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### Season's Greetings,

This edition we continue our new Renault of the Month and Business Review series. This month it's the Laguna, 20 years old this year, and Virage Motors in South Melbourne.

In October, the club made Kaye and Rob Belcor Life Members, a decision, from what we hear around the traps, that was popularly and strongly endorsed. We tell you a little about these two great supporters of our club.

We have some early notices of good shows for next year, ours and others, to help you plan your year. There's usually some interesting items in the for sale ads, but this edition has some grand items to finish the year.

This is it for this year's editions. Next year for the club's 'Diamond Jubilee' year we're going to include some diamonds in each edition. Not the precious gemstone kind (we're keeping those), but other little nuggets we've worked hard to dig up.

We'll run a series on the club's history over the six editions—a decade per edition. Another series will showcase members cars, and the characters themselves, to add to the club story.

Renault of the Month will continue as will the Business Review. A word in our ears could influence what models become 'of the month'.

The magazine will get a Centrefold, something quite special we think but we're keeping exactly what up our sleeves; you'll just have to wait and see.

Expect to see a different look to the magazine as befits the occasion. You'll want to keep these 'collector' editions for your grand children, so you can say 'Back in my day when cars had engines, the club had a magazine... Let me show you...'

*Have a Merry and, most importantly, a Safe Christmas and New Year, come back to us next year*

*Geoff, Ken and Kat*

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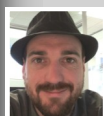
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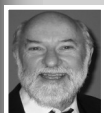
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## CLUB MEETING

**WHERE...**

Dorothy Laver Reserve Pavilion  
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**WHEN...**

Third Tuesday every month  
7.30 pm

Front Cover: 1912 Renault at Motorclassica 2012 (Ken Marriott)

Articles by Glenn Armstrong, Chris Gajic, Ken Marriott, Geoff Rasmussen

Photos by Glenn Armstrong, Ken Marriott, Geoff Rasmussen





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Some great news to start this reading of your latest edition of the Magazine - our Club display at "Big Bad Sandown" was fortunate enough to be judged as the best on the day, and I would like to thank all the members that came down, pampered their beauties and had a wonderful time enjoying some historic racing.

I'm really excited about December as we've organised to get a run down on Detailing your pride and joy by a pro. Those of you who know me well will be fully aware of the time I can happily spend in, around and under my cars chasing away dirt and making things shiny. The bonus is that a clean car is easier to keep clean, and looks fantastic to boot.

Our Christmas do will be at the usual meeting spot in Glen Iris. The food's on us so come along for a great relaxing evening on the oval with your family.

The round-up venue is booked, and our place on the promenade secured again in February. With the detailing afternoon before the Christmas break, everyone should have an opportunity to have a clean and sparkling diamond to enjoy in fantastic company!

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable season, and come into 2013 refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated!

Bon Vivant!

Mikee



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Rob and Kay Belcourt

The Renault Car Club of Victoria is pleased to announce that Robert and Kay Belcourt were awarded Life Memberships at the October 2012 general meeting.

This is a well deserved recognition of the years of work and support that Kay and Rob have put into the Club. The award has been widely-applauded by Club members.

Rob and Kay first joined the RCCV in 1984 and over the years have served in a range of capacities on the committee and, particularly, as events coordinator and editors of the Club newsletter.

Over more recent years, Rob and Kay have been known for their unfailing ability to get supper together on Club nights, to master the complexities of catering for Club Christmas parties and similar events, and for running the Club shop. They have also, of course, been "team" regulars on Club trips, social events and in setting up Round Ups and other similar activities. Without the effort Kay and Rob have put into these tasks, none of our Club activities would run as smoothly or as enjoyably.

As might be expected of a couple who have had so many years in the Club, so they have had many Renaults. They currently runs two 12s and a Caravelle but admit to also having owned at least three 25s, a Fuego, a Dauphine, two or three R10's, a couple of R8's and a Floride. Unlike most Club members, it seems, they have never owned a 16!



It warrants noting that Rob and Kay are true French car fans and don't confine their interest just to Renaults. They also run a Citroen DS, the same as the car Rob learnt to drive in, a Peugeot 306 Cabriolet and Kay has a black and yellow Citroen 2CV Charleston.

It should be noted that Kay has not always been "into" French cars and only became so once she met Rob.

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## RENAULT OF THE MONTH

### Renault Laguna

Predecessor	Renault 21
Production	1993 to present
Body style	5 door liftback, 5 door estate
Engine    Petrol:	1.614 16v, 1.814, 1.814 16v, 1.914 16v, 2.014, 2.014 16v, 3.0 V6 12v,
Diesel:	1.9 D14, 2.2 D14 12v

The first generation Laguna was launched in December 1993, initially being a hatchback only. Late in 1995 it was introduced as an estate version, known in some markets as the Laguna Sport Tourer and replaced the Renault 21 Savanna/Nevada.

