



## NatMeet '98 - Preliminary Details Arrive

**I**t's Back! Just when we had recovered from NatMeet '96 in Canberra, NatMeet '98 in Perth has reared its head. I recently received an e-mail message from Sandra Pullman from the MX-5 Club of WA regarding details for NatMeet 1998 in WA. She sent a draft summary of the programme to whet our appetites!

### NatMeet '98

NatMeet '98 is to be held in the first week of September, taking advantage of predictably fine weather, the wildflower season and cheaper accommodation.

#### Day 1

On arrival you will check into the MX-5 motel, receive your pack and details of how "every" event point counts towards your individual and state team trophies. You'll have time to do some final detailing of your car followed by late afternoon registration and dinner.

#### Day 2

Today starts with breakfast in a fine restaurant overlooking the city whilst your car is appraised by independent judges at the concourse. Take one of the tours around Kings' Park, the Botanical Gardens, the city, the zoo, or the casino. Grab some lunch and return to your car for photo opportunities, then a scenic drive

return to your car for photo opportunities, then a scenic drive and finish the day with a quiz night and dinner.

#### Day 3

An early start today with breakfast at the motel, then a convoy drive to Barbagello raceway for some laps of the circuit - at "your" pace, lunch, a hill-climb and motorkhana. Back to the motel to freshen up, then dinner with a view over the Swan River to the city.

#### Day 4

The second last day begins with breakfast at the motel and an easy-for-beginners observation / navigation drive to a winery. After lunch we'll caravan to the motor museum, then back to the motel to get ready for the gala dinner and trophy presentation.

#### Day 5

NatMeet '98 conclude with the traditional farewell breakfast, and the National Committee meeting to start planning for NatMeet 2000 in Brisbane.

#### Want More Information?

Please direct all queries from now until 1998 to:

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## Presentation Night & Christmas Party Comes and Goes

**O**nce again another success story to tell about - the 1996 Christmas Party and Presentation Night.

The committee decided that we should ask the members what they would like to do for Christmas. We wanted something different and something that people could have some fun with. The result: a bush band and a buffet style meal. The venue was Silverwater Club, the band "The Flying Wombats" and the meal was something that will be talked about



**Above:** Tony Buon (Left) and George Russ (Right) awarding Speedy Perin the 1996 Motorkhana Championship trophy.

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Meet Your New Committee... See page 8

# The President's Word

Tony Buon

**W**elcome to 1997! I am sure that this will be a great year for our club. The new committee is very keen and very committed to making this an exciting year. Our new Captain – Jean, has a great year of social drives planned, including our first ever Anzac Day run on a Friday!. Our Competition Secretary – Ed, has some excellent events coming up including a practice day at Wakefield Park and a competitive go-kart night. This year may well be remembered as the year the MX-5 Club of NSW *really* got into competition mode.

Many of you who visited the Sydney Motor Show or who read motoring

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magazines would have seen articles declaring the "year of the convertible" or announcing that "the roadster returns" -- due to the many new two-seater roadsters released last year and in 1997. The new Lotus Elan, the Z3 BMW, a new MG and more. This is clearly a recognition that Mazda 'got it right' several years ago with the Miata MX-5. Something we don't have to be told. I still think at least weekly of the quote by one of the original MX-5 design team who said: "It is both impracticable and irresponsible to refuse the simple happiness the convertible brings".

I know that some of our members may even be thinking of trading-in their MX-5 and getting one of these new 'sexy' models. However, it may be worth considering that the MX-5 you have in the garage, lovingly cared for was recently listed as one of the 5 best cars at holding their value. You probably have paid of a lot of that original loan or

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# This Is Your Captain Speaking

Jean Cook

**M**y main aim for my time as Captain would be to see more involvement by the lady members of the club. I was surprised when I was nominated for Captain, I felt I was hardly an ideal or even appropriate representative of a sports car club. I then realized that perhaps this is a great way to show everyone that these cars are not only for young males to attract women. In the two years since becoming the driver rather than the passenger, I have made a point of learning as much as I can about the car and its capabilities. I now drive the car with a confidence that I never had before, and am well aware of

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its limits, having tried them on the safety of Wakefield Park race track. The support and assistance that I have received from all the members of the club has been a great help to me, and best of all nobody laughed at me on my first few circuits of the track. There is really nothing like the satisfaction of mastering one of those corners at my limit, and then lapping faster than the time before. That to me is the most enjoyable part of owning the car. If you are not going to really test it to its limits, then you may just as well be driving a Toyota. With the help of our Competition Secretary, Ed Chivers, I would like to see the club more involved in track events, motorkhanas, hill climbs etc, as a build up for NatMeet '98 in Perth.

I hope that the drives we arrange will be enjoyable for everyone, with some variety to them. We always seem to maintain our driving composure on the social drives, which is very important,

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## The Club Welcomes

JENNY FAZZARI

ROBERT FAZZARI

KEVIN MORIARTY

SHANE PLACE

MARK FAIRWEATHER

CHRIS NICHOLSON

SAMANTHA NICHOLSON

DAVID LEVY

BOB HELLYAR

JUDY HELLYAR



## From the Editor's

# Dash Lights

Edited By Steve Remington

### An Oldie But a Goodie...

A quote seen at the end of someone's e-mail message "My wife said she will leave me if I go for one more early Sunday morning drive in my MX-5 ... Gee I'll miss her when she's gone."

### A Word of Wisdom...

"Anyone who builds a small nimble, attractive, and inexpensive sports car will soon have swarms of their off spring all over the roads of America..."

Dave Destler, Editor of British Car Magazine, in 1988 foretelling the success of the MX-5.

### Let the Buyer Beware ... of some dealers and their labour estimates

Club member, Bob Lynch, discovered that both of his break lights stopped working. Bob took his car to a prominent Sydney Mazda dealer to see what the problem was. The problem was traced to the brake light switch behind the brake pedal. They quoted him \$19.20 for the switch plus approximately 1.5 hours labour at \$70 / hour to install the new switch. Another dealer quoted a similar price for the switch but said it would take about 40 minutes to fit.

Being a discerning buyer, Bob contacted JUSTMX5 for a price on the part. He was quoted \$25.00 for a second hand switch including fitting. Bob took the drive out to Kirrawee to get the part. Stephen Thatcher removed the old switch, and fitted and adjusted the newly purchased second hand switch in just under 10 minutes.

