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Safety Report January 2025

York Motorcycle Festival

We now have the grant funding from the RSC to have a stand at the York Motorcycle Festival, I have contacted the organisers requesting a prospectus, and am waiting for a reply.

The funding amount is for \$2,900.00. and the event is on 6th April.

We will need to get some resources organised (fliers, posters, pull up banners etc.) and decide if we wish to purchase our own marquee, or pay for one that is erected by the organisers that we just need to occupy for the day.

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group

I had our regular meeting with the MSAG and am waiting for the minutes of that meeting to be finalised. At the meeting was Kirsten Brent RSC A/Strategic Communications Coordinator who was very interested with the series of videos that I produced through an RSC grant a few years ago, I have sent her the series of 9 short videos, and she has stated that the RSC will post them to their website over the coming months. A new member of the group is Terry Anne Pettit from the Western Australian Local Government Association, who suggested that it was time for an update of the Making Roads Motorcycle Friendly recourses for road designers, builders, and maintenance workers. We had our first meeting on this project this week and will work on the ideas from this before our next meeting at the end of February.

Meeting with the RAC

I contacted and arranged a meeting with the RAC. on 28th November, present were David Elston (Senior Manager Public Policy) and Anne Still who is the RAC member on the Road Safety Council.

We discussed the WAMC and its role in rider safety and advocacy and that we are now the peak organization in W.A. working for motorcycle riders, since the demise of the MRAWA.

We also talked about motorcyclist using priority bus lanes.

Improved crash data in support of the AAA.

The outcomes to date from the Premiers Round Table Think Tank.

Improved rider training.

Improved motorcycle trainer qualifications.

Improved crash investigation.

Improving local council roads through increased funding.

Motocap promotion.

Unriders.

Motorcycle Safety Forum.

York Motorcycle Festival.

Fatal and serious crashes regarding older riders.

It was a very good meeting as it did show me how uneducated they were on motorcycle issues and how far this group of road users had fallen off their radar, they did however show an interest in including some motorcycle related articles in their magazine (Horizons) and they stated that they would welcome another meeting in the future.

They did take heaps of notes from the meeting and thanked me for the information that I shared with them.

MotoCap

I contacted Professor Christopher Hurren in November to ask if he would be interested in attending the York Motorcycle Festival, and if so, I would approach the RSC for his expenses, it turned out that he was very interested and could fund the trip through Deakin University as a secret purchasing trip, he also contacted the RSC who are interested in having him in WA.

At this stage I don't know if he will arrange a booth at the festival for himself, but if not, I thought it would be a great opportunity to have him share our booth and promote the MCWA at the same time. This would be quite a feather in our hat.

MRAWA

Below is a cut down email regarding the MRAWA and its association with the AMC.

Dear Steve and Committee of the MRA WA

It is a requirement to the AMC's Constitution that Associate Membership of the AMC has to be confirmed annually by the Executive Committee of the Association.

The Executive Committee has reviewed the MRA WA's Associate Membership as it has received an objection to continuing your Associate Membership given your non-involvement and lack of communication.

We have not had any communication from MRA WA since your response to my question in June 2024 about contacts for the MRA WA. Neither have we had reports or apologies for the AMC Delegates meetings.

As a result, the AMC's Executive Committee has cancelled MRA WA's Associate Membership of the AMC.

We request that you remove any mention of the Australian Motorcycle Council on the MRA WA website and any social media platforms.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

I have been in contact with the Bunnings Organiser regarding our fundraiser at their Midland store.

Following the last round of applications followed by her coming back with dates that would not work for us, I send another request and gave her free dates that would suit us, waiting for confirmation.

On another note, I have requested a quote for our own Public Liability Insurance, once I get the price back I will let you all know how it stacks up in regards to us sharing the profit from the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and reducing our cost at the York Motorcycle Festival and other events that we may wish to use as promotion for the work of the MCWA.

That it for now

Ride like your life depends on it.

Dave Wright