



## COUNCIL OF MOTORING CLUBS OF W.A. (INC)

**Council of Motoring Clubs WA (Inc.)  
Annual Report – 2024/25 Financial Year  
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### **Strength in National Unity: Advocating for a Shared Future**

The Council of Motoring Clubs WA (CMC) continues to prioritise the importance of being part of a strong national network. Our members greatly value this connection as a source of technical support, knowledge-sharing, and collective advocacy. It ensures that Western Australian car clubs are not working in isolation but are supported through a robust Australia-wide framework, particularly when facing new legislative and compliance challenges.

One of the major highlights of the year was the launch of the **Economic Value Survey** by AHMF. This research piece plays a critical role in reinforcing the social, economic, and cultural contribution of the historic and classic motoring sector. It is proving to be a valuable tool in our advocacy, particularly when engaging with decision-makers, investors, and potential sponsors.

This momentum is now being supplemented by the **Fossil Fuels Survey**, currently underway through Canberra University. We eagerly await the findings of this study, which we believe will further highlight the importance of our member vehicles as low-use, culturally significant assets—not contributors to environmental degradation.

### **A Trusted Voice: Insurance, Legislation & the Road Ahead**

The CMC has continued to advocate for **national uniformity in state and federal legislation**, particularly regarding concessional licensing schemes such as WA's **Code 404 and C4C**. We strongly believe that simplification and harmonisation will result in better outcomes for all clubs and members.

We also see the strength in numbers. The CMC supports the notion that **a national collective** provides a significant advantage when negotiating insurance solutions. Clubs, especially smaller or regional ones, benefit from the enhanced buying power and governance support that comes from being part of a recognised network.

We continue to encourage clubs to address long-term sustainability through **custodial succession planning** and stronger governance practices. It is essential to protect both club assets and the heritage they represent for future generations.

## Evolving to Reflect Today's Enthusiasts

We recognise that for the movement to survive, it must also adapt. This year, we placed renewed focus on **attracting younger enthusiasts** and supporting clubs in this effort. Social media communication, engagement strategies, and collaboration with education and training bodies such as **TAFE and the Motor Trade Association** are now central to our strategy.

To support this direction, we have commenced a **partnership dialogue with Volunteer WA**, aimed at launching a national pilot program for structured youth engagement and general increase in formalised car clubs. This includes the development of constitutional and risk management frameworks that appeal to modern members and protect clubs' reputations and insurability. This project is also one that is likely to develop as a pilot program that the AHMF could deliver on a national basis and was supported in last years AGM in the exploratory stage, as WA as the lead.

Our thanks to AHMF for assisting us in facilitating a connection with the **Australian Taxation Office**, which has agreed to present to our members in the coming financial year regarding **Not-for-Profit compliance and governance standards**—a welcome and timely initiative.

**Supporting Members: Why Join the CMC?** This year, we redefined our messaging to members, clearly articulating "**Why Join the CMC?**" Through both our actions and member services, we deliver:

- Representation of over **100 incorporated WA car clubs** and growing networking capacity
- **Direct conduit to the WA Department of Transport**, through our CMC Technical Committee, particularly on concessional licensing (C4C, Code 404)
- **Training sessions and forums** on insurance, club governance, technology, and media
- **Online access via our member portal** hosted on Wild Apricot
- **Free display space at the Motor Museum of Western Australia, Whiteman Park "M Shelter"**
- Lobbying support and representation on WA motoring issues
- **Affiliate membership with AHMF** for federal engagement
- Access to **R&D findings, surveys, and national motoring data**
- Use of the **CMC Central Calendar** to promote club activities
- **Free participation in the Classic Car Show**, WA's largest car enthusiast event
- Support for club succession planning, vehicle rehoming, and historical preservation
- Collaboration with education providers to provide **skills pathways** for younger custodians
- **Ongoing initiatives**, including the creation of a CMC app and a **publishing project** to showcase the local motoring legacy and our members' vehicles

## The Car Show Climate: Exciting but Saturated

One of the notable trends this year has been the **incredible volume of car shows** across Western Australia. These events are being hosted by both incorporated clubs and emerging groups with a strong social media presence. While this growing enthusiasm reflects the strength and passion within the motoring community, it has also led to a **climate of saturation**, with events frequently overlapping on the calendar.

