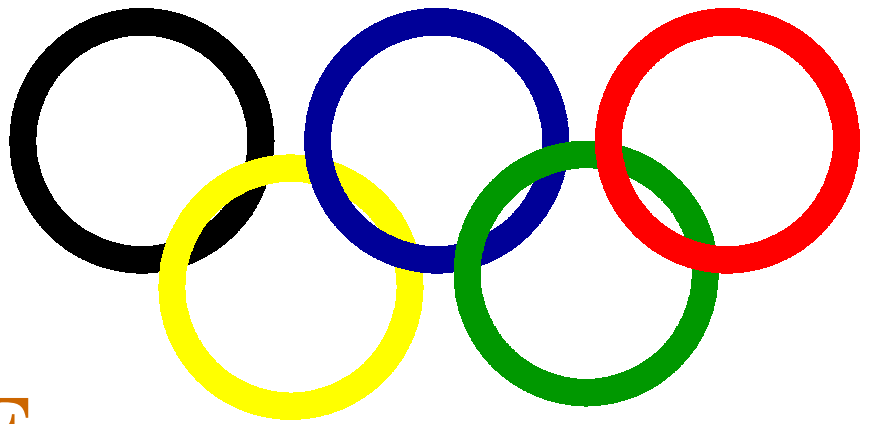




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David Lendrum just couldn't stop!!

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Launch of the **NEW MX-5**
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Club Sporting Talk

by David Raddatz

I am delighted to be your Competition Secretary, once again this year.

I have a few things to report on.

Firstly, our track presentation night was held recently at John Newell Mazda in conjunction with the AGM. One of our star performers was awarded 7 trophies, *Matilda Mravivic*. Congratulations to all who received trophies.

We have just had another fun day at Wakefield Park. As these are all Open Days we are attracting quite a few different cars—but the MX still stands out! The next Track Day will be in December, so why not come down and experience the full potential of your MX-5. Passengers and friends are also welcome, so bring a friend along and see if their car can match your MX-5.

One other thing, the MX-5 Club is leading the points score for the CAMS State SuperSprint Championship, for the second year running. We should win the club championship **again**. (See Page 8 for details of the presentation dinner in November)

Go TEAMX5.

So lets all get out on the track and have fun in a safe environment.

David Raddatz
Competition Secretary



Coming Events

Update your organisers

Wednesday, 11 October
Committee Meeting

Sunday, 15th October
Club Run

Wednesday, 18th October
General Meeting

Tuesday, 31st October
Membership Renewals

Saturday, 4th November
ACT—Coffee & Lies

Sunday, 5th November
ACT—Run

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Social Event—tba

















































































































































































































































































































































Wendesday, 15th November
Committee Meeting

Saturday/Sunday 18/19th Nov
Weekend Away

Saturday, 24th November
NSW MotorSport Awards

Welcome New Members

Always expanding!!

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President's



Report

Looking back, it has been quite a year for the club, with many memorable events.

At the end of last year we had a very interesting weekend away in the form of a clue rally, and a visit to the opera in Gulgong. Some of us, in spite of previously bad records, managed to actually find the right place! Thanks to The Barrs and the Kuhns for all the effort that they put into a very different and fun weekend away! Lets see if we have a few more equally creative people out there who can do a similar weekend!

The Christmas Party was afloat last year (and not with grog) for a change. It was quite well attended in spite of it clashing with the awards night for the NSW Supersprint awards.

The competition side of the Club has really taken off. We now have 2 members entered in the Production Sports Car Racing Association of Australia. Last year there were 5 cars participating in the CAMS NSW State SuperSprint Championships. Even with that small amount of cars we still took out the State Trophy. This year there are 13 signed members participating in the various classes and much to my delight we have our first lady entrant. We will win by miles this year with that many entrants. Some of them are considering participating in the Production Sports car events also.

It has been a great delight to me to attend these days at the various tracks and see how surprised everyone is at the performance of our cars. We print the days of these events in the calendar, so if you are at loose ends on one of those days then by all means come along and show your support.

