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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND
RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS**

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Hi everyone

I wanted to share my recent experiences with e-bikes:

Tuesday afternoon outside Merewether Post Office...four (4) Yr6/7? boys on one bike, no helmets...riding on the footpath then onto Morgan Street last seen heading towards Glebe Road.

The previous week, two young girls on one bike doing about 40kmh, travelling on the left edge of the road then without warning or signal, moved to the middle of the road and threw a quick right turn into a side street. Luckily Morgan Street is a 50kmh zone and I was able to avoid them, just! It scared me.

Other experiences:

A dad doubling his two young children...so three on one bike.

An older man didn't like the traffic queue at Stewart Avenue so moved onto the footpath, crossed at the pedestrian crossing then moved back onto Glebe Road.

A young boy on the Bathers Way footpath moving far too quickly past the Surfhouse cafe. A child or someone moving quickly and it would probably be a broken leg at least.

As I'm sure you are aware, these bikes are much heavier than your foot pedal bikes, have a look at this link:

https://www.dirodi.com.au/en_US/shop/category/electric-bikes-other-electric-bikes-sydney-34

The Rover Gen plus 3 seems to be popular and they're not inexpensive.

So over to you...

Should they have blinkers ? public liability insurance ? should riders have a basic road rules licence ?...at the moment it seems like it's Rafferty's rules.

They're going to become more and more common on our roads/footpaths.

Thanks

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