

# **Motorcycle Council of Western Australia Inc.**

## **Operating Procedure**

When a member has a genuine concern, they can present them to the MCWA group that has established paths within differing government bodies to raise these concerns. The way we operate, and the processes we follow are clearly defined in our constitution, bylaws and code of conduct. The following are some of the points for your information:

1. 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.
2. The members of the MCWA are associations, clubs and entities, we do not have individual members.
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.
13. Prospective members will be supplied with our Constitution, Bylaws, Code of Conduct and Position Statements for more information about the MCWA.

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## **Achievements**

The motivation to form the Motorcycle Council of Western Australia Inc (MCWA) was first put forward in November 2022 as there were no credible Advocacy group to represent the interests of motorcyclists in Western Australia. The MCWA was incorporated on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 and opened our doors for business on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Since then, the MCWA has made some notable achievements as following:

1. The MCWA met with the Road Safety Commission (RSC) to reform the Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group (MSAG) to ensure motorcyclists participated in discussions on Motorcycle Safety. The members of the group include RSC, Department of Transport (DOT), Department of Main Roads (MRWA), Police and the MCWA. Recently, the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) has also joined the group.
2. The Motorcycle Safety Advisory Group has been meeting every 3 months with the safety suggestions put forward by the MCWA being taken seriously.
3. The MCWA has become a delegate with the Australian Motorcycle Council and become affiliated with the Motorcycle Councils in all other states and territories where we discuss ideas and strategies. This helps maintain a federal focus on motorcycle safety. The MCWA has also become a member of the Australasian College of Road Safety.
4. Had a meeting with the Minister for Road Safety to discuss motorcycles being permitted into bus lanes during peak periods and adopting the “Data Saves Lives” campaign being run on a federal level.
5. Attended a government round table discussion with the Premier, and Ministers for Transport and Road Safety to discuss the rising road toll in W.A. The MCWA presented a document titled “Proposed Safety Measures to Improve the Motorcycle Safety on Western Australian Roads” which was well received. Some of the suggestions have either undergoing investigation into the implementation or have already been implemented.
6. The MCWA has been meeting with WALGA to update their “Making Roads Motorcycle Friendly Guide”, which is used by engineers to design safer roads.
7. The MCWA is currently attempting to restart local government “Roadwise” groups with government assistance to improve road safety on a local level.

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