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NATMEET X

CANBERRA, EASTER 6-10 APRIL 2012



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Welcome



Greetings and a very warm welcome to NatMeet 2012, the 10th Anniversary of the biennial meeting of the MX-5 Clubs of Australia, hosted by the MX-5 Club of NSW.

To get a snapshot of the history of NatMeet over the past 20 years see the great article by Elaine Caldwell in this program – Congratulations NatMeet – what an achievement.

Over the next four and a bit days we intend to show you a great time and to prove that there are more than just politicians and public servants to Canberra. From great drives in the surrounds of the ACT and NSW, the spectacular dinner at the Australian War Memorial, the opportunities for a little competition between individuals and states, and some unique locations for our events, the organising committee has worked hard to assemble a program that should have something for everyone.

If you are an experienced NatMeeter you will no doubt enjoy reacquainting yourself with people who have attended up to ten times before. Congratulations if you are one of those. If this is your first time, congratulations on coming, and we think that your experiences in Canberra will have you returning to future NatMeets.

NatMeet is about meeting people who share a like-minded interest in the world's most popular sports car. Where else can you have something in common with everyone you meet? NatMeet is also about fun and participation. So we urge you to be involved.

Thanks to the members of the Canberra Chapter of the NSW Club for their assistance with runs and registration and their local knowledge.

Special thanks to our sponsors – Mazda Australia, Shannons, Meguiar's, Liqui-Moly, Love of Cars, Kumho Tyres, ACDC (no not the band), and Waves Carwash – without whom we could not have put on this event. We trust you will support these sponsors as they have supported us.

Many many thanks to my fellow committee members for their involvement, enthusiasm and persistence in putting together what we believe will be a busy but 'enjoyable' event. I look forward to meeting you and chatting over the next few days.

Please Enjoy!

Peter Feutrill
NatMeet X Chair



Key Information



NATMEET ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Peter & Jill Feutrill	0409 453 322
Phil & Cheryl Ashton	0401 993 304
Keith & Sue Monaghan	0418 976 279
Paul & Margaret Beerworth	0412 006 445



MOTOR SPORT

Clerk of Course – Rod Menzel
Secretary of the Meeting – Zan Menzel
Event Director & Assistant Clerk of Course – Mike Hicks
Administration – Cobie Hicks, Jenny Tuckerman
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Timing – Zan Menzel, Cobie Hicks, Jenny Tuckerman, Narelle Roberts, Marilyn Bridgement
Flags and Lights – Robert Kai, Pam Estreich, Marilyn Bridgement
Grids - Kevin Tuckerman, Phil Roberts, Joe Kovacic, Don Battisson, Peter Battisson
Funkhana - Garry Moss

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Ben Rounsefell – Mazda Australia
Emily Banger – Mazda Australia
Michael Dawson – Mazda Australia
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Peter Prentice – Meguiar's Australia
David Hicks – Kumho Tyres
Peter Battison – ACDC
Robert Sacco – Waves Carwash
Megan Willcox – Scenic World
Ed Cory – Photography
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Lyn North – University House Functions
Wendy Hudson – War Memorial Catering
Alex Donchuk – Vivaldi Catering
Sonia El Daher – Cup Cake Confidential
Greg Rooke – National Film & Sound Archive
Tanya Neumann – Grazing
Bob Gage – Website
Brett Pilgrim – Food on the Run
And last but never least ...
Bryan Shedden – Publications Supremo!

Program - Day 1



FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2012

1:00pm - 5:00pm	Registration	Foyer University House Australian National University 1 Balmain Crescent Acton ACT
At Your Leisure	Wash, polish & prepare your car for Concours and Show & Shine	UH Rear Car Park
From 2:00pm	Hotel Check-In	UH Reception
1:00, 2:00 & 3:00pm	Five Hills Run (Optional Short Run)	Meet at UH Front Car Park Run Organiser: Paul Beerworth
5:30pm	Welcome & Briefing Some drinks included Photos to Display	Good Weather: Fellows Gardens UH Bad Weather: Terrace near Fish Ponds
6:30pm	BBQ Buffet	Good Weather: Fellows Gardens UH Bad Weather: The Common Room UH
7:45/8:00pm	Dessert Buffet Tea & Coffee	The Common Room UH

UH = University House



Program - Day 2

SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2012

7:30am- 9:00am	Breakfast	Fellows Café - UH
9:15am	Briefing	Front Car Park / Street - UH
9:30am	Drive in convoy for individual car photo shoot	Front Car Park / Street - UH Organiser: Paul Beerworth
9:30am-10:00am	Continue to judging of Concours d'Elegance and Show & Shine	Patrick White Lawns Concours Organiser: Phil Ashton
10:00am-12:30pm	Judging A coffee van will be at the venue for you to purchase morning tea	Concours Organiser: Phil Ashton
12:30pm-1:15pm	Picnic Lunch will be served immediately after judging. Don't forget to bring your Picnic Pack with you!	Lunch Organiser: Cheryl Ashton
1:30pm	Depart for "NASA" run to Honeysuckle Creek and Tidbinbilla Tracking Stations	Run Organiser: Paul Beerworth
5:30pm	Australian War Memorial Pre-Dinner Tour (for those who have Booked & Paid)	Meet in UH Foyer for Bus Transfer
6:30pm	Second bus to Australian War Memorial	Meet in UH Foyer for Bus Transfer
7:15pm	Briefing of Evening Events and Pre-Dinner Drinks (drinks included) Dinner under "G" for George (drinks included)	Anzac Hall Australian War Memorial Organiser: Peter Feutrill
10:45pm	Return to UH by Bus	



Program - Day 3



SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2012

WAKEFIELD PARK TRACK DAY

6:30am	Track Day competitors depart	Front Car Park / Street - UH
7:20am	Arrive at Wakefield Park	Braidwood Road, Goulburn
7:30am-8:30am	Registration & Scrutineering	Scrutineering Bay
7:30am-8:30am	Breakfast	Wakefield Park Café (Own Cost)
8:30am	Driver briefing	Wakefield Park Café
9:00am	Driver training & competition commences	
12:30pm	Lunch	Wakefield Park Café (Own Cost)
4:00pm	Complete competition and return to UH	

