



The Benefits of Joining the MCWA

The MCWA is an incorporated not-for-profit association operating as a council for like-minded motorcycle groups for riders' rights, safety and recognition. Any association, club or entity (organised group) can apply for membership and nominate two delegates to speak and vote at MCWA meetings on the group's behalf. The MCWA provides an advocacy link between motorcyclists, the Government, its instrumentalities, the general public and such bodies deemed necessary to serve the objectives of the MCWA. The objectives of MCWA are:

- a. To promote and improve all aspects of motorcycling safety in Western Australia;
- b. To promote motorcycle considerate road infrastructure planning and development;
- c. To promote, improve and protect all forms of motorcycle use in Western Australia;
- d. To safeguard the rights of motorcyclists;
- e. To promote and improve, at all levels, the full knowledge, awareness, understanding and acceptance of motorcyclists' welfare and safety needs in Western Australia;
- f. To promote the safe and convenient use of motorcycles in Western Australia; and
- g. To promote motorcycles as a legitimate form of transport.

In our role as an advocacy body, the primary focus of the MCWA is to improving motorcyclists rights and road safety with our slogan being *"Rights – Safety – Recognition, Giving motorcyclists a Voice."* The MCWA will also advocate on behalf of motorcycle riders where feedback has shown that legislation, regulations or road rules need to be reviewed. The MCWA will always conduct itself in a professional and objective manner and seek to work at both strategic and operational levels with organisations. The MCWA will work towards our input being based on clear and accurate data, utilising the expertise and experience of our members. It is also important to note that the MCWA is focused on representing the whole of Western Australia and the diversity of motorcycles and motorcycle riders.

Should you have a genuine concern, you can present them to an advocacy group that has established paths within differing government bodies to raise these concerns. The way we operate, and the processes followed are clearly written in our constitution, bylaws, position statements and code of conduct. The following are some points for clarity:

1. The members of the MCWA are associations, clubs and entities, we do not have individual members.
2. There is no obligation to join. We will still listen to a member of an entity who is an office holder, providing rule 5 below has been complied with. Any action taken will be at the MCWA discretion.
3. You do not need to have a delegate. However, they are required for voting rights or to nominate for a committee position.
4. Your delegate(s) only need to attend a meeting when there is a concern, although they are always welcome to attend the members meetings to see what is happening.
5. The concern raised must be accompanied by the member's minutes of meeting, defining these concerns.
6. We do not have closed ears, personal ideas from delegates (refer rules 7 and 8) may be listened to, but that idea cannot represent the member.
7. All concerns raised must be genuine, of substance and be based on demonstratable facts that can be presented to the appropriate government body for action.
8. Any inuendo, conspiracy theories, hearsay and the like cannot be accepted by the MCWA.
9. The MCWA will not advocate for special rights for motorcyclists to allow them to step outside the law.
10. The MCWA will discuss the concern(s) with the delegate and decide on a course of action (if any) and a realistic timeline, given who we are dealing with.
11. At this point, the delegate will then present any outcomes at their next member's meeting.
12. The member and their delegates will be emailed before any action is taken.

The more members we have, the better we are able to negotiate with the government.