The Laguna's equipment levels were gradually increased. All models later came with power-steering, electric front windows, drivers airbag and remote central locking as standard.

At the start of 1998 the Laguna received a moderate facelift which included restyling the hatchback of the Sport Tourer version and a redesigned front. This included a different faceted design of the taillights. In some markets the engines were also updated adding five new engines.

#### Laguna II (2000 – 2007)

At end of 2000 the Laguna was replaced by an all new model which shared its chassis with the Nissan Primera. The engines were upgraded and equipment list extended. Widely regarded as one of the safest vehicles on the road today, it was the first vehicle available in Europe to achieve 5 stars in the EuroNCAP crash test results.



The vehicle featured a keyless ignition system which used a credit card style device to unlock the car and start the engine. The styling of the second generation



Laguna was heavily influenced by the initial concept car (2002 Semperit Irish Car of the Year)

The Laguna estate was only available with 5 seats, unlike the previous model which had 7 seats in some versions. It was badged Sport Tourer or Grandtour depending on the country, and was marked as a lifestyle car rather than a load carrier.

The vehicle was relaunched in March 2005 with improved security, driving performance and comfort. It also had moderate redesign of the air intake at the front of the car which matched the design of the Megane. An electronic handbrake was also introduced.

#### Laguna III (2007-2011)

The Renault Laguna III was officially announced in a press release on June 4, 2007. The car was unveiled to the public at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September, and it went on sale in October 2007. The car comes as a 5-door liftback, as a 5-door estate and a 3-door coupé now. This third generation is based on the platform D, shared with the Nissan Altima and the Nissan Murano.

The Laguna III is the first car to have gone through Aubevoye Technical Centre's Electro-Magnetic Compatibility unit in the course of its development. It was first presented as a concept car at the 2007 Frankfurt Motor Show, which followed some styling cues of the previous Renault Fluence concept car. The production version was revealed at the 2008 Cannes Film Festival, coinciding with the Monaco Formula 1 Grand Prix to take the wraps off. The brand new V6 dCi engine delivers 235 hp (173 kW), while the new 3.5-litre petrol powered V6 offers 240 hp (175 kW). The Laguna Coupé later appeared before the general public at the Paris Motor Show in October 2008.

In January 2008, spy images of a possible Laguna Sedan appeared on the internet. The Renault Latitude and the third generation (L43) Renault Samsung SM5 made by Renault Samsung Motors in South Korea is based on the Laguna III.





## LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Rob and Kay Belcourt

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### Kay's background in cars:

'Cars have been part of my life almost since I was born. My father had numerous vehicles whilst I was growing up – such as MG, Sunbeam Rapier, several Hillmans, Model T & A Fords, various Holdens, a VW Beetle and even a Rolls Royce and Bentley. He even made his own utility (wooden-frame) on a Dodge chassis.

At the time of getting my licence he was into Rovers (although I had learnt to drive on a Morris Minor 1000 – a blue one with the number plate of BSG 317 – how's that for memory!!) After running a favour for him of picking up some parts from a Rover wrecker (I was living in Sydney at this time), I ended up buying a 1954 Rover 90 as my first car.

When I met Robert (March 1975) he owned a Peugeot 404 sedan and he related to me that he had sold his Renault Floride to buy it as the girlfriend at the time didn't like having her hair blown about!

In June 1976 he swapped his 404 and some "cash" and bought his Citroen DS 21.

We had Rovers and the Citroen for several years and some Renaults in the mix for a while, but have since parted with the Rovers and now only have the French vehicles.'

### Highlights for Rob

- 1965 Admired my uncle's DS age 13
- 1968 Arrive in Australia age 16 landed in Melbourne and travelled to Sydney in my brother's 1965 Citroen ID 19
- 1969 Finish school & started a career in architectural drafting.
- 1970 Part own the damaged Bathurst race DS with brother. learned to drive on the Bathurst hydraulic gear change DS
- 1972 Bought a Renault Floride Convertible age 20
- 1974 Bought a Peugeot 404 age 22
- 1975 Drove the 1969 Citroen DS Hydraulic gear change but did not buy it.
- 1975 Graduated in architectural drafting at Sydney technical college

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A facelifted version of the Laguna III, called the Phase 2, debuted at the 2010 Paris Motor Show, and sales began in November 2010.

It has an aggressive front end compared to the older model. The range has been redesigned around six trim levels: Expression, Black Edition, Eco Business, Bose, GT 4Control and Initiale. Engine side, the only change is the engine size.

