

THE VICTORIAN RENAULT

RENAULT CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA



This Issue:

AGM 2022

Renault Roundup 2022—including prize winners

August 2022 Edition

RCCV PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it's been another 12 months of limited activity due to COVID. We managed to do four Caffeine runs to Oasis Fairfield, Silvan Dam Lookout, Studley Park Boathouse and Kanteen by the Yarra River.

Combined Xmas Do and December General Meeting. Lysterfield Lake with multiple BBQs running. The General Meeting was more about the great spread of food and desserts. No minutes were taken fortunately, lol.

In February I once again joined Barry McAdie as navigator in his 1969 A110 to compete in the TSD High Country Targa, Mount Buller. On the 3rd day, last section, 300 meters from the finish line the gear stick broke off in Barry's hand. We looked at each other and the rest I cannot repeat. Overall, a great experience and it was great to see the NSW Alpine and Renos take out awards

A week later the bar was raised for our flagship event, Renault Round-Up at Mornington Park with over 70 cars on display. The location setting was prefect and have already started organising the next one at the park. Pencil in 5th February 2023.

Silo Meander Mini-Rendezvous 25 – 28 February based in Horsham. Members followed the Art Trail visiting some amazing sites, places and museums absorbing the country vistas, of the Mallee Wimmera region. A visit to the Historic Yarrunga Homestead with enjoyable light luncheon there. Next was Heritage listed Stick Shed, and breathtaking Woods and Wheatland's Museums. The artistic Silos are gradually discovered during the three days. Hats off to especially Kay Belcourt and committee members for organising the detailed itinerary.

March was a busy month. Great attendance by members at Geelong Revival - Sprints and Display early in the month followed by Rob Roy Hillclimb Interclub Challenge Round 1

The month was finished off with our Alpine owners in the high country based in Harrietville for two nights with a couple of amazing drive days, lunches, and dinners. Organised and run by Steve and Caroline Kalendarian as The RCCV Great Alpine Tour. Amazingly captured by Jeff Bee <https://youtu.be/aXQ4j-E2z8U>

We were well represented at Auto Classica Maling Road, Canterbury in May.

Our Paddock Marshalling at Sandown and Philip Island Historic races were well managed and appreciated by the organising officials. We were provided a 3-bedroom villa at Philip Island for the here nights. I think my camp bed on my own in lounge was the best deal, given the others had to share the rooms.

Drive days, Yea and Seymour was that was planned for before the last lockdowns. The secondary roads were a enjoyable experience. Lunch was at the Tallarook Pub

Finally, I would like to thank Geoff Rasmussen, Mike Neal and Graeme Rasmussen who stepped down from the Committee after many years of dedicated contribution to our club. I welcome our new Committee members David Cavanaugh and Ross Heim.

Rodney Apar

President, Renault Car Club of Victoria



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Deadline for next magazine TBA.

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Front Cover: The RCCV Great Alpine Tour. Amazingly captured by Jeff Bee



Hello All & Welcome

Welcome to the August edition of the Club magazine. It has been 8 months since the last magazine and I apologise for the extended length of time. This has been due to two main factors—my energy levels and the lack of articles contributed by you the members.

This edition contains the record of the AGM held in July and a gallery of photographs from club activities and in particular the February Renault Round-up.

Enjoy

Wayne Eason

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CLUB MEETING

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Greg Testolin, Mike Neil, Kay Belcourt, Jeni Sammons,
Glenn Allen, John Elliott

JOINING / RENEWING

The membership year runs from June to July. Applications for membership can be made at any time by submitting a completed application to the membership secretary by post to:

PO Box 111 Heidelberg VIC 3084

The Application form is available for download from www.rccv.org.au. It is also occasionally printed on the back of the magazine's mailing address slip.

It is a condition of Club Permits for vehicle that the owner remains a financial member of the club. If the permit expires later than the membership year and membership is not renewed the permit

RCCV Life Member—John Elliott

It was a great surprise and with deep humility, I was awarded Life membership of the Renault Car Club of Victoria.