- This dynamic environment brings both **excitement and concern**. On one hand, it fosters broad public engagement and offers increased opportunities for clubs to showcase their vehicles. On the other, it places **immense pressure on club organisers and committee members**, who are responsible for ensuring proper governance, insurance compliance, and risk mitigation at each event.
- Event planning has become increasingly **time-consuming and administratively complex**, often leading to volunteer fatigue. The CMC acknowledges this as **both a benefit and a burden**, and we remain committed to providing training, templates, and governance guidance to help our members navigate this busy car show landscape while maintaining high standards and regulatory compliance. A centralised calendar has been packed with events, which we acknowledge is only the tip of the iceberg of the actual numbers in car shows taking place.
- As a casualty of this saturation, The Classic Car Show 2025 did not proceed and is set for 2026 in for first 6 months. Venue suitability/availability, multiple commitments by our engaged event team, municipal and government compliance are just some of the matters of concern for the CMC.

## Introducing Our Digital Magazine: *CMC Voice*

This year marked the **exciting launch of our new digital magazine, *CMC Voice***—a modern publication edited by dedicated volunteer **Stuart Coleman**, whose professional background in magazine publishing has brought a polished and engaging tone to the CMC's communications.

The magazine follows on from the success of our **monthly "Intuit" email updates via Mailchimp**, which were well received across our member base. Their popularity confirmed the need for a more formalised and high-quality publication. *CMC Voice* delivers informative articles, interviews, member spotlights, and updates on legislation and events, offering a unified voice for the classic motoring community in WA.

In partnership with our **Wild Apricot digital portal**, *CMC Voice* plays a key role in ensuring all members—and the wider motoring community—are well-informed and connected. It reflects our commitment to **elevating the profile** of our clubs, increasing transparency, and celebrating the achievements of members across the state.

## **Concessional Licensing: Changes, Challenges, and Strengthened Partnerships**

The CMC continues to play a vital role in **concessional licensing developments in Western Australia**, working in close collaboration with the **Department of Transport (DoT)** through our **dedicated and knowledgeable Technical Committee**. This strong working relationship ensures that CMC remains a trusted advisor, particularly in matters relating to **historic, unique and modified vehicles**. Our technical committee is consulted for guidance on eligibility, and we continue to ensure the **register of qualified vehicles is accurate and fit for purpose**.

As of **1 January 2025**, WA implemented a significant change to the **Concessional for Classics (C4C)** program, extending eligibility from rolling **25 years to 30 years** for modified vehicles. This adjustment reflects the State Government's broader support for maintaining classic vehicles while recognising the importance of **reduced registration revenue as an investment in cultural preservation**.

We also note the Department's efforts to **upskill internally on concessional schemes**, which further strengthens our shared objectives and paves the way for more **collaborative policy development**. However, with these changes, we anticipate an **increase in compliance audits** across clubs. We therefore urge all member clubs to continue turning to the **CMC for guidance and support**, as we remain committed to **steering the ship** in a way that benefits both our member organisations and the regulatory bodies we work with.

### **Looking Back, Moving Forward**

The 2024/25 year also brought changes in leadership. Following the resignation of Dean Roberts as WA President, we thank **Terry McGrath**, who admirably stepped up from Vice President to lead the committee through the remainder of the financial year. Terry's commitment has been recognised at the national level, where he has since joined AHMF as a WA delegate—bringing valuable insight and continuity to both roles.

We extend our appreciation to **Victoria** for hosting this year's AHMF AGM. Their work in coordinating what promises to be an informative and enjoyable gathering is deeply appreciated.

Lastly, sincere thanks to the **AHMF Committee 2024/25**, all member clubs, and the broader community of volunteers who continue to keep our clubs strong, relevant, and united.

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
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