



President's Report

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Dear Members'

It is again a great honour to write to you as the President of The WA Sporting Car Club. This year saw in many ways a return to the past with great member interaction and attendance at race meetings and at presentations in McCrackan House. The September meeting which included the National events for Saloons, Vees and Historic Touring Cars were an example of the enthusiastic fellowship after a race meeting that we are striving for.

I thank each and every member who has participated in a race meeting and enjoyed a beer on us at McCrackan House for being part of the Club. We aim for this to continue and grow again in years to come.

At last year's AGM we committed to continual upgrades and maintenance of the facility along with a commitment to keeping our increases within CPI, notwithstanding increases from some of our providers increasing costs beyond CPI. It is with pride that I can inform you that we have been true to our word on both counts.

Within the precinct we have made significant improvements to McCrackan House, the pedestrian bridge, the main administration building, new safety lights to allow an increase in track density on tuning days, and a brand-new lift in the infield which should be in operation very soon. In addition to these items, we are now very close



to securing our own Liquor License within McCrackan House enabling us to provide even more hospitality options to our members.

In 2025 we have plans for further enhancements to McCrackan House, improvements to the flag points and we will commence projects on the viability of additional garages and permanent track illumination.

We have been able to increase the utilisation of the main circuit to almost 100% thanks to our members and other stakeholders. With this increased use, comes increased costs to maintain the standard of the track. With this in mind, we have formally implemented a Sinking Fund. These funds will be used to safeguard our finances in times of need.

As mentioned, in spite of some of our suppliers increasing their charges to us by more than CPI, I am pleased to advise that we have been able to meet our commitment and only plan to index membership fees by CPI in 2025. At the time of the budget process, this was tracking at 5% in Perth.

Membership: At time of writing, membership numbers by category were:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	2024	2023	2022
Ultimate / General	590	756	656
Associate	561	575	537
Junior	7	13	15
Life & Honourary	61	41	27
Hospitality	307	180	0
TOTALS	1,526	1,565	1,235

Major Events 2024

Festival of Speed: Your Club in conjunction with Media Junction, Classic Cars and Coffee and SpaceCo Perth held our 2024 event. The event featured some standout drawcards, being Mad Mike, Tim Slade and Instagram Drifting Star Mickey Andrade. We have received wonderful feedback from all those who attended and I'm sure we can grow this event in years to come.

Supercars 2024: The Supercars event mid-year was another wonderful showcase for our track. All WASCC Members continued to enjoy free entry to the event and



infield paddock as well as enjoy the member only facility of McCrackan House with its preferential seating, cover and member's bar prices. Many of you would have read that there are plans for the Supercars to move to a street circuit in 2026. Rest assured, the Club remains in close contact with the Supercars and the State Government to ensure that we are included in these plans. The Supercar event has also recently been announced to be at our facility from Friday 6 to Sunday 8 June 2025. We will continue to update members as things progress.

Club events 2024: As mentioned earlier, we ran a very successful National round in September, but we have also had our highest participation for race entrants annually for many years. With 6 Race Rounds, 14 Tuning Days, 11 Tarmac Sportz, multiple drift events, and our introductory events such as Come & Try running almost monthly we are delivering great access to the track for all our members. This focus will continue into 2025.

Again, thank you to all our members, volunteer officials, track hirers and supporters. Special thanks to the administration staff and the entire Board, specifically April Welsh who has advised the club that she will not be standing for Board re-election at the AGM and to Justin Chaffey who has made himself available for re-election to the Board but will relinquish the role of Chair of our Competition & Events Committee in 2025. Both Board Members have provided countless hours of support and guidance in their respective portfolios.

Our goal is for the Club to continue to prosper and maintain our standing as the largest and most effective motorsport club in Australia.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Russell Sewell

President, The W.A. Sporting Car Club Inc.