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Editorial

It's coming up to my favourite time of year. Christmas is always the same in our house. The Aunties are in the kitchen, cutting all the food into cubes and arguing about the right way to make custard. The Uncles will stand around the BBQ, agreeing that there is only one thing to do with the lone remaining sausage. "Let's leave it, it'll be a diamond by dinner time." And the cousins go to battle as they embark upon yet another year of the "Lego Wars". Christmas is a time for a break in the routine. Normally, I will do anything to avoid shortbread and fruit cake but come Christmas, I'll eat them happily because they came in a hamper. It's a time I find myself in Bunnings asking, in all seriousness, if they gift wrap.

New Year's Eve is all about champagne, fireworks and making impossible resolutions. I love New Year's resolutions because you can promise anything and come New Year's Day, no-one will remember. Every year, my resolutions are the same - I have washed my car once this year. In 2015, I will wash it twice. Even if it doesn't need it.

There's been a bag of old clothes in my boot for three months. In 2015, I will take them to the Vinnie's bin. And actually put them in. I will stop telling people I have a "Mazda-arti". Especially the guy at the end of my street who has a "Maserati" and is clearly not fooled. I will no longer red-line or practice heel-toe on the school run.

So, this time next year, you will know that:

- My car still looks like it works down the mines,
- My daughter now prefers to take the bus
- And there'll still be a bag of old clothes in the boot.

There is one resolution that will be easy to keep in the coming New Year. To get along to more MX-5 Club NSW events. With a jam-packed calendar, there are plenty to choose from. We've made it an easy resolution to keep with our 2015 social events planner on page 22 and motorsports planner on page 38.

Wishing you all diamonds by dinner time and a safe and happy festive season.

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NSW MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL
669
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The membership number is down due to the renewal phase at this time of year. The months of October and November is the largest renewal phase with almost 35% of our members renewing in this period. Please check your membership cards to ensure you have current membership. If not, please renew online or contact the membership database secretary at membership@mx5.com.au

**NEW
MEMBERS**
39

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome!

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Andrew Blinn
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James Collison
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PRESIDENT'S BRIEF

BY BRYAN SHEDDEN

Welcome to our fourth and final edition of Club Torque for 2014. Our 2014 AGM is out of the way and the new Club Committee is firmly focussed on the task ahead.

Grand Plans

Planning for 2015 is well underway. It promises to be a special milestone for the club with our 25th Anniversary. Planning has already begun for a gala celebration that will see us return to Vicary's Winery, Luddenham, where 104 MX-5 owners founded our club in 1990. It will be held in September in conjunction with the President's Picnic, Concours d'Elegance and Bits & Bling. It's going to be a huge event and we're planning for unprecedented attendance. If the stars align, we hope to have the ND MX-5 available for people to look over.

The Committee will also be working on improving our club regalia offer, establishing a business directory with member discount offers, and conducting a membership survey to gauge your opinion on how the club is travelling and where we should be headed.

Sydney Chapter

The Sydney Chapter has come a long way since July 2013 when it was formally recognised as a regional Chapter. Guy Coles has done a superb job as Convenor, with a focus on building the social foundations via monthly dinner meetings, coffee & lies, and a strong social media presence. These changes have not been without controversy, and there is still plenty of opportunity and

desire to improve. The next step is to establish a Sydney Chapter Committee so that tasks can be spread around and the job made so much easier. Several volunteers have already come forward to offer assistance with organising runs and Chapter regalia. Hopefully this will form the basis of a vibrant Sydney Chapter Committee similar to what already exists in Canberra, Hunter and Illawarra Chapters. Offers of help are always welcome and very much needed, so please contact Guy at sydney@mx5.com.au if you want the Sydney Chapter to survive and prosper.

Registration sheets

Every time you participate in a club run, it is a requirement that you complete the registration sheet with your name, member number, rego, and contact number. Why? For several reasons:

1. It is a requirement of our CAMS permits which provide liability insurance for the protection of the club, our organisers and run leaders.
2. By signing the form, you are acknowledging the conditions of participation in the event.
3. It gives you an opportunity to check your membership card to see if you are due for renewal – you must be a financial member to continue enjoying the benefits of club membership.
4. If you get lost on a run, the run leader can call you and help return you to the group. Your rego number is useful for

identifying who has gone missing.

5. The registration sheets are used to allocate "Member of the Year" (MOTY) points which recognise our most active members. This is a prestigious club-wide award and there are also Chapter MOTY awards. Correctly recording your membership number makes this job easier.
6. The MOTY data is analysed by the Committee to determine participation rates so that we can learn what events are popular and identify areas for improvement.
7. Participation levels are used by the Committee for pro rata allocation of funds to each chapter, to purchase thankyou gifts for our organisers, leaders, etc. We would be nowhere without our volunteers and this is a great way of ensuring that they feel appreciated.

At many of our social dinners, coffee & lies, etc, we have tended not to worry about registration sheets as they don't require a CAMS permit. However, several chapters log their attendance and factor it into their Chapter MOTY awards. For some members, these purely social events may be their only activity with the club. So in the interests of gaining a more accurate picture of club participation levels, you will begin to see simplified registration sheets appearing over the table.

By The Numbers - 2014 AGM

35

drivers
attended
the club
Motorkhana

36

first
timers
took to
the track
for our
Marulan
Driver
Training
Days

56

MX-5
Club NSW
members
attended
the AGM

75

MX-5
Club
NSW
runs were
held

94

MX-5s
were on
display at
this year's
President's
Picnic

175

drivers and
officials
attended our
Club Track
Days

Social events were held this year



7.1%

the current per
annum growth in
membership

\$9000
raised by the MX-5 Club of NSW for charity

1007

points was the
winning margin for
our team in the
CAMS NSW
Supersprint
Championship



37

drivers competed
in this year's
CAMS NSW
Supersprint
Championship

714 Financial members

72 members received 5 Year Tenure Award Badges

18 members received 10 Year Tenure Award Badges

10 members received 15 Year Tenure Award Badges

2 members received 20 Year Tenure Award Badges

MX-5 Club of NSW AGM Awards Presentation

22 October 2014

Certificates of Appreciation were all present to our Club Sponsors Appreciation in recognition of their ongoing support. Certificates will also be presented to Mazda Australia, Deckspeed Racing, Blue Mountains Mazda and MX-5 Solutions.



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President's Award for Extraordinary Service to the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW

The President's Award recognises Extraordinary Service to the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW. The highly deserving winner this year was **David Lawler**.

Exactly one year ago, David was elected to the daunting role of Competition Secretary, after Mike Hicks' retirement. David has worked very closely with Mike who continues to organise our club track days, while David has been Clerk of Course at recent track days. David was very keen to win back the Supersprint Championship for our club, and maximised our chances by coordinating the recruitment of as many entrants in as many classes as possible. It worked because we won

the 2014 club championship by a comfortable margin. David helped Craig Durrant with getting the MX-5 Cup race series accepted by the Committee, and was also a keen participant.

Motorkhana is a passion for David and his wife Gaynor, and he was the driving force behind our first motorkhana in many years, held at Sydney Motorsport Park in March.

We also held a very successful Driver Training Day at Marulan.

David has been a driving force in promoting our motorsport activities in the best possible light and is an active advocate for our club.



Membership Tenure Awards

Keith Monaghan, our Club Membership Database manager, presented Membership Tenure Award badges to those members who had achieved 5 Years, 10 Years, and 15 Years of continuous membership in the Club during 2014.