My history with the Renault marque started around 1968 when after being service crew to Captain Peter Janson from the Chrysler team, Peter campaigning a Hillman Hunter and us service crew using a V8 Valiant wagon (enough said about handling at speed on dirt). Janson then became Publicity Manager for Renault, and I was introduced to a Renault 16TS for the 1969 Southern Cross Rally. Love at first sight (or at first drive). 5 days and nights of handling on bitumen and dirt that was out of this world in those days. Brilliant lighting, superb comfort and a surefootedness I had never experienced. This front wheel drive, independent suspension and unequal wheelbase stuff was amazing.

Then love struck and Helen and I set up house and Mikee came along. I was working for T.A.B at the time and one of the ladies from Personnel said to me one day, "You own that Renault in the car park, and my friend (Steve Kaladarian as it turned out, who was on site as a Caterpillar engineer looking after our generators) has seen it. He has invited you to a Renault Car Club Concourse on etc etc" After a bit of extra polishing, I entered and was surprised and delighted to win. The trophy is a large piston and con rod mounted on a board.

I then joined the club, and have had the privilege to serve on the Committee and as Secretary and President.

Mikee and I campaigned Helen's R12 and later Daphne, a special built by Rob Allen, in the Victorian Motorkhana Championship. I managed a class win and Mikee second Junior. Then a restoration project, with an R4 purchased from Alpine Affaire, Colin Starke and Steve Kaladarian, which was a lot of fun. In company with Rob Ingram, I drove it to Adelaide for 2 Bay to Birdswoods. In the meantime, many visits to Jugiong. Both Mikee's and my names are on the trophy for Production Renault in 2 different centuries.

Having seen an Alpine, I was determined to own one. The opportunity arose again through Alpine Affaire, to purchase a 1989 GTA Turbo. This car was campaigned in the Victorian Hillclimb Championship and rewarded me with the Class win in 2016, 2017, & 2018.

I presently drive a Latitude as my road car, having owned R4, R16, R25 and Laguna. My toy at the moment, is a 1987 Alpine GTA Turbo.

I have many happy memories of past times in the Club and look forward to many more. I thank you all for the honour you have bestowed on me.

John Elliott



Club Marshalling Duties

Renault Car Club Victoria

Everyone joins a car club for different reasons, is it about the cars maybe, I'm thinking there are many other reasons at play that even the members don't take into account as they fill in their renewal each year.

Is it the cars? Is it the meetings? Is it the runs? Is it the cafeine mornings?

I see this as a small part of the bigger scheme of things. I have no doubt in my mind it is the camaraderie that acts as the glue that makes members keep turning up. Whilst thinking of this I see the Marshaling duties we perform at Sandown and Phillip Island as a huge contributor to the overall health of our club.

By being a part of the marshaling team I personally have developed a relationship with hundreds of people that I would never have rubbed shoulders with without being an RCCV marshal. And I can tell you at the end of the event it makes each RCCV marshal feel special when the drivers and teams, other officials and spectators all say thank you for the effort we put in to make these events run smoothly.

It also help to keep membership fees down as the return to the club each year pays for our public liability insurance, motor sport Australia affiliation, AOMC **affiliation amongst other things.**

What I'm asking is for more members to be a part of the RCCV marshaling team to do stuff you would never have thought about before. I, and the rest of the team, will be there to for guidance and support for you.

