



## Chairman's Report

26<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Welcome

November will be our last official meeting for the year, how quickly this year has gone. I thank the committee for the dedication you have shown in coming to meetings and helping to make the MCWA a reputable organisation. I think a get together closer to Christmas is in order so we can just socialize, rather than trying to solve all the problems encountered by motorcyclists. This can be discussed at the meeting.

### Action Items to be completed

1. Contact CEO of ICWA regarding Catastrophic Injury criteria.
2. Contact the Minister for Transport to discuss possible amendments.
3. Change banking officers to those selected at the AGM.

### Upcoming Events

- **First Responder First Aid Training**  
The grant application to the RSC has been completed. Confirmation of the grant will not occur until sometime next month. I request that members obtain the number of interested attendees from their own organisation. The grant will provide a \$50 subsidy to the first 100 attendees would be approximately \$120 to \$130 per person for a one day course. I have been in contact with FAFM regarding dates which will be in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April 2026.

### General News

- **Default Speed Limits:-** Some key news today. We haven't seen any announcement from the government, but it's been widely reported this afternoon that the proposal to change the rural default speed limit in the National Road Rules has been shelved, in the face of overwhelming opposition. The AMC had lodged a submission, and was amongst apparently thousands or organisations and individuals expressing concern and disapproval of the proposal. One report here:  
<https://techau.com.au/common-sense-prevails-government-scraps-proposed-70km-h-country-road-speed-limit/>  
We're pleased to have been a part of obtaining this outcome.
- **RSC and Motocap:-**  
The RSC has contacted me with a list of Instructors and Retailers they had compiled via Google (high technology is used in W.A.) and asked if there were any others I wanted added. The idea is to promote Motocap by informing as many industry as possible by sending out flyers and posters that they can use.
- **AMC Delegates Meeting:-**  
I attended an AMC delegates meeting last night, during which the CEO of Motocap, Tom Whyte gave a presentation on how he intends to raise the profile to the motorcycling community. I will discuss this in more detail during the meeting and can provide more information to those who require it.



- **Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries:-**

At the AMC conference in Brisbane in August a presentation from Rhys Griffiths of the FCAI, and his reference to the report by CIE (The Centre for International Economics) commissioned by the FCAI, into the economic impact of the Australian motorcycle industry.

A few takeaways from the content:

- - the motorcycle industry in Australia contributes \$2.2 billion to the economy.
- - motorcycling contributes a further \$2.6 billion to the tourism sector.
- - creates over 22,600 FTE (full-time equivalent) jobs in a mix of direct and indirect roles.
- - almost 5,000 of those roles are in ~600 motorcycle dealerships.
- - in addition to 600 dealerships, there are around 1300 independent workshops.
- - 1 in 10 people aged over 15 have a motorcycle licence.
- - estimated that there are 1.6 million "active" riders - this includes off-road riding.
- - 72% of riders are aged over 40.
- - 90% of riders are male.
- - BITRE data estimates average distance ridden is less than 3,000km per year

The report sent out earlier is worth a read.

- **High Visibility Vests.**

NSW is about to make hi viz mandatory for learner riders. Refer to the document [www.scienceofbeingseen.org](http://www.scienceofbeingseen.org) for a full exploration of whether hi viz and conspicuity has a motorcycle safety benefit. Again, it is worth the read.

Stay Safe

**Jeff Thomas**

**Chairman**