President's Picnic 2014

14 September 2014 - Report by Michael Soulos, Photos Mel Keller, Bryan Shedden, Rod Carter

The Club held its annual President's Picnic at Tunks Reserve in the Lane Cove National Park on Sunday 14th September 2014 with 147 people registering and more turning up on the day. As in recent years the Club conducted its car judging events prior to lunch and the winners for 2014 are:

Best in Show	Adam Rumjahn
Peoples' Choice	Lindsay Green
Gran Prix De Dames	Kim Ranger
NA Concours	Colin Caldwell
NB Concours	Mark Gray
NC Concours	Mark Underwood
NA Bling	David Perin



Certificates of Merit: Bill Adams, Dave Bolton, Gary Nobrega, Mark Sando

NB Bling	Riko Rubin
	Certificates of Merit: Lindsay Green, Peter Reid, Joshua Fitzgerald, Andrew Mulyk, Alan Vuong

NC Bling	Adam Walker
	Certificates of Merit: Guy Coles, Peter Feutrill, Trevor Griffiths, Kim Ranger, Trevor To

NA Modified Bits	Gary Nobrega
NB Modified Bits	Riko Rubin
NC Modified Bits	Trevor Griffiths
	Certificate of Merit: Phil Ashton





The 2014 Jinba Ittai Go Kart Championship

2 November 2014 Nov - Written by Graham Fletcher Photos by Mel Keller and Guy Coles

Founded by the Illawarra Chapter's Peter Feutrill in 2013, the Jinba Ittai Go Kart Challenge is now a hotly contested annual event.

A strong crowd gathered in the prefect sunshine for the event with RPM's cheer squad, led by Ron and Bridget Gallop, wowing us all with their enthusiasm and their pom poms. Teams travelled from far and wide to compete for the bragging rights of what was to become an epic battle between ambition and ability. At the end of the day no amount of sledging was going to win the title, it was and should always be, down to a team effort.

Bryan Shedden (Illawarra) led a strong contingent up from the South consisting of Peter Feutrill, Phil Reid, Kim Ranger, Jill Feutrill and Jan Gibson. Mark Gray (Hunter) brought the hopeful from the North including Karl Mittman, Chris Rhodes, Wendy Parsonage, Lynda Gray and Andrew Mulyk. Guy Coles (Sydney) headed west with Gary Nobrega, Adam Rumjahn, Steph Katz, Joey Fong and Mel Keller. The host team, headed by Lesa Bunn (RPM), featured Jason Atkins, Graham Fletcher, Ray Legge, Tammie Hotz and Sandra Duric.

After team photos, the ladies hit the track. First casualty was Kim Ranger who pushed the accelerator cable so hard that it broke and she had to retire with only 7 laps complete. Lesa Bunn pushed so hard that she decided it might be quicker to do the shortcut via the 4WD track and this didn't prove as effective a first thought. Meanwhile, RPM's Tammie Hotz casually cruised around the track and won the timed event by 2.492 seconds ahead of Sydney's Steph Katz.

Next on the circuit was the men's Race 1 and this was not going to be easy for any driver. Sydney's Adam Rumjahn muscled the kart around the track to set the best time for the day so far with an electric time of 52.360 seconds and took race 1 by .191sec from yours truly.

On the other hand, managed to beat Sydney's Guy Coles (Racing legend) by .249sec in a convincing show of skill, tenacity and plain good luck.

The second ladies' race was epic with Joey Fong from Sydney deciding that Lesa may have had the right idea and tried out that 4WD track. Again Tammie cruised comfortably to win the second race by a clear 1.081 seconds. Lesa stayed on track for second place, .098 seconds ahead of Steph. All of the ladies came off the race track with sore arms and huge grins. Joey looked a sight as she entered the shed, covered in twice as much mud as Lesa and muttering something about hitting a wombat in the nearby bushland.

Race 2 for the men proved to be a classic with yours truly not wanting to lose again to the young Adam Ramjahn from Sydney. During the race, minutes felt like hours as the lead changed by miniscule amount and this reflected the passion for racing that all the contenders have. Exhaustion turned to elation when I entered the shed to see that I had produced one off lap time of 52.102 (no short cuts) and beating Adam by 0.258. Adam in turn had beaten Guy into second place by 0.577 seconds. The race for number 1 was going to be decided on thousands of a second and all contenders waited for the results to be loaded into the computer. Gillian Fletcher (RPM) and Pam Estreich (RPM) were very helpful and much appreciated timekeepers.

Bridget Gallop and hubby Ron played a deserving role in the presentations of awards as their enthusiasm throughout the entire day was outstanding. Lesa Bunn, head of the host Chapter was called to the Podium to present the perpetual trophy for 2014 which as we now know went the best team for the day. Guy Coles accepted the award again for the Sydney Chapter (2nd Year in a row) having led a marvellous team effort closely followed by RPM, Illawarra and Hunter respectively. Done and dusted for another year it was time to relax at the local RSL where many a story and a good meal was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who put in the effort (supporters and drivers) and to those who travelled a long distance to make this event such a success. Congratulations to Sydney on the win and putting up their hand to host next year's event. Hopefully this event will continue to grow in strength from year to year.

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A Play in Pete's Backyard

28 September 2014 -Report Adam Walker Photos by Peter Reid

The BreakFast Club face a fresh challenge. To keep cars, and their drivers, fully fuelled during a run around Canberra.

There aren't many one-day club runs where you have to factor in a fuel stop or two. The latest BreakFast Club run was no exception. Six members/cars met up at Pheasants Nest service station for what became an 850km journey down and around our Nation's Capital.

We promptly left at 7:30am and headed for our Breakfast stop at Roselea Cafe (Lake Bathurst), picking up Trevor and our Club President Bryan at Sally's Corner along the way.

Getting bored of the freeway driving, a turn at South Marulan had us on the backroads bypassing Goulburn, down past Wakefield Park and to Lake Bathurst where our Canberra members were patiently table sitting. After BIG breakfasts all round, there was a quick briefing from Peter Battisson, before we hit the road south down along the wide open roads, through Bungendore and Wombuin, into the back end of Canberra. A quick refuel in Queanbeyan, Pete then led us down



Tidbinbilla Road and down to the "Dish". Then we continued along the delightfully twisty Paddy's River Road to Cotter Dam, and Brindabella Road. These are must do roads if you are in Canberra with your Roadster! From there, we waved goodbye to a few members and ventured down to one of the best stretches of road I have ever driven - the old Wee Jasper Road. This road is definitely a bucket list item for every MX-5 driver. It's a very technical bit of road with wide open stretches then down into 25km/h hairpins as you snake your way down and around the Murrumbidgee River and into

Wee Jasper. The scenery this time of year is spectacular!

All up 10 members/cars attended with everyone having a great day, and a well-deserved sleep that night! A massive thanks to Peter Battisson for showing us his Backyard!



Reggie's Hawkesbury Valley Run

27 October 2014 Report and Photos by Adam Walker

Around a year ago, we decided to try a new thing with the BreakFast Club: to have some short (100km) runs on a Saturday to cater to members that have busy Sundays. This run did not disappoint! Thanks to Bryan's weekly events email, I had an influx of phone calls the night before - this was going to be a great run!

Everyone met up at Mount Colah McDonalds for a quick coffee and a run brief for the morning. It was decided to convert this to a convoy run instead of the traditional BreakFast Club's Waypoint run. 11 cars with 14 members (and two future members) left the car park at Mount Colah and headed south before a spirited run down the always fun Galston Gorge. From there we picked up another member at Arcadia and made our way down to the first stop at Wisemans Ferry.

After the re-group it was time to hit the famous River Road, the 45km stretch snaking along the southern end of the Hawkesbury River. The bumps and undulations were a real test for everyone's suspension. If you haven't done this road before,

put it on your list of MX-5 friendly roads - the longest straight bit of road is about 300m.

