



MCC Annual General Meeting (AGM) 5th December

The Motorcycle Council of NSW Annual General Meeting was held at Ryde Ex on the 5th November. There are some new faces on the committee for 2017 and congratulations and a vote of thanks to those who stood up to assist the MCC make a difference in 2017, a round of applause to those who have stayed on again for another year and thanks to those who have stepped down for their efforts over the past 12 months.

The new Committee for the MCC is as follows;

- Chairman Paul Taffa
- Vice-Chairman Justin Dorward
- Treasurer Stephen Pearce
- Secretary Brian Wood
- General Peter Ivanoff
- General John Gawthorne
- General Ann-Marie Daly

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ducati Owners Club Track Day and 40th Birthday

Rave reviews from all corners about the DOCNSW Track Day to celebrate 40 years of DOC NSW. Held at Sydney Motorsport Park (Eastern Creek) on Sunday the 18th of December. Stellar guests included Troy Bayliss, current ASBK Champion Mike Jones and Lee Munro, Burt Munro's great nephew and Isle of Mann TT rider.

Amended Brake Test for motorcycles

Many people are not aware that changing the brakes on your bike is a modification that requires certification by an engineer. Centre for Road Safety recently had a look at writing a policy that would make this process simpler in conjunction with a number of stakeholders including the MCC.

A couple of draft versions had been floating around for quite some time based upon a document put together by Ian Davis. This document was reviewed by Guy Stanford, Brian Wood and Christopher Burns and out comments submitted.

Following a couple of meetings it was announced recently that the testing procedure posed some issues with wet testing and they would use DIRD Circular 33-2-1 as the testing procedure.

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. **Next meeting 6 February**

Meetings are not only for clubs or delegates.

All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

Upcoming Guest speakers

- **6 Feb:** First meeting in 2017 TBA
<http://www.mccofnsw.org.au/a/250.html> for details

VSI60, Motows on the rear of vehicles and Light Vehicle Suspension Manual

VSI60 was gazetted on the 9th December, Gazette Number 111, and announced by the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, the Honourable Duncan Gay;

I'm delighted to announce I've approved for gazettal two new light vehicle standards.

The first is titled the Light Vehicle Modifications Manual – Suspension an

Whilst this mostly effects dirt bike riders it is still a win for riders as previously these units were deemed illegal or at best a "Grey Area". Now thanks to the assistance of Dan Leavy, Manager Safer Vehicles Centre for Road Safety and the input from the MCC through Christopher Burns the policy on this has been clarified.

The Light vehicle suspension manual also had a great deal of input from the MCC with Christopher Burns representing the MCC of NSW and the NSW and ACT Four Wheel Drive Association along with Geoff Northcott. This is the culmination of over 2 years work and once again clarifies policy on suspension modifications for Light Vehicles.

Further details available here;

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/standards/index.html>



Motorcycling Volunteers assist Royal Rehab Hospital

Residents in our Bass Hill community home can now enjoy summer and Christmas festivities in their backyard with their new [Coolaroo®](#) Shade Shelter.

A huge thanks to Ken and Warren of Motorcycle Accident Rehabilitation Initiative (MARI), the Dr Wings Team and volunteers from BMW Touring Club NSW and Bunnings Villawood for donating the materials and offering their time to install the structure, all under the watchful eyes and supervision of the residents!



"The community support from these Volunteers and Bunnings has delivered a great outcome and a lovely early Christmas gift for the residents. We really appreciate the efforts of this wonderful team who put their hands up to assist," says Ayse, Manager of Volunteer Services.

Residents Lisa, Semko and David are thrilled with the new addition to their home and are excited to be able to spend some time outside without the heat beaming down on them!

Well done Warren Buffet, ken Lovegrove and Bob Madell.

Road Safety Advisory Council

The Road Safety Advisory Council held its regularly scheduled meeting and NSW Police announced their will be 2 unmarked police bikes on the roads in 2017 along with an unmarked "utility" vehicle.

Harold Scruby tried to push through a change that would see Point 2 Point speed cameras turned on for light vehicles but the general attitude was against this proposal. The views of the MCC delegates, a resounding NO, have been forwarded to the RSAC group.