The lessons from this episode are two fold. First, remember to shop around to different dealers when wanting repair work done because their quoted labour times and rates can vary considerably, and; second, always remember to check out the prices of second hand parts dealers when looking for replacement parts.

### Is anyone really this silly...

A quote posted on the Internet: "Someone help me! I locked my keys in my MX-5 and I need to raise the top - it's starting to rain!"

**H**appy New Year and welcome to 1997. Where did 1996 go? It only seems like a couple of months ago I was compiling my first edition of ClubTalk. I hope that our members, especially those who, because of circumstances or choice, do not regularly attend our social outings, have found the material in the newsletters valuable. If there are any suggestions any one would like to make please let me know, particularly if you have knowledge and experience in the layout and design of newsletters. I am pretty good at using the software and searching out material but my specialty is definitely **not** graphic design.

At this point I must make an apology regarding an advertisement for parts that appeared in the last issue. I inadvertently put the wrong contact name and number on the ad and this caused a great deal of inconvenience for those making inquiries and those receiving the calls (Mark). I have worked out how the problem occurred and will make sure that it will not happen

and will make sure that it will not happen again. The ad in question has been pulled for this issue because I need to clarify the actual contact details but I was able to replace it with another ad for parts.

I suppose that it is now the part of the editor's new year column that he talks about new year's resolutions. My first resolution for the year is to get a new set of performance shock absorbers for Max. I think that 154,000 odd kilometres of driving has been fair service and it's time to retire them.

I would also like to respond to suggestions received from some members about reducing postage costs for our publications. We have inquired to Australia Post and been advised that **recent changes** to Print Post rules means that we are now eligible to register our publications and post them at concessional rates. I hope to have the necessary approvals finalised by the mailing of the next issue of ClubTalk. See you on the next run. **CT**

## Coming Events

**Club events scheduled for the next three months.**

**Pencil them in your diary so you don't forget!**

**Saturday 11 January '97** - Drive-In Movie Night. Geater Union Blacktown Twin Drive-In. Meet at Prospect Highway entrance 7:00pm. (Organiser: Sylvia Tikellis)

**Sunday 19 January '97** - President's BBQ. 56 Castle Hill Road, West Pennant Hills (cnr New Line Road). From 2:00pm - 6:00pm. (Organiser: Tony and Caitlin Buon)

**Monday 20 January '97** - Wakefield Park Raceway practice day. Groups leaving on the day and the night before. (Organiser: Ed Chivers)

**Saturday 15 February '97** - Evening

social drive and dinner (optional) to Pittwater. (Organiser: Ed Chivers)

**Wednesday 26 February '97** - Competitive go-karting night. (Organiser: Ed Chivers)

**Sunday 16 March '97** - Social drive and motorkhana ... all spectators welcome. (Organiser: Mike Walkden-Brown & Ed Chivers).

**Tuesday 8 April '97** - General Meeting. To be held at Yokohama Tyres.

**Friday 25 April '97** - ANZAC Day social drive. **CT**



# Sporting Torque

Ed Chivers

**H**i folks, compliments of the season to you and may it be a great year for us all. I'm looking forward to organising some interesting events for you over the coming 12 months. I've been gathering information to see where we can hold various events and speaking with other clubs to see what they are up to (eg. MG, Lotus). However, before setting a calendar of events for the year I'd really like to know what **you** want to do. Please complete the enclosed survey and return as soon as possible.

I know that many members are interested in getting on the track for driving practice, supersprints, hill climbs, and motorkhanas. I'll do my best to accommodate all these during the year. I'd also like to explore some other

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options and get a feel for how many want to participate in which events, your preferences and your ideas. Please complete the enclosed survey, your input will help make this a successful and fun year for us all.

I'll try to ensure that members who don't want to throw their beloved MX-5 around (and our partners who may not get to drive them!!!) also have some sporting fun too. For example an indoor Go Karting night on 26th Feb and around mid year a rally with clues, etc.

I'll endeavour to keep you informed of appropriate upcoming events, including public events that may appeal. There are some publicised but there's insufficient time to notify you through flyers or the newsletter. For example there was a Wakefield Park Supersprint held on Sunday 8th. What I propose is that if you are truly interested in participating in these events I will personally contact you when I hear of something that I know you are keen on. I've included a box in the attached survey form for you

to tick and provide me with a contact number.

If you are interested in participating in Supersprints it's probably worth joining N1 Autosport. They have a monthly event at one of the tracks. Membership is \$40 for a year. Call Paul on (02) 9804-6110.

In order for us to run competitive events ourselves, other than at Wakefield Park (such as supersprints, hill climbs and motorkhanas), we need to have a number of CAMS accredited Stewards. Unfortunately the club is down to one and CAMS are only running these courses in mid 97. However, if we can get a sufficiently large enough group together, perhaps with other clubs, they will run a course especially for us. The course takes one day or may be run over three evenings. Please call me if you would like to get involved.

Perhaps you are interested in being actively involved in motor sport / racing? If so, become a CAMS Motor Sport Official as a flag marshal, grid and pit marshal, timekeeper, scrutineer, communications, check point control or in an emergency role. Call me for a brochure.

Up coming events that may appeal are:

- MX-5 Club Wakefield Park Practice day - Monday 20th January - exclusive use of the track by MX-5 club!!
- MX-5 Club Indoor Go Karting evening - Wednesday evening 26th February.
- N1 Autosport Supersprint - Sunday 23 February at Oran Park.
- Targa Tasmania - 16-21 April. A major competitive rally, with a host of modern and classic cars, travelling the length and breadth of Tasmania (on sealed roads). Cost of entry is \$4,400 for two, plus accommodation and breakfast. The organisers would welcome MX5's as they are considered to be the father (or is it the mother???) of the modern sports car. I have an information pack available for those interested.
- IndyCar Australia Classic Rally - 28 March - 4 April. A competitive rally from Sydney to Surfers Paradise, moving up the coast daily. Includes supersprints, hill climbs, motorkhanas, day & night navigation

navigation events and driving tests. Costing \$2,250, plus an accommodation package of \$1,350, for two, it includes a 4 day pass to Indy, entry to the Classic Rally corporate suite, pit walk, lunches and trophies. **CT**

## The President Continues

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at holding their value. You probably have paid a lot of that original loan or own your MX-5. If you have less than 50,000 kms on the clock it may be worth remembering that many members around the world have over 150,000 kms without any problems! You could have 100,000 km's worth of trouble free motoring ahead. I'm not sure the new MG driver can hope for the same. Steve, our Vice President and Editor's car has over 150,000 km's and just won our last Concours! Also, before you buy remember that a *new* MX-5 is just around the corner. It may be well worth waiting to see just what it is like and give these new kids on the block a chance to prove *their* reliability.

