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Life Membership – Peter Dannock

❖ awarded 13 March, 2021 ❖

Every so often it is the privilege of the President and the Committee to pay a tribute to someone who has made a special, lasting and memorable contribution to the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania. Today is one of those occasions ...

Peter Dannock joined the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria in November 2007, and immediately became immersed in both the Club's social and motorsport activities.

When he joined the Club Committee in March 2009, Peter commented (in mxtra) that he had found all members to be very friendly, and that the Club always made an effort to welcome and encourage new members. It was this character of the Club that inspired him to fill a vacancy on the Committee.

Peter stepped into the vital role of Club Secretary in 2010, and held this position until November 2015 when he accepted the Club's Presidency after his predecessor vacated the post mid-term.

In 2014 the first MX-5 NA models became eligible for Victoria's Club Permit Scheme and the Club was approved to allow Club members to take advantage of the scheme's benefits. Without hesitation, Peter took on the additional work as the Club's permit scheme administration officer – a role he holds to this day.

Peter was elected for another two terms as Club President, serving until August 2018 – a period that included the 2016 NatMeet, hosted by the Victoria and Tasmania Club in Launceston.

He was not lost to the Committee, however. He immediately stepped into the demanding role of Club Treasurer, while simultaneously serving as Assistant Club Captain – Social. After the 2020 Committee election, Peter also took on the full position as Club Captain – Social, a vital role that involves close liaison with the Chapter Captains and provides a voice for their Chapters at the Committee table. He still holds both of these senior positions today.

As if these critical roles were not enough, Peter also initiated a review of the Club's system of recognising Club members' contributions to the Club's activities and management, and led the sub-committee which produced the revised system of recognitions that we are celebrating at today's event.

Peter won the Club Motorsport Championship in 2015.

Peter is widely known and respected throughout the Club, as he bridges both social and motorsport events. He is generous in the time he devotes to Club activities and in ensuring that members receive his attention, whether through his roles of liaising with the Chapters, involvement in motorsport as a participant or through facilitating the permit scheme for the earlier MX-5s.

The conferring of Life Membership of this Club is not something that is done lightly. It has gone to only 13 other people in our 31-year history.

Our recognition guidelines state that Honorary Life Membership is only offered to a member with at least 10 years of Club membership, and is awarded for long-term service to the Club. A nominee must have given exceptional service to the Club, by the application of extraordinary expertise, dedication and positive influence. It is a significant award and may only be conferred on a Club member at the absolute discretion of the Committee in exceptional circumstances. It also requires a unanimous vote of the Committee in favour before it can be conferred.

I'm very pleased to say that Peter has more than qualified on each of those requirements.

So, today, it is with great pleasure that I invite Peter to accept this award of *Life Membership of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania.*

Coral Campbell, President