We promptly arrived at our ferry crossing at Sackville. The ferry operators managed to fit us all on for the quick dash across the Hawkesbury. I could hear stomachs grumbling as we crossed the river. From there it was only a quick 15 minute blast to our final destination at the Bellbird Echo Cafe, Kurrajong

Hills where we re-arranged the furniture and had a great brunch. From there everyone said their farewells and departed in every direction towards home.

If anyone finds themselves up on the Bells Line of Road, definitely make the Bellbird Echo Cafe a priority stop!



Adventure to Forbes and Parkes

30 August – 01 September - Words and Photos by Iris & Tony McDonald

On a beautiful sunny morning a group of 17 enthusiastic starters in 9 cars headed off in convoy up the Barton Highway past Yass, before branching onto Lachlan Valley Way north to Boorowa. After a relatively short run, we arrived at the Superb Bakery in Boorowa for a life-saving coffee and assorted edibles.

Fully re-fuelled, the group retraced its steps a few kilometres to the Harden turnoff leading to Young and Grenfell. We then took a small detour to see the memorial marking Henry Lawson's birthplace, before pressing on to Forbes.

Shortly after midday, we arrived at McFeeter's Motor Museum in Forbes where we lined our cars up on the forecourt for a photo opportunity. The owners of McFeeters took some publicity shots which they will use in their future advertising. Photos over, we had a pleasant lunch in the museum café before being provided with a lengthy guided tour of the museum. Bill McFeeter had a very detailed knowledge of the various cars in the museum, and provided many comical insights about the cars and their previous owners.



Later in the afternoon, some of the more adventurous decided to avail themselves of a wine tasting offered at the site. We checked into our motel and enjoyed a short 'happy hour' followed by a wonderful group dinner.

Sunday morning saw us off to the CSIRO Observatory at Parkes (as featured in the movie 'The Dish') for morning tea and a personalised

tour of the observatory by the site manager. The tour was very informative and provided access to areas usually restricted to CSIRO staff only. A quick alfresco lunch followed before all but two cars returned to Parkes to visit the Elvis Museum. Then back to Forbes for a short rest before walking into town to a lovely old pub with a great bistro for dinner.

The return trip to Canberra was via Cowra where a detour to the Japanese Gardens was made for morning coffee before the run home. The run was a great success, in particular our visit to the Parkes Observatory.





Nature and Telescopes

Words and Photos by Norm and Roz Barker



On a sparkling spring day, 9 cars met at Russell for a relaxed 10.30am start. It couldn't have been better weather for our journey through Queanbeyan, Googong, Burra and out to Tidbinbilla via Tharwa. Many commented they had not been to Tidbinbilla for many years.

Our first stop was Googong Dam and it was great to see the water level so high, running over the spillway.

The paddocks were green as we drove through Burra out to the Monaro Highway and on through southern Tuggeranong to Tharwa and across the old wooden bridge to Tidbinbilla Nature reserve. On the way we caught up with another car club run with a number of MGs. Parking next to the information centre, we set up for a picnic lunch and some had a stroll to commune with the local wildlife.

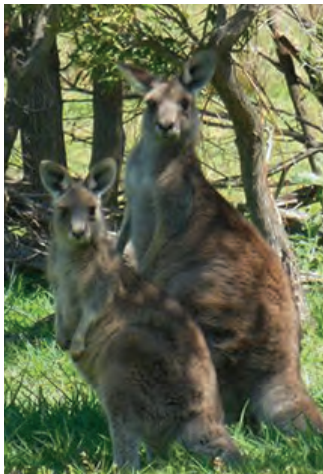
A final stop was made at Mt Stromlo Observatory, after a run through the Cotter reserve, for another photo opportunity and farewells. A very relaxing Sunday was had by all and the famous line "How's the serenity?" was overheard on several of our stops.

This road is highly recommended for both a great MX5 road and the spectacular scenery along the way. The group sampled the delights of the Bemboka Pie Shop before heading

to Cooma, where we enjoyed a light lunch at the Two Vaults cafe. After that it was home at our own pace. Some intrepid shoppers also helped support the local Cooma economy

before heading off.

We all agreed that this was a very relaxing weekend and we will definitely repeat this run in a couple of years.



A Magnificent Mudgee Meander

27 – 29 September 2014 - Words - Diana Keeling Photos - Tony McDonald

On a beautiful spring morning, nine Canberra members set off on the 2014 Magnificent Mudgee Meander. Sadly, our “Little Blue Toy” that was to lead the run “took sick” on the morning of departure - so it was in 4 MX5's and a Subaru Liberty GT that

not so surprising that the majority of our group declined the option of a formal dinner that evening. Sunday morning was free time – to explore art and craft shops and historic buildings in town or visit the nearby town of Gulgong. The key event of

The motorcycle museum at the winery also provided interest, particularly for Ken, who noted in the collection a 1954 BSA 350cc Gold Star DB32, the same as one he rode at Easter 1958 around the Mt Panorama circuit.

Monday morning saw us on the road to Bathurst for a lap of the Mt. Panorama Circuit and a visit to the National Motor Museum. Surprisingly, even at the very sedate 60kph speed limit, crossing over Skyline to drop down into the Essess was an interesting experience.

Our Magnificent Mudgee Meander concluded after lunch in Cowra, when our little group broke up, some to visit the memorial Japanese Gardens whilst the rest headed for home. Once again, everyone seems to have not only had an enjoyable weekend but also reinforced the bonds that keep us together.

The Mudgee Meander-ers

Malcolm Bernhardt
Diana & Ken Keeling
Bricet Kloren & Bob Judd
Barry Matson & Elfie Gahan
Iris & Tony McDonald

our little convoy headed for our first regroup stop at Taralga.

All went well until the Goulburn-Taralga sector when we caught behind a very large transporter carrying a wind-turbine mast. After 25 very slow kilometres, we had a more enjoyable run to Oberon for the mandatory coffee fix. We then took the byways east of Oberon to Lithgow before taking the Mid-Western Hwy and Bylong Valley way to Rylstone for lunch. We later reached Mudgee via Lue Road. Despite the inauspicious snail-like section behind “the windmill”, we had an enjoyable drive of some 450kms over interesting roads and great “top down” weather.

Arriving at our Mudgee motel, we met the RPM contingent of 11 cars who had already arrived before meandering off to the Mudgee Food and Wine Festival. After considerable grazing of food-stall offerings and sampling offerings from the vigneron, it was perhaps

our Sunday was a visit the Robert Stein Winery and dine at their Pipeclay Pump House Restaurant. The food and wines were excellent.



Whale Watching in Eden

25 – 26 October - Words and Photos by Norm and Roz Barker

It is often said “It’s not the destination but the journey”, however on this occasion it was definitely both!

Starting on a perfect morning, 9 cars met at Monaro Highway Caltex servo at Hume for an 8 am start through Cooma to Berridale. Morning tea was enjoyed in the sunshine at the Two Moos Plus cafe. We then headed to Dalgety (one of the sites considered as the National capital in the early 1900s, now home to 80 people), then on past the wind farms to Bombala. From Bombala it was a picturesque run through the forests along the Imlay road to the coast.

We arrived at the Seahorse Inn, Boydtown in time for lunch and a free afternoon to explore the beautiful surroundings. We all agreed that it was a shame that this site was also passed over as a potential national capital, as the sea views and the fishing would have been superb.

The Sunday morning was a little damp and misty and we had an early start in order to board our whale watching cruise aboard the “Cat Balou” at the Eden wharf. Fortunately the seas were fairly calm and we succeeded in spotting

a number of mother humpbacks and their calves in Twofold Bay. The calves were very active, breaching and generally showing off, so lots of photos were taken.