To our new members we invite you to come along to one of our events real soon. I am sure you will be very happy that you made the time to come along. To our older members that we haven't seen for a while - please try to come along to something this year, we miss you! I would like to personally invite all members to the President's Bar-B-Q on the 19<sup>th</sup> January. Caitlin and I would love to see you there. I wish you a year of fun & safe motoring...in your MX-5. **CT**

## Your Captain Continues

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social drives, which is very important, because we are very noticeable as a group, and being on public roads in a group is not the time to hoon around. We will try and restrict that to track events.

I look forward to meeting a lot more of our members, old and new, this year, and seeing a lot more ladies with me on the track at motorkhanas and on hill climbs.

**CT**

# 1996 Concours Results

Tony Buon

## Presentation Night and Christmas Party

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about for a long time.

Everyone (after a little gentle persuasion from the band) got up to dance and the band provided tuition for those who were not so well versed in the art of bush dancing.

During the course of the evening the presentation of awards took place. These awards were for all events that took place during the year - the Motorkhana, the Concours de Elegance, and the President's Shield. Also this year there was certificates of appreciate awarded to all those who participated in the organising of social drive.

The motorkhana championship was won by Speedy Perin with runner-up Robert Scott. The winners of the Concours prizes can be seen from the article "1996 Concours Results" (left). The President's Shield for outstanding service was Steve Remington. CT



George & Colleen Russ 17.3 points  
Mark Fairweather 17.2 points  
Mike Walkden-Brown 14.1 points

Congratulations to all winners and remember a clean MX-5 is a happy MX-5. CT

## Cars and Drivers

From The Internet

What car a person drives can say a lot about what the owners are really saying about their personalities...

**MGB** - I am dating a mechanic

**Honda Legend** - I'm too bland for German cars

**Honda NSX** - I am impotent

**Chrysler Neon** - I sincerely enjoy doing the Macarena

**Porsche 911 Turbo** - I have a three inch thingie

**Volvo 740 Wagon** - I am frightened of my wife

**Mazda MX-5** - I do not fear being decapitated by an semi-trailer

**Ferrari Testarossa** - I am known to prematurely ejaculate

**Toyota Camry** - I am still in the closet

**Volkswagon Beetle** - I still watch Partridge Family reruns

**Volkswagon Microbus** - I am tripping right now. CT

Well it was wet and damp. Would the rain ever end? However the cars still came out in their finest polishes and wax. Clean down to their exhaust systems, clean behind the wheels, even clean under the petrol cap. 15 beautiful MX-5's from NSW and the ACT ready to be judged on external, internal, under bonnet, engine and undercarriage cleanliness, condition and originality. With allowances for age and mileage this is going to be a close competition.

A break in the rain, our 10 talented and wet judges crawl under and over the MX-5's - while others in our damp little party go shopping in the Valley. Merrily we eat and drink while the judges toil...and finally a result....all are winners for they have MX-5's, but the prizes on the day will go to the few.

The winner and runners up (where applicable) are:

**Overall Winner (Just MX5 Trophy):**

*Winner* - Steve Remington

*Runner Up* - Ron Lyons

**1600 Original:**

*Winner* - Anne Lyons

*Runner Up* - Rick Fisher

**1800 Original:**

*Winner* - Tony Buon

**Limited Edition:**

*Winner* - Jean Cook

**Customised:**

*Winner* - Ron Lyons

*Runner Up* - John Toomer

**Modified:**

*Winner* - Steve Remington

*Runner Up* - Peter & Ruth Simpson

**Peoples Choice:**

*Winner* - Steve Remington

### Overall Point Scores

(without modified or customised scores)

Steve Remington	23.1 points
Ron Lyons	22.8 points
Anne Lyons	22.8 points
Jean Cook	22.2 points
Rick Fisher	22.1 points
Peter & Ruth Simpson	21.8 points
Tony Buon	21.8 points
John Toomer	20.1 points
Vito Ricci	19.8 points
Leanne Fiorentino	19.7 points
Stephen Battison	19.1 points
Russell Wheatley	19.1 points
George & Colleen Russ	17.3 points

**Top:** Steve Remington with the JUSTMX5 Overall Concours Champion Trophy.  
**Above:** Tony Buon & George Russ (2 on left) awarding achievement certificates to Jean Cook, Mike Walkden-Brown, Ed Chivers and Melanie Bondini (4 on right).

# NRMA Insurance Replies

George Russ

**Y**ou may remember that in the last edition of ClubTalk we reprinted a letter that I wrote to NRMA requesting clarification of the new exclusion clause (effective for all NRMA comprehensive policies renewed after 1 August 1996). Below is a copy of the reply from the

Underwriting Manager of Motor Vehicle Insurance.

When reading the reply you will see that it only addresses why the clause was added and not what it actually means.

In response to this new clause from the NRMA some members have, when

renewing their policies, filled in a disclosure form stating that they participate in social drive organised by the car club and that these event are NOT competitive.

Basically it is better to be safe rather than caught out at claim time. **CT**

12th November 1996

The President (Mr Bruce Russ)  
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Dear Mr Russ,

Your recent facsimile which was sent to our Motor Vehicle Insurance Department has been forwarded to me as Underwriting Manager for reply. May I first apologise for the delay as we have no record of having received your first correspondence sent in September.

In response to your enquiries regarding coverage under the new NRMA Comprehensive Insurance policy booklet (Cover for Cars and Motor Cycles) by members of motoring clubs, I would like to provide clarification of the intention of the exclusion and clarify some of the concerns in your correspondence.

The particular area of the policy which has raised concerns is exclusion 7 on Page 18 which states:

'your vehicle was being used for events relating to a motor vehicle club, bash or charity event (unless you have told us your vehicle will be used for any of these purposes and we have agreed to cover it).'

