



## Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 8 February, 2024.

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Location:** Mitchelton Library

**Chairperson:** Graham Keys

Meeting started at 7.08 pm.

Attendance sheet signed and apologies noted.

### 1. Attendance

Name	Position
Graham Keys	President
David White	Secretary
Roy Packer	Treasurer
John Burrill	Committee Member
Dean Shipp	Committee Member
John Eacott	Committee Member
Guy Vickerman	Invitee
Russell Saunders	Invitee
Jan Kordonsky	Invitee
John Moe	Invitee
Troy King	Invitee
Louise Rose	Invitee
Russell Wheeler	Invitee
Alan Wilkins	Invitee

### 2. Apologies

Name	Position
Mal Peters	Committee Member
Peter Hyde	Invitee
Andy Weekes	Invitee

### Proxies

Name	Proxy Name
Nil	

3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Troy King moved that the previous minutes of meeting held on 14 December, 2023 be accepted, seconded by Dean Shipp.

Resolved that the minutes be accepted.

**Yes 14            No 0            Abstain 0**

4. **Inward and Outward Correspondence**

Fourteen emails, from;

Russell Saunders – E-scooters,  
John Burrill – Livestock on Road,  
John Burrill – QMC/TMR meeting,  
TMR – Minutes of Meeting 5 December, 2023,  
John Burrill – Lane Filtering info condensed,  
David Brown – Ducati Rally,  
Neil Bloxsom – Response to Minutes of meeting 14 December, 2023,  
Road Safety Grants – Further Information requested,  
Road Safety Grants – Request for documents,  
AMC – MotoCAP flyer,  
Road Safety Grants – Executed Particulars,  
TMR – Agenda items request,  
TMR – Instrumented Motorcycle Action Item,  
Ipswich Road Safety Committee – Minutes 31 January 2024,  
Mal Peters – Report.

5. **Statement of Accounts**

Current balance \$ 1301.15

Income - 1 m/ships \$10

Expenditure Telcoworks \$22

6. **Membership Officer Report**

Financial Members	108		
Non Financial Members	42		
<u>Total Membership</u>	<u>150</u>		
Affiliate Members	3	Club Memberships	2

Those existing Members, as well as new Members who paid their Membership Fee after March 13<sup>th</sup> 2023, are accepted as current Members for 23/24 inclusive.



Current New Members: 1 Current Renewals: 2

Renewals by month		New	Renewals by month		New
March	7		November	0	2
April	18		December	0	0
May	3	3	January('24)	2	1
June	1	1			
July	30	9			
August	5				
September	8	6			
October	12				

7. President's Report

8th February 2024

Protective Clothing e-Petition – 22nd January 2024

John Eacott and I met with the petitioner, Tracey Kennedy, and the Member for Coomera, Michael Crandon, who is supporting the petition. The purpose of the meeting was to gain a clearer understanding of the reasoning behind the petition and to inform both Tracey and Michael of the QMC position on protective clothing.

It is important to note that the text of the petition does not refer to mandating of protective clothing, however, it is easy to infer that meaning.

The petition reads as follows:

Queensland residents draws to the attention of the House, the high number of traffic accidents resulting in death or injury of motorcyclists and their passengers. Statistics confirm that motorcyclists form a much higher number of deaths and injuries, as a proportion of the total road accident deaths or injuries on Queensland roads, relative to the smaller proportion of motorcycles to other motor vehicles on our roads. Statistics also confirm that the lack of effective protective clothing results in a far higher proportion of deaths and more serious injuries. From an injury perspective, this results in far longer periods of incapacity and pain often for many weeks, months or years of incapacitation and ongoing health issues.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the House to do all in its power to ensure the usage of protective clothing for motorcyclists and their passengers to reduce the risk and severity of crash related injury and hospitalisation.

QMC Position is:

The QMC is an advocacy group working with government, industry and community groups to continually improve road safety for motorcyclists. Our position on mandating protective clothing may be a surprise to some.

The first major problem is that no standard for protective clothing currently exists.

The QMC does not support the mandating of protective clothing for motorcycle riders.

The QMC encourages riders to adopt the acronym ATGATT (All The Gear All The Time) and to make use of the MotoCAP web site that provides a safety star rating on protective gear.

The QMC strongly advocates for, and supports, education and awareness programs that enable motorcycle riders to make informed decisions, not only in relation to protective gear, but all aspect of motorcycling.

If QLD was to adopt such an approach it would create a situation where QLD is a one-off State with such a rule and cause confusion for motorcycle tourism both domestically and internationally.