Chris Cajic

- 1976 Bought the same 1969 Citroen DS that he looked at the previous year age 24
  - 1976 Move to Melbourne & joined the Citroen Car Club.
  - 1977 Got engaged age 25
  - 1979 Got Married age 27
  - 1979 Bought first house in Glen Waverley age 27
  - 1981 First Child age 29
  - 1983 Second child age 31
  - 1984 Bought a Renault Caravelle convertible age 32
  - 1986 Third Child age 33
  - 1988 Bought Renault 12 wagon to take family from Sydney to Adelaide with dog and washing machine
  - 1993 Bought 1987 Renault 25
  - 1994 Bought Wife Citroen 1986 2CV Dolly colour Plum and Custard
  - 1996 Bought 1982 Citroen 2CV Charleston colour Black and Yellow
  - 1996 Bought 1995 Peugeot 306 XT
  - 1997 Bought 1976 Renault 12 Sedan
  - 1998 Bought 1987 Renault 25 Silver No. plate (MYRENO)
  - 1998 Bought brand new Stegcraft Bowrider ski boat
  - 1998 Bought second 1987 Renault 25 Silver to tow the boat
  - 1999 Change DS to Club registration mileage 233,000 miles
  - 1999 Bought brand new Peugeot 306 convertible
  - 2004 Prepared Citroen D Special 1974 for the 2004 Citroen raid (Nickname Blue Frog)
  - 2005 Bought Renault Fuego 1983 for the DECA Skilkana
  - 2005 Bare metal respray of DS for Exposition at Federation Square to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Citroen DS at the Paris Motor Show
  - 2007 Bought 1975 Citroen D Special, full restoration & bare metal respray to use at son's wedding Easter 2008
  - 2008 Bought 1997 Citroen XM XM
- The RCCV Committee and the Club congratulate Rob and Kay on their award and look forward to their continued involvement for many years to come!

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## RENAULTS AT MOTORCLASSICA

Spring is not only the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups and the Cox Plate: it's also the silly season for car shows, festivals and concours! On each day of every weekend something new and different is on. And the last weekend of October was typical: horse racing, the Motorcycle GP at Phillip Island, the RCCV run to Mucklefest (where at least 100 classic and un-classic cars gathered) ...and the 3rd Motorclassica.

This year's Motorclassica was far better than the last two. The presentation of the cars was better –with better spacing and consistent and more informative signs—while the upstairs commercial booths were positioned against the back wall rather than backing onto the viewing rails. There was also a far better range of booths with a number of regional Councils advertising their motor sports credentials and offering special deals for City clubs.

The quality of the cars was as good as in the past but the mix was better themed: a special display of 6 or 8 Brabham race cars –supplemented by interviews with and book signing by Sir Jack himself; an excellent display of Lotus road and race cars from the late forties through to the 70s; a similar selection of MGs, and some amazingly-priced cars up for auction by Bonhams.

And two superb Renaults. The oldest, a 1909 AX Twin Cylinder, was beautiful in deep blue, red and sparkling



brass. Often used as a taxi, this model is also viewed as something of a hero in France having transported troops to the Battle of Marne which saved Paris in World War 1.

The second Renault at Motorclassica was a 1912 Renault 12/16. This was resplendent in deep burgundy and brass and was a much larger car than the 1909 AX. Amazingly, a sister car, a 14/20, had been on show at the inaugural Victorian Motor Show in 1912! Looking very much like a “horseless carriage”, the 12/16 sat imperiously in the middle aisle of Motorclassica and attracted a lot of attention. The cover of this edition of *The Victorian Renault* features this vehicle as well.

*Ken Marriot*







# RENAULT CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA

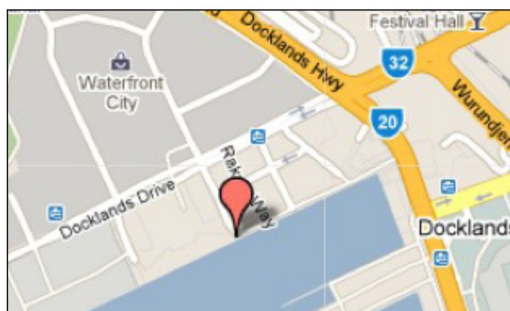
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## RENAULT MEDIA

### News from the World of Renault

Rarely does a day go by at present without a significant announcement from Renault. It is all pleasing news and augurs well for the continued development of the marque and for a continual strengthening of Renault's presence in Australia.

The announcements range across new pure-electric and hybrid city cars through to new variants of established models, joint agreements on new sports cars and continuing Formula 1 successes. There was also a bit of fun: a Renault Twizy plastered with macarons!!



On the road, the new Clio was voted "Best Production Car" and the stunning little ZOE was voted the "Best Green Car" at the 2012 Paris Motor Show. Both wiped the floor with the opposition, claiming 33 and 51% of all votes respectively. More recently, the Clio beat off 44 other contenders to win the German "Golden Steering Wheel" award for Best Small Car from the Bild am Sonntag and AutoBild newspapers.

The new Clio will continue the sales popularity of the model – with sales now topping 12 million—and will win more plaudits for its design and engine performance. With the "Energy dCi 90" engine, fuel consumption will be only 3.2 l/100 km. with CO2 emissions of only 83 gm/km.