As a community minded organisation the NRMA recognises the importance of motor vehicle clubs, bashes and charity events and this has not changed. However, the experience of NRMA Insurance Limited has shown that in some events in the above categories, participants may be encouraged to drive in a competitive manner, for example, time trialing, cannonball run, racing type activities, which increases the risk of an accident. Whilst we have a racing exclusion in our policy it has been argued in the past, for example, that what we have deemed a race activity was actually a club activity or event. For this reason the exclusion was introduced as it has never been our intention to cover this type of risk.

To use the examples mentioned in the copy of your first correspondence, I would not expect policy holders to advise us if they were to attend, for example, a ten pin bowling night or the regular meeting at the clubhouse or a picnic day where the types of competitive / racing activities outlined above did not exist.

May I stress that the reason NRMA requests policy holders to inform us prior to taking part in a club event is to ensure that they fully understand the policy cover in these situations.

We are committed to ensuring that our policy holders are not paying higher premiums than necessary caused by the acceptance of higher than average risks and this exclusion will assist us in achieving this commitment.

I thank you for your feedback as we actively encourage our policy holders to do so in order that we keep in touch with our customers and further improve our policies.

I hope this letter has provided you with better understanding of the reasons for this exclusion and the intention of the exclusion.

Once again my apologies for the delay and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number below.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Licciardello  
Underwriting Manager  
Telephone number (02) 9292 9304  
MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE



# Treasurer's Report

George Russ

**U**he members present at the October 1996 Annual General Meeting requested a financial report be included in this issue of ClubTalk. Bryan Wu and Leanne Stanton are working on a report for the financial year ending 30 June 1996 and will have it completed by the next issue.

I have prepared a financial statement for the period 1 July 1996 to 30 November 1996 (right).

Of a little concern is the "slowness" of some people in returning their membership renewal fees for 1997. Most of these people pay their fees after they are chased up by members of the committee, however, we should not have to go to this effort. If you have not sent

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The Club is now a merchant for Bankcard, Mastercard and Visacard. Hopefully this will make it easier for members pay their fees and purchase items of regalia. The committee felt that the merchant fees charged by the bank would be more than offset by the convenience to members but ... if anyone

## Financial Statements 01/07/96 - 30/11/96

### Cash Book

(as at 30 November 1996)

Opening Balance b/f from 30 June 1996	\$ 3580.66
<b>Plus:</b> Reciepts as per cash book	\$11057.45
	<hr/> \$14368.11
<b>Less:</b> Payments as per cash book	(\$ 7833.50)
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<b>Balance as at 30 November 1996</b>	<b>\$ 6804.61</b>

### Cash Flow Statement

(for the period 1 July 1997 to 30 November 1996)

#### Income:

Membership	5439.70	
Social Events	302.00	
Advertising	80.00	\$5821.70

#### Expenditure:

Bank fees	23.57	
CAMS fees	65.00	
Meeting room hire	130.00	
Motorkhana	50.00	
Name badges	35.00	
Postage & stationery	289.49	
Printing	1337.28	
Regalia	84.00	
Presentation night	468.41	
Gifts	115.00	\$2597.75

"Surplus" for the period \$3223.95

Opening balance as at 1 July 1996 3580.66

**Total fund available as at 30 November 1996 \$6804.61**

convenience to members but ... if anyone works at the ANZ Bank and can arrange to get our fees reduced please give me a call!

I look forward to seeing you soon and finding all those outstanding payments in the post office box next time I clear it.  
CT

## The MX-5 Legend Continues

Wayne Webster - Telegraph Mirror

**I**n an age when pursuit of practicality often means sacrificing fun, Mazda's magical little MX-5 remains one of the few cars to buck the trend.

The drop-top cult car that is well on its way to establishing itself as an automotive legend has just chalked up another milestone.

The 400,000th MX-5 has rolled off the production line in Japan.

The MX-5, is rapidly closing in on the legendary British MGB as the world's best-selling two-seat roadster.

Considering that the MX-5 is a selfish car with seating for two and only the bare minimum of luggage space, the fact that it's now headed towards the half-

half-million mark is simply astounding.

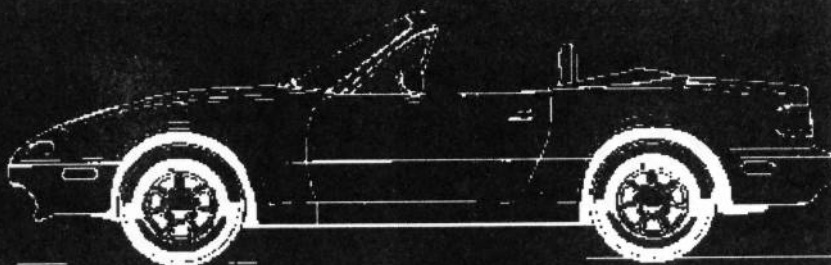
The 400,000th car - jet black at that - came off the production line in Hiroshima just 7 1/2 years after the first car appeared in April 1989.

The Original car was sent straight to the US for its international debut at the

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# Going Topless

## Revealing insights into an MX-5 Club member's life with their car



**I**n this issue of Going Topless we are profiling all the new committee members. I hope this gives you an insight into those people who work hard to keep the cogs of the MX-5 Club of NSW turning.

### **Tony Buon** *President*

**Car Colour:** Laguna Blue

**Year Model:** 1993 - 94

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

Director of a company called IPS Employee Assistance, also teach at Macquarie University, attend MX-5 Club Committee meetings and occasionally relax in front of my Foxtell, my Computer or a good book.

**Who would you consider your hero?**

My wife Caitlin

**What is your favourite movie?**

Citizen Kane

**What is the last book you have read?**

Angela's Ashes by McCourt

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

Wanted one back in 88, but had to wait until I could get one as a company car. Which was one of the first things I did when I became a Company Director.

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

'Miata' (much sexier than MX-5) and no it doesn't

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

Just before I had a Ford Fairlane Ghia, before that a Triumph Stag

**What is your favourite short drive?**

Over to Palm Beach

**What is your favourite long drive?**

The back roads to Mugee are rather fun

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

Lack of power.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

Better boot cover, better seats, optional factory supercharger, low profile pop-up lights and to mine -- a five speed box and

and air conditioning!

