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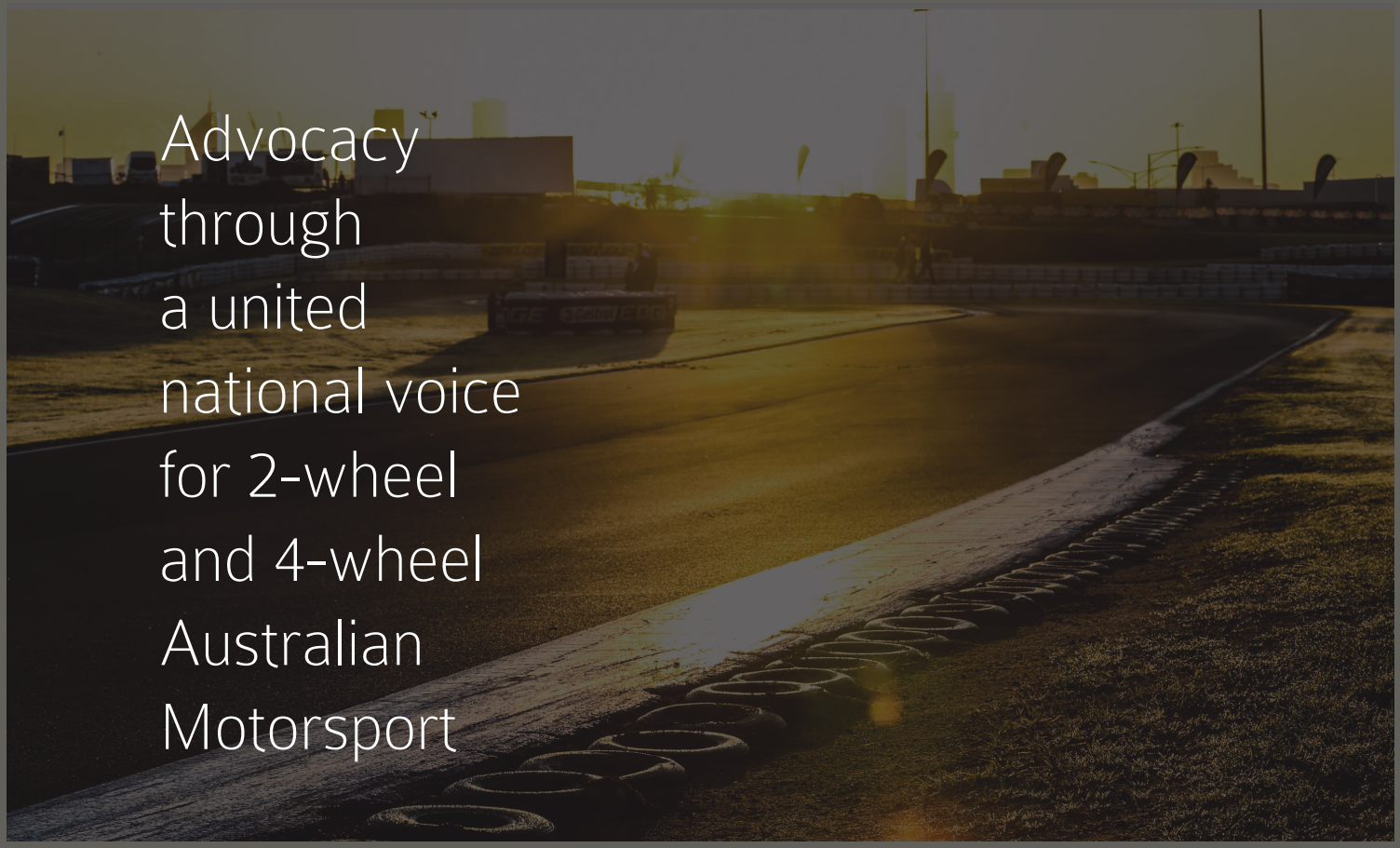

# Advocacy through a united national voice for 2-wheel and 4-wheel Australian Motorsport

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KARTING AUSTRALIA

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# About the AMC

The Australian Motorsport Council (AMC) is the representative body of Australia's peak national motorsport regulatory bodies across the 4 key motorsport disciplines - automobile, motorcycle, kart and drag racing.

