



Incorporated No. A0021659A

Life Membership – John Waldock

❖ awarded 11 October, 2023 ❖



very 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.

Honorary Life membership is a significant award and may only be conferred on a Club member at the absolute discretion of, and approval by, the Club Committee.

Conferring of Life Membership of this Club is not done lightly. It has gone to only 23 other people in our 33-year history. Club guidelines state that Honorary Life Membership is offered only to individuals with at least 10 years of Club membership, who have previously been awarded the Club's Service Star and given long-term, exceptional service to the Club, by applying extraordinary expertise, dedication and positive influence.

John Waldock joined the Club on 4 July 2008, and has been a member for 15 years.

2008 was also the year that the Southern Tasmania Chapter was formed and, within a year, following the sudden passing of the original Chapter leader, John stepped up with John Hadrill to take on the role as Chapter Co-Captain. They shared this role until 2012, when John became the sole Chapter Captain for Southern Tasmania.

John is a self-described “car tragic” and a true Mazda MX-5 enthusiast, currently owning three – a 1990 Classic Red NA, a 2004 Velocity Red NB SE and a 2017 Machine Grey ND RF – as well as two Austin-Healey Sprites and a pre-loved Jaguar.

He brings this love of sports cars and driving to the Chapter, and describes his involvement with the Mazda MX-5 Club as a highlight of his car journey.

During his 14 years at the helm, John has been a constant presence and the face of the Chapter, organising a great many Chapter runs and other events and providing constant and invaluable support for the Club's magazine, *mxtra*.

He won the Club's *mxtra* award for 2010-2011, and was Southern Tasmania Chapter Champion over two consecutive years, in 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

He was named among the first Club Service Star recipients in 2021. The Service Star is a pre-requisite for Life Membership of the Club.

John's ongoing contribution since his 2021 Service Star has elevated him into the “exceptional service to the Club for at least seven years” qualification required for Honorary Life membership.

His impact on the Southern Tasmania Chapter's activity, and on the Club as a whole, has been positive.

*I*t is with great pleasure that I invite John to accept this award of Life Membership of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania.

Cary Warren, President