



Chairman's Report

29th April 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the MCWA Committee meeting for April. The number of road fatalities up to 28th April stands at sixty one so far this year which is categorised as follows :

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| 1. Car Drivers: | Thirty Four | (34) |
| 2. Motorcycle Riders: | Eighteen | (18) |
| 3. Pedestrians: | Eight | (8) |
| 4. Cyclists: | One | (1) |

As of this writing, there have been eighteen motorcycle fatalities so far in 2026, which is 29.5% of motor vehicle fatalities. Moral to the story: **Ride like your life depends on it.**

Activities

- **Meeting with the Minister for Police and Road Safety**

Dave W. and I had a positive meeting with Hon. Reece Whitby MLA regarding the high number of motorcycle fatalities, where the MCWA presented sensible suggestions to help reduce this number. The minister is genuinely concerned about the over representation of motorcycle fatalities in this state. The meeting agenda and subsequent unofficial Minutes of Meeting are attached to this report.

- **First Responder First Aid Training**

I attended the FAFM Motorcycle Crash Management Course on Sunday 26th April. The course was both informative and entertaining which is a credit to the trainer. There were many tricks that were shown (Think MacGyver as the trainer said!). I now feel more confident to being an informed first responder where someone's life is dependant on the people around them to sustain their life until professional help arrives

- **New Delegate for the ORMTC**

The Open Road Motorcycle Touring Club has lodged an application for Chris Cobain to replace Chris Meyer as their delegate. The committee can vote to approve the application. The other ORMTC delegate is Russel Dean, although we have only seen him once.

- **New member request from FAFM**

At the Crash Management course last Sunday, the trainer from FAFM requested that her business, which is and Incorporated body, become a member of the MCWA. I have sent her an application form and information on how we operate to read before she makes the request. Given her position, I believe it would be acceptable to pre-approve the application. Given that the end of year is only two months away, the membership could start financially from the 1st July 2026.



Upcoming Events

- **2026 Annual General Meeting**

The 2026 AGM will be held on Wednesday the 26th August. Key dates for this event are as follows:

- Monday 3rd August Notification to members of the AGM dates with committee nomination forms.
- Monday 17th August Committee Nominations close.
- Wednesday 19th August An AGM reminder and the list of committee nominations will be sent out to all members.
- Wednesday 26th August Annual General Meeting.

General News

- **Motorcycle Visibility on Roads**

A very interesting document can be read on www.scienceofbeingseen.org which gives a reality check on the reliance of high visibility wear for personal safety.

- **Kevin Loveland – Lap4luvo**

Kevin has enquired if the MCWA can become involved with his round Australia ride. I have contacted Kevin to ask for his itinerary which will be shared with motorcycle councils around Australia. I stated that we could give visible support only and ride some of the way with him. I am currently waiting for his reply.

- **Banking Officers**

I have not arranged anything as yet, it will now have to wait until I return from South Australia.

- **Chairman's possible Absence during May**

My father is currently 96 years old, still living at home and still able to do the normal household chores like cooking and cleaning. However, he has increasing need of assistance, so I have been waiting to what the fuel situation is before travelling to South Australia to help him out. I will now be leaving on Friday 1st May and returning by the end of May. The Vice Chair may need to lead the delegates' meeting, but I will keep everyone updated on my plans. You will always be able to contact me as I will always answer my phone and reply to emails.

That is all for now:

Stay Safe

Jeff Thomas

Chairman