

## PRO RIDER TRACK TRAINING NEXT LEVEL

Paul Pavletich is part of the team at Pro Rider, one of New Zealand's leading motorcycle training organisations, affiliated with the ACC, and genuinely focused on reducing the road toll.

In 2018 the total road toll stood at a shocking 377 which included over 50 motorcyclist deaths. As a percentage, this is a terrible, heart-breaking result.

Breaking down the statistics and two-thirds of the deaths were in the age bracket of '40-plus', although one bright outcome is that those who have completed the Ride Forever courses are substantially less likely to be injured or killed, compared to those who have not.

Paul has been involved in motorcycle training for over 15 years. He was the chief instructor for the Auckland Motorcycle Club's

Advanced Rider Training (A.R.T.) track days for 12 years at Pukekohe Raceway and Hampton Downs Motorsport Park. For the past five years he has been a trainer with Pro Rider, running Ride Forever courses and license testing. Lately, customers have been asking, "What's next after the Gold course?"

So, Pro Rider has developed the 'next step' to advancing your riding skills, which is track-based training. They have developed an 'Introduction to Track Riding' for road riders, which are proving to be very popular. Many riders have a desire to push their machines, and themselves, and they are just too fast and powerful for the road to do this.

Therefore, the smart thing to do is take it off the street and into a safe environment like Taupo Motorsport Park or Hamptons Downs

Motorsport Park, where you can safely (and legally!) blow some cobwebs out while learning correct technique and having personal one-on-one coaching. The groups are limited to a maximum of six riders to one instructor, with a total maximum of 12 riders (and two instructors). It is very personal coaching, from highly qualified riding instructors, including multiple NZ Road Racing Champions.

With lessons on advanced cornering, emergency braking from high speeds, trail braking, as well as correct body positioning and anything else explicitly required by individuals, the training is the perfect 'next step' before progressing towards full track days.

For further details on this excellent initiative, contact Pro Rider via their website or phone for more information.