The role of the AMC is to provide leadership, industry representation and advocacy through a united national voice for 2-wheel and 4-wheel motorsport for and on behalf of the Australian motorsport community on key issues.

The AMC members are not-for-profit, member-based organisations that represent over 1000 affiliated Motorsport Clubs, 460 Licenced Racetracks and in excess of 335,000 active participants including more than 60,000 licence holders and 18,000 trained Officials across all Australian states and territories. Individually they are responsible for the safe management, regulation, promotion, development and insurance of their specific disciplines of motorsport from the grass roots through to the international level in Australia.

The AMC is the largest and most credible representative of motorsport sanctioning and organising bodies in Australia. The AMC's credibility comes not only from the direct national performance of its constituent bodies – which is impressive in itself, but from their affiliation with and adherence to the highest standards of the International motorsport Federations from which they derive their Australian authority.

The AMC is an independent not for profit company limited by guarantee. Its Board is made up by the Chief Executives of Australia's peak motorsport bodies under the Chairmanship of five-time MotoGP World Champion - Mick Doohan AM, ensuring the decisions and policies of the organisation reflect the real priorities and concerns of legitimate motorsport organisations across Australia.

The AMC's objectives fully align with those of Australia's individual national motorsport bodies:

- Provide a credible united voice and effective advocacy for Australian motorsport.
- Promote the interests of 2-wheel and 4-wheel motorsports.
- Identify and address issues that impact the interests of the member bodies.
- Unify the resources and passion of the member bodies to harness the economic, political and social significance of motorsport.
- Advocate for all Governments to recognise that safety and integrity in motorsport are paramount, with the regulation and sanctioning of motorsport being best handled by legitimate, not for profit, member-based bodies that are affiliated with the International Motorsport Federations that are members of the Global Association of International Sports Federations.
- Ensure that motorsport in Australia is subject to the highest safety standards in the world.
- Ensure that motorsport in Australia is always conducted in accordance with the highest standards of rules, policies and procedures, thereby ensuring that motorsport in Australia is conducted with integrity and in the safest and fairest possible way.
- Maintain and oversee the highest levels of integrity in Australian motorsport.
- Advocate for all levels of motorsport to be conducted with the highest levels of governance.
- Represent the interests of the member bodies and their stakeholders to governments and other relevant bodies – both in Australia and overseas.

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- Continue to develop and grow motorsport beyond the existing levels of participation.
- Improve and promote the safety and innovative developments directly attributable to motorsport.
- Ensure that motorsport in Australia is conducted, encouraged, administered, promoted, and managed in a manner which secures and enhances the safety of participants, officials, spectators and the public and which allows the sport to be competitive and fair.

# Committed to safe, fair Motorsport

Whether our participants aspire to ride and drive in the tyre tracks of Australia's motorsport greats on the international and national stage or to simply race on any weekend at a local motorsport club somewhere in Australia, they deserve to be represented by credible, internationally affiliated national peak bodies that are able to contribute to and draw upon the global expertise of International Federations so that Australian motorsport can continue to offer world's best practice racing experiences with safety, fairness and integrity at its core for all who choose to participate in it.

The AMC member bodies control, regulate, supervise, promote, licence, permit, insure, develop and manage the overwhelming majority of motorsport in Australia.

The Board plays the leadership role in:

1. Identifying and addressing issues that impact the interests of the member bodies.

2. Unifying the resources and passion of the member bodies to better understand and harness the economic, political and social significance of motorsport.

3. Representing and advocating the interests of the member bodies and their stakeholders to governments and other relevant bodies – both in Australia and overseas.

4. Continuing to develop and grow motorsport beyond the existing levels of participation.

5. Improving and promoting the safety and innovative developments directly attributable to motorsport.

In any sport, it is essential to have sound, well thought out rules that regulate its conduct. This is particularly important in all forms of motorsport, where safety is vital for participants and spectators.