NSW Crash Stat's

NSW road fatalities have increased 30% over last years with 40 more people dead.

The increases are;

- Drivers 181, up 30 deaths on 2015 (25% increase)
- Passengers 51, down 8
- Motorcyclists 65 no change
- Pedestrians 70, 12 more than last year (21% increase)
- Pedal cyclists 5 down 2 on last year.

Source; <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/dynamic/nsw-road-toll-daily.pdf>

Needless to say the authorities are pulling out all stops to try and reduce the upward trend, you have been warned.

Transport for NSW Launches the #See you Soon Campaign

Transport for NSW's #SeeYouSoon holiday road safety campaign that uses Twitter-linked digital billboards and the social media voices of everyday people to encourage loved ones to drive safe these summer holidays.

Using the hashtag #SeeYouSoon, messages from the public will be displayed across a network of digital billboards, on social media, online and in-stations across the state for drivers and commuters to see on their journey.

This year alone, 375 lives have been lost on the states roads, 39 more than the same period last year – mothers, fathers, friends and loved ones who never made it home for Christmas.

The #SeeYouSoon campaign will focus on something just as impactful as those numbers - the emotional connection between holiday travellers, their friends and families.

The innovative approach will remind people not to be complacent before setting off and to celebrate every safe journey this summer.

NSW Centre for Road Safety Executive Director Bernard Carlon said;

".. too many lives have been lost on NSW roads this year and reminded everyone that they should never underestimate their ability to change people's behaviours.

"Whether it's a gentle reminder as loved ones are headed out the door or a more personal message to a friend or family member on Twitter – these messages can be a powerful reminder to those on our roads and can even save someone's life,"

"That's why we're calling on everyone to tweet their #SeeYouSoon messages to be displayed for their loved ones as well as all drivers across NSW."

"Summer holidays should be a happy time, but the road toll during this busy period is a reminder of the importance of us all coming together to make every journey a safe one."

The campaign was launched on Monday 19 December by road safety ambassadors including The Wiggles, Australian cricketer Peter Nevill, Jarred Tyson of the Western Sydney Wanderers and players from the Sydney Swans and the Greater Western Sydney Giants.

The #SeeYouSoon campaign forms part of NSW Government's commitment to bringing the road toll closer Towards Zero.

Those wishing to participate are being encouraged to tweet a message to their loved ones at home or before they get in the car using the hashtag #SeeYouSoon, as a promise and reminder to drive safely.

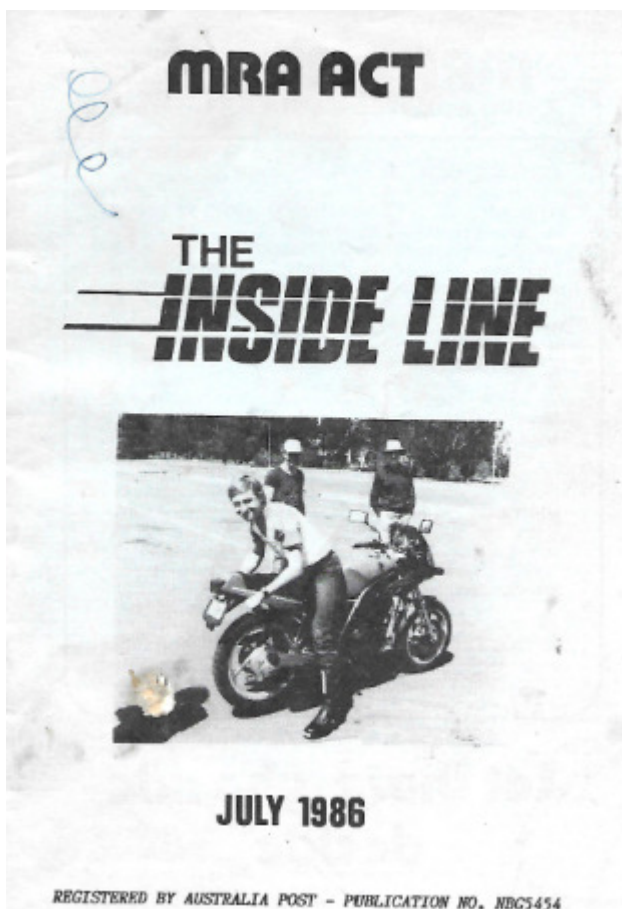
So, what's your message to friends and family on the road this holiday season?

