



Jan/Feb Happenings: Helmets – CTP – Rec Rego – Petition - Motorcycles on TV – M/C Friendly Towns - etc

Helmets – A Big (slow) Step Forward?

Dr Bruce Campbell Vice Chair of the Motorcycle Council of NSW and Guy Stanford, Chair of the Helmets Committee at the Australian Motorcycle Council, were asked to give a joint presentation on the issues in the Australian helmet safety system, how they affect riders and possible solutions at the recent Standards Australia “Protective Helmets for Vehicle Users” forum. They maintained that the product standard certification system was “broken” and the mandatory standard by the ACCC was ignored by all. Moreover, the Australian Standard was being used as a regulation that was open to misinterpretation by law enforcement officials. In addition, there was considerable mistrust over certification labels on helmets, and in some cases there were misleading labels that said products were certified by Standards Australia or to the wrong standard. They also said that the international standard, UN ECE 22-05 had been adopted for use in over 50 countries and had been developed based on public health studies of helmeted crashed riders.

They called for a set of harmonised road rules across Australia and greater certainty over certification of helmets which should be verifiably compliant prior to sale.

The NSW Centre For Road Safety representative spoke well on helmets and policy and there were some telling points in his presentation. NSW CFRS have prepared a discussion paper on the introduction of ECE 22.05 as an allowable helmet standard in NSW and this will be released shortly for comment by all parties. Change is needed as AS/NZS is too restrictive and the ECE standard is designed specifically for motorcycles.

Representatives from Shark France took this forum so seriously they flew two representatives to Australia
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specifically for this forum and they had positive input backing up the call from the MCC of NSW and the AMC for the introduction of ECE 22.05.

When a question was put to the panel about whether or not attachments (Go-Pros and Comm’s devices) were legal or illegal, the response was “Who knows, the Standard is silent on that matter”.

The Chair of Standards Australia advised he was concerned and this is a sensitive issue hence his attendance.

It is obvious they have listened to riders from across the country and this forum is an important step in the right direction and change is happening, it may be slow, but it is happening.

[Click here for Helmet Forum notes](#)

CTP – The Fight Never Ends

The MCC of NSW continues its work on CTP on behalf of riders in NSW. We recently responded with comments to a public consultation draft paper “Motor Accidents Compensation Regulation 2015”.

Essentially this paper is a response to Recommendation No.9 in Report 51 handed down from the Law and Justice inquiry into the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) before which Christopher Burns and Guy Stanford appeared as witnesses for riders. Broadly speaking the recommendations were acceptable. Our submission has once again pushed for greater reporting by the insurers on their costs to run the CTP system. A reduction in those ongoing claims for costs would see a reduction in CTP charges to the consumer.



131700

If you come across issues with roads ring 131700 to report it to the RMS. This is their primary contact method for such things and their main database for road issues

MCC T Shirts

We have seven (7) black, size Large "Have you seen a motorcyclist today... now you have" tee shirts left. \$15 posted or \$10 picked up. [Email the MCC](#) if you want one.

'Loud Pipes Save Lives' Petition

There are a wide range of views within the MCC committee regarding the role of loud pipes on safety, but if you are on the pro loud pipes side you may be interested in this petition to Hon Warren Truss MP to change ADR 83/00:

[Change.org Loud Pipes Saves Lives](#)

Motorcycle Friendly Towns Scheme

Colin Whelan, together with [Australian Motorcycle Magazine](#) are presently helping small country towns to become motorcycle friendly. The financial gains for many struggling towns has been overlooked.

Encouraging small country towns to become motorcycle friendly and to advertise that their pubs and towns are motorcycle friendly to the motorcycling community is a positive and productive scheme for both the towns and motorcyclists.

The average motorcyclist spends \$120 to \$140 per night in small towns whereas the motor home and RV crowd spend \$18 per vehicle.

The MCC has been trying to get Government to promote motorcycle tourism without success to date, so we are very happy to endorse and assist Colin's efforts wherever possible.

Motorcycles on TV - Update

[Cycle Torque TV](#) is returning to 4ME (Channel 74) at 7.30pm (4ME) from the 5th March.

Upcoming Events and Appearances

6-8th March - Taree and District Vintage and Classic Motorcycle Club 26th Annual Rally

7-9th March - Cold Flame Rally - Jindabyne

13-15th March - Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club National Rally - National Museum of Australia - Canberra.

14-15th March - The Big Ride 4 Parkinsons - Parkes

21- 22nd March - Barry Sheene Festival of Speed - Sydney Motorsport Park

22nd March - 1 Day Black Dog Ride

28th March - Todd Peisley Ride for Careflight.

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

To have your event included email webmaster@mccofnsw.org.au

Thanks Kim

As a result of lobbying by the MCC and a study of mobile phone reception on the Putty Road by Justin and Ed from NSW Riders in 2013, the Government installed new roadside emergency phones along the Putty Road

Kim from the Grey Gum Cafe had similar concerns about the phone reception and Kim and her staff have been regularly checking that the phones remain operational Recently the MCC provided a Certificate of Appreciation to Kim thanking her for her efforts.

The MCC Out and About

The MCC had a stall at **CARNIVALE** on Australia Day outside the Hyde Park Barracks with a dozen bikes on display. The weather wasn't the best with light showers throughout the day. However it was a successful day with a large number of passer-bys stopping to look at the bikes, collect information and talk to riders.

The MCC attended the **Bathurst, Street and Custom Bike Show** in Bathurst on Saturday 7th February. The weather was perfect and there were over 100 bikes on display. Many locals took the time to talk to us at our stand. some commenting that it was difficult to book L & P courses locally. The MCC contacted RMS who were in contact with Stay Upright, the local rider training provider, who also recognised a problem and has scheduled over 20 addition courses to overcome the problem.

'Live to Ride' Safety Campaign 15 Second Adverts ridetolive.nsw.gov.au

- [Motorcycle Ride to Live: Commuter Rider – Vehicles Pulling Out](#)
- [Motorcycle Ride to Live: Commuter Rider – Metropolitan Intersection](#)
- [Motorcycle Ride to Live: Recreational Rider – Approaching a Corner](#)
- [Motorcycle Ride to Live: Recreational rider – Rural Intersection](#)

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 **13th March 2015**

Meetings are not only for clubs or delegates.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

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

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