



Ride for Steve 22 May 2016

Save the date folks, Amanda Gates is organising a ride to celebrate her late husband's life and touring some of his favourite roads. Amanda, the widow of Steve Gates, has been in contact with the MCC of NSW about "Ride for Steve" to raise awareness of motorcycles on the road.

"Ride for Steve" will be on 22nd May this year and will be leaving from Robertson Pie Shop at 9:00 am so turn up fuelled up and ready to ride to Gerringong. Steve was the victim of a SMIDSY crash on his way to work and Amanda wishes to raise awareness of motorcycles on the roads to others and celebrate Steve's life. Amanda has sourced support from Frasers and Carr Bros Motorcycles. There will be give aways, music etc at Gerringong on the day. Look forward to seeing you there for a worthy cause. Amanda, our thoughts are with you.

<https://www.facebook.com/RideForSteve/>

<https://www.gofundme.com/8uw4ye6c>

Catalyst's Protective Clothing Segment 29th March

The ABC's Catalyst program has aired a segment on protective clothing on Tuesday 29th March at 8pm. Link for download is: http://mpegmedia.abc.net.au/tv/catalyst/catalyst_16_17_09.mp4

Dr Liz de Rome has been interviewed about her research into thermal comfort and heat stress. Dr Chris Hurren of Deakin University was also interviewed about the extensive testing he has undertaken to determine the level of protection provided by a range of clothing including both textiles and leather. The results of Chris' work was surprising with a low cost jacket from Aldi coming out in front of many higher priced garments. This program put forward the best argument ever against mandatory protective clothing and highlighted the pressing need for a 5 Star rating system for protective clothing.

The Centre for Road Safety also publicly announced support for a 5 Star Rating system. The MCC was more than happy to contribute to the program with footage from the MCC's Rider Risk video series.

Make an effort and have a look at the program on ABC TV's iView and support the ABC.

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Mid-State safety placements

A generous donation by the Mid-State Motorcycle Club has allowed the MCC to produce placements with a motorcycle safety message. These placemats are being distributed to a number of cafes in central NSW that are known to be popular with motorcyclists. This safety initiative is being co-ordinated by MCC delegate Ian Hallett of Orange.

Road Safety Advisory Council

The MCC was offered an opportunity to make a presentation to the Road Safety Advisory Council which is the body assisting Minister Duncan Gay in formulating road safety policy. We took this opportunity to develop a presentation that showed the dynamics of motorcycles and the factors that can contribute to motorcycle crashes. This was achieved by presenting a series of videos of motorcycle crashes and then talking the members of the council through the various contributing factors that led to the crash including rider error, road surface, slippery surfaces etc. The idea behind the presentation was to inform the policy makers of the physics of motorcycle motion and how bikes can come unstuck. The aim was to make the decision makers more aware of how complex a motorcycle crash can be, and make them more informed and therefore better decision makers on motorcycle safety.

Motorcycle Safety Implementation Working Group (MSIWG)

The MCC attended the regular meeting with Centre for Road Safety (CRS) and other members of the MSIWG. Issues discussed included the proposed three year action plan for the motorcycle safety strategy in NSW, updates on the roll out of W Beam under run rails and installation of Emergency Satellite Phones. The representatives from the MCC have the opportunity to influence policy in these meetings and both Brian and Christopher utilise the opportunity to the fullest as has been evidenced by the working group taking up many of the MCC's suggestions and implementing them.

Emergency Satellite Phones Update

Centre for Road Safety advised the Motorcycle Council at the recent Motorcycle Safety Strategy Implementation group that they are currently installing ESP's on the Oxley Highway. Following the successful trial of ESPs along the Putty Road, CRS went ahead with the rollout planning for the Oxley Highway. The implementation is well under way with expected completion by August of this year.

Freeman's Reach Café MCC Fundraiser Tuesday 3 May

The owner of Freeman's Reach Café in Glossodia was kind enough to run a fundraiser for the MCC of NSW on Tuesday night 3rd May. Karma Cosgrove who owns the shop ran a series of raffles to raise money for the MCC. The night was an absolute hoot with plenty of riders out there all enjoying a chat and bench racing. We are looking forward to the next bike night on the first Tuesday of the month and the burgers are great mate.

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Compulsory Third Party Insurance Options Paper

The NSW Government has decided to have another look at CTP Greenslips and how to reform the scheme. The MCC Committee is currently reviewing the documentation and formulating a response. At the moment it appears that the Governments preferred option is to limit payments to innocent injured victims. It was made quite clear at the recent roundtable meeting that Option 3 from the discussion paper is the preferred Gov solution. This entails limiting payments to the very people that the scheme was set up to assist in the first place.

Vale – Tom Torok

Monday 18 April saw the passing of one of motorcycling's much loved riders. Tom Torok died peacefully finally losing his long fight with cancer.

Tom was known by many and loved by all. Always ready to lend a hand to a fellow human being and to offer his services to many charities, volunteer groups and causes.

Tom was one of life's gentleman, knowledgeable, dependable and wise beyond his years. Tom will ride on always in the Rider Risk videos imparting knowledge to those who need it and a reminder to those who should know better. You will be sorely missed by many Mr Torok. Go in peace.

CJB, Chair MCC of NSW

MCC FAQ's

A motorcycle dealer on the south coast approach the MCC for information that could be used to help his customers. As a result a series of Frequently Asked Questions has been prepared so customers questions can be answered and to guide them as to where to find detailed information on the MCC's website. These FAQs will be uploaded onto the MCC website so they are available to a wider range of riders.

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 email us and we'll ensure you get the right information.

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