Of course we also had Natmeet in Melbourne where some of us got to drive around the Thunderdome and then participate in night racing, which was a real adventure for us. There were so many highlights of that weekend, but probably the best part of it was meeting up with fellow enthusiasts from all over Australia, many of whom we had met up with on previous occasions. The next Natmeet will be in Adelaide at Easter 2002, so mark it in your diaries.

In June the Social Event of the decade took place! It was the 10th Anniversary lunch at the same place that the first ever meeting was held. I have to thank Elaine and Zan who did such a magnificent job of organising the event. The entire committee worked very hard to make it special. Thanks to the sponsors for their gifts for the door prizes. Special thanks to Ed Chivers for organising the display of all the cars, it looked really great to see them all together.

The CB radios have really taken off with most members on the runs using them. It is such a lot of fun listening to all the chit chat and the sometimes awful jokes and comments. Some of us find it difficult to get in to participate in the conversation. *He who hesitates is lost!*

We also have a new supplier for the name badges and the second generation design is available.

We have had some visitors from overseas attending various functions over the last 2 years. Those of us at Natmeet will never forget Ches and Jeff with their Texas drawl and their amazing energy.

We have instigated the MOTY awards which has been taken up by one of the Miata Club chapters in Georgia. It has proved to be very successful with 2 of our members running neck and neck! thanks go to Mark for all his hard work on that.

We hope to plan some even more interesting events again this year. On one run we had a "Poker Hand", which added a little interest and some very creative swapping took place which is quite a different way of getting people to meet each other.

I am visiting North America in October, and am attending a weekend away with the Puget Sound Chapter, whose President is John Hewitt. John spent a year in Adelaide on exchange and participated in many events with us. I will also be catching up with Dick and Judy Sorrentino from the Trillium Chapter in Ontario, so I hope to get some new ideas from them

It has been a busy year for me as President, but it just would not have been possible for the Club to have been as successful as it has been without the hard work of the entire committee. I thank them for having the faith in me to re-elect me President for another year! I hope that the club will continue to grow in membership, but most of all that all who participate have some good times with some great people!

Thank you.

On Saturday 9 September, 10 game members of the Club participated in a night ghost tour of North Head Quarantine Station, conducted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

The Quarantine Station was opened circa 1835, to protect the population of Sydney town from diseases brought into the county by passengers on sailing ships. If a killer disease was detected on a ship, the whole crew and passengers were quarantined. Those with symptoms of the diseases were hospitalised immediately and those showing no signs, were held for a period of two weeks, which was the usual incubation period. If the disease did not develop, they were released. If it did, they were hospitalised and in the 1800's, this usually meant death. It was sad to note from the medical records of that time, which are displayed on the walls of the hospital, that the majority of passengers hospitalised died within 3 days of admission. Ages ranged from 3 months to 56 years.



GHOSTS !!! Believe it or not

The non-hospitalised passengers were housed in varying levels of accommodation ranging from luxurious to very basic. The class of passage booked on the ship, eg 1st class, 2nd class, steerage, determined the accommodation allocated. Passengers were only allowed to take two sets of clothing off the ship which on arrival at the Quarantine Station, were fumigated and the passengers forced to take showers which had a strong disinfectant added to the water. The level of privacy in the shower blocks again depended on the class of passage booked.

Hurricane lights were issued to the group of 30 as the tour was conducted in darkness with no or few lights on in the buildings. We were shown the dining rooms, dormitories, hospital, mortuary, fumigation blocks, grave digger's cottage and the sight of the old cemetery.

The Quarantine Station was in continuous use up until the early 1970's when it closed, as aircraft had now taken over from ships as the major transporter to the country.

As to ghosts, the guide told stories of strange happenings such as apparitions in the tour groups, voices, lights coming on, objects moving, banging noises and doors closing. He told of the many people he has guided, who had experienced the feeling of another "person" being near and hot and cold sweats.

For me, after doing the tour which I found fascinating, if you believe in ghosts you would believe that Zan and Jean can beat me at Wakefield Park .

Phil Roberts

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I've lost count of the number of people who upon learning that I am the recent proud owner of an MX-5 have said, "he is obviously going through his mid-life-crisis". I simply agree with them and say I wished it happened years earlier.