All you have to do is put you hand up

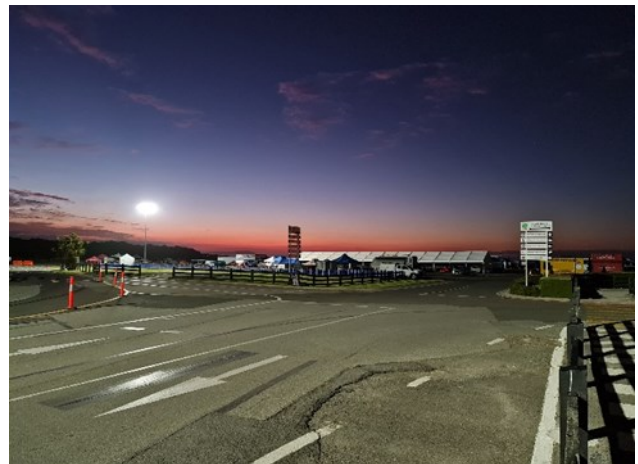


For Sandown Historic Races this year we want people to come and try. November Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th. There is a small paper process to complete which gives you coverage as an official for the day.

For the people that have already put their hand up, please ensure you have your officials license and working with children (WWC) is free if you put down "volunteer with Renault Car Club of Victoria". For further information talk to **any** committee member or call me.

Graeme Rasmussen on 0421 367 818

Images below from previous car days, some have a good time – others not. You can do some marshalling and during the breaks have a look up close (like I mean REAL CLOSE). A real spread of classes.....



Annual General Meeting 2022



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AGM MINUTES

RENAULT CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA
General Meeting and Annual General Meeting
Date: 19th July 2022
Location: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Malvern East, Victoria

Meeting scheduled to open 1930

Welcome and Apologies.

Jenni Sammons, David Bertuch, Rob Belcourt, Kay Belcourt, Mike Garafilis, Peter Rasmussen, Steve Kalendarian, Scott Heim

Previous AGM Minutes.

2021 AGM minutes reviewed. Motion to accept, Mike Neil. Seconded...Geoff Rasmussen

Business arising from previous AGM.

Nil

President's Annual Report.

Rodney reported on a depleted calendar of events due to Covid lockdown restrictions, which kicked off in 2022. The main event, Renault Roundup, was held successfully at Mornington Park, a new venue and was enthusiastically greeted. Next came the Silos meander tour viewing the stunning artwork on large concrete towers. A busy March and the Geelong Revival, Paddock marshalling at Philip Island and the Alpine Tour were run. The regular caffeine runs and drive days were resumed as well.

Treasurer's Annual Report.

The 2021-22 Financial Statement was tabled and proposed to accept by Greg Testolin. Seconded by Wayne Eason

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Passion for life

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Annual Treasurers Report - Renault Car Club of Victoria

2021- 2022

Balance as at 30/06/2021 **\$31,862.50**

Income

Interest	\$0.12	
Membership	\$6,237.50	
Supper	\$35.00	
Merchant Adj	\$272.45	
Merchandise	\$302.00	
Roundup	\$550.00	
Marshalling	\$2,650.00	
Donations	\$210.00	
Total Income	\$10,257.07	\$10,257.07

Sub Total **\$42,119.57**

Expenditure

Merchant Fees	\$30.00	
Merchant Adjustment	\$0.00	
Supper	\$892.27	
Post Office Box	\$286.10	
Phone	\$70.00	
Hall Hire	\$240.30	
Motorsport Australia	\$952.00	
Consumer Affairs Club Reg	\$60.10	
Insurance	\$1,009.71	
AOMC	\$250.00	
Misc.	\$510.47	
Website	\$621.03	
Stationery	\$2,078.52	
Roundup	\$1,673.07	
Total Expenditure	\$8,673.57	\$8,673.57

Balance as at 30/06/2022 **\$33,446.00**

Membership Secretary Report.

