

# CLUB TALK



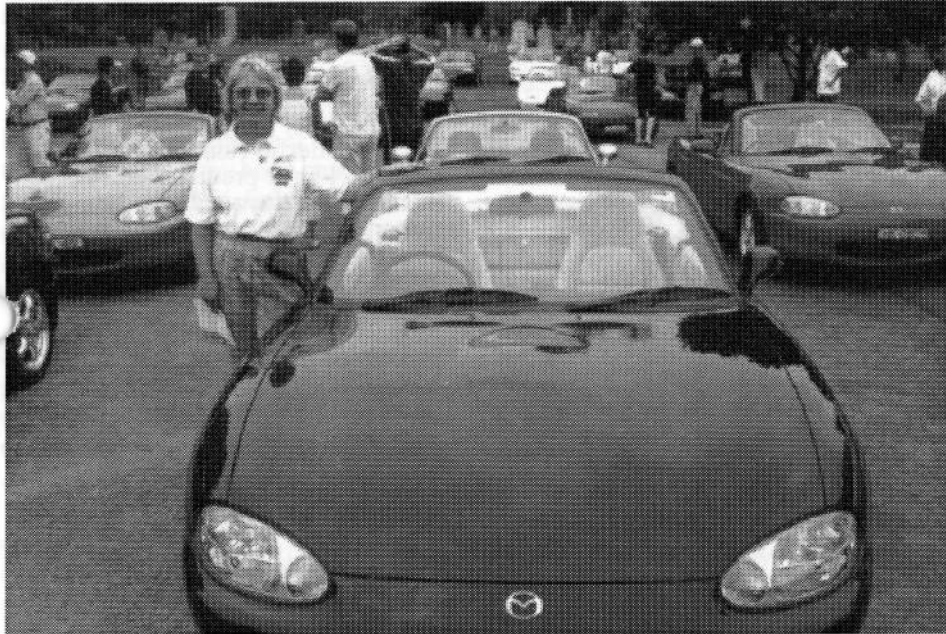
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## The Presidents Report

Our Club continues to grow. We now have over 300 members, thanks to some very energetic people who have been known to cause traffic jams in order to promote our



*President Jean shows her heritage. Her new Heritage Limited Edition MX-5 that is! This is MX-5 number four!*

Another success for members, is the track participation. This has grown dramatically over the past 12 months. Initially we ran practice Days bi-monthly at Wakefield Park Race Track near Goulburn. The red mist descended and last year the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW entered 6 cars in the NSW SuperSprint Championship - and took the TROPHY.

This year we have at least 12 entrants, including our first female entrant. Way to go Matilda! These SuperSprint days are creating their own following, with a number of members going along to the track to support the team. A great way to spend a weekend.

Two members are also registered for the Production Sports Car category of the Marque Sports Car Club events. The MX-5 is obviously capable of holding its own against PRB's, Porches and Lotus. Of course, we all knew that!

The partnership with our Corporate Sponsor continues to grow, with John Newell Mazda offering excellent deals on parts and servicing, and include many memberships to the Club with new car sales.

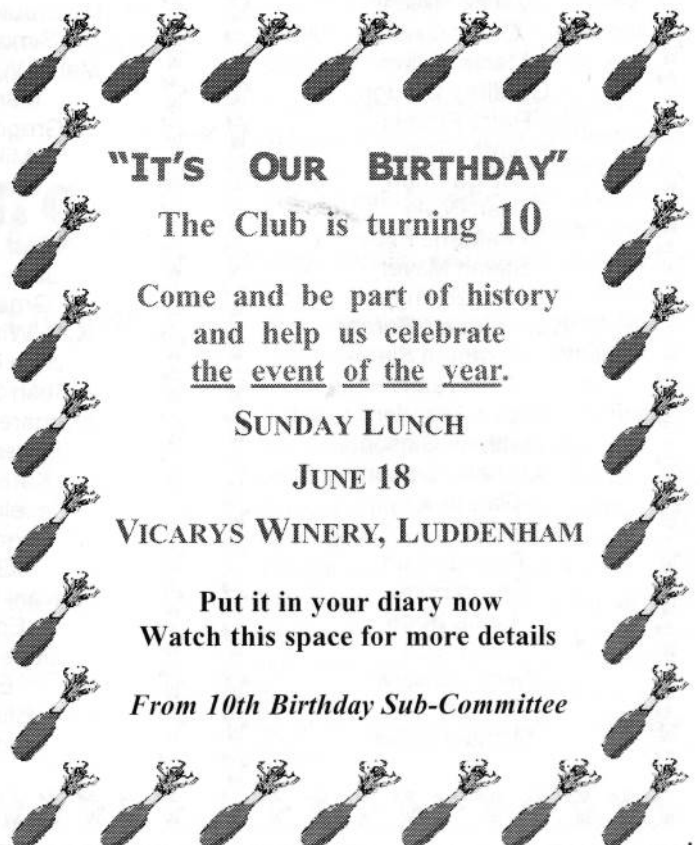
[www://mx5.com.au/nsw](http://www.mx5.com.au/nsw) - this has been enhanced over the past 12 months and our profile opened up to the world being a member of the

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### Club!