I have been an avid motorcycle rider for the last 33 years and when I started talking seriously about adding an MX-5 to our family stable I was told I could only have one toy at a time. The sad news was that after much deliberation and constant pressure from the family the bike finally went. However, the good news was that in a short week I was the proud owner of a Brilliant Black 1999 Mk2. It didn't take long before my good friend Laurie Tesoriero leg roped me into joining the Club. I'm sure he is on a spotters commission for new members and is secretly on the payroll of Mazda's propaganda department. Laurie constantly bombarded me with the pertinent facts and figures highlighting the amazing feats of this magical little car. Well, it didn't take long for me to hear about the club sprint days at the Wakefield track near Goulburn. Being a latent rev-head from my younger days (over a generation ago), when I used to race motocross bikes, I couldn't resist the temptation to see what it was all about. It didn't take long to make myself known to Zan Menzel and some of the other committee members,

fill in the appropriate forms, sign the cheque and wake up at 5:30am on the day in time for the two and a half hour drive to the track. The adrenalin had already started to kick in about a week beforehand. By the time I arrived I wasn't sure

if my knees were shaking because of nerves or the south westerly wind blowing off the alps with a wind chill factor of what seemed like minus 'at lot'. Even the resident ambulance officer said he didn't recall it being so cold before. The briefing session finally arrived and you could easily tell who the novice drivers were. They were the ones with eyes like saucers and that certain look of apprehension and the unknown. The briefing went well and I was fortunate to be paired off with Zane Al-said as my tutor to show me around the track in my car. This is the session where the novices are shown the finer points of the track i.e. where to brake, change gears, corner entry, apex and exit points, etc. etc. I felt as though I should have been taking notes as there seemed to be so much to remember. After a few very slow laps Zane took the wheel. He asked me if I minded if he did a few hot laps. Naturally I responded in the affirmative. With that the normally mild mannered black jelly bean burst into life. The tacho needle went straight to it's track circulating position of between 6-7,000rpm. Before this session I had taken it to red line maybe once or twice before just to see what happens. Amazingly the engine didn't explode and after a short time it almost felt comfortable hearing the

engine constantly buzzing at those lofty revs. Back to the track lesson, once I reconciled the engine thrashing I then focused on the pace at which we were circulating. The next most amazing aspect of driving the little MX at near max pace was the cornering ability and the degree of traction offered by the stock

Michelins. We were cornering at speeds I normally wouldn't have imagined possible. Zane said he was not quite at full pace but it certainly gave me a benchmark to aim for. I can only guess at how decent tyres or slicks would improve lap times. As we returned to the pits after the novice familiarisation session I tried to be outwardly as cool as a cucumber but inwardly my pulse rate must have

been 150 plus.

It wasn't long before my group was on the grid ready for my first solo run. For those of you who haven't had the experience yet you don't actually race with other cars side by side. The procedure is that groups of 5 or 6 cars are let onto the track at 2-300 metre intervals and everyone is individually timed for every lap. When you return to the pits, times for each lap for each driver are posted so you can easily monitor your progress. I found it most encouraging to see the times drop with every session and no spin outs. Actually the whole day went like clockwork though I did feel sorry for David Raddatz who had the unenviable job of flag marshall at his post on the start/finish line with those icy winds all day. He seemed to be running out of clothes and balaclavas to put on. We all had about 5 or 6 sessions of 5 laps, more than enough to get the 'hoon bug' out of your system or in my case to get me thoroughly addicted to the bug. At the end of the day we all packed up and I went home with a permanent grin on my fact.

After almost 80 kms of flat out track work I started the old girl up and she purred like a kitten, as though nothing had happened. In my mind the days experience is what owning a sports car is all about. I can't wait for the 9th October.—*Roy Milford*

Out on the TRACK



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NEWELL'S NOTES

What is the ideal garage companion to an MX-5?

While we'd argue that any of the 'other' fine cars in the Mazda line-up, but if you can believe the Americans it would have to be a vehicle which was inspired by our favourite little drop top.

It's the new Tribute which will be launched in Australia in the first quarter of next year. This is the model Mazda has been waiting to add to its already comprehensive lineup and it will be the company's first entrant in the booming 4WD market.

performance associated with the lighter single range models.