OPTIONAL DAY RUN & FUNKHANA AT WAKEFIELD PARK

7:30am-9:00am	Breakfast	Fellows Café - UH
9:15am	Briefing	Fellows Café - UH
9:30am	Depart UH for run to Wakefield Park	Front Car Park / Street - UH Organiser: Paul Beerworth
12:30pm	Lunch	Wakefield Park Café (Own Cost)
1:30pm	Funkhana	Organiser: Gary Moss

OPTIONAL WOW (Wives of Wakefield) BUS SHOPPING TRIP

7:30am-9:00am	Breakfast	Fellows Café - UH
9:15am	Meet for prompt 9:30am Bus departure including City Sights Tour of Parliamentary Triangle	UH Foyer Organiser: Cheryl Ashton
10:00am	Old Bus Depot Markets	Kingston
11:30am	Depart Markets for Lunch	Manuka (Own Cost)
1:15pm	Depart Manuka for DFO	Fyshwick
3:15pm	Depart Fyshwick	
3:30pm	Arrive at UH for afternoon rest	

EVENING EVENT

6:15pm	Assemble, dressed as "Stars of Stage & Screen" for evening Briefing	Front Car Park UH
6:25pm-6:30pm	Walk to Venue (5 minutes max.)	National Film & Sound Archive
6:30pm-8:30pm	Drinks and Cocktail Food Dinner	National Film & Sound Archive
8:00pm	Academy Awards - Announcing "Stars of Stage & Screen" winners!	
8:30am-10:00pm	<i>The Gallery will be open for inspection. The Theatre will be screening a special presentation of "Highlights of Motoring in Australia" for your enjoyment.</i>	

Program - Days 4 & 5

MONDAY 9 APRIL 2012

7:30am-9:00am	Breakfast	Fellows Café - UH
9:15am	Briefing	Fellows Café - UH
9:25am	Form Up as directed	UH Front Car Park / Street
9:30am	Runs depart	Gundaroo via Bungendore Run Organiser: Paul Beerworth
12:30pm	Lunch at "Grazing Restaurant" Arrival and eating times are staggered so now is an opportunity to visit the quirky shops!	Gundaroo Organiser: Peter Feutrill
2:00pm	Depart Gundaroo and return to UH	
2:30pm-6:00pm	Free Time	Informal activities to be advised over lunch
6:00pm-6:45pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks (some drinks included)	Good Weather: UH Centre Lawn Bad Weather: UH Great Hall Foyer
7:00pm -	Dinner, Presentations, Entertainment & Dancing	UH Great Hall

TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2012

7:30am-9:00am	Breakfast	Fellows Café - UH
10:00am -	Farewells and Check-Out	

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Participants



First Name	Surname	State/Chapter	NatMeet No.	Car No.
Craig	Armstrong	Brisbane	102	35
Cheryl	Ashton	Sydney	2	50
Philip	Ashton	Sydney	1	50
Kevin	Barnes	Gold Coast	69	63
Suzanne	Barnes	Gold Coast	70	63
Dianne	Barry	Hunter	40	57
Cornelia (Lia)	Battisson	Canberra	53	10
David	Battisson	Canberra	55	44
Peter	Battisson	Canberra	52	10
Russell	Battisson	Canberra	54	18
Margaret	Beerworth	Canberra	57	60
Paul	Beerworth	Canberra	56	60
David	Bolton	Canberra	58	4
George	Boyko	Hunter	3	20
Jen	Boyko	Hunter	4	20
Connie	Brown	Canberra	60	33
John	Brown	Canberra	59	33
Greg	Bunn	Sydney	5	21
Lesla	Bunn	Sydney	6	21
Dianne	Byers	Sydney	8	51
Paul	Byers	Sydney	7	22
Colin	Caldwell	Sydney	9	1
Elaine	Caldwell	Sydney	10	1
Lisa	Capamagian	Brisbane	84	45
Dianne	Charnley	SA	107	36
Greg	Charnley	SA	106	36
Eve	Chell	Brisbane	72	34
Steve	Chell	Brisbane	71	34
David	Collins	VIC	126	76
Gail	Collins	VIC	127	76
Jean	Cook	Sydney	11	52
Simon	Corston	WA	130	46

First Name	Surname	State/Chapter	NatMeet No.	Car No.
Helen	Davies	Brisbane	74	41
Murray	Davies	Brisbane	73	41
Rita	Davis	Hunter	44	5
James	Deakins	Canberra	61	61
Maxine	Deakins	Canberra	62	61
Lorinda	Dressler	Brisbane	76	64
Tom	Dressler	Brisbane	75	64
Ken	Edwards	SA	108	14
Rae	Edwards	SA	109	14
Rachael	Eggins	Canberra	64	47
Fay	Esau	SA	110	72
Pam	Estreich	Sydney	13	43
Raymond	Estreich	Sydney	12	43
Denise	Fair	Brisbane	78	65
Neville	Fair	Brisbane	77	65
Jill	Feutrill	Sydney	15	53
Peter	Feutrill	Sydney	14	53
Rick	Fischer	Canberra	65	7
Ian	Goldney	Brisbane	79	66
Ruth	Goldney	Brisbane	80	66
Bruce	Gray	VIC	128	74
Jenny	Gray	VIC	129	74
Lynda	Gray	Sydney	17	23
Mark	Gray	Sydney	16	23
Deborah	Greenland	Brisbane	132	78
Alison	Greenlees	SA	112	37
Keith	Greenlees	SA	111	37
Bruce	Hanson	Hunter	33	25
Brian	Hegerty	Brisbane	81	11
June	Hegerty	Brisbane	82	11
Cobie	Hicks	Sydney	19	24
Michael	Hicks	Sydney	18	24