Make every journey a safe one this summer.

For more information about the #SeeYouSoon campaign visit: www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au

Blast from the Past

Someone recently dug up a copy of MRA ACT's Newsletter, The Inside Line from 1986 and CJ graced the cover demonstrating a riding position at the ACT Roads and Transport Instructors course that was arranged to assist with the implementation of Pre Permit Learner rider training way back when. Many people are not aware how long Christopher Burns has been involved in Motorcycle advocacy, seems it has been over 30 years.



Issues of note from the two copies, April and July 1986 include;

Compulsory Third Party Insurance, protests had given the MRA an opportunity to consult with government on CTP pricing being based on corrupt data, an issue that still plagues us even now. CTP discounts were offered to riders that completed an approved rider training course

An article on the upcoming Motorcycle Awareness Month written by Dennis Hogan, a report on the Australian Motorcycle Council by Dave Shellshear AMC Chair (Acting) ride reports and a report on the Roads and Traffic Learner Pre-Permit course and some other items of interest including a comment in there from a pre-ride briefing by then MRA President, Annaliese Caston;

"The cops read our magazine so take it easy!"

It seems the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Should any one wish to have a pdf copy feel free to contact us at enquiries@mccofnsw.org.au

Have Your Say!!!

Inquiry into driver education, training and road safety

The Joint Standing Committee on Road Safety (the Staysafe Committee) is conducting an inquiry into the role of whole-of-life driver education and training in supporting improved road safety outcomes.

On behalf of the Staysafe Committee, I would like to invite you to make a submission to the inquiry. The closing date for submissions is Monday 20 February 2017.

Submissions can be:

- *lodged via the Committee's website at <http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/staysafe>,*
- *emailed to staysafe@parliament.nsw.gov.au, or*
- *mailed to The Chair, Joint Committee on Road Safety, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.*

A list of committee members, and background information on Legislative Assembly committees and making a submission, are attached to assist you with your submission.

If you would like further information about the inquiry or making a submission, please contact the Committee Officer, Jennifer Gallagher, on (02) 9230 3001.

The Committee and I would greatly appreciate your contribution to this inquiry.

Greg Aplin MP

Committee Chair

You can have your say on Driver training by making a submission or comments to Staysafe right now. If you think drivers and riders should complete a written test every five years then say so! If you think drivers and riders should undergo mandatory training on things like distractions, phones, SatNavs, braking distances of trucks and heavy vehicles then say so! All it takes is an email so go to the link, do a bit of reading and submit your opinion and you can bet your life the MCC will be doing exactly that.

In General

As you may have noticed at the start of this newsletter I have stepped down from the role as Chairman of the MCC of NSW. I have taken this step due to the heavy workload I have with my paid job which I started in February 2016. Many people are not aware that the MCC representatives on the various committees are unpaid volunteers. We do all of the above in our own time either after work or take leave from work, paid and unpaid, to present the views of our member clubs and drive positive change. Whether that change be legislative or policy, we all have a desire to see things made better and have a constructive impact in all areas that effect riders and our future.

My involvement with the MCC of NSW over the past 6 years has seen many positive changes brought to fruition but none of it would have been achieved without the input of many riders, volunteers, helpers and the many unsung people in the back ground. The MCC of NSW is in good hands with the new committee and I am sure it will continue it's good work.

Once again, thank you to all the people that assist with keeping the MCC of NSW on the straight and narrow, both old and new people. Thanks to the volunteers who help out, every little bit helps and takes the load off the committee. It's also great to bump into supporters in some of the most unexpected places and have a chat.

Meetings coming up in the near future include the Vehicle Standards Working Group, Road Safety Advisory Council, various stakeholder groups for CTP reform, Motorcycle Safety Implementation Working Group and a host of others.

Stay tuned on the MCC Facebook site for all the latest information that effects riders and road users alike and thanks for supporting the MCC of NSW.

Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/mccofnsw/>

Any queries feel free to get in contact with the MCC at any time.

Remember to Ride to Live and check out the Rider Risk videos, they just might save your life.

Christopher Burns

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