Its virtues are versatility, practicality and a whole lot of style. And this is why the Americans – where the vehicle went on sale recently – are marketing it as the SUV (sport utility vehicle in their language) "raised by a family of sports cars."

Great news this month, the father of the second generation MX-5 Takao Kijima will visit Australia later this month to introduce his newest model to the motoring press. He'll be

you can expect to begin reading about the new model soon after. We're told a couple of the magazines have already previewed it and have been most impressed.

We're all looking forward to our launch on October 30th and with initial estimates of a \$42,000 price tag and standard features including: 6 Speed, 16" Alloys, New 118kw SV-T Engine, ABS, CD tuner, is set to make the New F Series MX-5 a fantastic value for money package. Once again beating the competition hands down.



Photograph from—www.mazdausa.com.

The Tribute isn't one of those monsters that is becoming more difficult to negotiate through city traffic. It looks like a typical 4WD wagon, has plenty of grunt with its V6 engine, has monocoque construction, is like a car to drive around, and offers the kind of 'off road'

happy to coming back to Australia where sales of the current model have exceeded the first and where he expects even greater things with his latest offering.

The media launch will take place in Adelaide over Oct 19/20, so

Our initial stocks will be here towards the end of the month.....just in time to have a new one well run in and serviced for Summer.

Happy Driving!

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The times they are a-changin'. When I was a bright eyed teenager and frequent passenger in Dad's MGA, sports car drivers were rare, so rare that it didn't matter what kind of sports car you were driving, you waved at the sports car going in the opposite direction, you were part of an elite (or at least discerning) group of motorists. It was a reasonable bet that if something needed to be fixed you did it yourself especially if the sports car you drove was British, as they were notoriously un-reliable.

Whatever happened to that spirit I often wonder, especially when I wave at another MX-5 and get either no reaction or a puzzled "who the Hell are you" look in return. It seems that since the MX-5 hit the roads in the late 80s a new breed of buyer has discovered what the true enthusiasts knew all along, that driving should be fun, that the car shouldn't really have a roof and that a mechanical knowledge or engineering degree shouldn't be required. I find it sad, especially when I remember those occasions when my Dad would pull to the side of the road to chat with the driver of another temperamental chariot, especially when we acquired an Alvis drophead, the object of fascination to a great many people. Many warm friendships were forged in those halcyon days. Gone is the friendly wave, the beep of the horn or the flash of the headlights and with those gestures, much of the spirit, which separated the enthusiast from the commuter.

Will we ever see it again? I have my doubts, I still wave, or flash, or toot in the hope that I might one day meet someone who remembers and bought their MX-5 for the same reasons that I did and what were those reasons? I suppose that I never really forgot the fun that we had in the MG, even after we sold up in Sydney and went dairy farming in the early sixties, I was convinced for years, as I ran errands in the ubiquitous Holden ute, that even though I lived in the bush, I would still one day get the MGB that I coveted when I was 17, it never happened of course, I just kept on farming and the sportiest car I ever owned was a Toyota Corolla with a loud muffler, which I used to throw around the track owned by the Central North Coast Sporting Car Club in Taree (the track was near Forster).

Farming gave way to a return to the city a marriage failure and a new career with Qantas as a Flight Attendant, not very different (?).

It was in Los Angeles in 1989 that I saw my first Miata, the car that we know as the MX-5 and fell in love with the very concept of it, the vague connection with the Lotus Elan and the fact that it was receiving rave notices in the magazines which I respected at the time. Somehow I forgot about it until my bloody FIAT decided to drop a couple of screws from the Weber into number three cylinder and a new car seemed sensible, especially as the damn FIAT had cost me \$17,000 in repairs over the 7 years of ownership, not bad for a car which only cost \$16,000. A short list of replacements started to form, Citroens, Peugeots, the small Mercedes (180) even the Holden SS and I started to visit dealers, after standing in the showroom of Ian Robinson Citroen for 20 minutes being completely ignored, I crossed that marque off my list and moved on, stopping for some reason at Brookvale Mazda. Needless to say I re-discovered the MX-5, learned that a revised version was

imminent (the rear suspension brace) thought about it for at least two and a half minutes and placed my order. That was October 1991, the car arrived in November. The love affair continues, that car is with another owner now, replaced by the NB (current model) which I ordered before the release, a brave move because we had no idea what Mazda had done to the car and everyone was running around saying things like "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", well it weren't broke but I don't think anyone was prepared for the huge difference between the NA and the NB or Mk11 as it has become known and there are, I'm sure, a large number of NA owners who still don't know how the car has improved (in my opinion). To find out, if you drive an NB, take a friend's NA for a run, the two are chalk and cheese, the NB is much more refined, stiffer in the body, is less affected by irregularities in the road, especially on corners, it's quieter, not necessarily better but a logical development of the original wonderful car.

