



Chairman's Report

27th May 2026

Welcome

Welcome to the MCWA Committee meeting for May. The number of road fatalities up to 22nd May stands at eighty five so far this year which is categorised as follows :

1. Car Occupants:	Forty Eight	(48)	(up 14 from April)
2. Motorcycle Riders:	Twenty	(20)	(up 2 from April)
3. Pedestrians:	Fifteen	(15)	(up 7 from April)
4. Cyclists:	Two	(2)	(up 1 from April)

As of this writing, there have been twenty motorcycle fatalities so far in 2026, which is 29.4% of motor vehicle fatalities. Moral to the story: **Ride like your life depends on it.**

Activities

- **Committee Resignation**

Kirsty Pow has regretfully resigned from the committee for personal reasons. I would like to thank Kirsty for her work and enthusiasm with the MCWA and all the best for the future. I have asked Kirsty if she will continue as the GLOW delegate and am awaiting her response.

- **New Delegate**

I would like to welcome Chris Cobain as a delegate who replaces Chris Meyer as the ORMTC delegate. The other ORMTC delegate is Russel Dean, although we have only seen him once.

- **New member request**

At the Crash Management course, the trainer from FAFM requested that her business, which is an 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.

- **First Responder First Aid Training Review**

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.

I have received the invoice from FAFM and it turns out that only 13 people applied for the grant reduction to the course costs. I think a combination of the following could be attributed to the low turnout:

1. The grant was not paid until two days before the first course. This made it difficult to advertise widely in case there was a glitch in being paid the grant.
2. FAFM did their own advertising which may have led to people to enroll without the grant.
3. Cost of living and fuel costs would have seen people reluctant to part with their hard earned money.

The grant application has been closed out with the RSC and we will be required to repay \$1480 of unspent money.



Upcoming Events

- **2026 Annual General Meeting**

The 2026 AGM will be held on Wednesday the 26th August. Please note that three key dates have been modified to comply with our constitution. These dates are highlighted in yellow.

Key dates for this event are as follows:

- **Wednesday 15th July** Notification to members of the AGM dates with committee the nomination forms. Please note that to qualify for a committee nomination, the person must be an active delegate member of the MCWA or as otherwise approved by the committee.
- **Wednesday 29th July** Committee Nominations close.
- **Monday 17th August** An AGM reminder will be sent out to all members and delegates complete with the list of nominations.
- **Wednesday 26th August** Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman's Annual Report and the Treasurer's Annual Report will be completed ready for the AGM. These reports will then be included in the AGM Minutes of Meeting which is then submitted to DEMIRS as required by the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

The AGM will operate as follows:

1. General Meeting.
 - a. Chairman's Annual Report plus Q & A.
 - b. Treasurer's Annual Report plus Q & A.
 2. Declare all positions vacant.
 3. Elect the AGM Chair.
 4. Election of committee members.
 5. General Business.
- **Next Crash Management Course**

FAFM has stated that they will return in September for the next round of courses. As the previous grant system was less than satisfactory, I will be applying to the government as soon as possible for a grant similar to the Victorian model, where a substantial sum of money was allocated so that every rider in the state had the opportunity to attend the course for \$20. It could mean the grant is directly allocated to FAFM for them to manage. I am yet to see how that plays out but it is worth the try.

The RSC grant model was reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,000 with the payment made very late. We do not want to get caught in a situation where we end up with a bill greater than the amount we have in the bank.

General News

- **Chairman's Absence**

I have been in South Australia for a month on family business and hence this report is brief. I started to head back to W.A. on Monday 25th May but will not arrive in time for this meeting. Thanks to Dave Wright, our Vice Chair, for chairing the meeting.

That is all for now:

Stay Safe

Jeff Thomas
Chairman