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

Porsche Boxster

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

My number palate IPS-OOT is not some interesting play on words, nor is it the name of an American Indian Tribe, nor is it a sign that I work in a coal mine (think about it) -- it is simply the name off my company with 00(T) for Tony (my partners have 00R, 00B & 00V).

### **Steve Remington** *(Vice President)*

**Car Colour:** Classic Red

**Year Model:** 1989

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

Going to the movies; reading about Australian history; spending time with Melanie; and wandering around the Internet.

**Who would you consider your hero?**

Albert Einstein

**What is your favourite movie?**

The Breakfast Club.

**What is the last book you have read?**

1788: The Expedition to Botany Bay & The Settlement at Port Jackson by Watkin Tench

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

I woke up one morning thinking that my life would not be complete if I did not own a sports car. While looking around for the right one I read about the soon to be released MX-5. Every article praised the MX-5 so I thought it must be the one to buy. By the way, the first time I saw an MX-5 in the flesh (or should I say in the metal) was the day I picked my car up from the dealer...

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

Although not very original I call my car Max. Max is basically a derivative of the MX in MX-5.

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

Immediately prior to the MX-5 I owned a red Sigma sedan, and prior to that I owned a yellow Corolla sedan.

**What is your favourite short drive?**

My favourite short drive would have to be the run from Tharwa to Corin Dam and return in Canberra. The Tharwa end of the run is a high speed drive through the foot hills of the mountains surrounding Canberra. The Corin Dam end of the run takes you through some very tight twists and turns following the gully leading down to the dam. There is hardly any traffic except for the odd timber jinker carrying pine logs out of the forest. This is a really great road to get the adrenalin pumping really hard!

**What is your favourite long drive?**

My favourite long drive would have to be the round trip that takes you from and back to Thredbo Village via Khancoban and Tumut Ponds. The first part of the trip is very steep down-hill, very windy and dirt (Yes that's right, Max is NOT allergic to dirt roads like many other cars in the club). Once you reach the Murray River you start the climb back into the mountains. The road twists and turns in and out of the many gullies that form part of the Snowy Scheme, and takes you into country that was just made for the MX-5. The scenery is also very spectacular ... well that's what Melanie told me ... I was too busy driving on the edge to notice.

**What do you like most about MX-5?**

Its simplicity and driveability. The car was obviously made for driving pleasure from the beginning with all other consideration being secondary.

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

The fact that in standard form it suffers from chronic asthma that strangles the life out of it.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

I would redesign the car to have an intake / exhaust system that optimises the car's performance rather than its

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environmental friendliness.

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

A Porche 911 Carrera because I love the exhaust note it has under acceleration.

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

When driving from Newcastle to Kangaroo Valley to meet Hirai a few years ago I decided to do some maintenance on the valves using the drive-fast-enough-to-blow-the-carbon-away technique. As I passed though Mt White, at a speed appropriate to thoroughly cleaning the valves, my mate said I think we passed a parked highway patrol car (this was in the days before speed cameras). I looked in the mirror to see if we were being followed. There was no sign of any car at all let alone a police car so we continued on with the maintenance. After about 15 minutes we decided to turn back onto the express way. While we waited to merge a police car pulled up behind us and flashed its lights for us to pull over. The officer got out of the car and came over to the MX-5. It was the patrol car we passed at Mt White (it took him that long to catch me). The officer gave me a very stern warning about driving so fast on this road ... but all the while he had a very dejected look on his face because he was not able to determine my actual speed and therefore could not fine me. It is the first and only time I was ever given a caution.

**Jean Cook**  
(Club Captain)

**Car Colour:** Neo Green

**Year Model:** 1996 Limited Edition

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

If you mean work, I am a Nurse Manager, If you mean hobbies etc, Golf and surfing (the net)

**Who would you consider your hero?**

I can't remember her name, I think it was Clarke, the lady of my age who drove the white MX5 in the Targe Tasmania a couple of years ago.

**What is your favourite movie?**

Too many to mention and I might give

away my age, but recently I really enjoyed Babe, and Born on the Fourth of July.

**What is the last book you have read?**

The Bridges of Madison County, in preparation for my visit with the Delaware Valley Miata club in Philadelphia, when we had a great run around the covered Bridges of Lancaster county. Unfortunately my driver was not Clint Eastwood.

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

I did not buy it, it was part of my divorce settlement! I also got the cat!

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

Not really.

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

The only one worth mentioning was a 1967 Chevrolet Camaro, but just before this one was a Black MX-5 and before that was a Blue MX-5. Still a few more colours to go!

**What is your favourite short drive?**

Up the Hawksbury road to Springwood and down the Old Bathurst road or Mitchells Pass into Emu Plains. (Great hairpin bends)

**What is your favourite long drive?**

Anywhere around the Southern Highlands, including Kangaroo Valley, but a close second would be around Canberra.

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

The fact that driving a car like that involves a lot of responsibility in that you have to keep it gleaming all the time. After all we do have a reputation to uphold. The dirt on the bodywork seems to spoil the performance!

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

About the only thing might be a power operated top, but then I would not get quite as much exercise stretching and crawling inside and walking around.

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

Perhaps a merc, but I probably would not be able to see over the bonnet!

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

Just the time driving past a notorious pub in my area with my newly blonde hair blowing freely in the breeze enjoying the admiring calls, until they had a closer look and shouted "Did I get it with my super payout" Another time I pulled up

pulled up next to a police car at traffic lights and the officer driving told me a "Good looking woman always looks better in a good looking car"

**Bruce (George) Russ**  
(Treasurer)

**Car Colour:** Classic Red

**Year Model:** 1990

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

Still renovating the house! A spot of golf occasionally and of course a sip of red wine. (Ed. just to let our readers know George has a very different definition of "Sip" than the rest of us).

**Who would you consider your hero?**

Doug Walters - Am I showing my age now? He was one of those cricketers who could change the outcome of a game, but most importantly was a larrikin with it. There are just too many serious people in this world.

**What is your favourite movie?**

Can't say ... my wife would beat me up. (Ed. this response makes the mind boggle)

**What is the last book you have read?**

I'm not a big reader of books. I read mainly car magazines, but at the moment I am reading "David Campese". Santa Claus gave me that!