One of the core objectives of AMC's member bodies is to develop and apply the rules and regulations of the sport to ensure that motorsport is always conducted with the highest possible levels of safety and integrity.

In addition to our National Competition Rules, we devote countless hours, years of experience and knowledge garnered from Australian sources and our international affiliations to develop, implement and enforce policies that are designed to keep participants in motorsport as safe as possible.

> "Auto racing began 5 minutes after the second car was built"
>
> Henry Ford

Examples of those by-laws, policies, safety standards, procedures, and regulations include:

**GOVERNANCE**
Board Charter - Statement of Values & Code of Conduct
Authority and Delegations
Financial Policies
National Club Affiliation Requirements
Rule Change Process
Homologation Procedures

**MEMBER PROTECTION AND DISCIPLINE**
Member Protection Policy
Anti-Discrimination Harassment & Bullying Policy
Privacy Policy
Social Media Policy
Acceptable Use of Social Media Policy
Discipline of Members and Tribunal

**SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT**
Alcohol Testing Policy
Safety 1st Policy
Risk Management Policy
Club Risk Management Program
Circuit Safety and Inspection Standards
Circuit Extension Approval policy
Pre-Event Safety Inspection Policy and Checklist
Critical Incident Response Procedures

**INTEGRITY**
Anti-Doping Policy
Whistleblower Policy

**MEDICAL**
Medical Standards
Concussion Protocols

**LICENCING**
Driver and Officials Licencing Rules, Policies and Procedures
Pre-Racing Safety Policy and Procedure
Junior Elite Participation Policy
Officials Grading Policy
Officials Upgrade Policy
Junior Officials Policy

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# AMC's Member Bodies at a glance

The AMC is constituted by Australia's peak motorsport regulatory bodies across the 4 key motorsport disciplines- automobile, motorcycle, kart and drag racing. The AMC's founding members have earned their delegation of authority and responsibility to organise, sanction and control motorsports in Australia from their International Motorsport Federations both of which are **members of the Global Association of International Sports Federations.**

**Our International Federations:**

- The Federation Internationale de 'l Automobile (**FIA**); and
- The Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (**FIM**)

**Australia's FIA Affiliated Bodies:**

- **Motorsport Australia** – Founded in 1953
- **Karting Australia** – Founded In 1963*
- **ANDRA** – Founded In 1973*

*By delegation from the General Assembly of the FIA through Motorsport Australia.

**Australia's FIM Affiliated Body:**

- Motorcycling Australia – Founded in 1928 **

** Including Motorcycling Australia Member States

The AMC members apply and require international best practice safety standards for our participants. It is our policy position that Government should first and foremost recognise the AMC's members as being Australian motorsport's leaders in all aspects of motorsport administration, management and regulation and that they should be the bodies upon which government should rely on the most for advice on motorsport.

AMC members are well-governed, and well-managed sporting regulators. Were they not, they would not hold the International Federation delegation for their sport in Australia.

It is the focussed dedication to the internationally established safety framework, fairness and integrity in motorsport that sets the AMC's members apart from other potential competing bodies.

# Australian Motorsport Council's Purpose

To provide a credible united voice and effective advocacy for Australian motorsport.

One of the major matters that are of concern to different governments right now, the sum of our collective voice far exceeds the four individual parts. As a unified, qualified collective of professional motorsport bodies we can achieve so much more.

Our members are all not-for-profit, member-based organisations that represent more than 335,000 participants and over 1000 clubs.

The AMC members, acting on under authority from International Federations in accordance with the highest standards of rules, policies and procedures ensure that motorsport in Australia is conducted in the safest and fairest possible way.

Motorsport Australia (along with its delegates - Karting Australia and the Australian National Drag Racing Association) and Motorcycling Australia are the motorsport National Sporting Organisations recognised by the Federal Government.

For many different reasons, motorsport has long been misunderstood – by the sporting world, by governments at all levels and by many in the media.