Participants



First Name	Surname	State/Chapter	NatMeet No.	Car No.
Maureen	Hilkmann	Hunter	21	30
Peter	Hilkmann	Hunter	20	30
Michael	Howe	Sydney	23	40
Peter	Howe	Sydney	22	40
Rob	Jones	SA	113	15
Sue	Jones	SA	114	15
Robert	Kai	Sydney	24	8
Pamela	Langdon-Walsh	SA	115	38
Barbara	Leyton-Grant	Canberra	67	62
Ian	Leyton-Grant	Canberra	66	62
Stuart	Lutz	Brisbane	83	45
Helen	Mayo	Hunter	26	6
Phil	Mayo	Hunter	25	6
Ed	McCaul	SA	116	16
Margaret	McCaul	SA	117	16
John	McNair	Sydney	27	26
Keith	Monaghan	Sydney	28	31
Sue	Monaghan	Sydney	29	31
Annette	Moss	Sydney	31	54
Gary	Moss	Sydney	30	54
Damon	Muller	Canberra	63	27
Wendy	Parsonage	Hunter	32	25
Amy	Perin	Sydney	35	17
Dave	Perin	Sydney	34	2
Dolores	Perry	Sydney	36	56
Brenda	Phillips	Brisbane	86	67
Peter	Phillips	Brisbane	85	67
Robert	Pimm	Hunter	39	57
Billie	Powell	TAS	125	75
Nils	Powell	TAS	124	75
Elizabeth	Rankin	Brisbane	104	77
Peter	Rankin	Brisbane	105	77

First Name	Surname	State/Chapter	NatMeet No.	Car No.
Narelle	Roberts	Sydney	42	3
Phillip	Roberts	Sydney	41	3
Annette	Roberts Wilde	Hunter	43	5
Dianne	Robertson	SA	119	73
Mark	Robertson	SA	118	73
Mark	Seville	Sunshine	87	12
Bryan	Shedden	Sydney	45	9
Fiona	Shedden	Sydney	46	9
Kay	Sivyer	Brisbane	91	69
Neil	Sivyer	Brisbane	90	69
Arthur	Smith	Sunshine	92	13
Lynette	Smith	Sunshine	93	13
John	Tait	Brisbane	94	70
Marian	Tait	Brisbane	95	70
Annette	Taylor	Sydney	48	58
Lawrie	Taylor	Sydney	47	58
Glenn	Thomas	Sydney	49	32
Ron	Tito	Canberra	68	28
John	Toomer	Brisbane	131	78
Lynne	Trethewey	SA	121	39
Roger	Trethewey	SA	120	39
Anita	Turgeon	Brisbane	103	35
Henri	van Roden	Brisbane	96	71
Maureen	van Roden	Brisbane	97	71
Christopher	Ward	Sunshine	98	19
Wendy	Ward	Sunshine	99	19
Allen	Weber	SA	122	42
Dianne	Weber	SA	123	42
Wayne	Whitford	Sydney	37	56
Matthew	Wilmot	Sydney	50	59
Sandra	Wilmot	Sydney	51	59
Kathryn	Young	Sunshine	101	29
Paul	Young	Sunshine	100	29

History of NatMeet



Elaine Caldwell is a veteran of all nine previous NatMeets. Let's relive them with her highlights.

In 1989 Mike Quist was head of Public Relations at Mazda Australia. Sue Ransom, as deputy PR Manager, was responsible for the launch of the MX-5 and formation of Clubs around Australia. Sue brought all the State Presidents together at Daylesford, north-west of Melbourne, Victoria, in March 1993. It was during this time the concept was proposed for a biennial NatMeet be held over Easter. Grant George, SA President, put up his hand up for the Adelaide Club to run the first national get-together, setting the high standards and basis for all subsequent NatMeets.

THE HISTORIC FIRST NATMEET 1994 – SOUTH AUSTRALIA – ADELAIDE 31 March to 5 April (88 participants)

We were all greeted with great warmth and hospitality – most of the 88 participants travelling long distances (SA–37, WA–14, Vic–10, NSW–23, Qld–4). What an amazing site with 50+ MX-5s every time we set out.

Good Friday saw a cavalcade to Goolwa where we left our very precious new cars in the Church of Christ car park - some owners experiencing anxiety attacks for the first time! We bravely boarded the Cockle Steam Trail (Special MX-5 Carriage) for a scenic coastal ride to Victor Harbor and a seafood lunch. Concours was held at the famous National Motor Museum, Birdwood, which meant frantic washing of cars at the

motel, with only one hose. During our stay we visited many wineries and a very successful race day was held at Mallala.

The grand finale was a dinner at the Ramanda Grand with personalised engraved trophies waiting at the tables, "Inaugural National Meeting – Adelaide 1994". Wow! Presentations and awards, then we danced the night away – an amazing 1st NatMeet – and the MX-5 NatMeet Family was born.

1996 – NEW SOUTH WALES – CANBERRA 31 March to 5 April (84 participants)

Staying at the Sundowner Village with Concours at the Ginninderra Village with Arts & Crafts for the ladies. Travelling on great roads to the Top of Australia, we rode the Ski Tube from Bullocks Flat to Blue Cow - the largest rack railway in Australia, 2000 metres above sea level. Very cold with fantastic views – then lunch at the lovely Crackenback Resort. Other events included a cruise on Lake Burley Griffin after breakfast at the Canberra Yacht Club. Race day was at the new Wakefield Park, purpose built in 1994 for sports car events. The famous Lobby Restaurant, venue for our presentation dinner, intimate and perfect what a great finale.

A large group of Queenslanders came via the Great Ocean Road taking an extra 9 days. They called themselves TORTOISE TOURS, and even had T-shirts printed with their names on the back! What fun.

1998 was to be WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Many hours of trying to go west by road, sea or rail didn't work – even with the Western Australians offering to house us in their own homes to defray costs!

1999 – QUEENSLAND – BRISBANE 1 to 6 April (74 participants)

Bardon Conference Centre was the venue. Southbank Parklands for Concours, in front of the Performing Arts Centre – superb weather and such a magic spot beside the river with lunch close by. Spectacular drives, breathtaking views, twists, turns, rainforest, beautiful valleys and lunch at Riva's on the Noosa



The five state presidents of the Mazda MX-5 clubs with the "historic" 250,000th MX-5. Clockwise from left: Lea Finley (NSW/ACT), David Verna (Qld), Grant George (SA), David Henry (Vic/Tas) and Peter Randall (WA) (kneeling).