The all-new ZOE will have a range of engines with the zero emission, all-electric option featuring several world premier design technologies. These include a real-world driving range of 100-150 km. and a new on-board "Cameleon" battery charger that can give a full charge in as little as 30 minutes, using a single type of connector.

To celebrate winning the Formula 1 Constructors' world crown with Red Bull Racing in 2011 (and again this year: see below), Renault has unleashed two limited editions – the Clio R.S. Red Bull and the Mégane R.S. Red Bull. The Clio R.S.

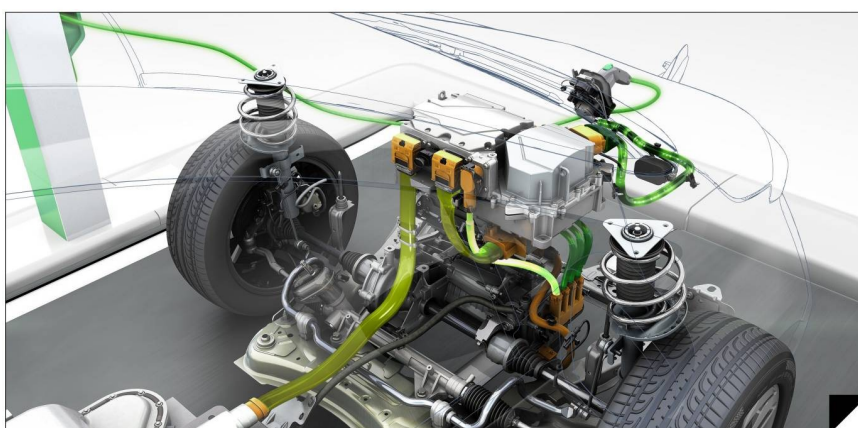
Red Bull has 18-inch black Interlagos wheels which are equipped with Bridgestone RE050A tyres, the same as those fitted to the Mégane R.S. Trophy which established a new lap record round the Nürburgring's Nordschleife in June 2011. The Mégane R.S. Red Bull has Renault Sport's mechanical limited slip differential and unleashes 265 brake horsepower (195 kW) when ESP Sport is activated.

Only 455 Clio R.S. Red Bulls and 522 Mégane R.S. Red Bulls have been produced globally. Only 35 of the Clios will come to Australia at a recommended retail price of \$38,490, while there will be 51 Mégane R.S. Red Bulls at a recommended retail price of \$44,640. Both went on sale on Monday 22nd October.

The macarons featured on a Renault Twizy that was covered from top to toe! In a local twist, they were also sold by Renault favourite, Adriano Zumbo in Renault Trafic "Zumbaron food trucks" around Melbourne and Sydney during November.

In the sports cars field, November 7 saw Renault announce a joint initiative with Caterham Group, that took over the Renault F1 team, to create Société des Automobiles Alpine Caterham. Operating from January 2013 at the Alpine plant in Dieppe (the spiritual home of the Alpine and current home of Renault Sport technologies, the company will build both Alpine and Caterham sports and motor sports vehicles. The initiative has received support and commitments from both national and regional governments in France. The product will be something to look forward to!

At the Formula 1 level, Renault not only won its 150th Grand Prix with its engines in the Red Bull team at the Indian GP and secured its 200th pole at the Korean GP but soon after helped Red Bull secure both the constructors championship and Seb Vettel's third consecutive world title.



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## REVIEW

### Business Review: Virage Motors

Melbourne's Renault drivers are lucky: as well as access to six dealerships with their new and used cars and parts and service capabilities, they also have access to upward of 10 excellent "privateers": most of who have years of experience and excellent skills in the maintenance of European cars in general and in particular, Peugeots, Citroens and Renaults.

Virage Motors, owned and operated for many years by Carl Werner and Michael Kourtentzos is one of these. Located at 17-19 York St, South Melbourne, only 50 metres from Kingsway, Virage Motors is easily accessed from all directions and for those working in the city or living and working in the southern, inner eastern and northern and the western suburbs, it is easy to reach. Jump off the Westgate or off Kingsway, or jump on a tram and you are there and gone!

Virage Motors started well over three decades ago and Carl has been owner/operator since he bought in over 25 years ago. Michael came on board in 2006. Both have extensive backgrounds working on Renaults and a wider range of European cars. Carl started out on Lancias and Fiats and came up through Mantello Motors, while Michael came through Repco Auto Repairs and Motor Fit. So they offer, in combination, more than 40 years of expertise, product knowledge and experience in making Renaults run... and run sweetly. Carl admits to owning and running at least two 16s, two 18s, a 25 and a Fuego over the years so he's clearly not all bad!



The busy workshop at York Street is filled by no more than 6-8 cars and there is always a handful more outside awaiting their turn to be massaged back to life. Parking can be a problem at times but Carl and Michael are alert to the activities of the parking officers and will provide a timely alert when needed.

