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## Hall of Fame – Bruce Gray

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**2**021 saw the introduction of a new system of Club recognition awards designed to acknowledge very high levels of support for and contribution to the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania going well beyond what could be expected of even the most dedicated Club devotee.

Previously the highest recognition to which a Club member could aspire was that of Honorary Life Membership, which is indeed a pre-requisite for the Club's new higher honours.

Today it is the privilege of the Club Committee, on behalf of all Club members, to pay a tribute to a Life Member who has continued to contribute at the highest level well after that former recognition, with induction into the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania Hall of Fame.

**Bruce Gray** has been a Club member for more than 17 years, and completed 11 years of service on the Club Committee (2013 to 2023).

He joined in February 2008, and immediately became immersed in the Club's activities, participating, organising and leading many local runs. He has participated in six NatMeets, including playing a pivotal role as co-organiser of the 2016 NatMeet held in Tasmania.

After five years of active membership, he joined the committee in 2013, initially serving as Club Merchandise Officer, with his four-year stint partially overlapped by the start of his seven-year stint as Club Secretary in 2016.

In addition to the many regular (often daily) administrative duties undertaken in that role, in 2018 Bruce undertook the role of Website Administrator, teaching himself the many Club's complex IT tasks, refining them to meet the Club's needs and streamlining many aspects of the Club's administration. He introduced the Club's online merchandise shop and user-friendly Trading Post, and introduced an in-house online membership system which significantly reduced the Club's overheads and made the entire system much more manageable. This system made Club administration much simpler during Covid-19, and has continued to expand with the introduction of an online events calendar and event registration system, easing the load on Chapter Captains and run leaders while satisfying government requirements concerning the collection of data.

It has truly revolutionised the Club's administration, and will benefit the Club's management for years to come.

In recognition of his efforts over the years, Bruce was named among the first Club Service Star recipients in 2021 and was later awarded Life membership in August 2021. He has also twice won the *Jinba Ittai* award for "oneness with the Club", in 2019 and 2021.

However, it's the Club Committee's opinion that, since his Life membership award, Bruce's further and ongoing support for the Club has elevated him into the "remarkable contribution" qualification required for Hall of Fame membership. He has been a selfless contributor to the Club for many years and has made a lasting impact.

There is no doubt that his service, achievements and contribution has been at the highest level, and that his influence on the Club has been extremely positive.

*M*embership of the Club's Hall of Fame is an honour that will be bestowed only on truly outstanding members over the life of the Club.

Our recognition guidelines state that membership is offered only to a member with a minimum of 15 years' Club membership, and who is already an Honorary Life Member. Their attitude and demeanour must reflect the values of the Club, and they must have demonstrated a remarkable contribution to the Club.

The award may only be conferred in exceptional circumstances, at the absolute discretion of the Committee. It also requires a unanimous vote of the Committee in favour before it can be conferred.

We are very pleased to say that Bruce has more than qualified on each of those requirements for membership.

*S*o, today, it is with great pleasure that we invite Bruce to accept this award as the sixth  
**Member of the Hall of Fame of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria & Tasmania.**

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Simon Acfield, President