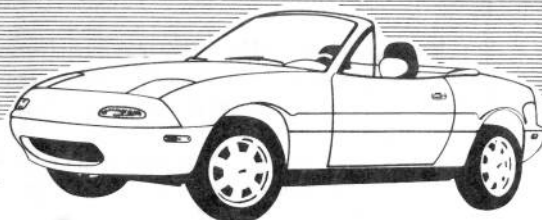


# Mazda MX-5

## CLUB OF N.S.W.

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## NEWSLETTER

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

your Founder Badge will become very significant in the years to come — you are a part of what will become a great Car Club — a classic Car Club! Welcome and congratulations — treasure your badge — and be an active member. Remember, its your club and it will only prosper with your help and support.

I urge you to read the section on Membership Drive. Let's see if we can double the numbers. Current membership stands at 104.

Mark Arena, the Club Captain, has some snippets from our first run and he looks forward to seeing you on September 16th.

Committee member Alan Greenough has organised a Speed day for interested members. It represents great value for money and furthers our stated aim of safe driving.

**I hope you enjoy our first foray into journalism and if you think it can be improved, let me know — we look forward to your help.**

Remember, the car is designed to enjoy — let's enjoy it in each other's company!

*Pieter Versluis*

### THE CLUB SO FAR . . .

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| <b>15th May 1990</b>  | Inaugural meeting of interested owners<br>— formation of Steering Committee  |
| <b>25th May 1990</b>  | Meeting of Steering Committee — official formation of Mazda MX-5 Club of New South Wales and election of Interim Committee.  |
| <b>5/19 June 1990</b> | Committee met on two occasions<br>Drafting of Constitution and membership Rules  |
| <b>24th June 1990</b> | Open Day — Vicary's Winery   |
| <b>8th July 1990</b>  | Run to South Coast. See Club Captain's Report.   |
| <b>10th July 1990</b> | First General Meeting<br>Endorsement of Club name, Draft Constitution, Membership Rules, Fees, Affiliation with Cams and interim Committee as Executive Committee. |
| <b>31st July 1990</b> | Committee Meeting. Discussion on future Club events, design of Membership card, finance and Newsletter.  |

### NEXT CLUB GENERAL MEETING

**DATE:** 11th September, 1990. **DAY:** Tuesday. **TIME:** 7.30 p.m. **WHERE:** Western Suburbs Soccer Club, William Street, Five Dock. **PARKING:** Secure parking is provided in the Club car park.

MAZDA MX5 CLUB SUPPORTS SAFE DRIVING

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the MX-5 Club may be achieved as follows:

**FULL MEMBERS:** Registered owner or principal driver of Mazda MX-5 or spouse / son / daughter of registered owner or principal driver. Full members have full voting rights  
**FEE: \$50.00** (plus \$25.00 joining fee)

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Anyone with an interest in MX-5's who is over 17 years old. Associate members have no voting rights and cannot hold office — all other rights are the same as full members.  
**FEE: \$35.00** (plus \$25.00 joining fee)

**JUNIOR MEMBERS:** Son / daughter of registered or principal driver or having an interest in Mazda MX-5. Must be under 17 years of age. No voting rights apply.  
**FEE: \$10.00** (plus joining fee of \$10.00)

## A DAY AT EASTERN CREEK

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8, 1990

All of you enjoy your MX-5. Some may have been booked for excessive speed on the roads. Most of you have enjoyed the Murcott Advanced Driving Course Stage 1. Few of you have driven the car to its potential on a closed circuit race track. This is quite an experience!

**We have organised a day on the new Eastern Creek Raceway just for you!**

We don't propose to just thrash around the track, but to provide a structured course in high speed driving designed to make you a safer driver. It may qualify as a tax deduction if you drive for a living.

The program will cover advanced techniques in emergency braking, skid control, delineating the correct line and car control. Training all afternoon on a track with 4 qualified racing driver instructors should be an experience. At the end of the day we'll have some scratch and handicap races for those who qualify to standards which in turn will endorse them for a CAMS provisional GC racing licence.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Participants must have completed the J. Murcott Stage 1 Car Control Course or equivalent or a higher certificate level of driving and be able to provide evidence of this with your application form (Attach a photocopy).