On visits to the workshop, one is likely to see quite a range of cars because, while specialising in European cars they sometimes have to resort to other "stuff", especially Carl explains, when they are client's second cars. But you will always see a Renault or three there, whether it is a Floride that won't start or won't keep running if it does start, a Megane Sport in for a service, or a red Laguna that needs yet some other electrical item tended to! Rates are fair and reasonable: at \$100/hour all up, services and maintenance jobs are great value for money.



Carl (left) and Michael have all the specialist Renault tools needed to work on earlier models and they have all the essential electrical scan tools for the moderns. They also stock the specialised batteries favoured by Renaults. They do repairs, they do servicing, they do rebuilds but they don't do "mods". Bring your special parts along if you want and they will fit them, but all too often they have found that the special "tweak" sought by the young racers doesn't always deliver the desired outcomes on Australian-spec cars.

What is good about a visit to Virage is that it's a bit like visiting an uncle or a favourite cousin. You are treated as part of the family, confidences are shared about parts and prices, explanations are given by the man who did the work and sympathies are extended when your chosen marque has let you down or not lived up to expectations. You can waste a bit of your own time (and Michael and Carls) on a visit but it is always enjoyable and you always leave knowing more than when you arrived. And in my experience with my own cars at Virage, once a job's done, it's done.

*Ken Marriott*



## COMING EVENTS

### **Car Care Masterclass**

Date: 15th December 2012

Location: City Auto's Workshop, Kingston St Richmond (Melway 2G K12)

Time: 3pm till 6pm. Pizza afterwards

Michael Bailey, a car detailer master craftsman, will teach us the techniques and tricks the experts use to get a vehicle looking immaculate—inside, outside and under the bonnet. Michael is going to be a judge at the Renault Roundup so this is your chance to learn how to impress the judge!

City Auto are providing the use of their workshop—head south down Church St and enter Kingston St (one-way street) immediately before City Autos.

Contact Ken Marriott for details on 0418 178 788

### **CHRISTMAS BREAKUP**

Date: 18th December 2012

Time: 7.30pm

BBQ dinner and drinks provided at the Dorothy Laver Pavilion  
Bring all the family

### **RACV Great Australian Rally**

Date: 20th January 2013

With multiple starting points and journeying to Mornington racecourse, this event run by the ABCCC has become the premier annual showcase of motor bikes, army and commercial vehicles, veteran, vintage and classic cars. 700 entrants in 2012

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### **RENAULT ROUNDUP**

Date: 17th February 2013

Location: Docklands

Our major get together and show for our 'Diamond Jubilee' year.

It might be three months away but it'll be on us before we know it.  
Start making your plans and preparations now.





## CALENDER

### December

1st-2nd	<b>Sporting</b>	Geelong Revival - the sprints are back at the water front and we've been invited. Contact Mikee Elliott on 0409 939 935	
4th	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	7.30pm Committee meeting Manningham Club	
15th	<b>Social</b>	Car Care Masterclass by Michael Bailey 3pm Saturday afternoon at City Auto's workshop. Learn how to gleam at the Round-up. Contact Ken Marriott on 0418178 788	
18th	<b>General Meeting Xmas Break-up</b>	7.30 pm Dorothy Laver Reserve Pavilion Saxby Road, Glen Iris. BBQ dinner at the club rooms provided. Bring your own bonhomie.	<b>RR</b>

### January

8th	<b>Committee</b>	7.30pm Committee meeting Manningham Club. Note: second Tuesday, not the usual first Tuesday	
15th	<b>General Meeting</b>	7.30 pm Dorothy Laver Reserve Pavilion Saxby Road, Glen Iris.	<b>RR</b>
20th	<b>Social</b>	RACV Great Australian Rally. Multiple start points journeying to Mornington Race-course. Help raise money for Peter Mac. Contact Colin Brown 0408 343 176	

### February

2nd	<b>Sporting</b>	VHC Round 1 Bryant Park	
2nd	<b>Sporting</b>	VMC Practice Motorkhana Werribee	
5th	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	7.30pm Committee meeting Manningham Club	
10th	<b>Sporting</b>	Come & Try Hillclimb Rob Roy	
17th	<b>Social</b>	<b>2012 Renault Roundup</b> - Docklands. Come one, come all with a Renault—old, new or anything in between. The Club's 60th anniversary so it should be something special.	<b>RR</b>
19th	<b>General Meeting</b>	7.30 pm Dorothy Laver Reserve Pavilion Saxby Road, Glen Iris.	<b>RR</b>
24th	<b>Sporting</b>	'Theo Wintels Memorial Motorkhana' Werribee. Including JRace.	

#### REGIE RENAULT

Events on the calendar that have the **RR** symbol displayed are 'Regie Renault' events. The member who attends the most Regie events throughout the year will receive the Regie Renault trophy, a prize, and be recorded on the clubs Perpetual, Regie Renault Trophy.



