

THE VICTORIAN RENAULT

RENAULT CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA



SUMMER 2019

Angelo's R8 Gordini wins prize at Geelong Revival



Dear Renault Car Club Victoria Readers,

It is a pleasure to be introducing myself to you all. I have now been Managing Director with Renault Australia for just over a year and what an eventful year 2018 was.

We launched the all-new Megane R.S. with an incredible new offer of two chassis configurations and two transmissions – offering an automatic on the market for the first time! We also saw Koleos become the best-selling Renault in Australia ever – a very successful campaign on our largest SUV saw more people choose our brand.

Groupe Renault also launched Alpine Down Under for the first time with the iconic A110 at Motorclassica. A beautiful homage to the original 'berlinette' the A110 is true to its roots offering a lightweight, agile vehicle which looks the business and has been winning over journalists and drivers the world over.

And of course in 2018 we heard the incredible news that one of our favourite Australian sportsmen, Daniel Ricciardo is joining the Renault F1 team for the 2019 season. We are really looking forward to kicking off his Renault F1 season in March right here in Victoria.

Looking forward to some other highlights of 2019 – watch out for us on MKR as we are sponsoring the popular cooking show for the 2nd year running.

In mid-year, we will be adding to our SUV family with the launch of Kadjar – the younger brother to Koleos – and a great looking compact SUV at that. ... and towards the end of the year we look forward to launching the 300hp Megane R.S. Trophy

With that exciting year ahead of us – I look forward to sharing with you our progress over the course of the next few newsletters!

Andrew Moore

Managing Director Renault Australia



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Renault F1 2019 Model
launched 12th Feb.

Renault R.S.19, show-
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namic regulations



Welcome All,

I hope members enjoyed the Spring Edition of the Club magazine. The feedback comments I received were encouraging so here is my next attempt at the publication.

A magazine is only as good as the individual article and photographs provided by club members, so do not forget to send information and photos to me after every club or Renault event that you attend.

I would like to thank Elena Woods from Renault Australia for her feedback and for organising the piece written by the Renault Australia Managing Director, Andrew Moore.

As you can see from the Club Calendar the next few months will be a busy time for the Club. Let's hope that Renault do well at the Australian Grand Prix and the Club display at the venue does us proud.

Best Wishes

Wayne Eason

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CLUB NEWS

New Club Member

Baby Hunter Jett Elliott—born on 28/1/2019 to Stevie & Mikee Elliott. Congratulations to Elliott family



Hunter with Mikee & John

Geelong Revival 2018 Award Winner

Congratulations to Club Member Angelo Simonetto. His R8 Gordini (front page) won the award for displaying Best "Spirit of the Revival" 2018.



Artist in the Club

Young Liam Nuske (pictured here at the recent Renault Roundup) will be known to many of the Club members but did you know he is a part-time artist!

See some of his work on page 15



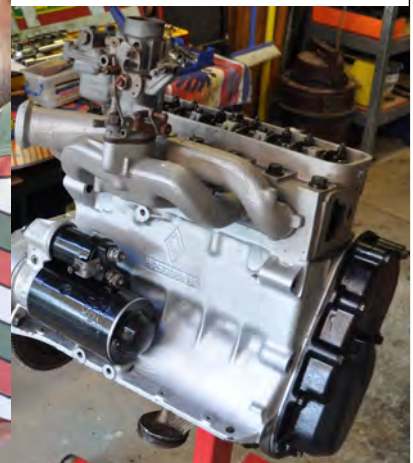
Future contributions to the Club News page would be much appreciated

Demonstration rebuild of R4 Ventoux engine

The rebuild was of one of the engines in the exhibition strip down at the last French Car Festival in Williamstown. Venue was Geoff Rasmussen's place. We did expect to have it assembled and running in time for a BBQ dinner. Not Achieved!!



Geoff looks annoyed!!



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CLUB MEETING

WHERE... Dorothy Laver Reserve Pavilion
 Dorothy Laver Reserve
 Saxby Road Glen Iris (Mel 59 K10)

WHEN... Third Tuesday every month
 7.30 pm

Front Cover: Angelo Simonetto's Renault R8 Gordini
 won Best Spirit of Show (Geelong Revival)

Photos & Articles supplied by

◇ Jeni Sammons, Wayne Eason, Kay & Rob
 Belcourt, Geoff Rasmussen, Venus & Alan
 Lane, Elena Woods, Bryce Gatton & apologies
 to those I may have forgotten

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 becomes no longer valid.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Club Xmas Party



Geelong Revival 2018



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Geelong Revival 2018



See results of speed trials in Motor Sport section page 20.