The year 2000 is our Clubs 10th Birthday with very special activities planned to celebrate in style. We have formed a sub-committee to plan some excellent festivities to mark the occasion. We will keep you posted but mark the day in your calendar and keep it clear! It will be held, Sunday June 18th

It all started 10 years ago, when a small group of owners decided it might be a good idea to form a club! The first event was a lunch time meeting at a winery with ninety cars present. Just look how far we have all come since then! We have seen many changes since then, but the main aim of the Club has always been to organize activities that promote the enjoyment of our cars. At present our main focus is on the monthly social runs, taking place on the third Sunday of each month. The success of these is obvious in the turnout, currently around thirty cars attend each run. With success comes some problems, one in particular is the task of keeping such a large group of cars together, especially in Sydney traffic. So thinking caps are on and new ideas are emerging. We also need your cooperation in this, always make sure the car behind is in sight! Initially we have taken Queensland's idea of using CB radios to increase communications between all cars, not just the official radio cars. This is working extremely well.



**"IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY"**  
The Club is turning 10

Come and be part of history  
and help us celebrate  
the event of the year.

**SUNDAY LUNCH**  
**JUNE 18**  
**VICARYS WINERY, LUDDENHAM**

Put it in your diary now  
Watch this space for more details

*From 10th Birthday Sub-Committee*

# Club Sporting Talk

By David Raddatz

Hi fellow Racers!

I hope every body is looking forward to Oran Park South on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, we have thirteen MX5 club members registered for CAMS NSW Supersprint Championship.

Our MX5 Club open day is at Wakefield Park is on the 3rd April so ring or E-mail to reserve your position. The last two club days have been very popular and positions are filling quick.

This is your last chance to get some driving practice in for Nat Meet 2000.

See you all at Oran Park , and just remember leave your high speed driving for the track.

David Raddatz

# A Yankee in the Billabong!

Howdy Y'all! At least that's what a lot of people expected to hear from a Yank. During 1999 I had the benefit of living "Down Under" as an exchange teacher. As an enthusiastic member of the Miata Club of America, meeting other MX5 club members was the highlight of my travels. How it all started: Once I

discovered that I'd be living and travelling for year in New Zealand and Australia, I hit the internet and made as many connections as possible. Soon I discovered the love of MX-5s is indeed an international love affair. E-mails flew across the seas, and connections were made. The New Zealand clubs opened their arms with holiday hospitality. I would contact a club member and ask for a meeting or a drive; and before I knew it, home-stays and tours poured forth. NSW and Sydney beckoned and Jean Cook was recommended as a contact. Jean was a delight to meet and share

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# The Captains Table

By Simone Raddatz

The new millennium has past us by and we are well into the New Year. And I am sure you will agree with me that we are approaching some of the nicest top down weather. So far to date our runs have proven to exceed my expectations. Our recent runs have had record attendance. It gives me great pleasure to see so many new members taking part and of course it is wonderful to see our old members having fun.

Over the next three months we have some wonderful runs planned for you. As I have previously mentioned if anyone has a favourite run or any suggestions for a run please give me a call.

I still have ample quantities of Club Regalia for sale. I am also in the process of putting in an order for the MX5 Club anoraks. Should you be interested please contact me as soon as possible.

I look forward to catching up with you on the next run.

Simone Raddatz

## The Club Welcomes

Duane Dempster  
Fiona Dempster  
Peter McDonnell  
Jillian McDonnell  
Patrick Lee  
Glenn Chandler  
Cyrus Nanavati  
Jeffrey Swords  
David Marshall  
Robert Grant  
Kathy Dosen  
Wayne Pasalich  
Aquilino Pucciarelli  
Paul Tan  
Warick Milligan  
Stuart Gale  
Martin Brown  
Geoffrey Gordon  
Petra Fischer  
Simon Tsang  
Helga Kuhn  
Ian Boyle  
Ann-Marie Pile  
Stefan Mayer  
Michael Whyte  
Kay Rudolph-Borgar  
Abraham Sie  
Riko Rubin  
Laurie Tesoriero  
Matthew Gibson  
Michelle Gibson  
Gareth Jolly  
Samantha Grootjans  
Peter Lynam  
Arno Boge  
Linda Boge  
Lou Iezzi  
Mick Consalvi  
Stanley Tan  
Michael Butler

Greg Natanson  
Danielle Natanson  
Richard Carr  
Narelle Carr  
Michael Bowler  
Daniella Di Giovanni  
Beatrice Scarr  
Pat Caines  
Rowena McMenamin  
Simon Tsang  
Warren Henry  
Julie Henry  
Simon Cheung  
Martin Witenden-Devitt  
Mark Hubert  
Gregory Hosken  
Mike Hicks  
Ken Moore  
Judy Sant  
Olof Elvingson  
Jane Elvingson  
Graeme Lever  
Kate Witenden-Devitt  
John Drummond  
Colin Stephenson  
Margaret Stephenson  
Robert Pellizzeri  
Karen Bradley  
Cecelia Campbell  
Ronald Palmer  
Greg Yu  
Nani Dermawan  
Eddie Lee  
June Copeman  
Ed Cory  
Brian Hollis  
Trudi-Ann Yip

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## From the Editor's Dashboard...