River with time after to explore Noosa. Race day at Darlington Park Raceway, Ormeau (closed in 2005). One of our NSW members had a roll over and over, but got away without even a bandaid! These MX-5s are very hardy. The car needed to be towed home.

Presentation dinner at Snug Harbour. Dockside after an exhilarating run to the Gold Coast hinterland with spectacular views of the McPherson's ranges and a group photo. Fond farewells on Tuesday.

2000 – VICTORIA – BALLARAT/MELBOURNE 21 to 26 April (91 participants)

Held one year later to get us back on track, and included two guys from Texas. Ballarat chosen for the fascinating history of the gold rush days, the venue Blythwood Grange.

Arriving at Ballarat with our 'not so clean' cars! We discovered Water Restrictions – NO WATER. Off to Easy Wash – great activity and camaraderie. A very noisy Quiz was held after our Welcome Dinner in the Chapel. Concours on the banks of lovely Lake Wendouree followed by lunch in the Old Castlemaine Gaol, then a "Get-Out-Of-Gaol" navigation run back to Ballarat.

Sovereign Hill – we all dressed for the occasion, dinner and the Light & Sound Show – fantastic. Early start off to Melbourne along the Great Ocean Road, with fabulous scenery and roads built for MX-5s. Lunch at Wayne's Bistro, Apollo Bay.

Twilight sprint meeting for the keen motor sport fraternity at Calder Park Raceway, with the rare opportunity to drive on the Thunderdome plus the extra excitement of racing with the approaching darkness!

Sensational MX-5 roads through the Yarra Valley with brunch on the banks, wine tasting and afternoon tea before heading home for the presentation dinner at The Point, Albert Park Lake. The evening began with a bus ride from the Carlton Crest via the famous Grand Prix track – what a buzz. Wednesday found us all sad to say goodbye and face the long trip home. Another successful NatMeet and great fellowship.

2002 – SOUTH AUSTRALIA – CLARE VALLEY 29 March to 2 April (80 participants)

The 5th NatMeet and back where it all started, renewing old acquaintance and meeting new friends at Clare Country Club. Concours was held on the picturesque golf practice fairway. Then a superb very clean car convoy to historic Martindale Hall, Mintaro for lunch and tour. An SOS went out for as many cars

as possible for a photo shoot and some to "ribbon up" for the wedding of Mike and Teresa Stafforth (who was from the Mazda Design Centre, Irvine, California) at Martindale Hall a little later in the day – of course we all agreed! Navigation run to Burra, picnic lunch provided at time and place of your own choosing. Eight of us never got to Burra – we decided to join together and do group answers. "Team Australia" was formed. 1 couple from each of the 4 states – lots of fun and crazy answers. Collingrove was the venue for the Hillclimb with the lovely old homestead for the girls to visit. Back home to glam up for the Presentation Dinner and Awards. Surprise, surprise they had a sneak preview of the Titanium NB8B on show – what a treat.

2004 – NEW SOUTH WALES – LEURA 8 to 13 April (108 participants)

Ten years since the first fabulous NatMeet in Adelaide in 1994, and this time we had participants from Denmark and UK.

Stage One: Wakefield Park, Goulburn, for the racing fraternity with 33 enthusiastic entrants completing a variety of events and activities.

Day two, a drive to the Blue Mountains to join the MX-5 family at the Mecure Resort, Leura. The "M" themed Welcome BBQ found us mixing with a Magistrate, Medic, Monk, Mother Superior, The Mafia family and the Mini Minor Major and Major Elite Morris family, with lots of Magicians granting wishes. Scenic World, Katoomba for Concours on the lawn – great spot (lots of interest from the public) with the scenic railway or scenicender cable car to ride and explore the valley below. Lunch and movie at The Edge – giant screen (6 storeys high) experiencing waterfalls and towering cliffs close up.

Mount Panorama / Bathurst: Cars were in coloured groups, so when we lined up on The Grid we looked spectacular – as we do! Every boys dream to 'do' a few laps of the famous Mount Panorama Circuit (is McPhillamy Park really that steep?) – what a blast! Lunch at the Goldfields Mine just off Conrod Straight, ending with a visit to the National Motor Racing Museum.

Italian themed dinner – everyone entering into the spirit of red and green. Many twists and turns to Jenolan Caves with a super tour of the oldest cave, and lunch in the Historic Cave House.

Presentation dinner at the Mecure with Bob Hall our Patron handing out the awards and trophies after a



very interesting and amusing speech.

2006 – QUEENSLAND – KOORALBYN
13 to 18 April (67 participants)

A much anticipated event. Track day at Queensland Raceway and exhilarating and challenging day. Simon Corston was the only Western Australian to attend – he drove from Perth to Kooralbyn and returned via ‘The Top’ – his detailed journey is a must to read!

The welcome pack included a tropical shirt with red cars hiding in the flowers, the group photo of NatMeet Queensland is fantastic. The jungle themed Mystery Dinner was exciting. On the buses to the venue, we had Tarzan & Jane, monkeys, tigers, hunters, park rangers, zebras, plus a very sad Kokoda Veteran with his fuzzy-wuzzy angel. We arrived at Dream World on the Gold Coast, a very informative talk on the rare tigers – wonderful specimens. We rode the dodgems and other rides. Buffet dinner and dancing – what a wild night!

The Aussie Muster Show was the next event, the following day. We participated in trying our skill at boomerang throwing, whip cracking (it’s not so easy), riding horses, and milking Daisy – followed by tea and damper.

Beautifully decorated tables for the Presentation Dinner, a cute red – zoom (noise) car for everyone. Henri’s race car and Peter & Ruth’s Titanium car on show in the ballroom.

2008 – VICTORIA – BEECHWORTH
21 to 25 March (126 participants)

Our venue the La Trobe Conference Centre (it used to be the Lunatic Asylum) with various levels of accommodation. The photo competition – to bring a small photo of yourself, around the legal driving age 18yrs. Was a great idea and lots of laughs.