We are faced with the release of another improved MX-5, the new car should go on sale, I believe, in just a few weeks and it sounds like the NB all over again, stiffer structure, re-calibrated suspension, more powerful brakes, more powerful engine, have

Mazda finally got over the planned obsolescence syndrome and embarked on the path of continual improvement of the product? It certainly looks that way and we will be the winners, the car should surge once again in the sales figures and more people will join the Club which we, the Committee, hope is providing the kind of activities that enthusiasts want. I think



that we are different, for example, to members of the MG Car Club, a club steeped in tradition with a wonderful history and a car which is still loved and respected all over the world, the MX-5 should eventually achieve the same status but at the moment is still regarded as something of an upstart, a perception that is changing as the car becomes more and more successful on the racetrack with some of our Club members, male and female, at the wheel, no longer is the MX-5 thought of as a "girl's or hairdresser's" car but a serious and very capable sports car in its own right. Stick around for a few years, this club and this car, have potential, join us on the runs, get to know your fellow members, help us by volunteering to plan Club Social Drives for us, the ones that we hold on the third Sunday of most months, your Committee plans these things for you the member and we're here to listen, if there's something that you think would be a good day's fun, or a nice weekend away, let us know, our e-mail addresses and telephone numbers are on the back of the Club Publications, tell us, we don't plan the activities for ourselves but for you, help us make the Club even better.

So what's coming? A weekend away in November (18/19) with another weekend run probably in early autumn. The Club Christmas Party in December and the Presidents BBQ in January the first activity of the 21st Century (in spite of what the media would have you believe!). Never a dull moment.

If you haven't yet discovered it takes 12 trips to the shops to buy a dozen eggs, you haven't discovered the magic!

...Jeff Gehrig.

Inside Your MX-5

Information and tips on how to get the best from your car.
Member contributions

HAVING DIFFICULTY IN SELECTING 2ND GEAR WHEN GEARBOX COLD ?

I changed my gearbox oil from standard mineral oil to *Castrol Syntrax 75W/90* synthetic. Even though the changes to the other gears were easier and smoother than before, 2nd gear selection was harder when cold. No gear grating, just increased gear lever pressure. When the gearbox heated up, the change became easier but still not acceptable.

I changed to *Castrol Syntrans 75W/85* and there was a significant improvement.

DETAILING

As some of you may be aware, *Meguiars* has moved their premises from Auburn to Silverwater. Unfortunately they are getting out of the detailing side of the business. It seems that a lot of the business has been taken over by *The Car Styling Centre* in Seven Hills.

I have had my car done by *The Car Styling Centre* on two occasions, and have been very pleased with the result. It is quite centrally located, not far from the end of the M2, easy to get to from all over Sydney. They are also offering a discount for all Club Members. Just mention that you are a member when you book in and be prepared to show your membership card.

For those of you like me who are too busy out having a good time, but still want to have a gleaming car, they are a godsend!

Jean Cook

Another Member Benefit for YOU

As a result of the arrangement with Strathfield Car Radio you will find enclosed your Gold Memberships Card for the Artarmon Store. This will enable MX-5 Club Members to receive special prices on specific products from month to month. These include

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Just out of the shower!!

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TARGA update

Next year's Targa Tasmania event will be another 6 day concept as per the Millennium Event this year. It's on from 19th—24th April 2001 with 54 stages planned. That is a Thursday to Tuesday instead of the traditional Wednesday to Sunday.

The WRX owners applied to join the event but have been refused for 2001, but may be considered for the 2002 event.

If you wish to keep up with what's happening in this event you can subscribe to Targa News either by post or internet

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CASTROL OILS

If you are interested in the Club's Bulk purchase of oils for your cars please contact Phil Roberts for further info or refer to the September Events.