### RESTRICTIONS:

To maintain the driver/instructor ratio a maximum of 25 entrants is allowed on a first come first served basis.

Spectators are specifically **BANNED**, but entrants are required to provide one person as a trainee flag marshal!

Entrants will be required to wear a safety helmet to AS1698 and sign an indemnity form.

### COST:

\$215 per entrant and marshal

### WHEN:

Thursday 8th November, 1990 at 11.00 a.m. Entries must be received and paid for by 21st September 1990.

### HOW:

Complete the attached form and return it ASAP.

### FINALLY:

We have approached management of Eastern Creek to provide the cars for the "Parade of Drivers" at "Sydney 500" Enduro on 18th November. Trainees will be given first preference.

## INSURANCE . . .

This is an expensive part of owning an MX-5. The Club has made an approach to a number of insurers with a view to establishing a scheme whereby members will achieve much lower premiums for comprehensive cover.

Members will be invited to complete a questionnaire at the next club event and meeting to ascertain interest.

# ★ THE OPEN DAY — 24TH JUNE, 1990 ★ VICARY'S WINERY — LUDDENHAM

Mazda Australia hosted 90 MX-5's and their owners to a day organised to introduce the new club. Treasurer, Tony Bonano, came computer equipped and signed up 104 Foundation Members.

Almost every owner driver had brought a camera, as if Kodak was a part sponsor. Shutters clicked as budding photographers searched for the best MX-5 shot. So many in fact that the Committee has decided to run a competition for the best photograph taken on the day. Full details in our next Newsletter. And no, the aerial shots won't count! But if you were there and joined as a Foundation Member you will get a copy of the helicopter shot.

*Mazda had picked a typical Sydney winter's day. The sun shone brightly and most arrived with the top down — but the heaters on! The morning was spent meeting like souls all talking about why they bought an MX-5. Although reasons varied everyone praised "our" great little car. Vicary's was full of people with great taste.*

Lunch was served and Sue Ransom with the help of a couple of volunteers introduced the Miata Fashion range. Thanks Sue, Emma, Steve, Simon and Colleen.

After lunch, a drink or two and some more music, club members began the journey home happy in the knowledge they had been part of a special day.

## OUR FIRST RUN . . .

**SOUTH COAST TOUR:** The Kiama one-day drive, held on the 8th of July was well attended and most enjoyable.

The Gods were on our side for that mid-winter turning on delicious, sunny weather, with no sign of the dreaded winds.

In all, 23 converts (MX-5's in red, white and blue) departed in convoy from the Waterfall tollgates. Alan Greenough, with his local knowledge, detoured the convoy down the eerie, winding depths of Mt Keira Reserve. John from Nowra joined the group near Kiama as did Anne from Bowral.

**Club members and their companions enjoyed a superb spit-roast and salad lunch in green fields close to the seaside.**

With time to spare, our classy convoy was neatly marshalled for impromptu assault up the hair-raising slopes of notorious Saddleback Mountain under the guidance of ever-resourceful Jim Hull.

*Great views, leisurely walks and group photos up on the mountain was followed by a fast and furious descent. Hearts raced and the adrenalin pumped as the cars snaked down the mountain. Some members thought they had arrived at Eastern Creek with a few hills and broken edges thrown in!*

Later, as the group arrived at Stanwell Park, we were thankful that no one had been hit by a falling rock! A great day it was with the only casualty being Jim Hull's beloved cap - run over by a semi or two! He was philosophical, saying "It was perhaps a fitting way to depart this world!"

My thanks to all who attended. I know many had to alter other arrangements to be part of our first outing. **It was a great success.**

## NEXT CLUB OUTING

### SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

*Join us and see how many MX-5's we can fit into the main street of Gosford. Just before that we'll journey along the old Pacific Highway.*

**ACTIVITY #3: NEWCASTLE — CENTRAL COAST TOUR:** A one day drive to Newcastle along the old Pacific Highway, returning via the Central Coast. The date for this activity is 16th September.