The effect on brand names such as Harley Davidson, BMW and Ducati who market their branded apparel would be significant. Along with that it is difficult to see protective gear manufacturers producing a line of apparel specifically for the QLD market to meet the standard defined under such a mandated system.

There would be significant challenges in the supply of such standards apparel across the entire State.

Finally, the QMC believes that a mandated protective clothing system would prove to be unenforceable on a daily basis.

## **Austroads Webinars**

I have attended two Austroads webinars this week. The first was on Driver Licensing Directions and the second was on Is Zero Road Trauma Possible?

I will get the links to the presentations included in the Minutes of Meeting for those who are interested in hearing the details.

Is Zero Road Trauma Possible? <https://austroads.com.au/publications/road-safety/web-zrt-24>

Driver Licensing Directions: [webinar page](#)

## **2024 Focus for President**

There are a number of strategies and actions that I am keen to see the QMC develop and extend through 2024.

- Pursue more opportunities for Grant Funding;
- Extend the awareness and membership of the QMC, particularly throughout the entire State;
- Work with relevant groups and/or individuals to build our social media presence;

I will be working with the Management Committee and other members who are interested and motivated to be involved in some or all of these activities. If you as a member are keen to be involved please make contact with either myself or the Secretary

## **8. Update on Projects**

### **8.1. Culture of Driving/Riding**

Apologies but will be on the way to Tassy on Thursday.

You can report for me that I am pursuing a meeting with Steve Minikin as shadow Transport spokesperson.

Local Councillor, Julia Dixon, is ex staff of Steve and has meetings with Steve this week to get around his gatekeeper.



Also invited her to meet as BCC representative so we can talk about congestion in Brisbane!!

Regards  
Mal Peters

### 8.2. **Lane Filtering**

John Burrill – no updates.

### 8.3. **Making Roads More Motorcycle Friendly**

Graham – no updates

## 9. **General Business**

9.1. Update on TMR Ride to Zero Grant Application QMC has been successful in having a \$17,500 grant approved to train 100 riders in partnership with the Keep It Upright program who will be delivering the course. QMC members will be offered spots on the course before it is opened up to other riders.

9.2. Update on Grant Application to GCBF, David reported we have not heard anything back yet, we were asked to refine the information provided after the application closed which was completed.

9.3. Discussion regarding QMC Meeting Location, Roy Packer interested in looking at the Geebung RSL where they have a appropriate room with facilities for free and have food and drink available.

**Action – Roy and Graham will look at facilities and report back to the committee or to the next meeting.**

9.4. Discussion re QMC Business Cards, Graham has been working on the QMC logo. Showed the meeting what options he had worked on. General discussion on logo, decision to have logo simplified so it becomes more easily identifiable.

**Graham will send a link to members.**

9.5. Update on QMC Web Site Re-development, fairly quiet lately but will hopefully have update for next meeting.

9.6. Update on Ipswich Road Safety meetings 2024, online meeting on 31 January, haven't had a lot of people interested in these events. Question of how relevant these events are to QMC. Ipswich QPS is limited to their own police district. QMC could set up stalls where riders are gathered.

**David will send out copy of Minutes of Meeting from Ipswich Road Safety Group.**

## 10. **Other Business**

John Burrill regarding livestock on road – outlined the current situation, decision to bring it up as an agenda item at the next QMC/TMR meeting on 28 February 2024.

Russell Saunders regarding E- scooters weaving in and out of traffic, obviously over-powered, illegal and dangerous. Russell outlined the situation and asked what the QPS and authorities are doing about it. A lot of discussion came out of this and how use of banned has been ignored.

### **Graham to bring this up at the next QMC/TMR meeting.**

Australian 24/7 Motorcycle Road Services, they are providing a service for the NSW MCC. Graham has contacted them and they are willing to provide a deal for QMC including money for every Queensland rider that signs up with them. There was considerable discussion and it was decided that Graham will follow this up.