A couple of Websites

Interested in travelling—have a look at this luggage—
<http://www.jagbags.fsnet.co.uk/>
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Introducing the Committee

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Jean Cook

Member No - 160
Car - JN COOK
Colour - Art Vin
Year - 20000—Heritage
Joined -
Favourite Club Event - as Jean is OS at present we were unable to ask her.

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Mark Stasinowsky

Member No - 530
Car - MX 5091
Colour - Red
Year - 1991
Joined - Nov '98
Favourite Club Event - I like them all, but my current favourite - track days.

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Jeff Gehrig

Member No - 169
Car -MX5 099
Colour -Grace Green
Year -1998
Joined -1992
Favourite Club Event - The "Ed Chivers Evening run", love twilight with the roof down.
Comments - FUN, it's the reason I own the car, it's the reason I'm in the Club and it's the people that I have met because of the car and the Club, the car itself has brought back the sheer joy of driving and being in the Club, I get to mix with other nice people who get enjoyment from the same thing.

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Matilda Mravicic

Member No -
Car - MM 8628
Colour - Neo Green
Year - 1997 Limited Edition
Joined - October 1997
Favourite Club Event - RACING of course.

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Zan Menzel

Member No - 402
Car - ADS 64Y
Colour - Neo Green
Year - 1996 Limited Edition
Joined - 1997
Favourite Club Event - Track Days

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Laurie Tesoriero

Member No—675
Car - LTT 00J
Colour - Blue
Year - 1999 - 10th Ann.
Joined - October 1999
Favourite Club Event - Pittwaer Sunset Dinner Drive
Comments:
 A pleasure to be associated with an active group of fun loving people who enjoy the exhilarating spirit of the legendary MX-5.

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Phil Roberts

Member No. - 593
Car - DES 10 E
Colour - Red
Year - 1992
Joined - 1999
Favourite Club Event - monthly drives, especially picnics as good opportunity to socialise with other members.
Comments - Also enjoy track days, as I don't take too seriously and do not have unrealistically high expectations. Shows you are never too old to take on new challenges.

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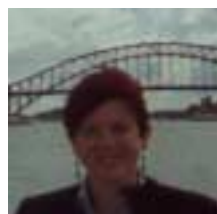


David Raddatz

Member No. - 444
Car - RAD00R
Colour - Red
Age - 30
Likes - Motor Racing, Runs

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Karen Whitehorn

Member No - 419
Car - MX-5091
Colour - Classic Red
Year - 1991
Car's name - Scarlett
Joined - May 1997
Favourite Club Event - Pittwater Run & Ed's bastard observation run

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Member No. - 576
Car - 200 EWC
Colour - Black
Year - 1999
Joined - June 1999
Favourite Club Event - Natmeet / Club Runs
Comments - I am a 29 year old crazy guy, who loves a good laugh and has a warped sense of humour. Over the past year and 4 months I have had a great time in the club, meet lots of new people.

Busy Bee Accounting

- ▶ BAS / GST deadlines closing
- ▶ Specialists in MYOB Accounts Preparation
- ▶ Over 10 years Commercial Accounting Experience
- ▶ Obligation Free Consultation
- ▶ 20% discount to fellow MX-5 members
- ▶ **Better Act Soon**

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Notice of General Meeting

Wednesday 18th October

Eastwood Rugby Club - 6:30pm.

RSVP—The Secretary by 14th

New members may collect their name badges.

Membership Renewals

Due—31st October 2000

Renewal notices will be in the post shortly.

Our Club is affiliated with CAMS, but to date not all members have been receiving CAMS newsletters or reports. Currently CAMS are updating their computer system and with the help of Clubs will be able to mail info to members. As a result of this, we have been asked to supply further information on members so you will see a change in the 'Details Form' you receive with your renewal notice.

The Password for the Club's Members' Only Area on our Website will be changed at the end of November—you will be notified of the new Password when we send out your new membership card.

The results are looking very promising.

Teamx5 are looking favourites for the trophy once again this year.