After a light lunch, some of our group

up on the grass outside the hotel for a photo opportunity, and then headed north from near Eden through Nethercote towards Wyndham, then through the beautiful Myrtle Mountain road and on to Bemboka.



even managed to fit in a visit to some local open gardens before a tour of the Eden Killer Whale museum. Our interesting guide, Jenny, had actually grown up at The Seahorse Inn, as her grandfather and father had worked on restoring the original Ben Boyd building in the 1940s and 50s.

After a more leisurely breakfast on Monday morning, we lined our cars



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Burbs to the Bay Run

01 October 2014 - Words Bob Quinlan

At 9.15 am 4 MX5's and 5 members and 1 visitor met at the Auburn McDonalds. By 9.30am we were on our way to St Ives in what can only be described as a perfect spring day. Equipped with a run sheet and having signed on, it was slow moving through some heavy traffic. We arrived at St Ives Showground about 10.15am where we were met by another 2 MX-5s. Fortunately, the traffic was lighter for our run to Palm Beach.

We had an enjoyable café lunch and got to know members we had not met before. We decided a walk along the beach and up to the lighthouse was in order but we arrived at the



northern car park to find it already full. Filming of an episode of "Home and Away" was underway and since we weren't needed as extras, we said

our goodbyes and headed for home. Thanks to Andy Bottomley for a great day out in our MX-5s.

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Surf & Turf Bundeena Run

24 August 2014 - Report - Brendan Barr Photos by Brendan Barr & Anna Nietner

Captain Janet and First Mate Pete (the Pirate) called the crew together at Haywards Bay dockyard to weigh anchor, get up a head of steam and head off into the northwest breeze, bound for our ultimate prize – the boarding of HMS Curranulla and forcing its captain to surrender to our demands to be taken onto the high seas!

We soon sailed past Mt Kembla and mounted a concerted attack on HMS Sublime Point Café where pieces of eight were exchanged for steaming hot coffee, scones and jam.

Our next port of call was to be Bundeena, and after stealthily navigating the wonderful lane through the national park, we arrived at our destination. After secreting our 'ships' in the overflow docking area of Bundeena Royal Ship Locker, we sneakily disguised ourselves as day tourists and managed to over-run HMS Curranulla.

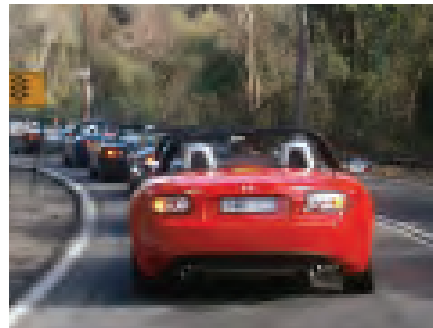
A beautiful voyage ensued with all the crew marvelling at the rich housing, sparkling beaches and beautiful boats. We even met up with a second boarding party in the form of sailors Julie, Mark, Phil and Cheryl, who stormed the ship at Royal Cronulla docks.

After this we returned to Bundeena

Royal Ship Club where we all enjoyed a tasty lunch.

The return route home navigated us down past Bald Hill, and via Sea Cliff Bridge until we re-docked at Haywards Bay.

Well done to Captain Janet and First Mate Pete for their organising and to the 23 crew who supported this great adventure!



Pedro's Run to the Border

17 – 19 October 2014 - Report - Brendan Barr, Photos by Bryan Shedden & Brendan Barr

Well we didn't make it to the border (65km short!) however we had an extremely pleasant exploration of the Shoalhaven and Eurobodalla coast and hinterlands. Friday saw some of us head to Ulladulla early to take advantage of the beautiful sunshine that made 'top down' a must. The rest met at Albion Park KFC for a 5pm departure, the pleasant surprise being no appreciable traffic problems at the notorious Kiama bends!

A delicious dinner at the well-appointed Ulladulla Chinese restaurant preceded our overnight stay at the Harbour View Hotel. Twenty three people arose for Saturday breakfast before Mark organised us with our run sheet. All engines burst

into life and purred, with the exception of Brendan's, which sounded as if a cat was being tortured under the bonnet. First stop was Cobargo, for morning tea. Markets were on and some people decided to forgo coffee to shop. Caffeine fix attended to, shops plundered of items small enough to fit into already bulging boots, we headed towards the unlikely locality of 'Nambugga' via the Snowy Mountains Highway and on to beautiful Candelo Pub for the best lunch in town.

From here the beautiful winding roads of Myrtle Mountain and Mount Darragh allowed us to really enjoy the fine weather and even better, the smooth power of our cars as they cruised effortlessly through the many turns of this fine stretch of road. Stopping at Merimbula allowed some of us to

try our luck at being blown off a bridge while others took a more sensible ice cream stop.

Onwards we drove to Tathra pub, where 'Feuoot' interrupted our afternoon imbibing with the cry of 'whale off the port bow!'. Indeed he was correct and we marvelled as a pod of whales cruised past. We arrived in Narooma and for dinner with many hundreds of kilometres under our belts.

Breakfast was in a beautiful restaurant on the shores of Wagonga Inlet, again everyone agreed that Hella and Mark had excelled at every point of the organisation of this run. Speeches of thanks were made, they blushed and muttered 'Pedro will be pleased....'



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Search for the Brass Monkey

This classic, open invitation charity event is Australia's largest roadster run of the year and is now a marquee event for our Club to which we invite all roadster owners and clubs to participate. Join an extensive field of iconic sports cars for a run from Eastern Creek, over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst. The Brass Monkey is a point-to-point run, allowing drivers to determine their own route and drive at their own pace. It's an early start for the adventurous and an unsurpassed country drive on a crisp, winter's morning that's perfect for the MX-5.

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Enjoy a Chapter Run exploring some the best MX-5 roads in NSW, club runs have starting points in Sydney, Canberra, the Hunter, Illawarra, Blue Mountains and the Mid North Coast. There is a run to suit with mid-week drives, weekend drives and weekends away.

Start of Summer Run

28 September 2014 - Report Mark Gray

With many Hunter Chapter members unable to make it to the Presidents Picnic and Concours d'Elegance at Lane Cove, we thought we'd start summer early with an early dose of Vitamin E on a leisurely run and picnic on Sunday 28 September 2014. 20 MX-5s and 33 people ventured out in a warm 28 degrees. The basic trip notes from Google varied by up to 6km but by the end of the day was within 1.5km. The variation in

odometer from one MX-5 to the next was much more than that, so it made little difference in the end.

After leaving Beresfield, we needed some winding roads and after a quick detour along the Hunter Expressway we headed off to the Luskintyre Hills. Our morning tea stop was at Clarencetown for a choice of BYO or the hospitality of the local cafe.

We then headed back towards the coast of the Myall Lakes district to

Hawks Nest (Jimmy's Beach Picnic Area), to enjoy the shade of the old paperbark gumtrees. We strolled over to the beach after lunch to enjoy the view across to Nelson Bay. Our departure plans were altered as the drive over the Tea Gardens Bridge was blocked for a while, so we enjoyed a refreshing drink at the local before heading back to Newcastle and surrounds.

At the President's Picnic



Port to Port via Dorrigo Weekend

27 – 28 Sept 2014 - Report - Barry & Jenny Luttrell Photos - Barry & Jenny Luttrell & Keiran Rodgers



We arrived at McDonalds Port Macquarie on Saturday for a 9:00am start and met with Mid North Coast Chapter members, Greg, Peter, Keiran, Mike, Lulu, Kevin, in five cars. After introductions all round, we were ready to be led by Mike through the challenging New England ranges, possibly the best MX-5 roads available. Rain threatened at the start, should we have our hoods up or down? Traffic on the Oxley highway was initially heavy but lightened out as we passed through Wauchope and approached the ranges. The run up the first stage of the range was MX-5 heaven. Fast, smooth and challenging, but always within the posted speed limits.