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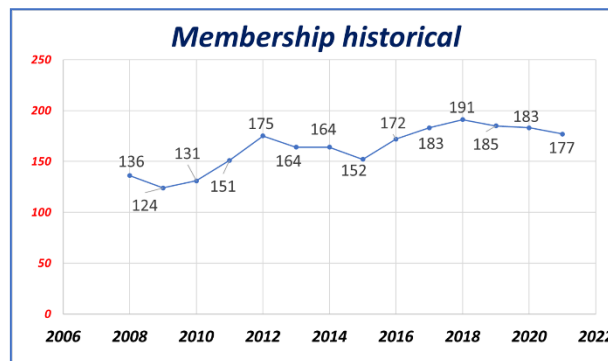
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David Kirska reported that he'd been busy converting the RCCV library of workshop and parts manuals to digital form, by having the spines of the manuals guillotined and scanning pages with our recently acquired scanner. He then presented the Annual membership report as follows;

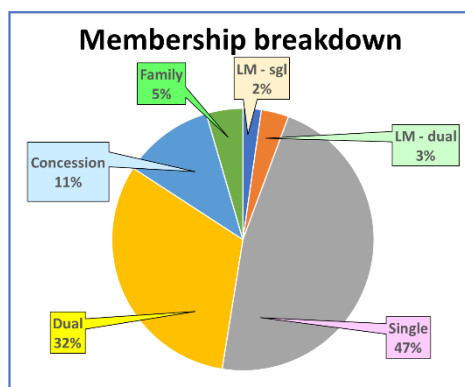
MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

The membership of the club, given the issue of what has befallen the world, is in good shape. During the height of the pandemic a decision was made to charge reduced membership fees. The year just passed we elected not to increase fees as the issues still persisted. Membership appears not to be falling off a cliff as some had expected. There are the usual peaks and troughs with membership remaining reasonably consistent over the last 10 years (see graphic below)

To give the committee some idea of the demographics of our membership, our last membership form asked some **very basic** details, your gender and age of birth. Some reported these stats, others did not. A new category of family membership was

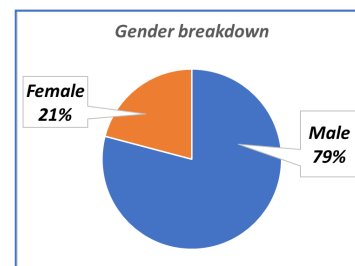
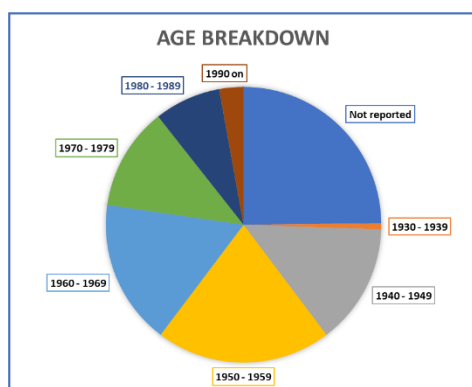


introduced the year before to try and promote an introduction to club inclusion with members 'not of legal driving age'. With that in mind the club has 177 members, with a 4:1 male/female ratio, and are broken down as such:



Age breakdown	
Not reported	35
1930 - 1939	1
1940 - 1949	20
1950 - 1959	29
1960 - 1969	24
1970 - 1979	17
1980 - 1989	11
1990 on	4

Membership type breakdown	
LM - sgl	4
LM - dual	6
Single	83
Dual	56
Concession	20
Family	8
TOTAL	177



Gender	Numbers	%
Male	140	79.1
Female	37	20.9

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VEHICLES

As expected there are many flavours of the French marque owned by the membership. If a member reported that they drove, were restoring or even storing a model it was recorded (below). The Sport models (Megane & Clio) comprise over 25% of vehicles driven by membership with many members reporting multiple (4+) under stewardship.

Of particular note is that we now have our first recorded Renault EV, a Zoe.

PERMITTED VEHICLES

RCCV has 76 vehicles under permit. It is interesting to note that other marques, body types and in fact wheel numbers are represented in our permit list, with a truck, panel-van, 4WD and a motorbike listed. The rule is it has to be over 25 years old, in roadworthy condition and the person applying for a permit is a club member (with at least 1 years membership if permitting a 'foreign' make).