Wakefield Park was growing smaller in the Ambulance rear window! Not the way I expected to end a Track Day but Patsy Chivers had seen me pale and wan after climbing the Control Tower stairs and in Olympic fashion sprinted down the stairs and dragged the hapless Paramedic to look at me.

Despite my protestations to the contrary, he attached lots of machines that go ping to various parts of my body, made loud muttering sounds and declared that I should enjoy a ride to the nearby Goulburn Base Hospital.

It was useless arguing, Madame Chivers and her cohort, the Paramedic were determined that Doctors should poke and prod me further, all I could think of was that I would probably have to wear one of those awful gowns that let your bum hang out and was I wearing clean grundies!?

Yes, I found myself in the aforementioned gown, yes I was wearing clean grundies and next thing I knew, I was hard up against a very cold and unforgiving X-Ray machine, better I suppose than some of the alternatives.

Doctor handed me a folder of X-Rays and suggested I hie myself to a Specialist in Infectious Chest diseases!

If I wasn't worried then, I would love to have seen the look on my face when they

told me that they suspected Tuberculosis and that I was going to be their guest for the next two weeks! Not only that but that I would be in isolation and that any visitors had to wear a gown and mask to visit!

Now I was one of those who thought that TB had all but disappeared, I know better now and suspect that I picked it up during my almost 20 years as a flight attendant with Qantas, probably in Africa, where I spent a lot of time, or in Asia, where people still spit alarmingly loudly in the street (especially in Hong Kong), TB is of course, airborne so the aircraft environment itself could also be suspect.

Whatever, there I stayed as some of you know, for two weeks, on oxygen for the first few days, swallowing tablets until they came out my ears (still doing that) and generally making things difficult for the nursing staff. Actually the nurses were great, the catering staff were another story and I missed several meals because it seems that the people who were supposed to deliver, were too scared to enter the room!

In all, an experience that I won't forget and I'm glad I didn't contract TB 30 years ago, I might not have been here to write this! J.G. (Editor)

## Dash it!

Edited By Jeff Gehrig

### Wood grain Panel

Now this is the way to finish off—just have a look at Jeff's car with the new leather seats and beige top to the final touch of wood grain panel on the dash.

OK, thanks Zan, I'll take over from here. (J.G.)

As many of you will be aware, my car has been "enhanced" a little, starting with the Simmons B45 wheels, which were also fitted to my white '92, a full Loch Stewart exhaust system and Cold Air intake. Next, came the Mazda body kit (front air dam and side skirts) minus the rear spoiler which I really don't like, and a set of Mazdaspeed "look-alike" headlight covers.

When I ordered the car originally, I had wanted the Leather Package as sold in the US and Japan and Canada, i.e., Grace Green with tan roof and upholstery, Mazda in their wisdom, elected not to make that an option, so when the opportunity presented itself for me to replace the roof with a US spec tan one, I jumped at it and at the same time, had the seats re-upholstered in matching tan, by John Canilho in Sydney. The result, I think, is stunning.

There was still something missing though, the leather looked great but the cockpit still lacked warmth. An e-mail from Club Secretary Zan Menzel, telling me that a gentleman offering wood-trim dash kits for the MX-5 would be visiting her, if any interested parties would care to come along. This sparked my interest and I decided to see what he had to offer, I found out, three finishes, an imitation carbon fibre, a brushed aluminium looking finish and a quite warm looking wooden looking kit. He fitted the wood kit to my car in very short order and I'm very pleased with it. Anyone who wants to inspect it may certainly do so at any Club function. I'm not sure that he has kits for the Mark one cars, though as he has an ad in this issue of Club Talk, it would only take a telephone call to find out. So what's next for my car? Maybe a set of PROPER driving lights, not fog lights.

## Coming Events

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

Wednesday 12th April	Committee Meeting
Sunday 16th April	Committee Meeting
Friday 21st to Tuesday 25th April	Observation Run
Sunday 14th. May	Monday 5th June
Wednesday 17th May	Wakefield Park Track Day
	Wednesday 14th June
	Committee Meeting
	Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th June
	10th Anniversary/
	Concours d'Elegance
	NATMEET in Victoria
	Whitewater Rafting

# Inside Your MX-5

Information and tips on how to get the best from your car.  
Edited By Jeff Gehrig



**H**ow can you find out more about the MX-5? I guess you'd call that an FAQ (Frequently Asked Question). The answer, is relatively simple, if you have Internet access, use a search engine such as Yahoo, or Web Ferret, just type in MX-5 or Miata and sit back and watch as a very large number of web sites around the world, devoted to the MX-5, appear. Most notable of those is Miata Net <http://www.miata.net>, which also has links to several other very relevant MX-5 (Miata) sites. There is also a link to the Miata Club of America, publishers of the Miata Magazine, the only English language magazine, devoted to the MX-5.