There has never been a more important time for motorsport in Australia to speak with a united voice about the need for good governance, integrity and an uncompromised focus on safety in motorsport that is supplemented by the highest levels of motorsport specific insurance.

AMC members proudly offer and provide the highest standards and values in Australian Motorsport for safety, risk management and mitigation, integrity, competition regulation, event structures, officiating – the first line of protection for all participants. They also offer the highest standards of motorsport specific insurance and the highest levels of cover that is currently in use in Australian motorsport.

Our affiliated Associations and Clubs can rely on them, governments and regulators can and should rely on them.

Understanding the complexities of motorsport is much more challenging than understanding the regulatory requirements and compliance regime of most other sports where an oval inspection, a set of goal post pads and sport-based insurance is largely sufficient for the safety and welfare of officials, participants and spectators.

Where there is an absence of International Federation affiliation and delegated responsibilities that demand the application of the highest standards of rules, and safety, it is the unfortunate reality that lesser safety and integrity standards and lower value insurance cover can start to become the norm for some alternate "regulators."

If the lesser standards become recognised by government, this unwittingly creates unacceptable risk for motorsport participants that the AMC holds, can and should be easily avoided.

The peak motorsport bodies control, regulate, supervise, promote, licence, permit, insure, develop and manage most motorsport participants and events in Australia.

The Board plays the leadership role in:

1. Identifying and addressing issues that impact the interests of the member bodies.

2. Unifying the resources and passion of the member bodies to harness the economic, political and social significance of motorsport.

3. Representing the interests of the member bodies and their stakeholders to governments and other relevant bodies – both in Australia and overseas.

4. Continuing to develop and grow motorsport beyond the existing levels of participation. Improving and promoting the safety and innovative developments directly attributable to motorsport.

# The AMC's Mission for Australian Motorsport

**Outside of the Olympic Sports, motorsport has generated more international success for Australia than most other 'global' sports in this country.**

Motorsport delivers long-term social, sporting, community and economic benefits. It has inspired generations of followers to dream the dream of international competition and to conquer the best that the world has to offer.

The mission of the AMC is to build upon the rich heritage of Australia motorsport, both domestically and internationally and to ensure that all Australian motorsport is conducted with the highest standards of safety, integrity and fairness.

Motorsport has played an important role in Australia's cultural, sporting and economic history for the past 100 years. It is the third most attended and fourth most watched sport in Australia.

Australia has a glorious history in both four-wheel and two-wheel motorsports, having produced multiple winners, Champions and Word Champions in world motorsport including Formula 1, Moto GP (formerly known as the 500cc World Championship), IndyCar, Sportscar, Karting, Rally and Drag Racing along with a stellar group of national racing heroes.

Sir Jack Brabham, Mick Doohan, Alan Jones, Wayne Gardner, Casey Stoner, James Courtney, Troy Bayliss, Jason Crump, Troy Corser, Jason Doyle and Chris Holder have all graced the top step of the motorsport podium at World Championship level, while others including modern day Formula 1 heroes Mark Webber and Daniel Ricciardo, IndyCar Series and Indianapolis 500 winner Will Power, international sportscar and open wheel winner Ryan Briscoe, two-time Dakar Rally winner Toby Price (pictured), and up and comers – Jack Miller and Oscar Piastri have seen the Australian flag flown at the highest levels while standing on the top step of the podium in world competitions.

Domestically, motorsport legends the likes of Peter Brock, Dick Johnson, Allan Moffat, Mark Skaife, Craig Lowndes, Jamie Whincup, Jim Read, Graeme Cowin, Victor Bray, Colin Bond, Neal Bates, Coral Taylor, 'Gelignite' Jack Murray, John Pizarro, Drew Price, Gregg Hansford, Phil Crump, Steven Gall, Jeff Leisk, Norman 'Wizard' Smith are permanently etched in Australian Motorsport culture, history and folklore.

| Our Values | | |
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| Member-oriented | Fairness | Inclusiveness |
| Integrity | Leadership | Excellence |
| Trusted | Innovative | Caring |
| Safety | Sustainable | Perseverance |

All Motorsport disciplines present some of, if not the most complex, logistically demanding sports to organise, no matter whether it is a regular Club competition, a State Championship, a high-profile National event like the Bathurst 1000, Moto GP or the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix.

