

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### **Board of Directors:**

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#### Dear Members,

It is again a great honour to address you as President of the W.A. Sporting Car Club (WASCC). 2025 has been a defining year in our club's history, marked by significant change and exciting opportunities that we have actively pursued and will bring to fruition in the near and medium term.

### **Club Operations**

Changes to our management structure and a renewed focus on membership growth, retention, and the member experience have positioned the club for a vibrant future. Our goal is to ensure the WASCC remains firmly entrenched as the senior custodian of Western Australian motorsport.

Greater focus on furthering our motorsport and motoring events, appealing to a wider audience and capturing a broader range of members and participants will be a key objective in 2026 and beyond.

We are fortunate in Western Australia to be isolated from the ongoing disruptions seen elsewhere in the world, including significant weather events on the eastern seaboard. This fortunate position allows us to develop, explore and act on new opportunities. It is these opportunities and how we engage with them that will determine the future of our great club.

### **Supercars and Perth Park**

As is now widely known, the Supercars will hold their Western Australian event at the new Perth Park Street Circuit at Burswood, commencing in 2028. The WASCC fully supports this event as it is crucial for growing the sport and benefiting the West Australian economy. This new venue will bring greater attention to motorsport and showcase Perth's stunning cityscape, undoubtedly enhancing the spectator experience.

Our state government's recognition of economic diversification, including motorsport and motoring tourism, is a positive development. I ask all members to continue their support for this event as it further unfolds.

# WASCC 2025 Season

During 2025, we rose to the challenge of providing a full calendar of motorsport activities at our raceway, and it is the commitment of all involved that allowed us to continue with what we love. My sincere thanks go to every member, for your participation and ongoing support of our club.

### **Membership Statistics**

• Life Members: 28

General Members: 589Associate Members: 513Ultimate Members: 49

Junior Members: 18

# **Event Summary**

# Major Events:

The Supercar event in May 2025 was once again well-managed and well-attended. It was an excellent showcase of both the Supercars and our club's facilities and capabilities.

#### Club Events:

In 2025, we successfully conducted 6 race meetings (2 x 1 day, 4 x 2 day), 7 drift events, 17 speed events, and 3 passenger ride nights. This activity occurred across numerous WASCC, Category and State Championships.

# Supercars 2026

Supercars have scheduled the Perth round as a two-day meeting from July 31 to August 2, 2026. The club remains in close communication with Supercars and is ready to assist in delivering another terrific event. Life, General, and Associate Members (Spectators) will continue to enjoy free entry to the event, access to the infield paddock, and use of McCrackan House, with its preferential seating and members' bar prices.

### **Financial Performance**

The Financial Statements and Auditor's Report are commended to you and published alongside these Annual General Meeting documents. For several years, we have maintained a transparent and consistent reporting style. The General Manager will provide a detailed report at the AGM. I must, however, congratulate our staff on the outstanding result achieved in what can be a turbulent environment.

Our club continues to prosper and is respected as one of the largest and most effective motorsport clubs in Australia.

I am excited about our future and genuinely believe our best days are ahead of us. I look forward to the growth and revitalisation of the motorsport we all love.

There has never been a better time to be a member of the W.A. Sporting Car Club.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to all our members, volunteer officials, our hardworking and loyal staff, track hirers, and supporters. A special thank you goes to my Board colleagues, whose dedication and hard work are essential to the club's well-being.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Russell Sewell

President

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