With improving weather, we continued up the mountain same to Walcha, and then on to Uralla for a well-deserved lunch at their top pub. We had great food at a very reasonable price.

Back on the road and a run up the New England Highway and over the "devil's pinch" to Guyra and the start of our "top of the range" run to Ebor Falls. It's another great MX-5 road with sweeping bends and mostly smooth surface together with mountain landscapes

and almost no traffic. We arrived at Ebor Falls with its spectacular scenery to view a good amount of water falling into the gorges of the New England National Park.

Next stop Dorrigo, via Waterfall Way and our overnight accommodation at the Heritage Hotel. With heavy holiday traffic reported on the Pacific Highway it was decided over dinner to have a reverse run back through Guyra, Uralla, Walcha and on to Port Macquarie. A fun evening was had by all with good food, good company and many stories.

Sunday started with photos of our cars in front of the historic hotel. Peter and Keiran left the run at

Dorrigo to travel separately to Glen Innes via Grafton. With four cars we left Dorrigo for Guyra visiting Ebor Falls again - it was such great scenery it deserved a second look! Lunch at Uralla was as good as Saturday's. We said farewell to Kevin and three remaining MX-5s travelled the Oxley Highway to Port Macquarie. Minimal traffic meant going down the mountain was almost more fun than coming up on Saturday. Thank you Mike and Mid North Coast Chapter for your hospitality and friendship and making our weekend away in our old stamping grounds so much fun.



Fish & Chip Run

18 October 2014 - Report by Graham Fletcher Photos by Jason Brown & Vicki Legge

On a night to rival the great Guy Coles (Sydney Chapter) run of 6th November 2013, The RPM Chapter set out on a Fish and chip run of it's own from Windsor to Berowra Waters. Initially this run was to include the pleasurable Galston George but due to time and light constraints this was shortened to just Windsor to Berowra Waters and return. A spectacular turnout by both local Chapter members and visiting NSW members saw for a very large contingent of people and cars (21 mx5's, 1 non mx5 and 36 people). As a last minute run requested by own Lesa Bunn, I was delighted to lead the members into the waterways that are Berowra. Awesome is the only way to describe the food that was served and every one that I spoke to was more than happy with the meal. But it's not just the food that makes any run great. Delightful friends, conversations and great roads made the night even more appealing and this will be repeated in the future quite a few times. The weather again was perfect (an RPM Tradition) (Touch wood) and spring time aromas filled the air as we leisurely cruised to our dinner location. Summer time on the Hawkesbury River, the surrounding

Grey gums, laughing kookaburras, all by the perfectly still water with good friends and fantastic Fish and Chips- life just doesn't get any better than this.

Thanks to all the people who came from both near and far to attend this beautiful evening. I hope you all enjoyed it and will come on our next one.



Sandie's Secret Run

31 August 2014 - Report and Photo by Brigid Gallop



We met at Glenbrook at 08.30 for 09.00 start for our Mystery Run. It was a crisp (almost) spring morning. The sun was shining and so were most of the cars (sorry Graham). Twenty two people in twelve cars proceeded up the mountains and over through Winmallee and back down again to Yarramundi and back up again on the Bells Road and out towards the Grose Valley. As a passenger, I enjoyed the expansive view of rolling green hills. The drivers, however, needed to watch the road to get around all the wiggly bits. We then came back out onto the Bells Road.



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Tutti Fruitti on the Bells Road, turned out to be an excellent morning tea stop. We gathered around the table with our coffee and breakfast and discussed Car modifications and Husband modifications and what we would do if we won the lotto. The consensus was that we would not muck around with some pathetic little three car garage, we would build a decent one.

We proceeded up the hill to Mt Victoria via Darling Causeway, then along the Jenolan Caves Road and Hampton Road to the Tarana Hotel for lunch. We all enjoyed our lunch as we discussed such important topics as race relations, trade unions. We don't waste time talking about the small stuff. Good on Gillian for winning the bottle of wine for completing Sandie's crossword. As if it wasn't enough planning the day's run and meal stops, Sandie managed to compose a crosswords to challenge us all. (Some more than others)

Some members dropped into Blue Mountains Mazda at Medlow Bath to inspect the 25th Anniversary Special Addition NC and goad each other to see who will take the plunge.

Big Thanks to Sandie and Paul Williams, you really went the extra mile (or was 100 miles) and as a consequence we had a great day.



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Chris and Marie's weekend to Mudgee without Chris and Marie

27 – 28 September 2014 - Report by Vicki Legge Photos by Graham Fletcher

18 members left Glenbrook in glorious weather for our run over the Mountains to Mudgee to meet up with members from the Canberra Chapter and visit the Mudgee Food and Wine Festival. We collected our upper mountains members along the way with Robert Kai joining the run at Wentworth Falls followed by a quick stop at Blue Mountains Mazda to pick up Donelle and Chris.

BYO morning tea revealed goodies galore at our regular stop at Lake Wallace. On the road again and we headed off to Mudgee via Kandos and Rylstone towards our lunch destination at the Blue Wren Winery. We enjoyed a nice lunch and had plenty of time to get to chat and get to know our newest members, Bob and Carol Pearce.

Arriving in Mudgee, we met up with the Canberra Chapter for a chat and a drink before hitting the main street of Mudgee. The street had been closed off and local wineries and gourmet food outlets had set up stalls. We slowly ate and drank our way up and down Main Street sampling some great wines and local produce.

Dinner arrangements were less about the food and more about



watching the NRL Grand Final. We decided to eat at the Courthouse Motel, much to the surprise and delight of the owners, who produced a lovely country meal for our party of 20. The footy started and the party got loud. Competition was fierce and fun between members supporting different teams and kept us entertained.

We all enjoyed a hearty breakfast before heading off towards Hill End. Having identified a potential MX-5

enjoyable road, our departure left many questioning where we were going. "Are you sure you are going the right way?" came over the radio. I could say it was all instinct and good research but the truth is; I winged it all the way to Bathurst.

We arrived in Hill End, a lovely albeit quiet town. Other visitors were thrilled to see us there and the cars lined up outside a beautiful old church soon became a highlight for other visitors – all six of them. "Which way you heading back" one couple asked. Well sort of this way and then a little that way. They advised us about road work we hadn't known about and after a quick scribble in the dirt with a stick, a map was worked out for a run back. A brilliant MX-5 road and a thoroughly enjoyable drive took us right into Bathurst and onto our lunch destination at O'Connell Hotel.

It was a most enjoyable weekend of surprises with a great bunch of people. As much as we missed Chris and Marie they were in our thoughts all weekend and I am sure with us in spirit.



Nulon Nationals Round 3

Cootamundra Airport

20 September 2014 - Report by Keith Monaghan

The final round of the Nulon Nationals was a head-to-head battle down an airport runway with a standing start timed at 400 meters and speed at 500 meters. During the morning session, it would be one car at a time on the runway then after lunch there would be side by side competition. 80 cars with varied modifications and horsepower arrived to compete with some boasting over 800+Kw at the rear wheels.

Arriving at Cootamundra we met up with Steve Green at the motel then headed to the Globe Hotel to meet with our hosts. This was accompanied by some good pub food and drinks with banter on what was going to happen the next day. David Stone and his son Nicky arrived on Saturday morning and the full team of David Stone NA MX5, Glenn Thomas NB MX5 supercharged, Verne Johnson NB MX5 turbocharged, Tony King NB MX5 SE, Keith Monaghan Ford G6E Turbo and Steve Green Ford G6E Turbo headed to the

airport. Tony and his father Hugh set up the BBQ and MX-5 NSW Club hospitality suite.