Subscription details can be found at the MCA site <http://www.miataclub.org/>. Other features of Miata Net, are a lively forum and also a mail list, both of which cover a lot of relevant MX-5 issues, be prepared though, if you subscribe to the mail list, to receive anything up to 200 messages per day. There is also an archive section, which can be searched for information.

Another reason to have a look at Miata Net, is the large number of Vendors, who display and mail order, extras/accessories for the MX-5, some of which are "Left Hand Drive" specific, but many which are universal.

It's been a while since I listed any MX-5 URLs, here are a few which

should keep you busy surfing for a while!  
<http://www.200mphmiata.net/> (The 200 M.P.H. Page)  
<http://www.theswamp.com/miata/miatabook.html> (A listing of MX-5s world wide.)  
<http://www.aesthetica.com/ukmx5/> (UK MX-5 web site)  
A couple of non-specific sites.  
<http://www.carcareonline.com/> (information on maintaining the appearance of your car)  
<http://www.meguiars.com/> A range of car care polishes, favoured by many Club Members.

## Yankee in the Billabong

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a few days of pure MX5 enthusiasm. Karen and Bill Whitehorn connected and acted as a personal tour guide. No visit to the NSW MX5 club would be complete without meeting Jeff Gehrig. His humor and pure love of the club was simply inspiring. Friendships grew and every state/territory brought similar happenings. Too many events to mention but here are some highlights: Perth, with overnight accommodations, and sharing the ride in a 10 km new 10AE. SA MX5 club was my home turf, so I became the "perpetual passenger" as I was without a car for myself. Darwin, I discovered that the only dealership is shared with the BMW, and side-by-side on the lot were both an MX5 and a Z3. The highlight of the year was being able to attend NATMEET. What a thrill it was to visit so many enthusiasts. The 5 days were packed full of

activities and thrills at every turn. Queensland hosts an abundance of terrific backroads through the countryside. The scenery kept getting better each km while on the Tortoise Tour. Thanks to the many Generous members, I was able to "car-hop" and share the ride / drive. My only regret is not being able to attend NATMEET 2000 in Victoria. From the rear view mirror perspective, 1999 was an amazing year because of the connection with the MX5 clubs. I encourage everyone who is planning a trip anywhere in the world to seek out other MX5 / Miata enthusiasts.

Odds are, they are nice, giving, understanding, friendly, gracious, and, and, and,..... they're just like you. The car and the clubs that come with it is all about having fun. Yes, indeed, the MX5 is a great drive; but the best part are the people who drive them.

John Hewitt  
Puget Sound Chapter  
Miata Club of America

## A request to all 10th Anniversary owners, from the U K.

Dear MX-5 Clubs,

Would you be able to spread the word amongst your members about the list below please? If you are able to put a link on your Club's web site (if you have one), or in your Club magazine that would be even more helpful. Fingers crossed for your assistance with this project!

Kerry James from the UK is trying to set up a definitive list of all the 10th Anniversary Roadsters and their owners from around the world. He has asked me, Tim Robinson (Co-Founder MX-5 Owners Club UK) to spread the word amongst the Clubs and mailing lists. Our aim is to eventually track down nearly all the owners!

Initially the list is in the form of a MSN Community and then hopefully (depending on interest) a dedicated web-site. The Community site is at the address below; <http://communities.msn.co.uk/WorldWideMazdaMX510thAnniversaryOwnersClub>

If you're an owner, please sign up! If you already have a hotmail account you can sign in with this otherwise you'll need to get an MSN Passport but it's all very easy! Please add a Photo Album showing your car as well.

For the web-site, the following details will be listed for each member;

Name:  
Car Serial No:

Country:  
State / County:  
e-mail address:  
Any modifications:

Amusing/appropriate story or additional info:

Please send this information to Kerry's e-mail address as below;

[Kezzamong@hotmail.com](mailto:Kezzamong@hotmail.com)

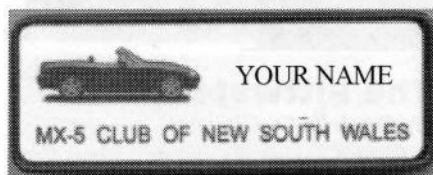
If you have any photos, please send them as well but keep the file sizes quite small for speed.

Thanks for your help and go sign up now!!!!

Cheers, Tim Robinson / Kerry James



## New Name Badges



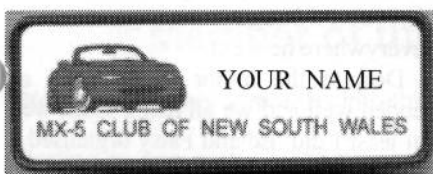
You are the most patient of people.

All those members who were convinced they would remain nameless should, by now, be smiling, we finally know who you are at Club outings.

After so much trouble obtaining badges from our original supplier, the committee gave up, cancelled all orders and now have Eagle Trophies in Lane Cove supplying new badges to members.

With this change unfortunately comes a price increase. The offer advertised in the previous edition of Talk, can no longer be met. If you wish to replace your badge the current price is \$9. Just contact the Secretary with your details. Again there will be a little delay as we need to purchase in bulk (min 15 per mark) to keep the price down.