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

I had a ride in a friend's '69 Merc convertible and was converted. I then drove Trudy's and Chris's MX-5 and just had to have one.

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

No.

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

A VW, Holden van, Holden ute, Min Clubman, Mini Cooper S Mk II, and a VL Commodore.

**What is your favourite short drive?**

Home from work! Even when I've had a shit of a day it is soothing to jump in the MX and drive home.

**What is your favourite long drive?**

The last run to Jamberoo had a mix of all sorts of roads. It is hard to beat the run through Tharwa at the back of Canberra.

**What do you like most about MX-5?**  
Fun!

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

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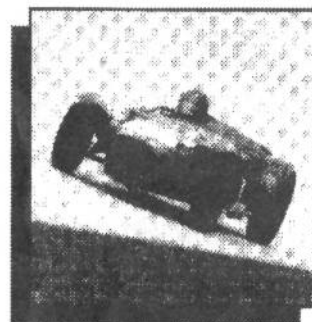
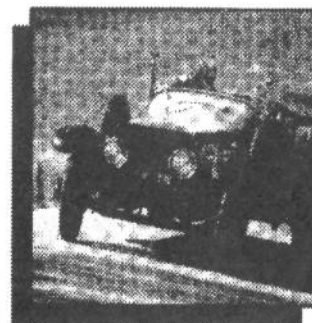
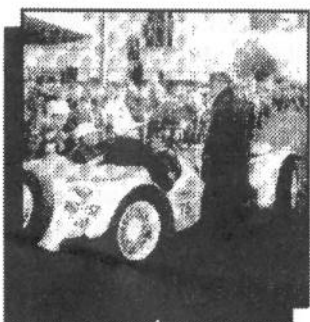
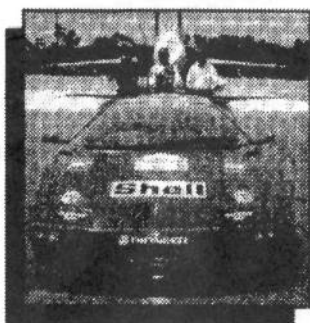
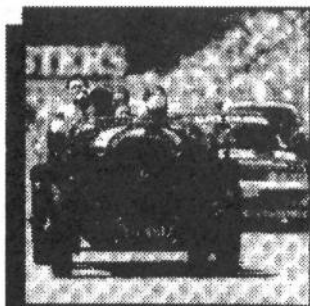
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My age ... I'm sure my age success with the female half of the population would have been much greater if I had this car when I was 21 and single. I hate it when the car (and me) attract all that attention.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

Not much because it is my everyday car. Some more power would be handy occasionally.

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

A V8 Commodore ute - you just can't take the farm out of some boys.

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

Did you know you can fit a toilet in the boot!

**Is there anything else?**

Seeing that you asked. Mum, dad, my work people and the tax man call me Bruce (hence the BER-00A number plate). All my friends call me George - please call me George!

**Russell Wheatley**  
(Secretary)

**Car Colour:** Classic Red

**Year Model:** 1990

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

Bicycle riding, listening to music, drawing, and avoiding trouble.

**Who would you consider your hero?**

It always changes.

**What is your favourite movie?**

Again, it always changes.

**What is the last book you have read?**

I am currently reading "Age & Guile beat youth, innocence, and a bad haircut" by P J O'Rourke. Generally, I read the SMH, Thursday Australian, Autocar, Hi Fi magazines and other periodicals.

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

This is the story of how a \$4,000 Alfetta became an MX-5. I originally decided that as my first car I would buy a \$4,000 Alfa Romeo Alfetta. When I reached the financial point I looked at an \$8,000 BMW E21 323i, which then became a \$15,000 BMW E30 323i. I realised the BMW would be expensive to maintain

and by improving the suspension it would make a world of difference. The catch was improving the suspension would not be recouped when the time came to sell the car. I then looked at a Peugeot 205 GTi and Mazda Astina 323 SP. The problem with the Mazda 323 SP was the steering, gearbox and handling were not in the same league as a Mazda MX-5. The thing that sold me on the MX-5 was the steering and gearbox, handling as well as parts availability

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

No, but I sometimes refer to it as a six year old car/bomb/Mazda.

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

A VL Holden Commodore and a Morris Marina.

**What is your favourite short drive?**

Peakhurst to Blakehurst via Kyle Bay.

**What is your favourite long drive?**

Sydney to Wollongong through Royal National park, up to the Mt Kiera lookout and back to Sydney.

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

Not having rear seats, torque at low rpm and getting the oil filter off.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

Being selfish, and needing an affluent spouse, I would not have one car. I would have a Mercedes E Class for the week days, a Caterham (Nee Lotus) Seven for the weekend. Of course, like all things, this is subject to change.

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

Censored!

**Ed Chivers**  
(Competition Secretary)

**Car Colour:** Classic Red

**Year Model:** 1994

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

Woodwork, fishing.

**Who would you consider your hero?**

Mario Andretti

**What is your favourite movie?**

Crocodile Dundee

**What is the last book you have read?**

The MX5 Maintenance manual - just kidding! The last book was on ideas /

kidding! The last book was on ideas / projects for storage within the home

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

Fun! Fun! Fun!

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

"Bootie" - because it's only got a child size boot!

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

4 Landcruisers over 12 years followed by an LTD for a year.

**What is your favourite short drive?**

Through Kuringai Chase to Cottage Point for lunch at the "Inn".

**What is your favourite long drive?**

Old Pacific Highway to Gosford area, along the Hawskebury to Wisemans Ferry, Windsor, etc

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

No steering column adjustment, no seat height adjustment

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

See above plus more power (I've already got Loch Stewart's gear fitted)

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

None - I've thought about it from time to time and I wouldn't swap my 5 for anything else.

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

Patsy and I made our mark on the NSW club by breaking down on our very first club run - miles from civilisation, in the Blue Mountains. We found it was a great way meet a whole bunch of people that we probably wouldn't have met under normal conditions

Also, all three of my children (mid to late 20's) covet my car. They don't just want any MX-5, they want mine!! Should I prematurely drop off my perch there will be one mighty squabble, so I've told them I'm taking it with me.

