



Chairman's Report

11th October 2024

Welcome

As stated in the August Minutes of Meeting, I have been away travelling our great country with my wife for the last two months. Feels strange to be sitting in one place after a 13,000km of mostly two night stops to explore the local landscape.

Activities:

28th August – Annual General Meeting

The MCWA held its first AGM to elect a new committee. Thirteen members and delegates attended the meeting. A quorum is achieved when ten or more members are present. The Minutes of Meeting were distributed in early September for your information and comment. Initially, the new committee welcomed two new members bringing our committee total to eleven members. These include Kirsty Pow (GLOW) as Membership Officer and Cindy Hooyberg (GLOW) as a general committee member. Gary Pontifex (MMS) has filled the previously vacant Vice Chairperson role. Welcome to our new members and also those who have renominated. Since the AGM, the committee has offered Michelle Hale (RASAR) a position on the general committee which she has accepted. I would like to welcome Michelle to the team who has a good reputation within the riding community. The MCWA now has five female committee members on our team of twelve, making us ready to develop the MCWA further into a well-balanced and progressive advocacy group.

2nd September,

The MCWA was invited to meet with the government ministers and other parties for a round table discussion on road safety. Attending will be the Premier, Hon Roger Cook MLA, Police Minister Hon Paul Papalia MLA, Deputy Premier and Transport Minister Hon Rita Saffioti, MLA and Minister for Road Safety, Hon David Michael MLA, Road Safety Council, Road Safety Commission and the RAC.

5th September, Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group meeting.

Meeting notes and action list is attached

Upcoming:

28th November, Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group meeting.

The agenda will be sent out closer to the date, however it will include the governments recently announced, "review of motorcycle training and assessment requirements". Further details in the General Items section.

MCWA Newsletter

1. The October newsletter was sent out earlier this week to committee members, delegates and other interested parties.

Social Media and Website

1. I have started to be a little more active on Facebook with a couple of posts.
2. I have taken up Travis's offer to use his IT lady to develop the website for us which is underway.



General Items

1. The government has announced that a review of motorcycle training and assessment requirements (along with some other issues) is going to be undertaken by the Department of Transport: [New road safety measures for probationary drivers to save lives | Western Australian Government](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook-Labor-Government/New-road-safety-measures-for-probationary-drivers-to-save-lives-20241027) (<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/media-statements/Cook-Labor-Government/New-road-safety-measures-for-probationary-drivers-to-save-lives-20241027>). I would ask everyone to take the time to look at this proposal and make comment, as the MCWA will try to influence the outcome to best benefit rider safety rather than the message getting lost in a political agenda.
2. In the process of applying for a grant from the RSC, it became apparent that we now need to quote an ACN or ABN to even begin the application process. I shall be investigating this further with the RSC as the ASIC website states that we only need to register if we want to trade in another state.
3. I have spoken with the President of the Open Road Motorcycle Touring Club who have voted to join the MCWA. They are currently working out how to elect their delegates and to write their own rule on their delegates behaviour while representing the ORMTC. Once this is achieved, we will have a new member.
4. The MCWA will be sitting down to develop a strategy going forward, including seeking a seat on committees to provide greater influence on the safety of motorcycling in Western Australia. Part of the strategy will be to increase our financial position with fund raisers and grants. All input is welcome.
5. The MCWA will need to start thinking about a succession plan for members of the management committee should a situation prevent the members from performing their duties.

Stay Safe

Jeff Thomas

Chairman