We now have 2 new designs, as we were unable to reproduce the existing mark 1 badges. And they look pretty great too!!



## And speaking of Badges!



A not quite accurate interpretation of the limited (1 per member) anniversary lapel badge. Available from Mr. Regalia (Bill Whitehorn) at \$10.00 each. Shown larger than life size.

## The Presidents Report

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Miata Ring. Our thanks to volunteer, Christopher, for his time and extra special efforts in making our Club Site so unique

and interesting. This link to the world has resulted in many overseas visitors, who contact us before leaving home. We are currently in contact with a couple of

Texans who will be coming to NATMEET, via Sydney. And with the Olympics only a few months away, many many more for sure! Just hope there will be enough room left on the roads in Sydney for us! Happy Motoring!  
**Your President.**



*The interior of the Limited Edition Heritage MX-5, note the white instrument gauge faces, the wooden steering wheel and wooden gear knob and brake handle.*

## Inbox

### Golden Olympic Opportunity

NBC is seeking enthusiastic, professional and outgoing individuals to support operations during the 2000 Olympic Summer Games in Sydney. Individuals selected will assist with the management and execution of NBC's Olympic Ground Transportation operations. This exclusive transportation service will be dedicated to NBC staff, contractors, and designated affiliates

Job opportunities are available for dispatcher, driver, and field operation positions. All vehicles and equipment will be provided by NBC. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! Interviews will be conducted on a first come first serve basis.

All inquiries refer to:

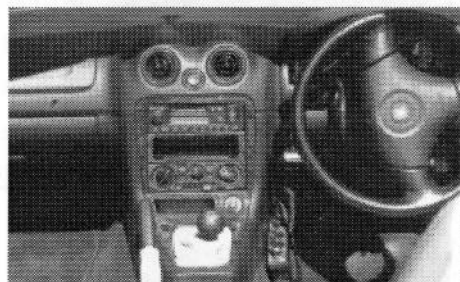
Kevin La Force  
Transportation Recruitment Manager  
NBC Olympics  
(02) 8211 20125 (office)  
(02) 8211 2090 (fax)  
Kevin.laforce@nbc.com.  
(A paid position)

### Bennett Road Public School— Annual Show & Shine— 13th May

This show and shine is open to any vehicle, car or bike, with 5 trophies for Overall Peoples' Choice and more. If you are interested contact: Clive or Leisa Dennis on (02) 9623 2780 or the school on (02) 9623 1805. Bennett Road, St Marys. All proceeds go directly to trophies and the school for computer equipment for the students.

Need to contact Mazda  
Customer Assistance No  
1800 034 411

### Cosmetic Enhancement



Wood trim kit for Mk11, see ad back page, a slightly more "Traditional" Atmosphere.



# Out and About



## The President's BBQ

— My first drive with the MX-5 Club

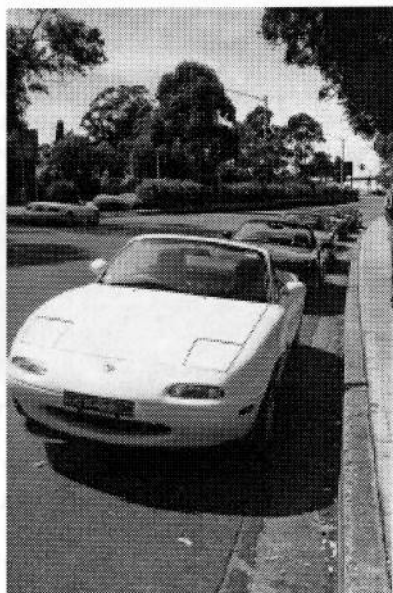
By Daniella Di Giovanni

It was a beautiful Sunday morning and I was extremely excited about my first drive with the MX-5 Club, as I've only had my MX-5 for 2 months. I didn't know what to expect, so when I arrived at Mt. Wilberforce Lookout I knew I was at the right place when I saw all the bright and colourful sports cars all lined up in a row. Mine is white, and upon meeting Karen was told that not many white's turn up and they are usually referred to as 'tic tacs' — we had four among 17 joining the run.

Once everyone had arrived, we started the run. We were travelling in single file, what a sight to have seen by all those passing by. The view from my rear vision mirror was incredible, especially going around all the winding roads. I managed to give my car its first real workout on nicely chosen roads starting at Castle Hill and ending in Lane Cove.

We ended the drive at Area 34 in Lane Cove National Park where we enjoyed a BBQ, hosted by Jean. It was a nice afternoon where I got to meet a few of the other members and checked out a few different types of MX-5s.

Thanks to Bill and Karen for organising the mini-run. Can't wait for the next one!!



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### Feeding frenzy at zoo, animals terrorized

During the early hours of the evening a swarm of multi coloured MX-5 roadsters descended upon Taronga Park Zoo. The MX-5s discharged a fair number of multi coloured, assorted sized people who soon gathered together and entered the zoo grounds. On finding a suitable area they proceeded to indulge in a feeding frenzy whilst trying to focus on the spectacular view, until the closure of the zoo. One of the feasters required assistance with digesting his food and employed a miniature version of himself to achieve this (Ed and mini Ed). Whilst departing voices were heard making disparaging remarks about the inhabitants and a wombat out for an evening stroll was molested by a number of females. When questioned he complained of being teased with short petting and asked for names and



Helena opens the Mystery Parcel!



