro cameras fitted. NSW police were among the other interested parties, hoping to fit cameras to their own helmets. Further tests were required. Expect an announcement in early 2015

Guy has been a long time agitator regarding poorly drafted state laws in regards to helmet standards. Recently he has

Motorcycles on TV

MXTV Channel 74 (4ME) 8pm Thursdays, 4.30pm Saturdays, 7pm Tuesdays

Cycle Torque TV Channel 74 (4ME) Sundays at 6.30pm – It's not clear if this is still running. Ditto for Bike Life which was also showing on Channel 74 previously.

Just2wheelz Channel 44 (TVS) Monday 29 December 8:30pm, Saturday 3 January 11:00am, Sunday 4 January 3:30pm, Monday 5 January 8:30pm, Saturday, 10 January 11:00am, Sunday 11 January 3:30pm, Monday 12 January 8:30pm.

Temporary Australians Repeats are currently playing. Check your TV guide for details.

Upcoming Events and Appearances

18th January - Goulburn Showground M/C Only Swap Meet

26th January - CARnivale, Hyde Park Barracks,, Sydney CBD

6-8th February - Karuah River Rally

7th February - Bathurst Street & Custom Motorcycle Show

See www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html for more events and details

To have your event included email webmaster@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 **2nd Feb 2015**

Meetings are not only for clubs or delegates.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

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