

2022 Motorsport AGM Report

Club Track Days

The club ran 7 track days this year, with 1 at SMSP Amaroo, 2 at Wakefield Park and 4 at Pheasant Wood. A further 2 events that had been scheduled at Wakefield Park were canceled due to the venue closing.

I would to thank all our volunteers who helped organise and run our club track days in 2022. A few key individuals must be mentioned.

Managing entries and organising permits is critical to successful events, and was handled diligently by the team of Barry Luttrell, Maria Martin and Gaynor Lawler.

Barry managed entries for most of our club tracks days, supported by Gaynor, while Maria managed the club motorkhanas.

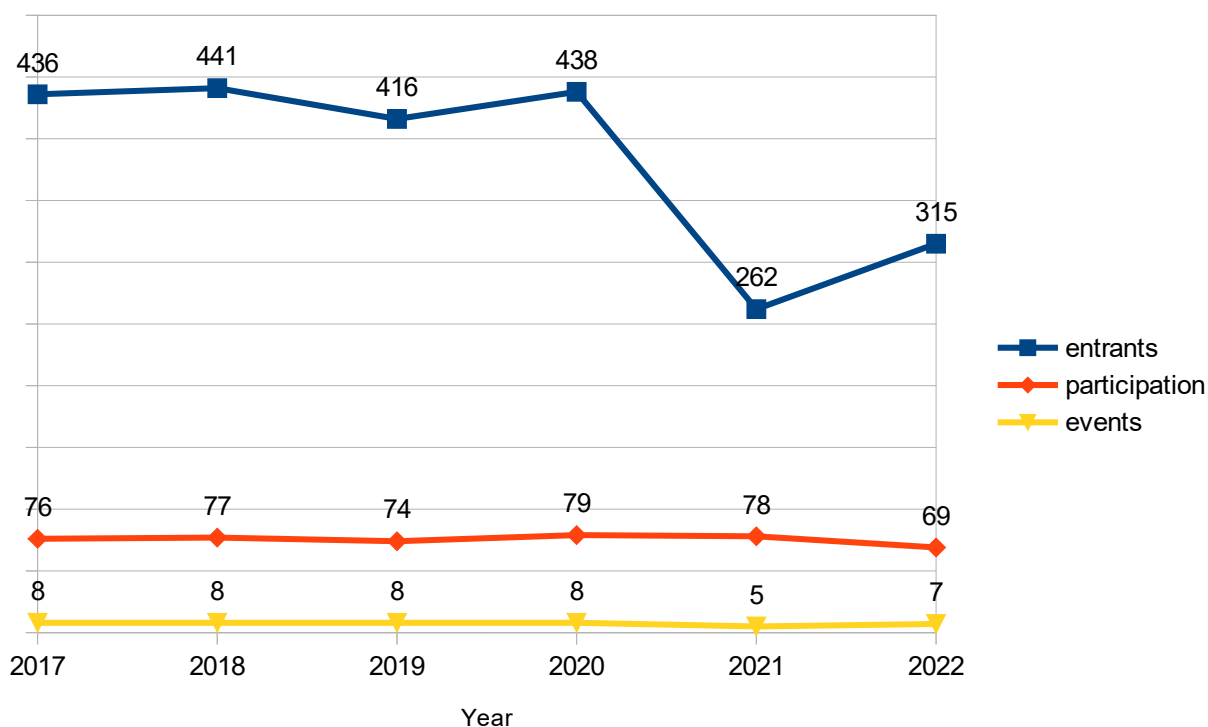
Gerardo Martin and Phil Donnelley were our primary scrutineers, with support for a team of regulars.

Thanks to Joe Kovacic, our uber grid marshal for his key role in ensuring our track days run smoothly.

Jean Cook was always on hand to help, and was our regular event steward.

The number of entrants across the year was up on 2021, but still much lower than prior to that. More concerning is that the participation is down, measured as the average ratios of entrants at events to the maximum number of places at each of those events. This suggests that while support for our club track events is improving, it was diluted across too many events in 2022.

The graph below shows the number of entrants, participation rate, and number of events per year over the last 5 years.



Club Driver Training Days

The driver training days are intended to assist those club members wanting to take their first steps from street driving onto a track, or to help lesser experienced drivers improve their track driving skills. Experienced club motorsport drivers are on hand to provide in-car tuition, particularly for those people driving on a track for the first time.

This year, the Club ran one Driver Training day at the Pheasant Wood Circuit, and thanks to Blake Roy for organizing that event.

Club & State Motorkhanas

There were 3 club motorkhanas this year, and they were enjoyed by all the participating drivers, although numbers were down. We also ran a state motorkhana in which a small group of club members participated.

Thanks to Maria Martin for organising those club motorkhanas, Gaynor Lawler for organising the state motorkhana, David Wilson for running the club motorkhanas, and to all the volunteers who helped, particularly the regular timers, Bryan Shedden, Greg Unger., Phil Donnelley and Phil Reid.

Club Hillclimbs

There was one club hillclimb in 2022 at Raymond Terrace.

Thanks for Andrew Digney for organising and running the event.

MX-5 Cup

The MX-5 Cup series has grown stronger in 2022 with 6 events across the Wakefield Park and SMSP tracks, and fields of up to 27 cars.

This season continued the tradition of close but fair racing, with good camaraderie between the drivers.

Thanks to Paul Nudd for promoting and managing the series and reporting results.

NSW Supersprint Championship

The 2022 series saw 9 club members participating, with their efforts resulting in 3rd place in the club championship.

Thanks to Gerardo Martin for his role as a delegate on the NSW Supersprint panel.

Team Regularities

Club members participated in 4 team regularities this year:

- 8 teams at the NSW 6 Hour at SMSP GP circuit in March: 1st, 2nd, 3rd places
- 1 team at the Sandown 360 at Sandown Raceway in April: 1st place
- 2 teams at the Victorian 6 Hour at Philip Island in July: 1st, 2nd places
- 5 teams at the Alfa 12 Hour at Winton in October: 2nd, 3rd places

2023 Motorsport

The calendar of events for 2023 has not yet been finalised.

The goal for club track days is to have:

- Up to 2 events at SMSP South Circuit,
- 4 events at Pheasant Wood Circuit, and
- A single non-championship event at Luddenham Raceway.

The Luddenham event will be scheduled early in the year as a trial, and depending on its success there could be the opportunity for a 2nd event at Luddenham later in the year.

There will be at least one dedicated driver training day at the Pheasant Wood Circuit.

The club is trying to book 3 club motorkhana dates at SMSP Skidpan, and will host a round of the state motorkhana championship at Nirimba.

The club aims to again run a hillclimb event at Raymond Terrace in 2023.

We can expect to see the MX-5 Cup series continue in 2023, although the number of events will be controlled by the organising bodies of the individual meetings, and may be affected by the loss of the Wakefield Park track.

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