The AMC advocates that the risk profile of motorsports demands a hands-on, safety 1st approach, properly regulated and supervised risk managed approach to all competitions and that it is never appropriate to accept safety standards lower than those which our national bodies require and enforce.

**Representing**

- Over 1,000 affiliated Motorsport Clubs
- More than 335,000 participants across all motorsport disciplines
- 18,000 Trained and Credentialled Officials
- 460 Licenced Racetracks

**Sanctioning, Regulating, Insuring and Training**
Collectively the AMC member bodies, sanction, regulate and insure 5 International Events, 78 major National Events and more than 8000 State and Club level motorsport race meetings and events each year.

The AMC members provide Australia's highest quality Motorsport Specific insurance – public and product liability and group personal accident insurance for our events, participants, drivers, support personnel, officials and spectators.

Development and training for all participants in motorsport has never been more important. AMC Members conduct training and development programs designed to attract new participants and Officials and to develop current drivers, riders and participants that decide that they want to pursue a career in motorsport.

**Creating Economic Benefit**
Billions of dollars in direct and indirect economic benefit annually, including employing more than 50,000 people in full and part time Australian jobs and directly supporting regional tourism and economic activity.

The direct economic impact of all Australian motorsport is approximately $5.4 billion in direct value add and 9.5 billion in indirect value.

# AMC'S INITIAL POLICY and ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

There has never been a more important time for motorsport in Australia to speak with a united voice about the need for good governance, integrity and an uncompromised focus on safety in motorsport that is supplemented by the highest levels of motorsport specific insurance.

Our initial policy and advocacy priorities are:

**1. INSURANCE**
To advocate to all State and Federal Governments and to work with the Australian insurance industry to establish minimum standards of Liability and Personal Accident Insurance coverage for the benefit of all motorsport participants.

**2. CREDIBLE SANCTIONING**
To advocate to State Governments that whenever they decide to recognise a motorsport sanctioning body, as a SSO or for any other purpose, they should apply a recognition criterion for those bodies that is similar to the 'Sport Australia NSO Recognition Criteria' including but not limited to that the organisation seeking recognition:

- Is recognised as the pre-eminent organisation in Australia by an International Federation which is a member of Global Association of International Sports Federations.
- Is the pre-eminent organisation taking responsibility for the development of the sport in Australia and is accountable at the national level for providing its members with technically and ethically sound sports programs, policies and services.
- The organisation is not for profit and preferably has been a company limited by guarantee for a minimum of three years.
- Has produced financial statements and annual reports in accordance with their legal requirements for the past three reporting periods.
- Can demonstrate it has a national influence for the sport through active members or affiliate bodies working in cohesion and adhere to a strategic direction set by the national entity.
- The organisation is accountable at the national level for establishing and enforcing the key policies that underpin integrity in their sport, including an enforceable Member Protection Policy and an enforceable and current anti-doping policy compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code.
- Can demonstrate it is the single national entity representing all forms of the sport in Australia from grass roots/community through to high performance.

To do otherwise will lead to sub-standard outcomes to the detriment of the motorsport community and the general public.

**3. HOLDING SUBSTANDARD SANCTIONING TO ACCOUNT**
To advocate to all motorsport stakeholders and governments that the growth of profit based, self-proclaimed 'sanctioning bodies' that are prepared to approve lower standards in the way of safety standards, risk management, sports integrity and cheap insurance poses a significant and growing risk for motorsport.

**4. SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS**
To advocate to all governments to provide infrastructure, training and operations and safety grants to grassroots motorsport (as the Victorian Government has recently announced) so that our largely self-funded Clubs that have historically developed the very expensive infrastructure needed for motorsport, can continue to grow and develop.

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