There had been a tight battle between the 86 club and the MX5 club in the lead up to this event with double points up for grabs. Against the more powerful cars, it was essential to get the cars off the line quickly. The MX5 club was the second group to run and we got people talking with our interesting times.

We were pipped at the post by the 86 Club, coming in 7th overall. We headed back to the motel for pre-dinner refreshments before the evening's presentation dinner which helped make up for our final results.

Our thanks to Nulon for initiating and organising this event and generously contributing to the entry fees, accommodation, catering and prizes. We are looking forward to participating again in 2015.

Final results

David Stone NA MX5	14.48 sec (400M) 108.17 MPH (500M)
Glenn Thomas NB MX5 supercharged	15.094 sec (400M) 96.35 MPH (500M)
Verne Johnson NB MX5 turbocharged	13.824 sec (400M) 111.38 MPH (500M)
Tony King NB MX5 SE	13.795 sec (400M) 108.95 MPH (500M)
Keith Monaghan Ford G6E Turbo	13.156 sec (400M) 113.63 MPH (500M)
Steve Green Ford G6E Turbo	13.321 sec (400M) 113.34 MPH (500M)



MX-5 Cup Round 4

Lesla Bunn Takes the MX-5 Cup Challenge

24 August 2014 - Report by Greg Bunn Photos by Greg Bunn and Bryan Shedden

During the June Club trackday, Daniel Deckers gave competitors a chance to fill in an entry form and win a drive in the MX-5 CUP in the DECKSPEED NC race car. Lesla Bunn was the surprised and delighted winner. August 24 was to be D-Day and in the lead up to a race debut, there is a lot to do. We gathered together the correct paperwork for the AASA Race License and sourced the FIA-approved fireproof undergarments, socks and gloves and boots. In true style, the MX-5 NSW community stepped up with offers of help. David Lawler shared his experience of MX-5 Cup racing. RPM's Tammie Hotz offered her two-layer race suit and Peter Battisson of ACDC helped out with the new helmet and HANS device. Matilda Mravivic sent through the regulations and along with Nick Martinenko, mentored Lesla during the preparations. We met Matilda for dinner just prior to the race and she spent many hours explaining race etiquette, standing starts, the program and race radio system and, most importantly; "do not let those blokes push you around on the track, hold your line and let them pass you when they can." Daniel Deckers and Michael Hall were fantastic and took care of all the paperwork for the car entry.

After a typically friendly meal with other MX-5 Club members, Saturday dawned and it was time for qualifying. This session was a huge

learning curve for Lesla. First time in a car on slicks, with a full face helmet and HANS device. But with a few words of encouragement from the other drivers, any apprehension quickly changed to determination and Lesla set a new PB.

The warm up lap for Race 1 was full of the heavy braking and accelerating to warm the tyres, ensuring they were nice and sticky. A tradesman-like start with no stalling and a gradual build-up of speed, saw Lesla

set a new PB of 1:18:59 on Lap 3. After 6 laps, it was back to the garage for some fine tuning and further encouragement from everyone.

In Race 3, Lesla set yet another PB of 1:13.63. We would both like to thank Daniel and Michael from DECKSPEED Racing for putting up their car as a prize and giving MX-5 Club members a chance to experience driving a race prepared car in a race that was extremely well run and organised.



Round 4 Results

There was a good turn out of MX-5s for Round 4. As the competition is structured to reward consistent performance, a driver from any class could potentially take out the Championship. Competition was heating up with several candidates emerging as front runners with the top 3 places held by David Stone (Class B), Steve Green (Class C), and Daniel Deckers (Class A).

Race 1 Pole position went to Matilda

Mravivic followed by Daniel Deckers and Luke Otten on third. And that is how race 1 ended up, although behind those positions the places were swapped numerous times with fierce competition ensuing. Race 2 again saw Matilda and Daniel first and second with Craig Durrant coming in at third. The final race of the day saw Deckers on first, with a well-deserved 2nd for Stu McFadyen and Steve Green finishing 3rd.





CAMS NSW Supersprint Round 5

10 August 2014 - Report David Lawler, Photos by Mariano Loisso (flatshifting.com)

Round 5

The round 5 of the 2014 NSW Supersprint was held on Sunday 10th August at Sydney Motorsport Park GP Circuit. A number of Supersprint regulars who had been at the Phillip Island 6-Hour the previous weekend understandably chose to miss this event, so numbers were down slightly on previous Supersprint rounds. Even so, the 22 members who represented the club scored 446 points, beating the ARDC with 325 points. Ed Cory was unable to bring his race car up from Canberra due to problems with his tow vehicle, but he still drove up in his road-registered MX-5 aka "the green machine", to compete and rack up some points. Unfortunately that car is much slower than the race car he normally drives, and that along with some tyre problems resulted in Ed placing much lower in class 4B than usual. Also in class 4B, Ian Combes made a return after being away from track events since the first Supersprint round in February, where he had an early day after his car developed a serious oil leak. Since then the car has had a complete rebuild including some significant upgrades to the engine. Unfortunately it was not ready in time, and so Ian made a last minute change to share another MX-5 in 4B. Phil Abrahams has had some bad luck recently with his Vortex, and that continued with a clutch failure on the warm up lap of his first run meaning that Phil did not complete even one lap.

At the end of Round 5 the MX-5 club were now in the lead with 277 points over the ARDC.



Round 5 results

Class 1B	Bryan Shedden 1st, Keith Monaghan 2nd
Class 1D	Mike Kelsey 1st
Class 2A	Scott McGarry 1st, Jim Glissan 3rd
Class 2B	Ralph Thompson 1st, Russ Maxwell 3rd, Dennis Chiswick 5th, John Karayannis 6th
Class 2C	Phil Ashton 4th, Luke Kovacic 5th
Class 3C	Ray Estreich 7th against some very strong opposition
Class 4B	David Lawler 1st, Steve Green 2nd, Ed Cory 5th, Ian Combes 6th
Class 5B	Phil Abraham unfortunately didn't get a result as a result of his clutch failure
Class 6A	Tony King 2nd
Class SVB	Gus Elias 2nd, Mike Hicks 3rd
Class SVD	Matt & Greg Perry in their Skyline were 7th & 9th against some very fast cars

Round 6 results

Class 1B	Stewart Temesvary, Bryan Shedden, Keith Monaghan and Mitchell Bennet took the clean sweep of 1st to 4th
Class 1D	Mike Kelsey was 1st and set a PB
Class 2A	Another clean sweep with Scott McGarry, Tony Williams and Jim Glissan in 1st to 3rd
Class 2B	Ralph Thompson was 1st, Russ Maxwell, Dennis Chiswick and Peter Feutril in 4th to 6th, and Derek Mock took 8th
Class 2C	Phil Ashton and Luke Kovacic was 3rd & 4th behind the inevitable Porsches
Class 3A	Peter Browning was 2nd
Class 3B	Kevin Addison and Phil Abrahams were 4th & 5th
Class 3C	Ray Estreich got 6th against some strong opposition
Class 4B	Ed Cory and David Lawler were 1st & 2nd, with Ian Combes driving a Deckspeed "rent-a-racer" car in 5th
Class 6A	Tony King grabbed 1st and set a new class record
Class SVB	Gus Elias and Greg Bunn were 2nd and 3rd, with Mike Hicks not at this round.
Class SVD	Matt Perry was 6th

CAMS NSW Supersprint Round 7

7 September 2014 Wakefield Park

Round 7

This year, our team scored 3219 points, beating the ARDC to the Title by 1007 points. This is the NSW MX-5 Club's 9th Supersprint win making us the most successful club in championship history. The championship class structure can prove to be a disadvantage to a single marque club such as ours and this win is a testament to the commitment and skill of our 37 drivers and countless supporters. A hearty congratulations to Stewart Temesvary who is the 2014 Type 1 Supersprint Champion.