### **Review of TMR Meeting minutes**

*QMC request extension of Special Purpose Lane use by motorcycles to include Bus Lanes • QMC raised the issue of allowing motorcycles to use designated bus lanes similar to current allowances in Queensland for bicycle riders. They advised this is permitted in New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). TMR noted this was covered at the previous meeting: • there are no plans to change Queensland Road Rules to allow motorcycles to use designated bus lanes • unlike the above states, bus lanes are infrequent in Queensland. Most bus infrastructure in Queensland is busways. Bus lanes (which taxis and bicycles can also use) are not a common infrastructure treatment in Queensland • many bus lanes are actually 'BUS ONLY' lanes. Only buses can use these lanes as they are designed solely for buses, typically on approach to other bus infrastructure, such as busways. Taxis and bicycles cannot use 'BUS ONLY' lanes • This issue will not be considered again unless new information is available.*

*QMC request summary of motorcycle crashes over the past three months • QPS provided a summary of serious motorcycle crashes for YTD • As of December 13th there are 77 fatalities involving motorcycles, an increase of 6 compared to the same period for 2022 and 23 higher than the rolling five-year average • QMC suggested training targeting sport motorcycle riders. TMR advised the Ride to Zero Grants program is offering subsidised refresher post-licence training to motorcycle riders to improve their safer riding behaviours and skills.*

*QMC request update on review of PrepL course TMR Advised: • a procurement process has concluded for consultants to assist in undertaking an independent review of PrepL • TMR and the vendor are currently negotiating the contract for the project. The consultants will be seeking feedback with a range of stakeholders. TMR has created a stakeholder folder for the vendor that includes QMC • QMC has also been involved in the initial qualitative work that forms part of the broader PrepL review • The evaluation will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2024, and TMR will then consider any recommendations for improvements to PrepL.*

*QMC request details on how Traffic Improvement Fee (TIF) monies are used TMR noted this was covered at the previous meeting: • revenue generated from the Transport Infrastructure Fund is included in the whole of-government consolidated fund. Consolidated revenue is used in state budget funding allocations for a range of important initiatives including*



to fund transport and road safety initiatives • all revenue collected from camera detected offences must be spent on road safety initiatives Page 3 of 5 • QMC questioned whether the name (TIF) accurately reflects its purpose.

QMC request update on TMR’s instrumented motorcycle data analysis TMR advised: • Since the last meeting the instrument motorcycle has covered the Mt Mee Rd from Dayboro to D’Aguilar, the data is with the engineers • a presentation could be provided to QMC explaining how engineering staff use the data collected from the motorcycle when considering road improvements. This will be scheduled for a future meeting, possibly around February 2024. Action Items: • TMR to consult internally if a presentation can be provided at a future meeting • QMC to provide TMR with a list of roads motorcycle frequently use (received).

QMC request update on website information consolidation following previous discussions with Chief Engineer TMR advised: • The Chief engineer has previously advised that Austroads had planned to update their search engine so website visitors could interrogate all guides with motorcycle content (or for that matter any topic). Current Austroads guides have been structured for practitioners following the planning and design processes (so user needs are integrated) • Motorcycle publications can be accessed via the ‘Publications’ tab on the website and it is currently showing that 30 items are listed • QMC noted they had yet to visit the updated Austroads website to view motorcycle related publications.

QMC to speak to their Lane Filtering Project work Discussion: • QMC spoke about their belief that some lane filtering communications on TMR’s website are not consistent with the road rules. QMC gave an example of when a motorcycle passes another vehicle on the left such as when travelling in a turning lane • QMC noted their belief that enforcement would be difficult in some situations • QMC and QPS discussed this to clarify the exact issue QMC were concerned about • QMC noted they are undertaking further work on lane filtering rules. Action items: • QMC to provide an email that sets out the specific issues where they believe there are inconsistencies (received on December 8th). TMR notes the issues raised in this email • TMR already provides information to road users about lane filtering at rider training sessions and through social media, but will prepare some additional diagrams of lane filtering examples that will assist motorcycle riders to understand whether lane filtering is permitted or not • TMR will seek the support of QMC to help disseminate this information • QMC provided further detailed information in an email and attachment to TMR on December 20th in relation to lane filtering rules along with several examples of where they would like to see changes.

**Discussion on agenda items for next QMC/TMR meeting.**

Item No.	Item description
1	Introductions and meeting format
2	QMC to discuss safety aspects of motorcycles using Bus Lanes
3	QMC request summary of motorcycle crashes over the past three months

4	QMC to discuss adoption of bicycle storage boxes across the network
5	QMC request update on organising a time for presentation of how data is analysed on TMR's instrumented motorcycle
6	QMC to discuss aspects of Motorcycle GLS relating to 90-day period/use of log book and issue of foreign workers needing to hold a QLD licence
7	QMC to discuss issues relating to livestock on road and foreign licence holders.
8	General business (as time permits)

David proposed that new members pay \$5 in the second half of the financial year, accepted as per last year.

John Eacott asked why the lower rub rail ends around 8 metres before the end of the barriers and if it could be brought up at the QMC/TMR meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

#### 11. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 7:00pm at Mitchelton Library