



June News

The MCC of NSW is continuing to negotiate the terms of a potential merger with Motorcycling New South Wales. In the meantime, it's business as usual for the Motorcycle Council.

We've been continuing to develop our relationship with the new Roads Minister, Duncan Gay. Volunteers from the MCC work with the Minister's staff and other road group representatives on a range of issues. It has been through this work that the Council is able to influence policy and provide insight on the unique and independent nature of motorcyclists.

The Gear Study

June was an exciting month with the release of first study in over 25 years to examine the effectiveness of specialised motorcycle protective clothing and in particular, body armour.

The study was led by Liz de Rome from The George Institute for Global Health and funded by Swann Insurance.

Ms de Rome said "One of the most important findings was the difference it made to be wearing body armour, particularly for hands and knees."

While mandating usage of protective clothing is not recommended by the study's authors, consideration could be given to providing incentives for usage of protective clothing, such as tax exemptions for safety gear.

Stuart Chapman, General Manager of Swann Insurance, said the motorcycle insurer was pleased to have supported this study. "We think it's vitally important that riders have access to information such as the findings of this study so they can make informed decisions about what they should wear every time they ride," he said.

Further information on this study can be found online at:

<http://www.georgeinstitute.org/about-us/media-centre/motorcycle-protective-clothing-protection-injury-or-just-weather>

Motorcycle Council meetings

The Motorcycle Council of NSW meets on the first Monday of each month at the Ryde Ex-Services Club, 7:30 PM.

Meetings are not just for clubs or delegates. All motorcyclists are invited to attend.

How do you get involved?

MCC membership is open to all clubs, associations and ride groups but not to individuals. Each affiliated club has two delegate seats on the MCC. Membership is free and voluntary.

5 current issues being worked on:

- 1 – A fair CTP system for all riders.
- 2 – A fair recreational registration system for trail bikes.
- 3 – A 5 year business plan, including sourcing funding.
- 4 – Creating a single state representative body in conjunction with Motorcycling NSW.
- 5 – Amending helmet approval laws to permit riders to wear safe helmets sourced from overseas markets.

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