**Sylvia Tikellis**  
(Social Secretary)

**Car Colour:** Crystal White.

**Year Model:** 1993

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**

Cleaning my MX-5.

**Who would you consider your hero?**

Kabubbi, my 4ft 7in pet bear.

**What is your favourite movie?**

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Anything with Mel Gibson or Steven Segal in it. Also, Tool Time.

**What is the last book you have read?**  
Circle of Friends by Maeve Binchi

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**  
Carefree feeling of top down.

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

I think everyone knows the answer to that question. (Ed. For those who don't its "Agro" and it has something to do with Sylvia's bad temper or her Greek name).

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**  
1986 Corolla hatch back also named "Agro"

**What is your favourite short drive?**  
To work and back. It's about the only time I get to drive Agro on a weekly basis, that is once a week.

**What is your favourite long drive?**  
To Victoria along the coast road.

**What do you like most about MX-5?**  
That I can only take my teddy bear with me for a drive.

**What do you like least about MX-5?**  
That I can only take one teddy bear with me at a time.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**  
A dickie seat for an extra teddy bear.

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**  
Someone else's MX-5.

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**  
Everyone already knows them.

**Mike Walkden-Brown**  
(Committee Member)

**Car Colour:** Classic Red  
**Year Model:** 1992

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**  
I pass time dreaming (day or evening) of driving my MX-5.

**Who would you consider your hero?**  
Amitarah

**What is your favourite movie?**  
Chandini (an Indian film about the triumph of romantic love)

**What is the last book you have read?**  
The CityRail new years eve timetable.

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**  
My life was in crisis.

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**  
No.

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**  
Something boring ... a coupe I think.

**What is your favourite short drive?**  
Mooney Mooney bridge to Cowan via the old Pacific Highway.

**What is your favourite long drive?**  
The Putty Road with a top up at Reynolds Winery.

**What do you like most about MX-5?**  
No back seat passengers

**What do you like least about MX-5?**  
Nothing worth mentioning

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**  
A dicky seat would enable me to have a steady relationship and make the MX-5 a true family car. Women are more practical about their personal transport and would appreciate practical features.

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**  
Lotus Elise

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**  
Nothing that can, should or will be told here thank you.

**Amy Richmond**  
(Committee Member)

**Car Colour:** Blue  
**Year Model:** 1990

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**  
Taking my Suzuki Ute out on dirt-muddy roads relieving my stress and practising for Wakefield Park.

**Who would you consider your hero?**  
Laurie Daley - Canberra football player because his nose is actually bigger than Speedy's (Ed. Dave "Speedy" Perin is Amy's boy friend)

**What is your favourite movie?**  
Dirty Dancing

**What is the last book you have read?**  
How to stay on the Race Track

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**  
I wouldn't by an MX-5 ... I just drive Speedy's.

**Does your car have a name and does**

**it mean anything?**

MX-HOOD - If you know the owner you know why it has that name.

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**  
I still drive my Suzuki Ute.

**What is your favourite short drive?**  
Reversing the MX-5 out of the garage.

**What is your favourite long drive?**  
Driving from the garage to the road ... but when Speedy is not around this drive usually turns out to be a 2 hour drive to where ever I end up ... sshh! don't tell Speedy!

**What do you like most about MX-5?**  
It's so easy to wash after one of those 2 hour drives when Speedy is not home.

**What do you like least about MX-5?**  
When its raining and the roof is still not allowed to come up.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**  
Being able to put it into 4WD.

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**  
Definitely a Jeep Wrangler Sport to go where the MX-5 can't - Dirt Roads!

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

There was this time when I left Speedy in the middle of nowhere - I was driving the MX-5 at about 80kmh with him following me in his old ute on the way to Mudgee and I didn't notice he had stopped. It was 3:00am and I had the music going and I was cruising along. I got all the way to Mudgee before I realised that he wasn't there - that was 2 hours later.

**Jason Tsang**  
(Committee Member)

**Car Colour:** Crystal White  
**Year Model:** 1994 Clubman

**What do you do as a pass time when you're not driving your MX-5?**  
Cleaning it, polishing it an setting up an alter for it. If there is any time left, I usually go to the gym, play tennis, or go to the movies. I've also just taken up golf - people tell me its supposed to be relaxing but I've also discovered it's great for sharpening up and inventing some new adjectives.

**Who would you consider your hero?**  
Miguel Irdurain - the five times winner of the Tour de France ... but if it means a free membership, then it's you Steve.

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(Ed. The power of the press is wonderful)

**What is your favourite movie?**

It's a close tie between "The Usual Suspects" and "Fargo".

**What is the last book you have read?**

The Rising Sun by Michael Chrichton - it's about the economic and political relationship between Japan and the USA set around a corporate murder mystery - fictional but rather enlightening.

**Why did you buy an MX-5?**

Because it was cute but athletic, performs and handles well, well received by the critics and a whole lot of fun - y'know ... a lot like me!

**Does your car have a name and does it mean anything?**

Not really, but once I thought of naming it after the baby in "The Addams Family" - "Pubert" - but decided against it after consultation with my publicist (and the effects of alcohol had worn off...)

**What did you drive before your MX-5?**

A Mazda 121. The "Jellybean", or as I have heard one person refer to it - "The Pregnant Skateboard"

**What is your favourite short drive?**

A blast up the Old Pacific Highway near Berowra where the Club regularly meets for runs. But one has to be careful now as our friends in blue regularly patrol the area - not that I would do anything that remotely pushes the bounds of the law, of course.

**What is your favourite long drive?**

Any drive along the Hume Highway south past Kiama towards Berry - some of the back roads are just made for the MX-5.

**What do you like most about MX-5?**

The feeling it gives you when you are driving with the top down in Spring at dusk over the Harbour Bridge when there is little traffic - which doesn't happen very often (the traffic not the feeling).

**What do you like least about MX-5?**

It's a fairly common gripe - and I don't want to dwell on it - but I firmly believe that one can never have too much power ... oh, and the fact that the seats don't

recline all the way back ... you know, when you are feeling a little tired from the long hours spent behind the wheel.

**If you could change / add anything at all to the MX-5 what would it be?**

If she wasn't married - Gillian Anderson, OK what the hell, so what if she is married ... is my girlfriend going to read this?