Concours on the front lawn after frantic cleaning the day before. Fresh muffins and coffee, MX-5 camaraderie whilst the judging went on, then a scenic and steep climb to Mt Beauty with lunch at Annapurna Estate Winery. The themed Bush Ranger Dinner with two roving Bushrangers – quoting bush poetry and singing bush songs full of legends. We all sang along and had a bush bashing time.

Day three dawned very early for the track tragics to leave for the famous Winton Raceway with a planned programme of exciting and varied events to enjoy. The NatMeet group photo at Bright Pioneer Park, cars and people – what a shot – then the testing, twisting invigorating roads to Mt Hotham for lunch.

Presentation Dinner at La Trobe with motor sport and Concours awards plus some humorous awards – “Garage Queen”, “In Need of Extreme Make-over”, and “Best Number Plate”. ‘Ghost Tours’ after dark, travelling back to the days of the institution in the 1860s – the living conditions and the jobs of the inmates.

2010 – SOUTH AUSTRALIA – McLAREN VALE
2 to 6 April (136 participants)

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the MX-5 Clubs in Australia with a Welcome Address from Mayor of Onkaparinga.

An exciting programme of social and sporting events – gourmet BBQ, premier wines, local produce, picturesque townships and great MX-5 roads. The Sea & Vines Dinner Dance had us dancing with pirates, seaweed, kings & queens of the vineyards, sun seekers with buckets & spades, and Ruth & Wanda covered in grape coloured balloons! What a fun night and lots of laughs.

Hillclimb at Old Willinga Road a popular stage of the Classic Adelaide Rally. All NatMeet attendees lined up on the grid for a photo shoot (70+ cars), then another group shot on the bends, MX-5s filling the corner two & three deep. Top Shot.

Middlebrook Winery for dinner and show - seafood platters and a wonderful gourmet dinner. The Door Mats entertained us, three guitar playing and singing guys who changed costumes to finish as the ‘straight’ Uncles. Hilarious.

Octopus throwing was part of the beach activities at Aldinga beach. Six cars took up the offer to drive and line up on the beach – what a sight.

Glitz and Glamour was the theme for the presentation dinner. Everyone looked fabulous, amazing what you can fit into an MX-5!

We always had an immense amount of fun travelling to the various states for NatMeet, but the best thrill was to meet up with the MX-5 ‘Family’. Sadly Mike Quist passed away last year and will be sorely missed.

Elaine Caldwell
Historian, Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW, Member 330



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As the hosting Club of NatMeet X, we collectively wish to welcome all participants who have made their way to this landmark event.

The NatMeet X Committee – Peter & Jill Feutrell, Keith & Sue Monaghan, Phil & Cheryl Ashton, and Paul & Margaret Beerworth – have been working tirelessly since before NatMeet IX commenced, and you are now in the pole position to take advantage of the incredible effort of this dedicated crew at the home of our Canberra Chapter and capital of our nation.

The NSW Club has been following a path of considered and consistent growth for some time now, with membership fluctuating between 550 to 650 people. All share a passion for the wonderful little car that allows us to have so much fun and meet so many fantastic people. The nature of the membership distribution has remained fairly consistent with membership being concentrated at three locations: Sydney, Canberra and Newcastle. All three areas continue to have strong patronage in all areas of

the Club activities but the Hunter Chapter does have a real Home Town advantage with the Hunter Valley and its rich array of wines, cheeses, olives and chocolates being so conveniently located!

We have continued with the development of the on-line processing of membership and event registrations and, while this has not been without its challenges, now provides for effective streamlining of these processes significantly reducing the process workload for many of the Committee members. It is anticipated that our on-line presence will be enhanced with the soon-to-be-undertaken refresh of the Club's web site. While the site has served us well, it has become a little tired and has earned the right to be spruced up and enhanced with newer technologies and mediums.

Speaking of sprucing up, Club Torque has been steadily improving over the years since the last NatMeet and is now equal to any high quality full colour magazine. Feedback is that the members enjoy the read and are proud to display this fantastic magazine on their coffee tables. This transformation has been largely to the credit of Bryan Shedden, our current Publicity Officer and President's Award winner. Bryan introduced the use of a professional publishing suite – along with the support and advice of the Publishing Mafia, which seems to have informally formed between the various states – and created a riveting and exciting read. The design of Club Torque is specifically structured to be inclusive of the full spectrum of our membership. Indeed, this Event Program is a product of Bryan's work!



The Club continues to provide a broad range of activities with the Club Track Days being a glowing example of what a dedicated crew can produce. The NSW Track Days continue to set a very high benchmark and remain the envy of many other clubs.





The Club's continued participation in the motor sport realm not only provides members with the opportunity to hone their driving skills within the safety of a controlled environment, it also provides a fantastic arena to have fun and socialise with like-minded motor sport enthusiasts. The quality of these events is such that the visiting Victorian team, during the annual

NSW/VIC interstate challenge, was moved to compliment the efficiency and professionalism of the event – though it is easy to be magnanimous when you have just won the contest! (We will be back Victoria). On a winning note, the MX-5 Club of NSW won the CAMS Supersprint Club Championship in 2010 for a record equaling seventh time, and

missed by the smallest of margins in 2011. We also fared very well in the recent Australian Supersprint Championship held at Eastern Creek, posting some class wins and numerous placings throughout a number of classes.

Of course not everybody likes to drive their cars at speed. Many love the utility offered by the social events such as the various cruises to spectacular destinations while consuming not only the view, but also copious amounts of coffee and fine food! Our Club Captain, Social Secretary and Events Calendar Co-ordinator work tirelessly to ensure that a wide variety of events are provided to meet the equally wide tastes of the membership. The provision



of Cruiser Runs, BreakFast Runs, Coffee & Lies gatherings, twilight events, BBQs, weekends away and formal dining gatherings ensure that there is something for most people to enjoy.

Just to make sure everybody looks the part, our Regalia Officer appears at most events with a huge array of stylish MX-5 clothing. It still amazes us how much regalia can be fitted into one MX-5 boot!

