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Safety Report June 2025

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group

As Jeff mentioned in his report we have attended a meetings, for me the most interesting was the meeting at the Department of Transport to discuss the upcoming public consultation paper on the proposed updated Motorcycle Graduated Rider Training and Licencing and the quality of our W.A. rider trainers, this followed my complaint at the previous MSAG meeting on why was there no representative from any rider organisation on the DoT Steering Committee considering any changes, as riders know what work for us and not necessarily non riding public servants. This meeting was quickly organised following the complaint. The meeting was confidential; however, Jeff and I made a few suggestions and aired a few concerns regarding some of their proposals, we will now have to wait a few weeks for the public discussion paper to be made available for all of us to comment, this will be sent to all our delegate members.

Making Roads Motorcycle Friendly

I have contacted the W.A. Local Government Association for the final meeting on this project, so this document can be sent on to our Local councils for their engineers to reference. I have also sent some photos of our roads and some of the hazards for inclusion in the publication, waiting for a reply.

Turbo Roundabouts

I attended an evaluation of the use of turbo roundabout that the Main Roads are investigating. This was a car simulator at the University of Western Australia. I did raise some concerns in regard to motorcycle safety around the use of large solid plastic lane separators that could cause a rider to lose control of their motorcycle.

Motorcycle Rider First Aid Course

Following on from Jeff's request to the Road Safety Council for funding towards bringing a course to Perth from NSW.

I resent a request for Saint John Ambulance to run a course specific for motorcycle riders in W.A. that I had sent some months ago and did not receive a reply.

The following is my latest email to Saint John Ambulance.

My name is David Wright, and I am the Safety Officer with the Motorcycle Council of Western Australia inc. and I am also the W.A. representative on the Ulysses Club Road Safety Committee.

My fellow member from Tasmania, (an ex-motorcycle police officer) attended the Motorcycle First Aid Course recently (link attached) Motorcycle Trauma First Aid <https://stjohnntas.org.au/courses/mctfa> and stated that it was one of the best and most informative first aid courses he has ever attended.

In WA we have over 120,000 registered motorcycles and many more actual riders than that number and given the high injury rate of motorcycle riders in WA I was hoping that you would consider holding similar course for riders in WA.

We believe these courses would be very well attended and a huge benefit to the reduction in serious injuries and fatalities amongst riders.

**AAA Motorcycle Safety Forum, RACV Club
Melbourne 5th May 2025**

I attended the above forum as the Vice Chair of the AMC but have added this to my report as this will be the basis of the AAA motorcycle research in 2027.

The forum organised by the AAA in Melbourne was one of the best I have attended in recent years. It was opened by Terry Agnew the CEO of RAC WA and the Chair of the AAA Research Group.

I was the first presenter, and used some of the presentation notes and slides that Shaun use at the NSW Round Table on Road Safety, with a couple of changes, additions, and my own thoughts on rider safety.

I did bring up the issue of a no-fault, in-depth crash investigation, so that we have a better understanding of the causal factors in fatal and serious crashes so that we can better work to reduce the severity and number of crashes in the future. I also spend time going over the recent and historic crash data, both subjects seemed to raise interest with the attendees, with many questions from the floor following my presentation, including Raf. Dr Marcus Wigan and Craig Newland.

The next Presenter was Loren Turnbull from the Queensland TMR and the Ride to Zero project. She gave a very in-depth presentation on the background of the project including the seven different types of rider persona that was identified in the study and the different way to approach safety with each of them. Loren also spent a lot of time answering questions from the floor.

The final presenter was Craig Newland, (Director of Research at AAA) who also included in depth crash investigation (evidence based) in his presentation and gave an example of a crash that was not investigated well and left more questions of the causal factors. Craig also made the comment that the safety agencies have skewed data when looking at motorcycle crashes and should be using the crashes per kilometres travelled, that would drop the rate to 1%.

After the guest presenters we have a session on approached for the day on establishing the top priority research projects for consideration by the AAA.

This was followed by almost an hour of table discussions and brainstorming on the general issues that each of the seven tables considered the top priorities, the topics for each table were- rider training, vehicle-based safety features, technology and data, infrastructure, cultural norms, enforcement and registration, safety equipment (PPE)

After lunch we worked on developing research concepts, followed by a session on refining the research concepts with the posable problem that each concept may face, such as when acceptance by the public, other road users, government agencies and if we will get a real benefit from the research.

The final research concepts will now go before the AAA Board for a decision on which of these will be progresses, and it may be more than one if the AAA Board this that the funds and scope warrants it.

The AAA will be sending out their final wrap up of the day shortly, including all the presentation documents and discussions from the Forum in the next week or two, and I will of course forward then to you.

From my perspective this was a very successful Motorcycle Safety Forum, and extremely well organised by the AAA and I believe that we will achieve some very good research projects coming out of the forum.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

This fundraiser went well, and I would like to thank all our members who volunteered to help out on the day. At the end we made \$903.00 clear profit for the MCWA.

York Motorcycle Festival

The funds expended by us for our attendance and equipment at the York Motorcycle Festival have now all been fully approved by the Road Safety Commission.

That it for now

Ride like your life depends on it.

Dave Wright