Participants are to meet at the disused DMT Weighing Station on the old Pacific Highway - 1.7 km north of Berowra. Gregory's map Ref: Map 40 F-1 grid reference. Participants are to meet at the Weighing Station at 9.00 a.m. sharp.

Participants requiring breakfast and/or toilet facilities can meet at 8.00 a.m. at McDonalds, corner of James Street and Pacific Highway, Waitara.

Our first stop after leaving Berowra will be in the Gosford area where morning tea will be available.

Ring Mark Arena on 521 7158 or Pieter Versluis on 887 1265 if you are going to join us.

## AFFILIATION

The Club will seek affiliation with CAMS, other state MX-5 clubs and Miata clubs internationally. Contact has been established with the MX-5 Club of Victoria and a possible joint weekend may be held in the Albury region in January. Affiliation with CAMS is underway.

We have also corresponded with the Miata Club of America with a view to affiliate membership for our members and to get copies of their great magazine. Did you know the Miata Club of America has over 8,000 members!

## FUTURE EVENTS

*Details of future events will be in later Newsletters. To give you some advance warning, the following events are being organised. You'll note some gaps! We're looking for your suggestions.*

**14th October:** Blue Mountains breakfast run to Hydro Majestic. Garden tour and short walk.

**November 11th:** Historic Southern Highlands tour and 9 hole golf handicap event.

**December 16th:** Christmas Party at Centennial Park.

**January:** O/N trip to Albury with Victorian Club.

**February:** Overnight Gymkhana to Jamberoo.

**March:** ?

**April:** ?

**SUBLIME POINT:** Regrettably, the Kiama tour did not as planned include a stop at Sublime P. For anyone travelling south, its a stop not to be missed. The staff at the restaurant are friendly and would love to serve you with fine food and hot beverages whenever you're feeling in the mood for a driver-reviver!

Group photos are available to participants on the Kiama drive who have not already received one. See Mark Arena or Pieter Versluis at our next meeting or event.

**Mark Arena, Club Captain**

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

*Its a big club with 104 members but it would be much better with 208 members. Each of us should strive to introduce one new member before Christmas. Come on - bring a new member to our next outing or club meeting. Introduce yourself to other drivers on the street or leave them a note on their windscreen.*

## THE SURVEY...

The results of the survey conducted on the Open Day indicated most members were looking for the club to provide Social Events, particularly One Day jaunts. A smattering of members wanted speed related activities and the Eastern Creek Day responds to this. Other events and suggestions for the next few months are listed elsewhere.

## BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

*Already the Club has been approached by a number of suppliers seeking approval or endorsement of their product and access to member details.*

The first meeting endorsed the Committee's recommendation that endorsements and/or approvals not be given and that no information about members be provided. Instead it was decided to accept offers of supply and pass on details via the Newsletter. To this end members should note the following:

### \*BOB JANE T-MARTS:

Members are entitled to a discount on tyres and wheels equivalent to fleet prices.

### \*AMG:

Discounts are available on body kits wheels and suspension parts.

Club Members will need to produce proof of membership and mention the Club Newsletter.

## WANTED

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Please contact Pieter Versluis or any Committee member if you can assist.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD

Committee Member, Brian Connell, is investigating the production of credit card sized membership cards. Details at the next General Meeting.

## YOUR COMMITTEE:

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| President        | Pieter Versluis | (H) 887 1265 |
| Vice President   | Bob Skelton     | (H) 449 9276 |
| Secretary        | Susy Skelton    | (H) 449 9276 |
| Treasurer        | Tony Bonano     | (H) 533 2343 |
| Club Captain     | Mark Arena      | (H) 521 7158 |
| Committee Member | Alan Greenough  | (H) 938 1902 |
| Committee Member | Brian Connell   | (W) 327 6508 |