



Incorporated No. A0021659A

## Life Membership – Cary Warren

❖ awarded 31 July, 2022 ❖

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.

Therefore, it is with pleasure that the commitment of Cary Warren is recognised.

Cary bought his 1990 Classic Red NA in 2011 as a Sunday drive. He is quoted as saying: *"I am totally loving life in it, and I knew there had to be more enthusiasts such as myself with whom I could share this new passion of mine, so I joined the Club"*.

In the early days, Cary's father, Colin, would join him on Club runs and share the passion. The enjoyment that this little red roadster provided both of them was clearly evident.

Later in 2012, Cary joined the Committee and, in 2013, became the Club Captain - Social. His background and experience in hospitality came to the fore, where he built a great rapport with the Chapter Captains and members and ensured that the social calendar was full of exciting runs and events. He was consistently amazed at the membership's dedication, whether from southern Tasmania to the top end of Victoria. As a result, he wouldn't miss an opportunity to build on the Club's social *Zoom Zoom*.

In 2016 Cary took on the role of Merchandise Officer. Maintaining variety and choice in merchandise without holding a lot of stock makes it a challenging position. So, Cary introduced a new system where members could order from a wide range of merchandise on the Club website and have it dispatched from our suppliers with minimal delay. In addition, Cary has been active in managing the Club's social media presence. His role ensures that the Facebook page has regular posts of Club

activities, and he actively moderates the Facebook group to ensure that the group members and content provide a positive and appropriate representation of the Club.

Cary took on the role of Vice President in 2021. He has brought a breath of fresh air to the role and keeps the rest of the Committee in check during Committee meetings to ensure the meetings don't drag on.

Cary was awarded the Club's Service Star in 2020, and his influence on the Club continues to be profound. His commitment to the Club over the past 10 years has been exceptional, and he is a worthy recipient of Life Membership with the Club.

The conferring of Life Membership of this Club is not something that is done lightly. It has gone to only 16 other people in our 32-year history.

Club guidelines state that Honorary Life Membership is only offered to individuals 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. It also requires a unanimous vote of the Committee in favour before it can be conferred.

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

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Peter Dannock, President