Elaine Caldwell, discovers that Champagne tastes quite nice even at the Zoo!

## The Pittwater Run

By Daniella Di Giovanni

Before I went on this run, I was told if I only went on one drive for the year — this was the one. We were even lucky enough to have beautiful Sydney weather. We all met at The Spit, I think there were around 40 MX-5s scattered through the busy car park.

We started our drive, leaving the car park, one by one. Unable to keep up with each other due to the traffic conditions on the bridge, we formed smaller groups trying to keep up. It was a nice drive, turning left and right, going straight when we should have turned right and having 6 other cars follow on because we didn't see a road sign, but never fear, Karen and Bill to the rescue. Then there were the 3 that opted for the dirt road rather than the tarred road, so Zan and Rod chased after them. We even had a ring in, an old Morgan, but it did not match up to the MX-5!! The sites we passed were amazing, the satellite dishes, the scenery of Kuringai National Park and the causeway we had to cross.

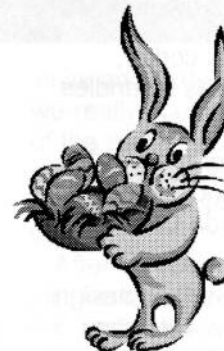
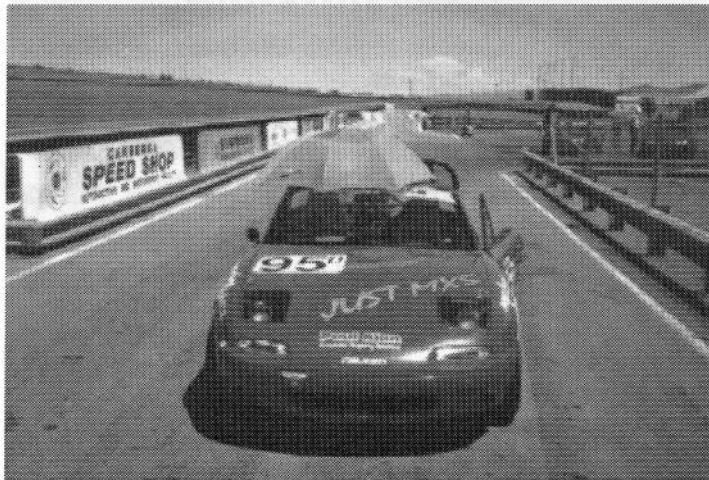
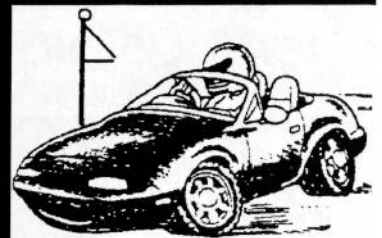
Ending the drive, we arrived at RPA Yacht Club just on sunset. Watching the sun go down over the water and enjoying a beautiful meal while getting to know the other members a little better. Even the youngest member was in attendance, being carried everywhere he went.

Despite the minor catastrophes all ended well and we all had a blast, well at least I did. Ed and Patsy organised a great evening.





# Out On The Track



While we're doing umbrella gags, this photo submitted by Sylvia (Agro) Tikellis. Taken at last years slightly damp NATMEET. (below)

Speaking of contagious, more members, Club Treasurer Matilda Mravicic and Nick Martinenko, have been bitten by the racing bug! Falling under the Club Supersprint team umbrella is this Just MX-5 prepared beauty. Her track debut was enough to have the normally quiet and reserved Matilda, positively gushing with enthusiasm! OK, I lied about the normally quiet and reserved. (above)

Picture by Karen Whitehorn



## Member of the Year Update

Well, we are only 2 months into the year, and we are already

starting to see some small breaks in the race to find the Member of the Year. So far, Ed Chivers is in the overall lead, while Daniella Di Giovanni is leading the New Member's category. However, with many more events and opportunities to contribute to the club before the end of the year, the field is still wide open.

Apart from consistent participation in club runs and social events, one of the easiest ways to get bonus points is to assist with running a club event, such as a club run or track day. Alternatively, you might choose to exercise your literary skills and write a short article for Club Talk. Both will net you an additional 20 bonus points. For the more adventurous, you could always try your hand at organising a club run or event, and pick up a cool 30 bonus points!

Do you want to know more about the Member of the Year award, or get the most up to date point score tally? It's all posted on the club website in the members only section. By selecting the Member of the Year banner you can view the latest point tally summary, and a detailed tally for all club members.

Member Name	No.	Points
<b>Ed Chivers</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>70</b>
Laurie Tesoriero	675	60
Patsy Chivers	466	50
Russell Ingels	592	50
Meg Ingels	591	30
Nick Martinenko	442	30
Rod Menzel	401	30
Amy Perin	345	30
Sylvia Tikellis	290	30
Paula Wu	159	30
<b>Daniella Di Giovanni</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>20</b>



Mark Stasinowsky

## NEWELL'S NOTES

Time to start counting down the days for the Mazda family's newest and very welcome arrival, the Tribute four wheel drive wagon, which was previewed to much applause in the United States.

