



July-September Happenings: Historic rego rules, Staysafe Committee, Helmets, Parking, MAW, etc

Check out our Facebook page and stay in the loop on what's happening in the motorcycle world and what changes Government are making that could affect you.

The MCC of NSW ensures you get the real story on legislation, upcoming changes and inquiries. The MCC represents riders on a whole host of issues including vehicle standards, CTP (greenslips), helmets (cameras and tinted visors) and safety issues affecting riders in NSW.

Any queries? Feel free to message us and we'll ensure you get the right information. enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

New Historic Rego Rules

The MCC of NSW together with the ACMC have been working long and hard with the Minister for Roads and Ports office and very closely with Centre for Road Safety to develop this new model of registration for vehicles older than 30 years. The scheme is open to club members of historic bike and car clubs, and is a 60 day log book scheme. This scheme will run in parallel to the existing Historic scheme. You can choose to run under either the old scheme or the new scheme.

In summary the new scheme:

- Does **NOT** replace the existing historic scheme.
- Runs in parallel to the existing Historic registration scheme
- Allows 60 days of driving where and when you choose without the need for a Club run.
- Does not allow maintenance runs
- Is only open to eligible members of an historic club or authorised and eligible club
- Open to vehicles greater than 30 years of age.
- The existing historic scheme will stay the same.
- Clubs can run both schemes

If any club members or riders have any queries please feel free to contact [Christopher Burns](#) (0418 486 660) in the first instance.

We thank the Minister for Roads and Ports, the Honourable Duncan Gay for introducing a new scheme of registration that suits the needs of enthusiasts.

[Duncan Gay's Media Release here](#)

Now that we are done with this new rego scheme, we will finish our work on Recreational Registration for trail bikes for which the recent series of meetings has proven very positive.

NSW Staysafe Committee of Inquiry into Motorcycle Safety

The NSW Staysafe Committee of inquiry into motorcycle safety have published the submissions received by them on their website and several make interesting reading. The MCC of NSW has been called as witnesses for supplementary questions on motorcycle safety as well as discussion on our submission. Thanks for help with our submission to Guy Stanford, Liz de Rome, Brian Wood and Christopher Burns. It is also nice to see a number of submissions quoting the MCC of NSW's publications (Positioned for Safety) and statistics as well as referring to the good work that we have carried out over the years.

[Click here to view submissions](#)

Help Needed for Injured Riders

Ken Lovegrove is asking for your support to assist injured riders and their families. This is an initiative well worth supporting: "Over the past couple of years many have said they would like to get involved with the Dr Wings programme taking Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation (MARI) to as many riders as possible. We have had an enormous success with the MARI programme in Queensland over the past few months. We covered over 6,000 k's in just 22 days. We were explaining the programme to hospitals as well as holding seminars with motorcyclists in towns along the way. It's time now to get the NSW riders and passengers involved. We are desperate to gain your involvement before the riding season is in full swing. Please contact us if you are able to get involved and possibly assist another rider if called upon to do so"

First Contact for MARI at St Vincent's and the Dr Wings Bike Force Team Australia. Please contact Ken [Email here](#)
www.drwings.org.au

Four Clubs Join the MCC

In the last couple of months four clubs have joined the MCC:

Firebird Classic MCC

Red Knights Illawarra

Northern Rivers Motorcycles Enthusiasts Club

Christian Motorcyclist's Association

Welcome aboard.

Roads Australia Luncheon

The MCC was invited to attend the Roads Australia luncheon where the Honourable Duncan Gay was the guest speaker. Christopher Burns attended on behalf of the MCC and it was a good opportunity to put forward the concerns of riders to the road repair and design industry. The MCC made the most of the opportunity and got our message across to both industry figures and Senior Government officials.

National Road Safety Strategy Forum

The MCC, represented by Brian Wood and Christopher Burns, used a terrific opportunity to get the motorcycling road safety message across to the nation's top researchers and Government figures. Various issues were raised including helmets and our objections to mandatory ABS. The Secretary of Transport for NSW Mr Tim Reardon singled out the MCC for its ongoing work on reforming helmet laws in NSW, stating publicly that he clearly remembers the initial meeting that kicked off the helmet negotiations in March 2011.

Motor Accidents Authority changes

The Motor Accidents Authority has changed name and management structure under a bill put forward by the NSW Government. Our understanding is the management will stay much the same, but the MAA will formally be under the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) – formerly the old WorkCover Authority.

Helmets Update

Discussions with Centre for Road Safety have revealed that NSW will not recognise Qld or Vic laws for ECE 22.05 helmets. If you are riding from Qld to Vic for the Phillip Island races it is likely that you will be booked for wearing a non-compliant helmet. With this in mind there are ongoing negotiations with the Roads and Ports Minister on the introduction of UN ECE22.05 certified helmets in NSW. These negotiations are progressing well and we look forward to a successful outcome from wheeling and dealing going back to 2011.

City of Sydney Central Sydney on Street Parking Policy.

