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Safety Report July 2025

Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group

As per Jeff's report.

In addition, I have contacted the Department of Transport regarding the public consultation paper on the proposed changes to motorcycle rider training and licencing, that was due out in early July. It seems that it has got bogged down at the ministerial level, and it is now due to be released by late August. As soon as it is released, we will forward it to all our delegates for distribution, and we all need to send this to all motorcycle riders that we know of.

Following on from this we have our next MSAG meeting scheduled for 10th September 2025 to discuss the changes.

Making Roads Motorcycle Friendly (WALGA)

In addition to Jeff's report.

Following our meeting last week when we reviewed the Victorian version of the MRMF< I have suggested that we include a check list for road Engineers, designers, and maintenance crews on points that may need special attention regarding motorcycle rider safety.

AAA Motorcycle Research Forum

I attended and gave a presentation at the AAA Motorcycle Research Form in Melbourne on 5th May.

This was a very good and well organised forum, that raised many proposed research projects from the attendees regarding future research projects from the AAA funding. In the past they have allocated up to \$1.2 million.

To start the day, delegates heard presentations on the following: Opening address from Terry Agnew (AAA executive and RACWA CEO) An overview of motorcycle safety in Australia (David Wright, Australian Motorcycle Council) A presentation on Motorcycle rider profiles and personas (Loren Turnbull, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads) A presentation on motorcycle safety data (Craig Newland, Australian Automobile Association).

We now have the final 6 areas of posable future AAA funding into research.

They are-

- The rider
- Gear and equipment
- Technology and Data
- Cultural norms
- The vehicle
- Road infrastructure
- Enforcement and regulation
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Australasian Road Safety Conference.

As you may know Perth will be the host city for this years Australasia Road Safety Conference (it has not been held in Perth for about 10 years)

I feel very honoured to have been in invited to be a panellist on the first ever Motorcycle Safety Symposium that has been organised for one of these prestigious conferences. The other panellists to be invited are Professor Christopher Hurren (MotoCap), the director of the New Zealand Ride Forever programme presenting the key note presentation, with one or two more to be announced.

This will be held at the Pan Pacific Perth on 20th- 23rd October 2025.

I will be representing the AMC but will of course keep the MCWA up to date with proceeding from the whole conference.

Ulysses Club Safety Forum

We held our very successful Motorcycle Safety Forum during the Ulysses National Rally at Armadale NSW in April, with some great presentations from Prof. Christopher Hurren from Deakin University on the progress of MotoCAP, and a presentation from Loren Turnbull from the QLD Department of Transport and Main Roads on the Ride to Zero project.

We have an open session with questions from the floor, that covered a large range of issues, some we could answer at the Forum and other questions have been answered since.

We also had a Ulysses Club Road Safety Committee stand in the Traders Hall at the Rally, this was well utilised by the members, and it was great to be able to interact with members on road safety issues.

That it for now

Ride like your life depends on it.

Dave Wright