In local terms it's a real corker, handling looks as well as it handles on the road.

A perfect big brother for the MX-5, the Tribute is bigger and more powerful than the Honda CRV and Toyota Rav-4.

Styling is from the combined design forces of Mazda Japan, Germany and the US and

the result is a sophisticated and expressive monocoque-bodied vehicle carrying the Mazda 'family' new look up front with a five point grille, floating emblem and sculptured bonnet.

With comfort a priority in the Tribute's design, five adults swinging their cats can happily settle in the cab with a couple of suitcases and mountain bikes in the back.

The Tribute's power is supplied by a 2.0 litre four cylinder or 3.0 V6 engine and the transmission has an 'on demand' 4WD function via a 'rotary blade' coupling system that overrides front wheel drive if needed, transferring up to 50 per cent of the power to the rear wheels (for instance in slippery road conditions).

The Tribute's wheel-base is 2,618mm with a 1,549 track and the construction features Mazda's 'Triple H' safety reinforcement, fully independent front strut and rear multi link suspension and precise power assisted rack and pinion steering.

Standard ventilated front disc brakes and rear drums can be boosted by optional four-wheel Anti-lock Brake System (ABS) and the sophisticated electronic system that replaces the conventional mechanical dual-proportioning valve, Electronic Brake Force

Distribution (EBD).

The elegant light-duty four wheel drive Tribute will hit the streets in 2001 but if you're in the right place at the right time you can grab a sneak preview at the Melbourne Motor Show where the

pre-production concept wagon known as the "Activevehicle" will be on display.

**Now, any additional MX-5 model is bound to grab the attention of club members and the latest six-speed, chrome-kissed Limited Edition MX-5 Heritage Series absolutely drips with grace and style.**

**Holding the steering wheel in your hands is like holding hands with a screen star on a cool and blissful walk down the boulevard.**

**The Heritage's body paint is an understated deep metallic burgundy (creatively called 'Art Vin'), delicately offset by rich parchment leather seats with matching soft interior and folding roof.**

**A Nardi steering wheel, gear shift knob, centre console and parking brake handle are an elegant wood-grain finish that gives a classic look and feel. Added to this is the chrome ringed white faced instruments,**

**chrome inner door handles, park brake button and door scuff guards. It'll be hard task taking your eyes or hands off this delightful Limited Edition MX-5 Heritage Series, but only 100 of the cars are available in Australia.**

The 121 Metro car-wonder has become just that little bit bigger for its boots.

'Face-lifted' models of the tall and compact car are on sale from March and have the unmistakable modern front and grille of the Mazda family, with re-styled headlights. Other tweaks include roof rails, flashier rear tail lights for the 1.5 litre model, new savvy colours – inside and out – and a slightly refined dashboard design.

Already known as a minx for its ability to swallow-up people, luggage, shopping, sports and leisure gear while fitting into parking spaces it shouldn't, the 121 Metro continues to output surprising power and economy from its 1.5 and 1.3 engines. In 1999 there were over 4,000 new 121 Metro owners and for its frugal and cheeky ways, the car remains one of Mazda Australia's important core products.

So, there's still plenty of action in the Mazda stable, and more to come as the year progresses. Watch this space!

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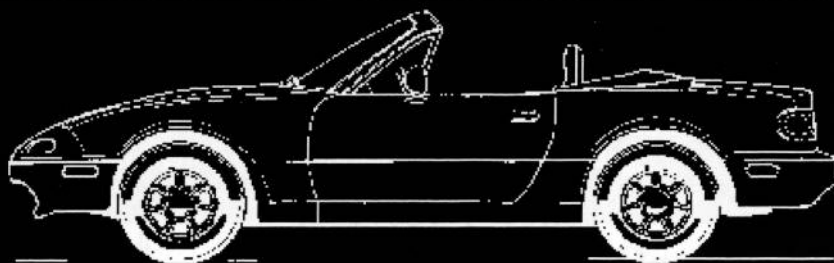
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# Going Topless

## *MX-5 Club member's share their thoughts on Club runs.*



### **The Pittwater Drive - Where else in the world could you experience a better setting for a summer evening drive? Two reports, one from new Members, one from A W.A. Visitor!**

A colourful row of gleaming MX-5s stood in line at the traffic lights heading for Oxford Falls when a Commodore driver lowered his window and asked one of the drivers "Where are you all off to mate?". "Off for a sunset drive through Ku-ring-gai Chase and Pittwater. Then dinner at the Yacht club" was the reply. The Commodore driver's face half smiled with envy. "Half your luck!!" was his final remark as the lights changed and we headed off to one of the best suburban drives ever experienced incorporating a scenic road I never knew existed.

The preparation and information supplied by Ed and Patsy Chivers was 'smack on'. I don't know what was better, the great scenery or the twisty fun filled drive.