The 7th and final round of the 2014 CAMS NSW Supersprint Championship was run at Sydney Motorsport Park on Sunday 5th October.

The MX-5 Club came to this round with a championship lead of 729 points over the ARDC, and also with many MX-5 Club members in a good position to win their type or class categories. With 18 members entered from the MX-5 Club we

Round 7 results

Class 1B	Bryan Shedden, Stewart Temesvary & Keith Monaghan took the clean sweep of 1st to 3rd
Class 2A	Scott McGarry was 1st
Class 2B	Ralph Thompson and Russ Maxwell were 1st & 2nd, with Dennis Chiswick 5th and Derek Mock 7th
Class 2C	Phil Ashton and Luke Kovacic were 3rd & 4th behind the usual Porches
Class 4B	Ed Cory was 1st (by 0.064s!) from David Lawler
Class 6A	Tony King 1st
Class SVB	Mike Hicks and Gus Elias were 2nd & 3rd
Class SVC	Craig Gartlatcher got 2nd in his first supersprint this year
Class SVD	Matt Perry and Greg Perry were 3rd & 4th

were in a good position to extend that championship lead in the sprint to the finish.

With 5 runs on the day, a number of club members set PBs, and there were also lap records to Ed Cory in 4B with 1:04.409, and Tony King in 6A with 1:06.074.

The MX-5 Club members won the

day with 421 points, followed by Manly Warringah Sporting Car Club with 163 points and ARDC with 143 points.

This result capped a great year for our club, taking the club championship by 1007 points from the ARDC.



FUN IN THE SUN (AND AROUND THE CORNERS!)

26 October 2014 Report - Natalie Strain Photos by Natalie Strain and Peter Hilkmann

The MX5 Club of NSW ran another successful day at the Marulan Driver Training Centre, focused on learning track driving techniques and improving driver skill.

This was the first driver training event I helped organise. I was both nervous and excited about what lay ahead. All of us organisers were both happy and relieved to see that our efforts meant the day ran as smoothly as possible, while at the same time learning a few lessons on how to optimise for next time.

We awoke in a warm and sunny Goulburn on Sunday morning, along with a large amount of fog. Thankfully it cleared very early and the sun grew stronger. By the time we made the short trip from our motel in Goulburn down to Marulan it had cleared.

We got to the track bright and early, just after 7:00am (David Lawler still managed to beat us somehow!) and got the paperwork out of the way before the crowds arrived. Sure enough, the other 55 drivers began to turn up and we had a full carpark before long. The day saw lots of MX-5's, of course, and others including a Subaru BRZ and Toyota 86 GT - which were of course very easy to distinguish on the track - a few from the Holden camp including an SS Commodore and Cruze, a 1981 Triumph TR7 and a Renault Megane RS, and even some nutjob in an old automatic Corolla (who happens to also be my husband).

We were fortunate to have 11 advisors including Lesa Bunn and Tammie Hotz. The feedback was excellent, especially having plenty of talented female drivers on hand to help with all the ladies in the first timers & beginners groups. from a females perspective. It's great to see so many women getting involved! So a big "thank you" to all the club

members who gave up their time to provide advice and hints about the fundamentals of driving on a track.

The first official event of the day was the track walk. Jeff from MDTC spoke to the group about the correct corner approaches and turn in points, appropriate speeds and gears to be in for each corner, acceleration points along with some advice on how to drive through them and pointed out some key features of the course. David Lawler then gave a drivers briefing, addressing on-track behavior and some fundamentals of track driving etiquette for the first timers. Next, the run sheets were handed out, the beginner drivers started pairing off with advisors, and the first cars started making their way to the staging area.

Each group of 6 to 7 cars was worked out based on drivers previous track experience. The 10 minute sessions ran back to back to ensure minimal delays between groups and give drivers enough time to get into a rhythm for each session. Due to having nine groups - including three first timer groups - and some administrative delays causing a late start, each group only managed an average 4 runs on the track during the day.

By the next MDTD we expect that an extension on the track will be opened, allowing for more cars per group; between 9 to 10. In relation to the group numbers, this would mean we would have fewer groups for the next event. We would be looking at either 5 or 6. This will ensure more runs and overall time on the track for participants. The overall feeling was positive and

that the longer sessions allowed an ample amount of time for each of the drivers to receive instruction from advisors and perfect or improve on their skills and techniques they had picked up during the day. The progress of the first timers was clearly visible as the day progressed. For people like me, watching from the sidelines the whole day, the improvement from everyone in the beginners and first timers groups was obvious by the end of the day and they are all to be commended.

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2015 Motorsport Competition Program

There's plenty of ways to get involved and have fun with a huge variety of motorsport activities offered by the Club, catering to all experience levels.

Club Track Days

NSW MX-5 Club track days are recognised by many from within and outside the club as being well organized, enjoyable events. Our successful formula will continue with 6 track days scheduled for 2015. Club track days are conducted by our experienced, CAMS affiliated officials and offer a safe and friendly environment for beginners and novices. Track days are not races but timed sessions with plenty of track time to practice your skills and improve upon your PB. Ladies Only Sessions Grassroots motorsport is one of the few arenas where men and women can participate on an equal basis. However, whilst there has always been an interest, particularly in the Marulan Driver Training Days, some of our lady club members have been hesitant to make their motorsport debut. It prompted Gaynor Lawler to ask; "What if there was an all ladies group at Wakefield, would you have a go?" She got an overwhelming and ecstatic "YES!!!" Well ladies, your wish has been granted. Thanks to Gaynor, there is currently enough interest to run 2 dedicated ladies-only groups at the May 31 Club Track Day at Wakefield. The day will be supported by our experienced lady drivers who will provide guidance and advice on request for those making their Wakefield debut. Watch the MX-5 Club website for an expressions of interest form. Go girls, there's no stopping you now.

NSW Supersprint Championship

Many club members will also be involved in the NSW Supersprint Championship. Open to all CAMS affiliated clubs in NSW, the Championship has a similar format to our Club Track days with timed sessions and regulated speed groups. Supersprinting offers the perfect forum for those wishing to experience a wide variety of track configurations and is a cost effective way to get more "seat time". This year, 37 club members competed at Supersprint events and they successfully won the club championship. Many club members also won their various categories in the championship.

There will be 7 Supersprint rounds in 2015 and we look forward to welcoming new drivers to our winning 2014 team as we defend the championship title. As a bonus, the National Supersprint Championship event will be held in NSW in 2015, giving participating club members the opportunity to win a national title. Strategic planning for the season will be underway soon and keen Supersprinters are invited to assist with team communications and championship registrations.

Motorkhanas

The 2014 Motorkhana was a great success, with many drivers finding out for the first time just how much fun they can have in an MX-5. A further 2 Motorkhanas have been scheduled for 2015. These events are a great opportunity to legally have a lot of fun in your daily-drive and are highly recommended to people who have never before really considered being exuberant in their driving. Motorkhanas are timed tests featuring one car at a time driving round a short course marked with witches-hats or flags at relatively low speed in 1st or 2nd gear. Conducted in a closed environment on a low grip surface such as watered concrete, Motorkhana requires no special car or driver equipment or preparation. The club will make available experienced drivers to ride in the passenger seat and provide advice during each run.

