



Chairman's Report

26th February 2025

Welcome

Welcome to the first delegates meeting for 2025. The Australian Government has confirmed that 2024 was the deadliest year on Australian roads since 2012, it would be wise therefore to plan your trip ahead of time and stay safe. A motorcycle pre-start inspection for head and brake lights, indicators, tyre condition and general maintenance should be the start of the plan. Appropriate attire, rest stops and carrying water will help to prevent fatigue and inattention on the road. The Western Australian Key Statistics report for 2019 to 2023 will be handed out as part of this report.

Activities:

28th November 2024, Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group meeting (MSAG).

The MSAG meeting now includes the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Manager Road Safety, as well as the RSC, MRDWA, DOT, Police and MCWA. The action list from the previous meeting and the agenda items will be circulated at the meeting. Dave W. attended the meeting and will give an update in the safety report.

December 2024

- I applied for an Australian Company Number (ACN), however the application was refused as I did not have a tax file number (TFN) for the MCWA. Unfortunately, the application process did not advise of the requirement for a TFN until after the process was completed and the \$75 processing fee had been paid. I have decided to wear the cost of the application as the mistake was mine.
- The Position Statement has been updated to revision 3 with a Section 2 (e) being added as per the action list from the Minutes of General Meeting (AGM) 28/08/2024. The updated copy has been sent to all committee members.

January 2025

- A meeting was held on the 28th January 2025 with the WALGA Manager Road Safety. The aim of the meeting was to advise on the modernisation of their "Making Roads Motorcycle Friendly Guide". The old guide will be circulated at the meeting. Dave W. attended the meeting and will give an update in the safety report.
- I have approached the mayor of the Vincent Council regarding the restarting of a safety focussed roadwise group. My concern is that the safety focus of roadwise groups has been diluted. The email sent and the reply will be circulated at this meeting.
- I have requested the costing of Cloth Patches of the chosen design. I am expecting 50 patches to be delivered early next week at a cost of \$2.40 each. We will be selling the patch for \$5.00 each.
- I have received a price from Lapel Pins. In the January committee meeting, it was decided to not order the pins as the cost for 50 pins would have been \$412.00, a bit expensive at the moment.

Upcoming:

- WALGA does not support the original model for roadwise groups, which is more than the likely reason why the committees have been disappearing from various councils. I will be meeting the WALGA Manager Road Safety on the 28th February (Friday) on the possibility of restarting these roadwise safety groups, as the current model from councils has diluted their effectiveness.
- The York Motorcycle Festival is coming up on the 6th April and we will be calling for volunteers to assist the sub-committee and on the day in York to help make this a successful day.



- I shall be applying for a TFN and a ACN to facilitate future grant applications.

New Membership

The Open Road Motorcycle Touring Club (ORMTC) has indicated that it will be joining the MCWA in the near future. The ORMTC currently has approximately forty members (of which I am one) and is the longest continuously running incorporated motorcycle group (50 years). They have written their own rules of engagement with the MCWA and have also nominated their two delegates, the first is their tourmaster Russell D. (Rusty) and the second is our own Chris M. I have sent them a nomination form, constitution, bylaws, code of conduct and position statement (revision 3) for their information.

MCWA Newsletter

1. The January 2025 newsletter was not produced so a March newsletter will be sent out to committee members, delegates and other interested parties. I would ask delegates to distribute newsletters within their own groups to keep their members informed.

Social Media and Website

1. I have started to be a little more active on Facebook with a couple of posts.
2. The website has stalled again as I have put a low priority on it as it has not been my focus over the last few months.

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. 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