## COOKING WITH GABRIEL GATÉ

### Potato Galettes with a Walnut and Roquefort Cheese Salad

*Galettes de pomme de terre, salade de Roquefort aux noix*

*This dish is so French and so typical of the northern part of Languedoc, not far from where the famous roquefort blue cheese is made. The use of Duck fat to cook the potatoes is essential for the authentic flavor. It is available from specialist butchers and good delicatessens*

#### Ingredients

(Serves 2)

1 clove garlic, finely chopped  
salt  
freshly ground pepper  
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar  
3 tablespoons olive oil

#### Method

Place half the garlic in a large mixing bowl with a little salt and pepper and the vinegar and whisk together well. Whisk in the oil gradually. Add the green leaves, cheese and walnuts to the bowl and toss everything together gently.

Grate the potatoes onto a plate and pat dry with kitchen paper. Tip into a bowl with the remaining garlic and the chopped parsley. Season with salt and pepper and mix well.

Heat the duck fat in 20cm frying pan. When the fat is hot add the potato mixture to the pan to form a large galette around 1cm thick. Press with the back of a spoon or fork to flatten and cook for a few minutes. Carefully turn the galette over and cook the other side (to turn the galette, slide it onto a plate, then turn the plate over and slide the galette back into the pan).

Cut the galette in half or quarters and divide between two plates. Serve with the dressed salad

Reproduced from *Taste Le Tour-Regional French Cuisine* with permission Hardie Grant Books



2 cups mixed green leaves  
60g Roquefort cheese, broken into small pieces  
4 shelled walnuts, very roughly chopped  
2 medium potatoes, peeled  
2 tablespoons chopped parsley

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Falls Creek Weekend November 2012

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A good showing at Big Bad Sandown



One of the Mucklefest Beauties sunning herself



'Observing' our lot at Mucklefest







## OCTOBER SOCIAL RUN

### “Muckle in a Megane”

Sound like a funny name? Do you think it could win a prize? No? Well, you're wrong! This was the winning team name dreamt up by our editor, Geoff and his wife Jenny, on the Club observation run to Mucklefest. And what, you ask, is a Mucklefest? None other than the destination of the Club's October 28 observation run: a community festival, tractor pull and historic car show held annually at Muckleford, a rail siding (there is no town) half way between Castlemaine and Maldon.

And it was fun: tractor pulls in the true, original style; Rotary Club barbecued sausages; coffee carts and ice cream. Plus about 100 historic and classic cars: Holdens, Fords, Buicks, Austins, Renaults (of course), Morris Minors, Sunbeams any others to mention? and even a De Dion Bouton – which we'll try to get to the French Car Festival next October.

The run, which started at our “usual” western suburbs meeting point –the Shell station just off the Westgate at Spotswood—was joined by around 8 cars, an odd dozen adults, nearly half a dozen kids (including a very junior Stewart who is learning the ropes in preparation for his turn as Club Prez in 3 or 4 years) and two fine pooches – an Elliott and a Cavanagh... both quite superior breeds!

At 8.30am, the Spotswood weather was cloudy, cool and threatening...but the enthusiasm of the group soon blew that away and by the time we had reached morning tea at Trentham via Bacchus Marsh, Greenvale and Blackwood, the sun had broken through and as we progressed through the rich, green rolling countryside it only got better and warmer. At Muckleford we were pleased to meet

up with Fred with his R12 rally car and MmeDauphineG with her Dauphine!! Great to see more Renaults!!

We didn't actually drive straight to Mucklefest of course: young Armstrong and myself had decided to make it a bit of a challenge and dreamt up nearly 40 curly questions about things that each “team” had to identify along the way.

Glenn got really “picky” with some of the answers and so the competition was fierce. In the end, only one point separated the top score from two on equal second and another ten to the least observant! Congratulations to Pat and Les Jones: you were very hard to keep up with!

In retrospect, a special prize should also have gone to Dave Cavanagh. Dave drove from Kyneton to Melbourne to pick up his father: then all the way to Muckleford, back to Melbourne and then back home: 500 km in total, the highlight being his father ignoring the Renaults and drooling over all the working steam engines that were on display!!

Thanks to all those who came along and enjoyed the day and to the organisers of Mucklefest.

Ken Marriott

**The Run:** Western Hwy, passing Bacchus March and exiting soon after onto Pentland Hills Rd. Then, after Myrning, turn right into Greendale-Myrning Rd (C318) and follow this via Greendale, Blackwood and other smaller settlements to Trentham. Continue on along Kyneton Rd but at 9.5 km turn left into Tylden-Spring Hill Rd and 7 km. further on, turn right into Kyneton-Spring Hill Rd. After 15 km, turn left toward Kyneton and 2 km later, turn left into Lauriston Reservoir Rd. 8 km on, go right-left at the T-intersection into Youngs Rd which takes you to Malmesbury. From there, travel on the old Calder Hwy until you reach the Castlemaine turnoff to travel via Chewton and Castlemaine, or proceed via the Calder Freeway to Fogartys Gap Rd and turn left to Muckleford and Maldon. 5.5 hour return trip and a fantastic drive!