MX-5 Cup

The MX-5 Cup race series was inaugurated in 2014 and designed to minimise the cost and complexity of racing. The MX-5 Cup provides a safe, supportive and enjoyable environment for drivers to learn and develop their racing skills. In 2015, the series will expand to 7 rounds, spread across Wakefield Park and Sydney Motorsport Park South Circuit. One of these rounds will be designated a national event with MX-5 competitors from Queensland and Victoria attending. Further information and contact details about the MX-5 Cup series are available from the club website.

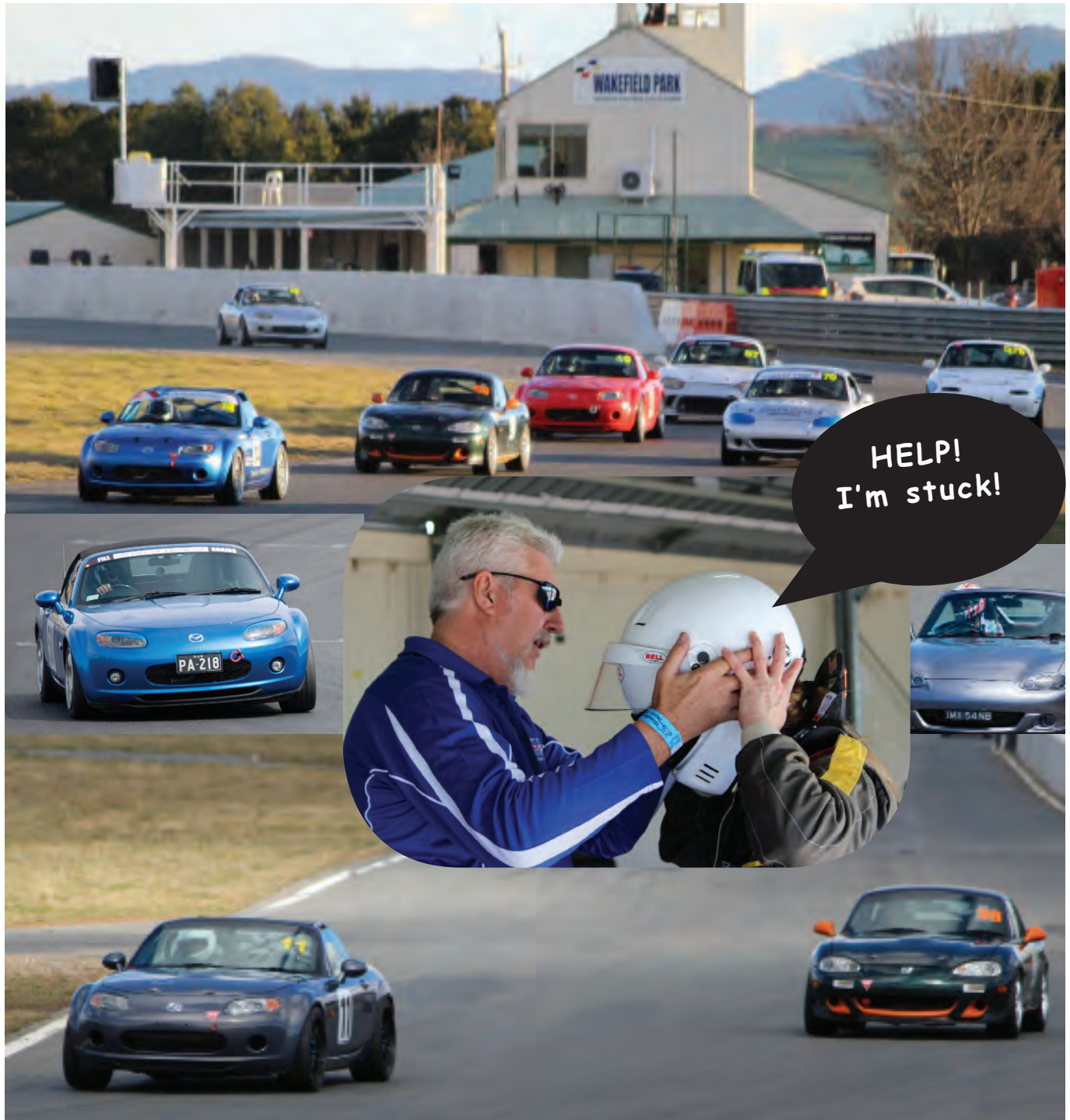
Driver Training Days at MDTC

The driver training days at Marulan Driver Training Centre (MDTC) will continue in 2015, with 3 events planned between February and October. The MDTC venue has a fairly tight and twisty track that limits speeds to those similar to driving on the road, and is a great environment for driver training, particularly in an MX-5. At these events, a number of club members with experience in competition make themselves available to provide off-track advice, and on-track tuition from the passenger seat. I see these events as being the ideal first step onto a track, and a great way to start developing the skills and knowledge that will be useful for driving at club track days.

The 2015 competition calendar sees a significant extension of the scope and number of motorsport events run by the club and this is only possible thanks to the large number of volunteers who help organise and run these activities. There many ways to get involved in our 2015 program including event promotion and planning, entry and administration, scrutineering, timing and in particular, pit lane and flag marshalling.

For further details and to register your interest, visit the club website or contact:

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2015 COMPETITION CALENDAR

Date	Event	Organiser	Location
Feb 08	Club Track Day - R3	MX-5	Wakefield Park
Feb 14 - 15	MX-5 Cup - R1	Formula Vee	Wakefield Park
Mar 07	FOSC	FOSC	SMSP North
Mar 08	NSW Supersprint R1 & 2014 Supersprint presentations	ARDC	SMSP GP
Apr 12	Club Track Day - R4	MX-5	SMSP South
Apr 19	NSW Supersprint - R2	MX-5	Wakefield Park
Apr 26	MX-5 Cup - R2	MRA	Wakefield Park
May 02-03	FOSC	FOSC	Wakefield Park
May 17	Driver Training Day #1	MX-5	MDTC
May 31	Club Track Day - R5	MX-5	Wakefield Park
May 31	MX-5 Cup - R3	FOSC	SMSP South
May 31	FOSC	FOSC	SMSP South
Jun 14	NSW Supersprint - R3	NSWRRC	SMSP North
Jun 28	Motorkhana #1	MX-5	SMSP Skidpan
Jun 28	MX-5 Cup R4	MRA	Wakefield Park
Jul 19	NSW Supersprint - R4	ARDC	SMSP GP
Jul 26	FOSC	FOSC	SMSP South
Aug 01-02	Phillip Island 6-Hour Regularity Relay	6 Hour Relay Inc	Phillip Island GP
Aug 09	MX-5 Cup - R5	AASA	Wakefield Park
Aug 09	NSW Supersprint - R5	ARDC	SMSP GP
Aug 29	Club Track Day - R1 & 2013/2014 Presentations	MX-5	SMSP South
Sep 06	MX-5 CUP - R6	MRA	Wakefield Park
Sep 13	NSW Supersprint - R6	Mini CC	Wakefield Park
Oct 03	NSW Supersprint - R7	NSWRRC	SMSP South
Oct 25	Driver Training Day #2	MX-5	MDTC
Nov 01	FOSC	FOSC	SMSP South
Nov 01	MX-5 Cup - R7	FOSC	SMSP South
Nov 14-15	Australian Supersprint Championships	NSWRRC	Wakefield Park
Nov 16	Club Track Days - R2	MX-5	Wakefield Park
Dec 06	Motorkhana #2	MX-5	SMSP Skidpan
Dec 13	Club Track Days - R3	MX-5	SMSP South





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