Of course we all know that we need to continually evolve and the Committee of the MX-5 Club of NSW continues to give enthusiastically and passionately to the Club. This contribution was never more evident than at our recent Strategic Planning day which brought forth many terrific ideas as to how the NSW Club will move into the future. The day not only delivered clear understanding of exactly

what is the Club's "reason for being" but also developed the basis for the Club's Mission and Vision Statements. Further to this, the participants documented the Club's Values and divined the metrics required to ensure that we achieve our Mission and Vision. This was an exceptionally achievement by all concerned. Not being

a group to take it easy, the interface to the Club's Business Plan was also significantly progressed and will provide the basis for a focused and productive path into the Club's future.

Considering the numerous successes, elements of progress, continuing growth and the bags of smiles & laughter being produced throughout the club, I would like to report that the MX-5 Club of NSW is running fine!

Wishing you happy & safe motoring!

*Glenn Thomas, President
Mazda MX-5 Club of New South Wales*

Queensland



Welcome to NatMeet X from Queensland. Four days of exciting events await us and our thanks to the NSW NatMeet organising committee for the many hours put in to ensure participants enjoy themselves.

The MX-5 Club of Queensland celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2010 with a year filled with a variety of events culminating in a celebratory dinner at which a number of Lifetime and Founding members reminisced and shared with guests the history of how the club came about and its early years. Many had not heard these stories before and were fascinated by the evolution of the club.

2012 has started with the club membership growing by 20% on that of 2011. Despite the economic downturn it would seem that people find value in being a part of a vital club which offers a variety of motoring events as well as social opportunities.

Our four Chapter Leaders ensure that, weather permitting, there is a Social Run organised each month for all twelve months of the year. Members are intrigued by the different roads and routes which are chosen – many of which they have never travelled before. These Runs bring members of all ages together to enjoy their beloved MX-5s in the company of fellow enthusiasts.

The club's Competition Secretary has kicked off the 2012 motor sport year with the first of the track days held at the end of January. Despite the inclement weather, the event was strongly supported with many positive comments received. A number of personal bests were recorded on the day which makes a great start to the motor sport year. In total, six of these track days are offered throughout the year.

The Committee has undertaken a number of initiatives this year commencing with the implementation of the IMG Sports on-line membership system which our southern colleagues have enjoyed for a number of years. We are expecting this to streamline payments for both members and committee especially around the time of annual renewals, amongst other record-keeping benefits. Our website is currently under development and we expect this to be finalised and in place before you read this article. We have also recently joined the social media world, with our own Facebook Group on which bulletins are regularly posted. This provides access to this social medium for those members who prefer this form of communication tool. To date our Facebook Group has proved a popular point of contact and information-sharing.





2014 will see NatMeet XI being held in Queensland and our organising committee is busily preparing and booking the various venues well in advance to ensure that guests are offered an exciting program in a wonderful Sunshine Coast location. We look forward to taking back with us many tips and ideas from NatMeet X, and glean information from the NSW organising committee. Queensland last hosted this event in 2006, and we look forward to receiving support from our interstate friends. The venue will be north of Brisbane itself and for those who have a little more time – it is the ideal location for a coastal holiday in sunny Queensland.

So we look forward to being a part of this NatMeet and for the camaraderie and friendship for which the event has become famous.

Thanks again New South Wales for having us and remember if you ever find yourself in Queensland, contact us and we would gladly have you join us on either one of our Runs or perhaps even a track event.

Cheers and happy motoring.

Denise Peck, President
Mazda MX-5 Club of Queensland



South Australia



Well here we go again, into our third decade. It's hard to believe that it's been two years since we hosted you all in McLaren Vale.

When I think of all the activities we have had since then, then I know it's at least two years. The 2010 NatMeet gave us a very big shot in the arm and the club has more members than we have ever had.

Events have been so well supported that we find that we now need to plan much more than in the past, so that we can fit everyone in.

We regularly have up to 30 cars on a run. We're not quite sure if they're there mostly for the driving or the eating & drinking – either way they all enjoy themselves.

Since hosting NatMeet IX, we have celebrated 20 years since we started the club. To mark the occasion, we organised a return to our formation meeting at the rotunda at Middlebrook winery in McLaren Vale. This was the place where Peter Emes auctioned off membership numbers to kick-start our bank balance. And it worked (number 1 went

to Ray Edwards thanks to Ken) – the club supplied a cake. We then continued on down to Currency Creek Winery, the scene of our first club run.

Our non-NatMeet years are usually spent in the south-east with our Victorian MX5ers, and February 2011 was the date for our weekend away. We had a great time, using Mount Gambier as our base. We covered it all, from caves to wineries.

Another great day was held at the McCaul's farm, we cooked a lamb on a spit, spuds on the fire and sat around a camp fire celebrating 20 years of the Club.



1991 MX-5 Club Formation Meeting and Auction



2011 MX-5 Club 20th Anniversary Celebration

The club has been more active than ever with mid-week runs that have been very well supported, and are more adhoc than formal organised events. They give our members with common interests the chance to meet, drive and eat.



Our sporting events mainly with the MSCA have gone from strength to strength. Last year's presentation saw us clean up with three class wins, outright champion, 6 hour champions, and best presentation on the day. We certainly have arrived, and a growing number of racers are being convinced to swap to our much more reliable and fun car – something we have known for years.

One of the highlights of 2011, was a Murray River cruise on the Captain Proud, an old paddle-wheeler. We had an early start, stopped for a very nice morning tea at Strathalbyn, and then had Lunch on board. A great day was had by all.

The growth in the Club has been the best years ever. It really helps when you have a committee and members that are always willing to help, and I can only see the Club continuing to grow.

*Ed McCaul, President
Mazda MX-5 Club of South Australia*

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Western Australia



The MX-5 Club of Western Australia would firstly like to wish all of the attendees an enjoyable NatMeet X. Although there is only one attendee from WA, this in no way is a reflection on the importance that our club places on NatMeet. However the reality is that for us to attend, requires considerable effort in time and money and therefore it is inevitable that we will always be under-represented. Having said that, I am sure that our past President and current producer of our excellent magazine, MX-press, Simon Corston, will be very welcome at NatMeet X and will do the WA club proud.