## 2013 FRENCH CAR FESTIVAL

### PLANNING PROCEEDS APACE

On Sunday November 18th, more than a dozen members of the Peugeot Car Club of Victoria, Citroen Car Club of Victoria the Citroen Classic Owners Club of Australia and the RCCV visited Seaworks to evaluate the site for the 2013 French Car Festival. On the day, the annual Smokin Aces, Hot Rod and Custom Club Show was in full swing and this provided a great opportunity to see how the site was used and what it offers.

There is room for 50-60 cars under full cover in the massive former shipyard sheds; further undercover areas for cars and stalls; an extensive asphalt area for music, displays and presentations, and yet further asphalt areas and a long pier for display cars and parking. In addition, Seaworks has a Tavern and bar, both of which could be used as part of the Festival.

We are aiming to put on an exciting and attractive Festival – not just a gathering of cars.

To this end we are planning:

- Special undercover display parking for rare and important cars
- A variety of indoor and outdoor food and product display stalls
- A program of entertainment and demonstrations including French cuisine, music, car detailing, raffles, and of course, concours events and awards
- A range of special guests
- Good value sponsorships and stalls
- Presentations by Club specialists on significant cars of the participating marques, and
- Encouraging individual marque concours awards as well as combined best-in-Festival categories.

If you would like to help out or have something special you can offer, contact Ken Marriott for more details on 0418 178 788.



## Barry Bourke Fine Food Fest

Wednesday October 17th saw the Barry Bourke Fine Food Festival delight their guests with delicious nibbles and an informative and entertaining presentation by Renault's ambassador chef Gabriel Gate.

About 100 guests turned up including half a dozen members from the RCCV. There may have been more but the room was packed to the rafters and I didn't recognise any other backs of heads. Jenny and I weren't late but everyone else must have known how popular it would be and got in early.

After a glass or two of some very nice champagne with a selection of cheeses and nibble, Gabriel got underway with his presentation.

First up was a fruit salad with a difference. Gabriel is very fond of our Australian fruits and in his gentle way castigated us aussies for not making more imaginative use of them. The second dish was an apple cake. So simple to make. We sampled both these later on and mighty tasty they were too.

One wise take-home tip was to practice a new dish two or three times before doing it for that special occasion with guests. Apparently, you are just stupid if you don't!

One thing I always enjoy about Gabriel's shows is how encouraging he is. He's always saying, and showing, how easy it is, to give it a go and not to worry if it is not perfect the first time. On this night, he was making a special point that chil-

dren need to be involved in family cooking, so they know how to cook for themselves later. They don't have to do much to start with, maybe just help prepare the veggies—it's about being familiar and comfortable with the activity.

Gabriel's new book was on sale and there was a rush to queue up for a signed copy. My Mum got one for her birthday, she was chuffed and I'm in the good books (at least for a while). Les Jones got the door prize, another one of Gabriel's books though Pat was quick to call out she already had that one and could Les pick a different one. Pat's a big fan of Gabriel's books and rightly so.

It was a good night and if Barry Bourke do another one we're going to go and I reckon you should too.

*Geoff Rasmussen*

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Trailer parking will be made available for all the non drivers. Interstate visitors will be most welcome.

More information will be available as the date draws closer

Contact Details.

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## FALLS CREEK RUN



On the 3rd and 4th of November there was an OzRenaultSport drive weekend to Falls Creek. Seven cars and eight people including Mikee and myself set off from Berwick at around 10.40 am on Saturday (already about 40 mins behind schedule) and travelled via Monbulk, Woori Yallock and Healesville and on to Mansfield for a late lunch. At Mansfield we met up with an OzRenaultSport couple from Newcastle. The road to Whitfield for coffee and on to Falls Creek was an excellent drive to complete the days driving. We stayed in chalet accommodation and had dinner at the Man Hotel.

Sunday morning commenced with breakfast at the Milch Cafe followed by the drive to Omeo. One of the highlights for me was the drive around the Rocky Valley Water Storage. There was still some residual snow on the ground which made the sightseeing fantastic. We travelled to Omeo and on to Mt Hotham Hotel for lunch (again late). After lunch the group proceeded to the top of Mount Buffalo. From here all but two cars returned to home. Daniel and Demi (from Newcastle) and myself returned to Falls Creek having dinner at the Mt Beauty Country club on the way.

I have family in Dargo so I had decided to come home via the Dargo High

Plains road and pay some social calls along the way. The 475 km trip home included 50 km of dirt road across the top of the mountains. It was an ideal day for the run (the weather for the whole weekend could not have been better) and driving with the windows down was great, until I realised that the dust was wafting into the car. Clothes I had hanging in the back which were clean and had not been worn had to go straight back to the laundry. Apart from this, I thoroughly enjoyed the whole weekend, especially the run home via Dargo. I am looking forward to more of these runs in the future.