**CAMS—Dinner & Presentation of NSW MotorSport Awards
will be held on Saturday 9th December 2000 at 7pm
In The Grand Ballroom, Sunnybrook Hotel & Convention Centre
355 Hume Highway, Warwick Farm**

Drinks on arrival, 3 course meal and Awards Presentation
Dress: Lounge Suit Single: \$48 Double: \$80

The Club has tentatively booked a couple of tables so please make your booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
Please complete and forward with payment to: The Treasurer, Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW Inc, **By 12th November**

Name(s) _____

Contact Telephone No _____

Payment Amount \$_____ By Cheque ☐ (To: Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW inc) Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Bankcard ☐

Card No: |_|_|_|_|-|_|_|_|_|-|_|_|_|_|-|_|_|_|_| Expiry: |_|_|/|_|_|_|_|

Signature _____ Name on card: _____

Office use only Paid amt _____ Chq #: _____ Date: __/__/____

Membership #: _____

INVITATION - 30TH OCTOBER

MX-5 LAUNCH

JOHN NEWELL MAZDA

would like to invite all Club Members & Friends
to our Official Launch of the
Fantastic New F Series MX-5.

New Features Include:

6 speed
16" alloys
118KW S-VT Engine
ABS
CD Tuner
Revised Body & Suspension
Fog Lamps
Motor-sport Dials

Come and enjoy light refreshments,
meet our Sales & Technical Staff

Celebrate the Launch of yet another award winning MX-5.

6pm — 8pm
Cnr Botany Road & Bourke Street, Waterloo.

RSVP to Kelly Moloney

Telephone: 9380 5500

Fax: 9331 6978

E-mail: J2371203@dealer.mazda.com.au

Members Only

The following companies have agreed to offer special discounts for products and services to members of the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW. Please note that you must produce proof of membership by showing your current Club Membership Card.

AMG

10% discount on body kits, wheels, tyres, sports exhausts and suspension parts.

500 Glenmore Rd, Edgecliff
Ph 9327-6508

Call Simon Stratford or Brian Connell.

Ammon Leather

Special rates for MX-5 Club Members. 2 seats in full leather for your MX-5 (any colour) will cost only \$800. Price includes full installation and a three year warranty.

14 Telopea Avenue, Homebush West
Ph: (02) 09746 9433

Contact: Frank Wang

(Previously Ammon International P/L)

A.M.R. Motors Mazda Service

Complimentary loan vehicle, 10% discount on labour, free exterior and interior wash and clean.

370 Parramatta Road, Petersham
Ph: (02) 9569-2844

Contact Peter or Robert

GHMoldings

Woodgrain or trinomac black dash trim installed on-site \$395. 24K gold plating car emblems – whole car \$195, top \$100 extra.

Ph: (02) 9882 2156

Hornsby Mazda

10% discount on parts & labour, from normal retail prices. Mobile service to home/work for service during normal trading hours Tues & Thurs at discounted price. Cost of rail travel or hire of vehicle for \$10/day, includes petrol and insurance.

70-72 Pacific Highway, Waitara

Ph: 02 9372 3098

Service Manager – Brian Sprouster

Ian Luff Dynamic Safety Advanced Driving

\$25 discount on car control courses.

Ph: (02) 9820-2030

Contact: Ian Luff

John Newell Mazda Service

VIP Service, Free Loan vehicle

301 Botany Rd. Waterloo 2017

Ph: (02) 9319-0011

Fax (02) 9319 0020

Strathfield Car Radio

Pacific Highway, Artarmon

Ph: 9427 7299

See info on page 8

Manager—Paul Costi

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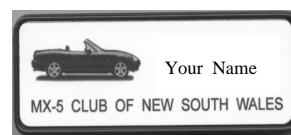
Trade prices on all parts, discount on labour, free loan car and free car wash and vacuum.

364 Princess Highway, Rockdale
Ph: (02) 9599 3399

Service Manager - George Farrugia



To order a new/replacement name badge please contact the Secretary



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Size	Base Rate
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Midi (1/4 Page)	\$20.00
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Micro (1/16 Page)	\$5.00

The above Base Rates apply to commercial advertisements. A 50% discount on the Base Rates applies to club members who are placing an advertisement for **personal** purposes (eg selling your standard wheels after buying new alloy wheels).

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