Vicroads called for amendments to the structure of permitted vehicles during the year, wanting to match Victoria's scheme to NSW with an entry level of 30+ years to be eligible to be on historic registration. The Victorian car clubs reacted with the answer that was a retrograde step and was not introduced. Beware that this will likely (in my opinion) to be attempted again. The privatisation of Vicroads may also bring this forward.

Continue to be a car club member and put the 'oldies' on permit and drive/display them proudly.

Cars owned by membership			
Position	Model	Quantity	%
1	RS Megane	31	16.3
2	RS Clio	22	11.6
3	R12	17	8.9
4	Alpine (Classic)	15	7.9
5	R16	13	6.8
6	Megane	11	5.8
7	Koleos	9	4.7
8	4CV/750	8	4.2
	Caravelle	8	4.2
	Fuego	8	4.2
9	Laguna	7	3.7
	Alpine (Modern)	7	3.7
10	Dauphine	4	2.1
11	Scenic	3	1.6
	R12G	3	1.6
	R19	3	1.6
	R20	3	1.6
	R4	3	1.6
12	Florie	2	1.1
	R5	2	1.1
	R17	2	1.1
	R17G	2	1.1
	R25	2	1.1
13	Kangoo	1	0.5
	Captur	1	0.5
	Traffic	1	0.5
	Zoe	1	0.5
	R8G	1	0.5

Nomination and Election of office bearers 2022/2023

As of Tuesday 19th July 2022, one nomination per position was received per position, with three current members standing-

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Rodney Aparcar	Greg Testolin	Mike Neil
Vice President	David Cavanagh	Geoff Rasmussen	Rodney Aparcar
Treasurer	Greg Testolin	Rodney Aparcar	Mike Neil
Secretary	XXXXXXX		
Membership Secretary	David Kirsas	Geoff Rasmussen	Mike Neil
Sporting Co-ordinator	Jeni Sammons	Graeme Rasmussen	Rodney Aparcar
Magazine Editor	Wayne Eason	Geoff Rasmussen	Mike Neil
Committee Member	Scott Heim	Rodney Aparcar	Mike Neil
Committee Member	Rob Belcourt	Geoff Rasmussen	Rodney Aparcar
Committee Member	David Bertuch	Graeme Rasmussen	Rodney Aparcar
Committee Member	Michael Garafilis	Graeme Rasmussen	Rob Belcourt

down

Meeting suspended for supper 7.55pm;

General Business.

Renault Rendezvous Tasmania 2023 planning. As per committee meeting discussion, there are sailings available for the times envisaged 18 March - 1 April (1 week b4 school holidays). However, there are only 14 bookings available for the later going over and return trips. Looks as though we need to do the inevitable 'Expression of interest' with the deposit required. David Kirsas suggested a membership email to gain interest

Storage search for RCCV club equipment. Recently acquired marquee storage sorted by using space in club meeting room.

Wayne Eason asked for any photos from the Silos Tour.



CLUB SHOP/SPORTING UPDATE

MERCHANDISE

RCCV Caps	\$15.00
Waverley Renault Caps	\$10.00
RCCV Key rings	\$ 5.00
RCCV Lapel pins	\$ 4.00
Model Cars	\$5.00 to \$50.00
Renault Pens	\$ 3.00
Renault Polo Shirts	\$ 1.00 limited sizes
RCCV Polo Shirts	Nil Stock
RCCV Shirts	\$40.00
RCCV Vests	\$30.00
Renault "Sports" shirts	\$ 15.00 only 4 left (M,2 XL, 1XXL)
(all sizes from S to 3XL)	
Renault Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Key-rings (silver diamond)	Nil stock
Tyre valve caps	\$12.00
RCCV Stickers	\$ 5.00

SPORTING UPDATE

Here are the sporting points...

