

NON-REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

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TEMORA SHIRE COUNCIL

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Director, Committees
Legislative Assembly
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

RE: NON REGISTERED MOTORISED VEHICLES

Dear Sir/Madam,

Temora Shire Council welcomes your invitation to submit its views on non-registered motor vehicles in particular mobility scooters/motorised wheelchairs.

Council has for the past decade endeavoured to keep the users of motorised wheelchair/scooter operators as safe as possible with workshops pedestrian campaigns and improvements to footpaths and pedestrian ramps.

At present there would be approximately 30 motorised wheelchairs in Temora, no segways or electric bicycles.

At present Council:

- Conducts educational workshops where road rules, general tips on road safety, the importance of being seen, highlighting the use of reflective vests, or operating motorised wheelchairs/scooters;
- Is concerned as to the wide variety of vehicle standards for non-registered motorised vehicles;
- Advise all mobility scooter users to take out third party or comprehensive insurance.

Recommendations

- All mobility scooters are to meet Australian Standard guidelines where size, maximum speed, visibility are taken into account;
- Electric bicycles be banned from all bikeways and footpaths and shared bike/pedestrian pathways;
- All electric bicycles be registered regardless of size of motor;
- If mobility scooters are required to be registered the fee to be kept at the very minimum, as they play an important role in the independence and healthy lifestyle of the elderly and mobility impaired residents;
- All mobility scooter operators must have a medical examination to say they can safely operate the scooter and must attend educational workshops;


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- All mobility scooter operators must travel on the footpath unless physically impossible to do so;
- State Government via Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) conduct an expansive publicity campaign highlighting the outcomes of this current enquiry.

Over the last decade there has been a marked increase in the number of scooter users. Fortunately, there has not been any crashes' involving this type of road user in the Temora Shire.

Yours faithfully

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

For the GENERAL MANAGER