**If you could drive any other car what would you choose?**

Not that I could ever afford one whilst I am legally employed - but a Porche 911 Turbo would add a lot of value to my garage. Otherwise, a '97 model with 18" wheels in Atlantic Ice Blue please.

**Have you got any memorable stories or anecdotes about your MX-5 that you can tell the readers?**

Yes, but I am not sure my girlfriend would appreciate it very much. So I'll just tell the one where we were involved in a convoy of god-knows-how-many cars to Seven Hills and Gladesville in a Serbian wedding. Flags tied up around the antenna and horn blasting all the way of course. I found out on this occasion that you can wear out an MX-5 horn through abuse. CT

made our way into Gulgong. The Ten Dollar Motel had arranged a special dinner for us and it really was special. Perhaps a little too much of the local produce (Ed. we're not talking honey) was sampled by a few of our members.

We were awoken quite early the next morning with thunder and lightning, but luckily it had moved on towards Sydney by the time we finished breakfast. At that point we divided into two groups, those that wanted to refill their wine cellars and those who had decided enough was enough and wanted to sample the local honey. We visited 3 honey farms and then ended up at a pick your own farm where we picked our own strawberries and asparagus. Surprise surprise, at the back of the shed we found a real treasure, a 1929 M.G. in the midst of being restored, with the proud owner eager to talk cars to anyone who would listen. We spent quite a while with him, I don't think he could believe his luck having this eager group of car buffs arrive on his doorstep all at once.

After lunch in Mudgee we made our way back to Sydney. Another memorable weekend away! CT

## Weekend Run to Mudgee

Jean Cook

**A**fter meeting at the Golden Arches on the freeway at prospect, we set off up the mountains under cloudy skies. Some of us took the chance on warmer weather arriving soon, but it was looking pretty ominous once or twice. Just as we reached Katoomba the clouds started to clear and it really warmed up. The morning tea stop at Little Hartley was welcome to allow the top few layers of clothing to be removed, calls of nature to be answered and the always important Cappuccino. After a really magnificent run on deserted country roads, on which some of us were able to test the upper limits of our speedometers (Ed. Purely to check if the top end of the speedo still worked ... just a maintenance thing you know), we stopped to have a lovely barbecue at the Montrose winery. The weather was perfect for us and then we made our way into Gulgong. The

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Chicago Motor Show.

Of all the MX-5s made, 30 per cent have been sold in Japan, just under 50% have gone to North America and the rest swallowed up by other export markets.

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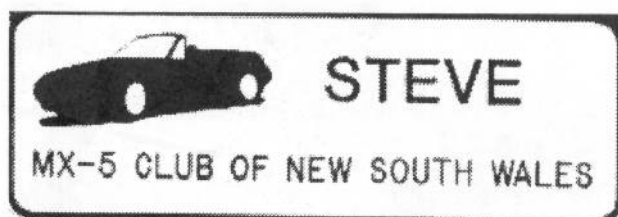
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Club Talk is YOUR magazine and needs your contributions.

We are seeking short articles, photographs, and / or funny stories relating to you and your MX-5. We are not looking to epics to rival War and Peace. We only need half a dozen paragraphs or so and possibly a photograph.

If you want to make a contribution you can send it to the Magazine Editor, Steve Remington, via post, fax, or email. Refer the back page of Club Talk for contact details.

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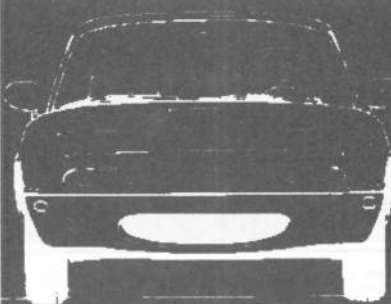
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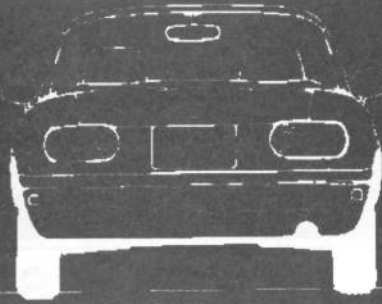
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Ph: (02) 569-2844

Contact: Contact Dominic or Robert

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15% discount on labour, Trade price on parts, free courier service to train or shops, free exterior & interior wash and clean.

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Trade prices on parts and accessories, 15% discounts on labour charges, complimentary car wash and vacuum, courtesy transport nearest transport station and monthly parts specials.

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Contact: Bruce Roberts (Parts)

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Ph: (02) 521-4911

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Contact: Ian Luff or Office Staff

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Burncroft is a small guest house set on 20 acres in the Lower Hunter Valley, with views across the valley to Watagan Mountains and Brokenback Range. Your hosts are club members, Suzanne

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Contact: Suzanne or Richard

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*Please note that the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW does not endorse or recommend any product or service provided by the above companies. It is listed as a service for our members only.*

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## Club Talk

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The Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW operates as a non-profit organisation and relies primarily on volunteer services. However, sponsorship of events, the publication and mailing of the newsletter, and operating supplies constitutes a financial burden that must be met by the membership. Make your MX-5 experience more enjoyable - join and participate. To keep the club meaningful, we need your support. To become a member send your name, address, and phone number to:

Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW  
PO Box 267  
North Sydney NSW 2059



## Sporting Scene Survey

**Your club needs you! Your views and preferences are vital to making 1997 a success.**

Please return to: Ed Chivers, 31 Bennett Street, Dee Why, 2099 or fax: (02) 9844 8333.

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please tick the boxes of those events and options in which you would like to participate. Please feel free to add other options that appeal to you or comments which will make these events more appealing to everyone).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Practice days</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> - track             | <input type="checkbox"/> - hill climb        | <input type="checkbox"/> - motorkhana        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Motorkhana</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/> - with other clubs  | <input type="checkbox"/> - Hard surface      | <input type="checkbox"/> - Grass             |
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(eg. Targa Tasmania and Sydney to Surfers Indy Classic rally)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I'd like to assist in running club events                           | <input type="checkbox"/> - I'd like to become a CAMS steward   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am really keen to participate in:<br>Call, fax or email me: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> - Supersprints<br>Other events: _____ |

My ideas and preferences for events are:

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I would like to see articles in the newsletter about:

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If you wish to talk about your ideas please feel free to call me on 015 571 891 or at home on (02) 9972 0927