Les Park Trophy

Geoff Rasmussen.	8 points
John Hardy.	4 points
David Bertuch.	2 points
Greg Testolin.	2 points
Glenn Armstrong.	2 points
Dave Cavanagh.	2 points
Leon Deminey.	2 points
Michelle Deminey.	2 points
Angelo Simonetti.	1 point

Rob Roy Interclub Championship

After Round 2 RCCV is sitting on 42 points

Cheers

Jen

The shop is open at most general meetings (not every one) but you can contact Kay Belcourt if you want something in particular from the stock list.

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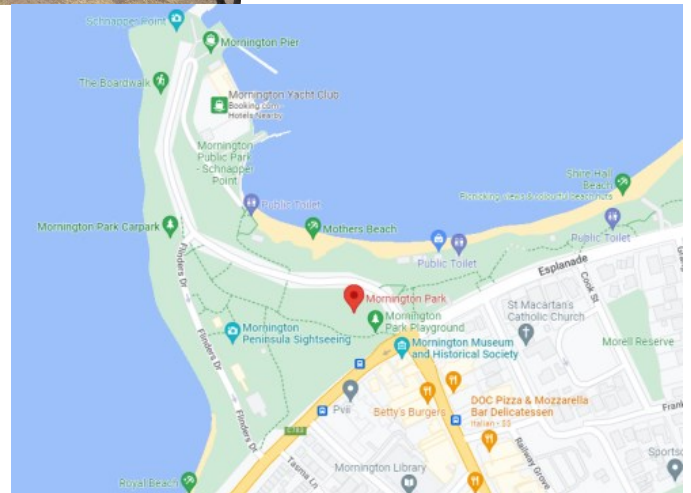


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Renault Roundup—February 2022

Renault Round-Up at Mornington Park on Sunday 20th February with over 70 cars on display. The location setting was perfect and have already started organising the next one at the park. Pencil in 5th February 2023.



Renault Roundup 2022—Award winners



Best Sporting Renault

Clio Gordini

Phil Domrow



Best Pre 1980 Renault

R8G

Rory Stark



Best 1980—2001 Renault

Fuego

John Beavis

Renault Roundup 2022—Award winners



Best Post 2001 Renault

Zoe

Scott Heim



People's Choice

Renault Caravelle

Rowena Rasmussen



Best Alpine & Best in Show

A110

Rob Sealy

Renault Roundup 2022-photo gallery



Renault Roundup 2022-photo gallery



REBIRTH OF A LEGEND

THE STORY OF WHAT IS POSSIBLY THE MOST IMPORTANT RENAULT R8 GORDINI IN AUSTRALIA

Back in the late 60's a legend was born, the Renault R8 Gordini was released in Australia and instantly became a star on the rally tracks across the country. Renault Australia ran a team of R8 Gordinis in the Australian rally championship and clean swept the championship in 1970 headed by our own living legend Bob Watson. 1971 they took out the Victorian championship driven by Mal McPherson.

For the 1970 season they built Mal McPherson a brand new car, this was the very last Gordini to come off the production line in Heidelberg, car number 60 of 60. This brand new car would have all the development from the previous years, this was the ultimate R8 Gordini and in its first season came 3rd outright in the 1970 Australian Rally Championship which was won by its sister car driven by rally legend Bob Watson. In 1971 stamped its supremacy by claiming the Victorian rally championship.

In 1972 the R8 Gordini was replaced by the R12 Gordini, but in 1973 Renault closed its rally program and all the cars were sold off. The R8 Gordini continued to dominate rallies in private hands, some became rallycross cars and the legend continued, one even became a speed way car but slowly one by one as time and racing took its toll they disappeared.

The only car left is Mal McPherson's 1971 Victorian Championship winning car, that did it's private rally stint but luckily fellow car club members Lou & Leonie Willemin bought it in the late 70's. Lou was very passionate about it and wanted to restore it to what he always wanted. A French racing blue R8 Gordini with white rally stripes but the problem was this was a daffodil yellow Renault Australia rally car so Lou's restoration was put on hold....For 35 years.