In keeping with the massive expansion of the WA population and economy, our club has grown enormously in membership and activities. In 2011 our membership peaked at over 170 members driving over 130 MX-5s. This represents a doubling of our membership in the last five years. The committee has realised that, to benefit a greater diversity of membership, we would need to expand the number and range of our activities. To facilitate this need we have reorganised the way that our committee functions, giving teams and individuals defined areas of responsibility to attend to specific activities. The result of this is that the club calendar for 2012 contains 53 club activities, which we believe will deliver sufficient variety to keep all of our members interested in the club.

Without doubt our greatest growth area has been motor sport, including funkhanas, driver training and advanced driver training. Last year around 55% of our total membership took part in some form of motor sport activity. We regularly attract over 30 entries to our club sprint and autotest competition series which, we like to boast, is the best organised and best value in the State. Our dynamic motor sport program has, in turn, attracted new members to the club, particularly younger members. Having said that, many of the quicker competitors are, let's say, very experienced drivers, but the youngsters are pushing very hard. With a higher standard of competition come more modifications to our MX-5s

and we now have the first Cosworth supercharged NC in Australia, two V8 MX-5s (and another on the way), plus a number of super, turbo and other racing mods, one of the most potent of which you will see at NatMeet X.

The staples of our social program, which include our monthly cruise, new members and annual dinners, attendance at the Classic Car Show, etc., have been expanded such that we now have more midweek evening events, breakfast meetings, an annual long cruise and a weekend away. Many of these events regularly attract 30 or more MX-5s, plus the occasional other sports car that wants to come along



for the ride. Add to this our bi-monthly magazine, now produced in full colour, our free calendar to inform all members of all events for the year, club merchandise, our website and all the work behind the scenes to keep the club running and we have an exciting club with which we are all very proud. However our greatest source of pride is that we are the friendship-first club.

Although it is difficult for us to attend NatMeet, we are sure that many of you have cause to visit WA from time to time. If you do, try adding a few days, let us know and we can catch up with you on our home ground. Once again, all of us in WA wish all of you a great NatMeet.

Barrie Parker, President
Mazda MX-5 Club of Western Australia



Victoria and Tasmania



Nothing stands still in Victoria / Tasmania

Hello and welcome from Victoria and Tasmania to NatMeet X.

Although our Victorian/Tasmanian contingent is disappointingly small this year, I'm sure those present will more than make their presence felt!

Much has happened in the Victorian/Tasmanian Club since the last NatMeet. At the beginning of 2012, and building on the work of a special sub-committee formed to review our current progress and practices, we brought our committee and all our Chapter leaders together for a weekend to discuss the future of the club and address better ways to serve our 500-strong membership across the two states.

The first outcome was to change our club name, to the "*Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania*".

With constantly-increasing member numbers, due in no small part to increased retention of members through our Regional Chapters, we also further decentralised our club management and event organisation and now have six Chapters – Central (based in Melbourne), North-eastern Victoria, Western Victoria, Eastern Victoria, and Southern and Northern Tasmania – to help bring more of the fun of MX-5 fellowship to owners no matter where they are in either state.

With such a broad range of ages and interests among our members, our committee and Chapter Captains work hard to serve up a wide choice of social and motor sport activities to make sure we have something for everyone. Social events include the usual pleasant Sunday runs, as well as twilight and night runs, rallies, scavenger hunts, new member, games and other social nights, weekends away and more. The brightest highlight each year for many of

us is the annual dawn run down the Great Ocean Road from Melbourne to Apollo Bay, which continues to attract a large convoy.

We were pleased at different times to welcome members from interstate and even overseas on our regular runs, and were delighted to host visits from interstate Presidents Ed McCaul (SA), Glenn Thomas (NSW) and Denise Peck (Qld). This face-to-face time provides great opportunities to learn from each other and continuously improve our clubs.

Broader horizons continue to beckon with our biennial joint weekend away with the SA club (held each "non-NatMeet" year), this time in Mt Gambier. Plans are afoot for a group of Victorian members to tour Tasmania again (also in a "non-NatMeet" year), whilst others are planning to attend John Hewitt's "Back to Bavaria" gathering in Washington state, USA.

Our motor sport side continues to enjoy a surge of popularity, with more and more members discovering the joy of improving their driving skills whilst hurtling around some of Australia's best circuits. As well as driver training, the program has included sprints, hillclimbs and motorkhanas, but the outstanding highlight was the team's second placing in the AROCA Winton 6-Hour regularity event in October, beating all but one BMW team in the field of 40-plus teams. We have continued

our building rivalry with the NSW pilots in the annual "interstate" challenge, especially as Victoria holds the current bragging rights over NSW with the first-ever win by the "away" team. Everyone is looking forward to this year's return event at Phillip Island.

We continue to pride ourselves on the standard of our club communications, led by the extraordinarily



high-quality monthly magazine, “mxtra”, our very comprehensive website and regular member e-mails keeping members abreast of upcoming events, as well as our Facebook Group. We can’t stand still, however, and plans are underway to improve our website to accommodate the ways many of us – especially our younger members – like to communicate.

A sad note was the untimely passing of Mike Quist in June 2011, just a few months after he was awarded life membership of our club. Mike was Mazda Australia’s Public Relations Manager at the time the MX-5 was launched, and it was he who masterminded the formation of all the state Mazda MX-5 Clubs we enjoy so much today. To mark his contribution, we re-named our annual Club Championship award in his honour.

As with all successful volunteer organisations, nothing would happen without the hard work of our dedicated committee, Chapter Captains and their partners and supporters, and I thank them most sincerely for their initiative and energy.

Finally, on behalf of all participants at NatMeet 2012, I would like to thank NatMeet Chairman Peter Feutrill and his team for all their work in bringing this fantastic event together.

But, most importantly, to you, the participants of this wonderful event ... please take full advantage of all that’s on offer over this weekend – the more we put in, the more we will all enjoy the event!

See you on the road and remember ... look up, stay back!