*Glenn Armstrong*







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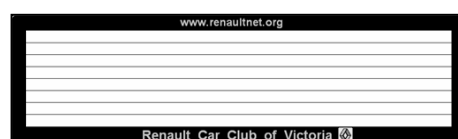
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## MOTOR SPORT

### FORMULA 1 — SEASON END 2012

Japan		
Position	Driver	Team
1	Vettel	RBR-Renault
2	Massa	Ferrari
3	Kamui Kobayashi	Sauber-Ferrari
6	Raikkonen	Renault
Ret	Grosjean	Renault

Korea		
Position	Driver	Team
1	Vettel	RBR-Renault
2	Alonso	Ferrari
3	Webber	RBR-Renault
5	Raikkonen	Renault
7	Grosjean	Renault

India		
Position	Driver	Team
1	Vettel	RBR-Renault
2	Alonso	Ferrari
3	Webber	RBR-Renault
7	Raikkonen	Renault
9	Grosjean	Renault

AbuDhabi		
Position	Driver	Team
1	Raikkonen	Renault
2	Alonso	Ferrari
3	Vettel	RBR-Renault
Acc	Grosjean	Renault

TEAMS TABLE		
Position	Team	Points
1	RBR-Renault	460
2	Ferrari	400
3	McLaren	378
4	Lotus-Renault	303
5	Mercedes	142
6	Sauber-Ferrari	126
7	Force India	109
8	Williams-Renault	76
9	STR-Ferrari	26
10	Caterham-Renault	0
11	Marussia-Cosworth	0
12	HRT-Cosworth	0

DRIVERS TABLE		
Position	Driver	Points
1	Vettel	281
2	Alonso	278
3	Raikkonen	207
4	Hamilton	190
5	Button	188
6	Webber	179
7	Massa	122
8	Grosjean	96
9	Rosberg	93
10	Perez	66





## LAUGHS PER MINUTE

### Fly Facts

I stopped at a friend's house the other day and found him stalking around with a fly-swatter. When I asked if he was getting any flies, he answered: 'Yeah, three males and two females.'

Curious, I asked how he could tell the difference. He said: 'Three were on a beer can and two were on the phone.'

### Just Deserts

A busload of politicians on campaign in a remote part of Australia when the bus runs off the road and crashes down an embankment on an old farmers property. Fortunately the old farmer was on his tractor nearby, he hears the crash and rushes over to the site. When he gets there he sees the carnage, bodies everywhere, thinking like the old cow cocky he is, he realises that it will be days before anyone can evacuate the remains so

4 he proceeds to bury them.

The next day the Police arrive and the old farmer takes them to the crash site. The policeman can see the bus but no politicians, he asks the farmer, "Where are all the politicians?"

The old farmer replies slowly, "I buried 'um."

The policeman asks, "What, they were ALL dead."

The farmer took longer this time with his answer then slowly said, "Well a few denied it vigorously, but you know how you just can't believe them politicians."

### Genie Management 101

A man was on a beach when he discovered an old lamp in the sand. He rubbed it and a genie popped out. The genie said "I will grant you three wishes. The only condition is that you cannot wish for more wishes." "Alright," said the man, "I wish for more genies."

## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

My mind is a steel tr — look, there's a bird

Thank you to those members who have contributed to this joke page. Please keep them all coming just remember they need to be suitable for family reading. *Editor*



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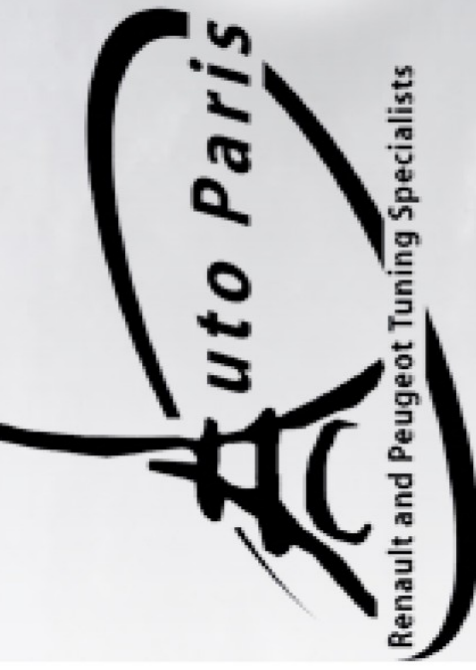
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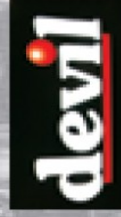
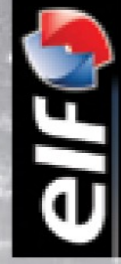
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