Eventually Lou decided it wasn't going to happen and offered it to me, how could I say no, we agreed on a price and the only surviving works rally car was now mine, so the project begins, slowly at first. Because Lou had painted half of it blue the first job was to dismantle the whole car and have it sand blasted, now with all the blue off we could see what we're dealing with and it was surprisingly straight and rust free. It was then painted in the original Daffodil Yellow and rebuilt using all new French parts. The rally parts were sourced from all over Australia, the original roll bar was found in Adelaide some 800kms away, it was the exact one that came out over 40 years ago. The wheels came from Perth some 3,500kms away. Pieces started coming together, the idea was to recreate the exact car that was rallied 50 years ago, pieces of the original navigation equipment was found all over the country, even the driving lights were found 800kms away. The car was finished in February 2021 and was the star attraction at the Rally Retro day and took home two awards. Our Rally legend Bob Watson took it out on the track and said it was just how he remembers them and felt brand new.

It's been an honor to restore this legend of Australian motor sport back to its former glory and a huge thankyou to the men who built it in the first place.

This is a tribute to those wonderful crazy buggers who took on and beat the mighty GMH factory backed V8's with a silly little French 1.3 litre car with the engine in the wrong end.

1970 Australian championship results.
 1st Bob Watson: Renault R8 Gordini
 2nd Colin Bond: Holden Monaro GTS 350
 3rd Mal McPherson: Renault R8 Gordini

1971 Victorian championship.
 1st Mal McPherson: Renault R8 Gordini
 2nd Gil David: Holden Monaro GTS 350/Ford Cortina
 3rd Peter Janson: Holden Monaro GTS 350/Holden Torana GTR

Renault Roundup 2022-photo gallery



Modern keys and carrying them

Every car I've had up to now had had the ability to be added to a bunch of other keys on a keyring. Everyone nods their head in agreement on reading this. However, having purchased our last diamond studded vehicle, we were presented with:

Oh ahh one says, until one tries to add it to our existing bunch of rings.

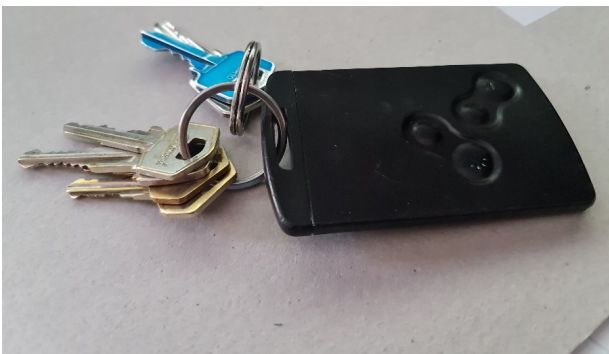


What the.....?

No hole!!!

Compare with last diamond studded vehicle:

Look see? Hole to add to other (possible non-starting) diamond studded vehicles.....



So if you are out and about, **possible going to a coffee run, for example**, one has to put the key in one pocket and close the front house door with a key from the bunch of keys in the other pocket. Double handling to say the least, and also patting your pockets because you can FEEL the big bunch but not the key that surreptitiously lays flat, hiding.

You can stick that, because, as a male (and everyone knows we can only do one thing at a time) I can keep track of one set of keys but not 2.....

So find a device. Look at the search engine and discover that The big R in Australia had a pretty "leather cover". The only problem with using this cover has been that the unit is glued together, which has come apart, and, that the screw seen holding the yellow ring tag to the main cover unscrews really easily (don't ask me what happens next). Fixed that by applying serious amount of torque, but how does one unscrew that if the hidden key is needed??

Diddums I hear you young people say, first world problem - others say.

I suspect that in the future when we have a chip inserted beneath or skin it won't be a problem, however, not every step into the future is a good one.....



RCCV CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

Wanted:

Fuego drivers side wiper arm.

