

## One millionth Mazda MX-5



In mid-2016, Mazda produced the 1,000,000th MX-5 and this car was shipped around the world to various events and the car was signed by many people in its travels.

It arrived in Melbourne early 2017 and was shown (and signed by many!) at the *Fan Fest* event held at Sandown Racecourse, which Mazda Australia hosted with great assistance from our Club members, and MX-ers from interstate also attended. The Club also had a drive day the next day and hosted this at Lardner Park.

A highlight of the day was the attendance of retired Mazda engineer Takao Kijima, left, who had been team leader for the second- and third-generation car development. Takao drove a car in the drive day and also signed many pieces of MX-5 memorabilia for members at the event.



### The new RF (Retractable Fastback) release

At the Fan Fest event, Mazda also first unveiled the RF with its powered Retractable Fastback roof – this has become very popular.



### MX-5 Cup Car

Also at Fan Fest, Mazda showed off the two USA-built, ND Cup Cars that had been bought into Australia for evaluation. These have since twice been up for disposal auction, but no-one seems to know where they have ended up!