***Murray Finlay, President
Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania***



NatMeet Champions



1994 – South Australia

Club Champion - Western Australia
Individual Champion - Paul Heeks (NSW)

1996 – New South Wales

Club Champion - New South Wales
Individual Champion - Dave Perin (NSW)

1999 – Queensland

Club Champion - Queensland
Individual Champion - Henri Van Roden (Qld)

2000 – Victoria

Club Champion - South Australia
Individual Champion - Henri Van Roden (Qld)

2002 – South Australia

Club Champion - Queensland
Individual Champion - Kim Cole (Vic)

2004 – New South Wales

Club Champion - New South Wales
Individual Champion - Henri Van Roden (Qld)

2006 – Queensland

Club Champion - South Australia
Individual Champion - Roger Trethewey (SA)

2008 – Victoria

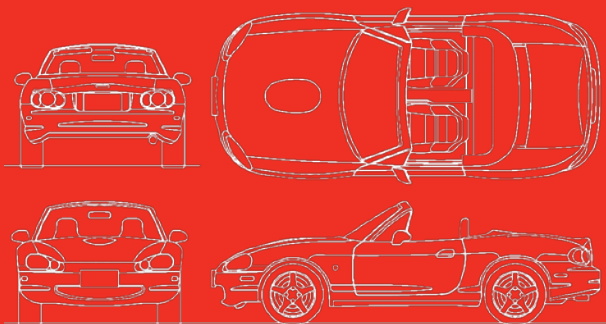
Club Champion - South Australia
Individual Champion - Stewart Clode (NSW)

2010 – South Australia

Club Champion - Queensland
Individual Champion - Wanda Seville (Qld)

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Points Scoring & Awards

Individual Champion Trophy

The following points will be allocated to individual participants for Natmeet events. These points will also be used towards your State's points:

Participation	Points
BBQ photo entrant	2
Concours entrant	5
Show & Shine entrant	3
People's Choice entrant	2
Track Entrant	5
Funkhana entrant	3
Sunday night costume entrant	5
Concours/Show & Shine judge	4
Funkhana helper	4

Competition	Points
Concours & Track	1st = 9 2nd = 6 3rd = 4 4th = 3 5th = 2 6th & below=1
Show & Shine, Track Regularity, Funkhana	1st = 5 2nd = 3 3rd = 1
People's Choice winner	4
Winner photo competition	3
Winner Best dressed male (Sun night)	3
Winner Best dressed female (Sun night)	3

National Champion Trophy

The Champion state is determined using cumulative points from individual entrants combined with a State "fudge factor". The "fudge factor" is a multiplying factor assigned for each State and Chapter.

The concept of the "fudge factor" takes into account the distance travelled by members of a State Chapter to the NatMeet location, the number of Chapter members and the number of State members as at 31st December the year prior to the event.

The "fudge factors" for NatMeet X are:

State	Chapter	Fudge Factor
NSW	Canberra	1.00
	Sydney	1.12
	Hunter	1.77
Vic & Tas	Melbourne	1.61
	Tasmania	5.92
WA	Perth	6.19
Qld	Brisbane	2.42
	Gold Coast	3.30
	Sunshine	3.49
SA	Adelaide	2.63

The "fudge factor" is only applied to "place" points earned in the competitive events: Concours, Track and Funkhana. The "fudge factor" does not apply to participation points.

Example:

Joe Bloggs from Gold Coast Chapter in Queensland (3.30 fudge factor) enters the photo competition, Concours (3rd in class), track day (4th in class), and the fancy dress. For this, his Club earns $2 + 5 + 4 \times 3.30 + 5 + 3 \times 3.30 + 5 = 40.1$ points.

NatMeet Awards



Unless otherwise shown, trophies are sponsored by Mazda Australia.

Trophies and other prizes will be awarded during our dinner on Monday evening for:

» **NatMeet X Champion – Individual**

» **NatMeet X Champion – Club**
(perpetual trophy)

» **Concours d'Elegance**

- Best NA
- Best Modified NA
- Champion NA
- Best NB8A
- Best NB8B
- Best Modified NB8A
- Best Modified NB8B
- Best Modified NB SE
- Best Modified NB SP
- Champion NB
- Best NC
- Best NC Roadster
- Best Modified NC
- Champion NC
- Best in Show

» **Show & Shine**

- Best NA
- Best NB
- Best NC

» **Winner People's Choice award**
Concours/Show & Shine
(as voted by all attendees)

» **Funkhana**

- Winner

» **Track Day Wakefield Park**

- Fastest Standard NA
- Fastest Modified NA
- Fastest Standard NB
- Fastest Modified NB
- Fastest Turbo NB
- Fastest Standard NC
- Fastest Modified NC
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Track Day

Wakefield Park has been the “Home” track for the MX-5 Club of New South Wales for the past fifteen years. Following the success of hosting NatMeet in 1996, the club held its first track day here on the 3rd March 1997, with a small band of 21 keen enthusiasts. Today’s event will be the club’s 94th track day/supersprint at this circuit.

Wakefield Park is ideal for our circuit activities. It is a particularly safe circuit 2.2 km in length with ten corners in each lap. The circuit is very open with plenty of run-off on each corner. Gravel traps are on the outside of turns two and ten at the end of the circuit’s two straights. Built on the side of a hill, the circuit provides variation in altitude and in the nature of each corner, thus providing the competitor with a variety of technical challenges all around the track. I’m sure that after driving it you will agree that it is an MX-5 friendly circuit.

Carports will allow you to unload your “gear” and provide you with protection from the weather. The circuit Café can provide you with

food and beverages to satisfy your appetite during the day. Lap timing will be provided by our enthusiastic team of time keepers, with results available at the completion of each run. The results will be displayed on screens in the timing tower, and print-outs of individual times posted upstairs in the timing tower.

We trust that you will enjoy your day at Wakefield Park.

***Mike Hicks, Competition Secretary
Mazda MX-5 Club of New South Wales***

Funkhana

Funkhana has an emphasis on *fun*. It will be held at a special layout within the Wakefield Park complex and entrants will be able to participate after the run from Canberra arrives on Sunday. It is a first gear event with no particular skill level required and involves a few novelty events for driver and passenger. Entry will earn participation points for you and your State, and a trophy will be awarded to the winner.





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