Call: **David 04 07 30 47 30** or email: membership@rccv.org.au



Drive Day 21st August

Our Drive Day on Sunday 21st August was a great success. 14 cars and 20 Members turned up at Kalkallo (Shell petrol station/Hungry Jacks at Bunker hill) Hume Fwy. The plan route was a long cut on secondary roads with a stop for morning tea at Lancefield then on wards to lunch at the Tooborac pub.

Rodney Aparcar



SILO RUN 2022



The RCCV Great Alpine Tour

Great weekend for the Alpine members of the Renault Car Club of Victoria club and two interstate participants. 5 A110PE, 3xA110, 1xA310 & 3x GTA

Friday evening dinner at the Snowline Pub saw new faces and friendships established followed by dinner by 19 of us. Early start Saturday for Harrietville based Alpines to Smoko where Steve and Caroline Kalenderian were waiting (our base) and I am staying. Headed to Freeburgh onto Tawonga Gap Rd. Took in the views. Breakfast

Depart 9.00. To Bogong High Plains Rd to Falls Creek. Brief photo stop on dam.

On to Omeo Highway. Lunch stop at Mitta Mitta pub. (Laurel Hotel).

Depart pub 2.00PM. Fuel stop in Omeo. Brief stop in Dinner Plain, stretch legs and surved interesting architecture.

Continue over Mt Hotham and stop at Baldy Hollow for iconic photos. Continued back to Harrietville. Rest, freshened up for dinner at Harrietville Hotel.

Sunday, straight on to Mount Buffalo Rd Took in the views at The Horn to the lookout for some breathtaking views. Head to the Rail Trail Cafe for a well deserved breakfast. A great weekend organised by Club Member Steve Kalenderian. Special mention of the spectacular drone photo at the end of this clip by Jeff Bee.

<https://youtu.be/N61yvFIXlfs>

Rodney Apar



RCCV History to be made

The RCCV celebrating its 70th year in 2023, making it one of the oldest Renault car clubs in the world. The club was founded on June the 29th, 1953 by an enthusiastic band of Renault 750 (4CV) owners who arranged a group drive to Point Leo. From this event the Renault Car Club of Victoria was born. Stay tuned for how we celebrate in 2023



1899-1906



1906-1919



1919-1923



1923-1925



1925-1930



1930-1945



1945-1946



1946-1958



1958-1967



1967-1973



1973-1982



1982-1990



1990-2004



2004-2008



2008-2015



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David's R8 Gordini

I thought I'd share the story of my R8 Gordini, what is possibly the most important 8G in Australia.

60 R1135 R8 Gordinis were assembled in Australia during the 1960's, this is the last one made, car number 60 built in January 1970

Kays rent a car was the sponsor for the rally team and the final 20 cars were painted in their corporate colour daffodil yellow.

3 daff yellow cars were taken off the production line and became rally cars. Bodies were seam welded, gussets welded in, suspension reinforced, Engines enlarged to 1296cc Alpine spec, final drive ratio lowered, interior stripped out and roll bar fitted, navigation equipment fitted, these were the ultimate Gordinis.

The little cars were so successful that they dominated rallying and in 1970 won the Australian rally championship, 1st and 3rd, this car coming 3rd. The following year 1971 this car won the Victorian state championship. 1972 saw the introduction of the R12 Gordini so the R8's were sold off. They continued to dominate in private hands but eventually fell from grace and 2 of the 3 cars ended up as landfill. This car is the only survivor.



It's



Here are a series of photos from it's rally days to when I pulled it out of it's shed where it sat for 35 years. The owner at the time wanted a traditional blue car with white stripes so he stripped it and started painting it blue but lost inter-

est (luckily) and it sat for 35 years, Unfortunately for me the car had to be stripped and sand blasted to get the blue off and with no choice but a full resto it's off we go.



now fully restored back to the original car that dominated rallying in 1971, even the roll bar is the original one that was pulled out and sold in 1978, I found it some 800kms in a shed. The navigation gear is all original, the whole car is now back to it's 1971 rally days.

David Cavanagh



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