



Welcome to the first Issue of the AHMF News Bulletin

I hope everyone had a great and safe festive season.

I would like to send an issue out every 2 months, but that will depend on what I receive from state councils.

So if you have any articles regarding changes to your State or Commonwealth legislation, that may effect our Historic movement. Please send them to [ahmfsecretary@bigpond.com](mailto:ahmfsecretary@bigpond.com) so all councils can keep a check on what other state governments are doing.

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## **Devastating Floods Cause Havoc in Australia**

We have all seen the graphic pictures of the floods that have ravaged Brisbane, areas of Queensland, Northern New South Wales, Tasmania Western Australia, and the north western region of Victoria since the beginning of the year.

No doubt amidst that human carnage suffered in Queensland and property loss there will be members of our movement who will not only have lost their homes and property but may have lost the contents of their sheds their irreplaceable classic or collector vehicles.

The Federation would ask its member councils to encourage their member clubs to contribute to the appeals set up to assist the victims of the flooding both in individual states and nationally.

And of course the clubs should be encouraged to offer any help to their club members or to known members of our movement who may be "doing it tough" after the severe inundation experienced in so many areas.

The Federation is keen to recognise the charitable work done by the movement. This aspect is often forgotten so please let our secretary know so we can record the charitable contributions made by the movement.

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"A draft strategy has recently been released for discussion by the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Transport with the main aim to reduce the national road toll.

Whilst there is little within the draft directly effecting our movement the motorcycle world does come in for close scrutiny.

The study does concentrate on speed reduction, safe road design and safer vehicles.

The letter from the Parliamentary secretary contains a link to the draft strategy. If you have an interest in this area it is worth a look."

THE HON CATHERINE KING MP

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT  
RELEASE OF DRAFT NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY 2011-2020: HAVE YOUR  
SAY ON  
SAVING LIVES

The National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 consultation draft was released for public comment today.

All Australians are encouraged to have their say on saving lives on our roads by providing their ideas on the National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 consultation draft released for public comment by the Australian Transport Council (ATC) today.

Catherine King, Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport, said all road users play a crucial role in helping to reduce accidents and road trauma.

"With road safety being one of my key responsibilities I am keen to hear what our nation has to say on the issue. It is time to have a national conversation about road safety" Ms King said.

"The National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 will provide the framework for Australia's governments to tackle the tragedy and pain of road crashes. "We are coming into the holiday season and I plea to Australians roadto be safe on our roads. We all share the responsibility of making this years holiday toll as low as possible."

"Living in regional Australia I have seen the devastation road deaths and serious injuries cause to local communities-now we all have the chance to help cut the toll.

"Everyone can provide input on the draft which is aimed at Safe Roads, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles, and Safe People.

"The draft strategy makes the point that Australians should not regard death and serious injury as an inevitable cost of road travel. It targets a 30 per cent reduction in fatalities and serious injuries in the next ten years.

"With road crashes killing 1,500 people each year, seriously injuring 30,000, and costing the economy \$27 billion, we must do more to change the way we think and respond to the road safety challenge.

"The draft was developed by the Commonwealth and state and territory road authorities and now road safety campaigners, researchers, community groups, and even individuals have the chance to contribute to this key strategy to save lives.

"I encourage everyone to stand up and have their say for the future," Ms King concluded.

The National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 will set the road safety landscape across the nation for the next ten years.

The National Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020 consultation draft and details on making comments are available at <<http://infrastructure.gov.au>>  
<http://infrastructure.gov.au>.

The consultation period closes on 11 February 2011.

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National Code of Practice  
For  
Light Vehicle Construction and Modification

We have received notification that this revised national code has been made available on the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure and Transport website  
Known as Vehicle Standards Bulletin (VSB) 14 National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification

The documentation goes into great detail and no doubt has implications to those constructing modified vehicles.

The code may be found at

[http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle\\_regulation/bulletin/vsb\\_ncop.aspx](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/roads/vehicle_regulation/bulletin/vsb_ncop.aspx)

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Don't forget the Robert Shannon Foundation Award closes on the 30<sup>th</sup> June  
2011

Remind your clubs

Brochures will be available soon.