

Motorsport Report AGM

AGM 2025

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Overview

This year the Club motorsport program consisted of:

- 5 track days (one run by the MX-5 Club and four run by other CSCA clubs),
- 3 Club motorkhanas,
- 1 driver training day,
- 6 MX-5 Cup rounds, and
- 1 NSW supersprint round.

We would like to thank all our volunteers who helped organise and run our Club events in 2025. A special thanks to our hardworking event secretaries - Barry Luttrell, Maria Martin and Gaynor Lawler. This not only involved managing entries, but also organising a myriad of details in the lead up to the actual events. Gerardo Martin and Phil Donnelley were our primary scrutineers at track and motorkhana events, with support from a team of regular helpers.

David Wilson, Ian Combes and David Lawler took the lead in running our Club motorkhanas. David Lawler also ran our NSW Supersprint round and well as helping run our CSCA supersprint at SMSP. Blake Roy organised our driver training day. Jean Cook came out of retirement to be our steward at our CSCA supersprint (thanks Jean!).

Thanks to Paul Nudd for again coordinating the MX-5 Cup championship.

Thank you all our other volunteers – timers at our motorkhanas and flag marshals at our CSCA supersprint.

This year we have actually run anything like the same number of events, so it was less stress on our volunteers.

CSCA championship

As reported at the AGM in 2024, the club has been struggling to get viable grids for our motorsport events for 2 or 3 years now. So, for 2025, the club decided to re-join CSCA – Combined Sports Cars of Australia (we have been a member before). This had a couple of benefits. We only actually needed to run one event ourselves – the other rounds on the CSCA championship are run by other CSCA member clubs. The other benefit was that we had was the other CSCA club supporting our supersprint. As events had it, the MX-5 Club provided by far the biggest club contribution to each event through the year, so the other CSCA clubs were certainly happy to have us. So, it is fair to say that this experiment has been a great success.

CSCA Round 1 / MX-5 Club Track Day 15 March 2025

Very healthy turnout and set a good precedent for combined club track days with other clubs. Nearly half the field (42 out of 96) came from the MX-5 Club. Based on this event we look set to have high numbers for events going forward.

MX-5 Club Driver Training Day 30 March 2025

Over 20+ first timers, despite the rainy day there were thankfully no incidents. A great fun day with plenty of laps and opportunity to have driver instruction.

NSW 6hr Relay 12 & 13 April 2025

Fantastic opportunity to run at the SMSP GP circuit, the famous Mount Panorama Men took victory and we had a few MX-5 Club members get involved in the pits and others compete for the first time.

CSCA Round 2 One Raceway June 1 2025

This is the first time the MX-5 club has run at a supersprint at One Raceway, following the closure of the Wakefield Park circuit in 2022. The MG Car Club of Newcastle went out on a limb with this event (One Raceway is expensive to hire) but were rewarded with a healthy grid of 96 cars, a third of which were MX-5 club members.

MX-5 Round 1 Club Motorkhana 15 June 2025

The motorkhanas the year before were a bit of a struggle, but to our surprise, we had an (over) capacity entry list for this event. As always, this was a fun day for everyone.

MX-5 Club Round 2 Motorkhana 6 July 2025

This 2nd motorkhana was quite close to the previous one so we are concerned about numbers. To our surprise, we had another near capacity turnout. It is interesting how our motorkhanas go through phases. Let's hope that this (upward) trend continues.

CSCA Round 4 / Club Track Day 16 August 2025

First time the club track day championship has ever had a round at SMSP GP.
Great dry day with the conditions cooling down later in the day.

CSCA Round 5 Club Track Day Round 4, NSW/VIC Interstate Challenge 21 September

This event was a little surprising. Being a round of the CSCA championship, a round of the MX-5 Club championship and the Interstate challenge, we were expecting a strong field. Sadly, the entry numbers were short of what we wanted, but still adequate. We had 18 of our friends from the Victorian/Tasmanian MX-5 Club make the trip up. Strangely, the entries from the NSW club were only 25. Great day and everyone got lots of runs. The best part though was that we won back the interstate challenge!

CSCA Round 6 Club Track Day Round 5 19 October

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AROCA 10 Hour regularity 4-5 October

This was the 10th running of this event (in various guises as a 6 hour, 10 hour and 12 hour event). The number of entries (26) was well down on the maximum (40), but made for less stressful overtaking. The NSW club had three teams this year – Panorama Mountain Men, Just Regular Guys and MomentuMX5. There was a mix-up with the results on the day, but the final results had Panorama Mountain Men as victors once again (well done guys). MomentuMX5 came in 10th with JRG in 13th.

MX-5 Cup

The MX-5 Cup this year was split between Sydney Motorsport Park GP circuit and One Raceway. The grids this year have been very healthy. The first One Raceway meeting of the year had 35 MX-5s on the start line. Those races were very busy! What a day though. All the events are fun for all involved. Another strong year for the MX-5 Cup.

NSW Supersprint Championship

In recent years the club's participation in the NSW Supersprint Championship has almost 'flat-lined' with typically only five club members taking part. Despite that, the MX-5 Club still

managed 3rd in the championship in 2025. In surprising twist, the Bathurst Light Car Club came in 4th which is very unusual. The championship was won again by the ARDC.

The NSW MX-5 Club's championship round was run at a very cold One Raceway. Despite being only the second round of the year and the circuit still being relatively new, the entries were less than impressive. The main culprit seemed to be a competing BMW/Porsche track day at SMSP.

Considering the declining overall numbers running in this championship, the very low numbers of MX-5 Club members competing, and the cost of One Raceway, the club's committee have decided to not run a round of the championship in 2026. It makes no sense to run this event at any other venue, even ignoring the other factors above. The draft 2026 calendar seems to suggest of other clubs have made a similar decision, with even the ARDC limiting themselves to just one round.

2026 Motorsport Calendar

The club's CSCA supersprint round in 2026 is also the Natmeet track day, which dictated the date – 3rd May. The Driver Training day and the four motorkhana dates are also locked in – to be advised later. The other CSCA clubs dates are still in discussion.

Motorsport management

Going into 2026, we are going to revamp how we manage our motorsport activities. Now that we are only running the one supersprint, and with a year of CSCA participation under our belt, there is more scope of reorganizing our motorsport management. Part of this is documenting what is involved in planning and organising our motorsport events. This has been ongoing for awhile, but we will now ramp that up.

Chris Andry will step down as Motorsport Secretary but will remain active in motorsport organisation, especially in media, publicity and promotion. We will look to fill the Motorsport Secretary role once the organisation of motorsport management has

progressed a bit further. For now the work will be split between the event secretaries and the President.