My car was humming with all six speeds used. Just as the engineers at Mazda designed this roadster for... Fun.. fun fun! And where else in the world could you experience a better setting for a summer evening drive? ....It has to be Sydney's answer to the Amalfi Coast Drive in Northern Italy. When arriving at Pittwater it was just as expected and more. A magnificent golden sunset and fabulous meal with great company. Well done Ed and Patsy. Can we please do it again next year?

Laurie & Janeen Tesoriero  
(Just new to the club)

### **And the Western Perspective.**

While I have been to Sydney on business dozens of times over the last few years, I have never had enough spare time to get out on a run with the MX5 Club. This time I had a couple of free weekends and luckily one of these coincided with a club dinner drive. Interestingly, I hadn't consciously planned to go on a Club run, but I just happened to mention via email to John Hewitt in the USA that I was in Sydney. Many of you will remember John and his visits to every MX5 club and every corner of the country during his teacher exchange trip. John immediately put the wheels in motion by emailing Jean Cook who then contacted me and made the kind offer to pick me up and take me on the run. I had met Jean and several other club members previously at the Natmeet in Canberra a couple of years ago.

We arrived at the Spit Bridge meeting point to a car park full of 30 MX5s of different models and colours - always a wonderful sight. I met and chatted with many of the club members while we waited for the last few arrivals. Then for what it's all about - driving, eating and drinking. Keeping 30 cars together at 6.30 on a Saturday night through Sydney suburbs is no easy feat. But with the two way radios and obvious experience of the committee, we managed to keep the herd intact (well almost) and find our way through to the Kuringai Chase national park. I was in mid sentence saying to Jean how well it was working, when a dozen cars took the wrong turn and had to make a hasty u-turn to catch up with the bunch again.

It was a beautiful drive on hilly, winding roads with trees overhead and alongside numerous rivers and inlets. It is this type of scenic drive we are desperately short of in Perth. Unfortunately the speed

limits and fairly bumpy roads meant we really couldn't take full advantage of the roads and really let the car show it's capabilities. But fortunately it meant we could take in more of the view.

After an hour or so, we arrived at picturesque Pittwater and settled into the yacht club with a refreshing wine or two and more socialising in the bar. The view of the sun setting across the water and the yachts moored serenely was fantastic. We settled down to dinner in the function room which was booked out for the club. In fact there would have been even more people, but 60 was the maximum capacity. Its great to see such an interest in club activities to the point of events being oversubscribed. But even with such a big crowd the old story of it being a small world proved right again. I ended up sitting next to the boss of a very good friend who lives in Sydney that I had dinner with the previous week.

After talking to a number of NSW MX5 owners and partners in the bar and over dinner, it is obvious they are just as enthusiastic over their cars as we are in the west. I'm sure MX-5ers the world over share the same love of the car. I'm on my third MX5 in 9 years and it still puts a smile on my face when I lift the garage door in the morning.

I know many MX-5ers travel interstate on business and holiday and I encourage you to contact the local club. Every club enjoys the chance to offer hospitality to visitors and they know the favour will be returned at some stage in the future. But be on best behaviour because you never know who you might be sitting next to. So thanks to Jean and all of the other NSW members on the drive for making it a very enjoyable night out. Hopefully I'll see again you on my next visit to Sydney.

Archie Lind

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A notice board for club members to advertise MX-5 items they may have for sale, and other interested parties to advertise their goods and services. A nominal fee for your advert is charged (see below).  
To place an advertisement contact Jeff Gehrig (see contact details back page).

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Prefer green, blue or white, consider others. Prefer hardtop, but no leather. Would like cruise control and air conditioning. Sound system not an issue. If you are considering parting with an MX5 that broadly meets this description, perhaps over the next few months, why not contact me on (02) 3236 9285 (if you get the machine, please leave a phone number). I can promise you that it will be going to a good home.

Ed Cory

## Tenth Birthday Party Update

So secret are the plans for the 10th. Birthday Party, that the sub-committee in charge of planning, will not release details ! Stay tuned, this milestone event will be worth waiting for, as befits a Club which celebrates the existence of this new Classic Sports Car.  
All will be revealed in coming issues of Club Events and Club Talk

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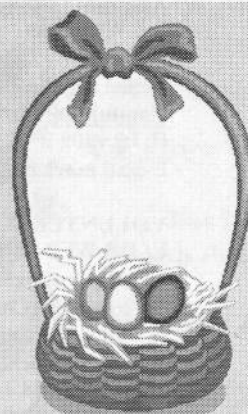
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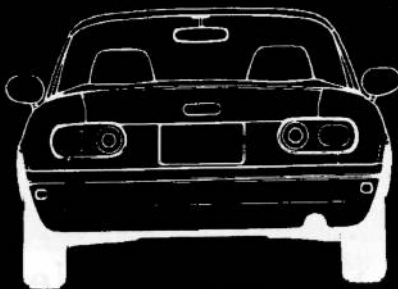


**The Uniden CB Radios are still available. Contact the Club Secretary Zan Menzel. Stay in touch with fellow members on the Club outings. \$100.00**



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