The MCC produced a submission in response to the proposed draft Central Sydney on Street Parking Policy and put forward solid arguments for a raft of changes to on-street parking in the CBD including: footpath parking; motorcycle couriers to use Loading Zones; and 'first and last parking' to name a few. This continues the work being carried out by Jason Anthony who has been working closely with City of Sydney Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee in an effort to implement change.

The NSW Motorcycle Safety Strategy Forum

The NSW Motorcycle Safety Strategy forum on 28th July went well with 29 attendees. The guests ranged from the likes of Brian Wood and Christopher Burns from the MCCofNSW to representatives from Centre for Road Safety including the General Manager, Centre for Road Safety, Bernard Carlon, NSW Police HWP Inspector Phil Brooks and various guests from regional NSW council areas, research groups, the NRMA and Don Leone, manager Vehicle and Motorcycling Policy Vicroads.

A progress update of actions to date included highlighting the work the Motorcycle Council of NSW (in conjunction with NSW Riders Justin Dorward and Ed Chapman) has carried out on Emergency Satellite Phones (ESP's) locations. 6 have already been rolled out on the Putty Rd based on the MCC's report. Ongoing work by the MCC team has seen the survey of the Oxley Highway and Wollombi route for mobile phone blackspots completed and recommendations of where ESPs should be installed put to CRS. The installation of ESP's by Centre for Road Safety based upon recommendations from the MCC surveys is vital in ensuring downed riders and injured drivers can receive emergency assistance as quickly as possible.

Don Leone's (Vicroads) presentation provided an update on the current Victorian project to implement a Graduated Licensing Scheme (GLS) for riders in Victoria and shows promise.

Brian Wood presented for the MCC of NSW under the heading of Emerging Issues for riders and covered such diverse topics as Blind Spot Monitors in cars and the lack of standards for these, Heads up Displays in cars and possible impacts on riders from distracted drivers along with protective clothing and our work on ESPs, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and how they don't seem geared towards motorcycles.

Motorcycle Stability Control and Naturalistic motorcycle rider studies also rated a mention with Brian giving an update on the current proof of concept testing that he and Christopher Burns are doing in that area.

Brian also covered under run rails for ARMCO barriers, of which the CRS have approved two types for retro fitment and they are in the process of being rolled out. Brian also raised the issue of top rails for ARMCO's and why they should be implemented.

The Centre for Road Safety Manager, Safer Vehicles, gave attendees an update on progress of helmet standards, cameras and Bluetooth devices. Essentially the helmet discussion paper is still awaiting release and crash testing of comms and cameras has been completed and the CRS has prepared a policy paper on it. This work stems from the CRS Helmet Committee of which Guy Stanford, Christopher Burns and Brian Wood have had substantial input.

Julie Brown of NEURA provided an update on the In Depth Motorcycle Crash Study which has some surprising results and could give a very good insight into crash types and causes from interviews with injured riders.

The afternoon saw attendees split into 3 groups to workshop ideas under the headings of Roads/Speed, People and Vehicles. Issues workshopped by all attendees included ongoing training for riders, enforcement issues, ongoing research into crash causation, communicating messages to drivers and riders alike and continued support for the MCC's Motorcycle Awareness Week program.

All in all the strategy meeting was positive and much was made about the progress that has been made in the area of motorcyclist/Transport regulator relations over the past 5 years.

MCC Business

Paul Wilton, former MCC Chairman (1993-2000), has been appointed MCC Club Liaison Officer. Email: clubliaison@mccofnsw.org.au

The MCC will have our Annual General Meeting on 2nd November at Club Ryde X. Delegate should have recently received notification of the AGM. If your club has not please contact enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

MCC Out and About

The MCC had a stand at Wots Den Show & Shine handing out stickers, information pamphlets and talking to riders. We funded one of the trophies for the event. The MCC also had a stand at the Ulysses (Hills Branch) Show and Shine at Dural Country Club and the Ducati Owners Club of NSW Concourse D'Elegance.

The MCC will have a stand (Stand 58) at the [Sydney Motorcycle Show](#) 20-22nd November at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush.

Motorcycle Awareness Week

Motorcycle Awareness 'Week' this year runs from 10th of October to the 7th of November. A list of events can be found here: <http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html>

The launch of MAW in Sydney will occur on the Wednesday the 21st of October outside Customs House, Alfred Street, Circular Quay.

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Upcoming Events and Appearances

10th Oct-7th Nov– **Motorcycle Awareness 'Week'**

10th Oct– Meet and Greet - Roberston Pie Shop

18th Oct – MAW - Big Merino, Goulburn

21st Oct – Motorcycle Awareness Week Launch – Circular Quay

25th Oct - 2 Wheels To Wellington - Cameron Park, Wellington

24-25th Oct – Border Bike Fest – Albury

25th Oct - Breakfast Torque - Waratah Oval, Sutherland

1st Nov - Pink Ribbon Ride – Club Punchbowl

1st Nov - Compression v Depression Social Ride, Byron Bay

6-8th Nov - Turkey Run - Hexham H4H, Newcastle

31st Oct - Poker Run - Tuross Head One Tree

20-22nd Nov - Sydney Motorcycle Show- Olympic Park, Homebush

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 **12th October 2015** (5th Oct is a public holiday)

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

MCC Stickers

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