CLUB CALENDAR

Sun Mar 3, 2019

9am Caffeine Run

Where: The Nook Cafe & Wine Bar, 111 Evans St, Sunbury VIC 3429, Australia

Description:

RCCV Caffeine Run for March. Coincides with March Drive day to Macedon wineries - coffee first and go on with drive day or just do the Caffeine Run

All day RCCV Drive Day - Macedon Ranges Wineries

Where: The Nook Cafe & Wine Bar, 111 Evans St, Sunbury VIC 3429, Australia

Description:

A winery run up around the Macedon ranges. Meet at the Nook in Sunbury and head up to Riddells Creek, through the Mount Charlie flora reserve which is a very pretty national park. Road is dirt and twisty but there were no problems in a Megane cabriolet at 30-40kph. We go to 3 wineries, Newham, Lancefield and Mia Mia and finish at the Redesdale pub for lunch. All up just over 100kms. The meeting place and initial coffee is also the club's Caffeine

Tue Mar 5, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147 Australia

Fri-Sun Mar 8-10, 2019

All day VHRR Phillip Island Classics - RCCV Marshalling

Where: Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Back Beach Rd, Phillip Island VIC 3922, Australia

Description:

RCCV paddock marshalling for VHRR Phillip Island Classics racing. Members can do one or more half day shifts and get to attend this classic race event. RCCV co-ordinator Graeme Rasmussen

Thu-Sun Mar 14-17, 2019

All day Australian Grand Prix Display

Tue Mar 19, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

Sat Mar 23, 2019

All day VHCC round 3 - Mt Leura

Where: Mount Leura, Camperdown VIC 3260, Australia

Description: Victorian Hill Climb Championship Round 3

Sun Mar 24, 2019

All day VHCC round 3 - Mt Leura

Where: Mount Leura, Camperdown VIC 3260, Australia

Description: Victorian Hill Climb Championship Round 3

6:30pm RCCV Marshalls Dinner

Where: Village Green Hotel, Springvale Rd & Ferntree Gully Rd, Mulgrave VIC 3170, Australia

Description:

Group dinner for the RCCV marshals who officiated at the previous weeks Sandown Historic races. Co-ordinator Graeme Rasmussen

Sun Mar 31, 2019

All day Rob Roy Hillclimb Interclub Round 1

Where: Rob Roy Hill Climb, 375 Clintons Rd, Smiths Gully VIC 3760, Australia

Description:

First of three rounds of the Rob Roy Interclub Hillclimb Challenge. RCCV winners in 2017 - looking to do it again in 2019

All day VSSC round 2 - Sandown

Where: Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale VIC 3171, Australia

Description: Victorian Super Sprint Championship Round 2

Tue Apr 2, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147 Australia

Sun Apr 14, 2019

All day PCCV Khanacross

Where: Metec Driver Training, 112 Colchester Rd, Bayswater North VIC 3153, Australia

Tue Apr 16, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

Description: Looking to have this one at Modern Plating - to be confirmed

Sun Apr 28, 2019

All day VHCC round 4 - Bryant Park

Where: Bill Schultz Drive, Yallourn VIC 3825, Australia

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CLUB CALENDAR

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Description: Victorian Hill Climb Championship Round 4

All day VRS round 1 - Sandown

Where: Sandown International Motor Raceway, Springvale VIC 3171, Australia

Description:

Victorian Regularity Series Round 1 Registration contact: memsys@pcv.com.au or david@bellenger.id.au

Sun May 5, 2019

All day VSSC round 3 - Winton

Where: Winton Motor Raceway, 41 Fox St, Winton VIC 3673, Australia

Description: Victorian Super Sprint Championship Round 3

Tue May 7, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147 Australia

Sun May 19, 2019

All day Rob Roy Interclub Hillclimb Challenge Round 2

Where: Rob Roy Hill Climb, 375 Clintons Rd, Smiths Gully VIC 3760, Australia

Tue May 21, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

Tue Jun 4, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147 Australia

Sat-Sun Jun 8-9, 2019

All day VHCC round 5 - One Tree Hill

Where: One Tree Hill Road, One Tree Hill Rd, Ararat VIC 3377, Australia

Description: Victorian Hill Climb Championship Round 5

Tue Jun 18, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

Sun Jun 23, 2019

All day VSSC round 4 - PIARC

Where: Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Back Beach Rd, Phillip Island VIC 3922, Australia

Description: Victorian Super Sprint Championship Round 4

Tue Jul 2, 2019

7:30pm Committee Meeting

Where: 69 Karnak Road Ashburton VIC 3147 Australia

Sat Jul 13, 2019

9am Top Up GSuite

Tue Jul 16, 2019

7:30pm General Meeting

Where: Dorothy Laver Reserve Saxby St, Ashburton VIC 3147

Sat-Sun Jul 27-28, 2019

All day VRS round 2 - Phillip Island

Where: Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Back Beach Rd, Phillip Island VIC 3922, Australia

Description:

Victorian Regularity Series Round 2 Registration contact: memsys@pcv.com.au or david@bellenger.id.au



2018 NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 20th November 2018

Location: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Saxby Avenue, Ashburton

Meeting opened at 20:30

Apologies

David Jenkins, Paul Stewart, David Bertuch, Jenni Sammons, Geoff Rasmussen, David Cavanagh.

Previous Minutes

Moved to accept Mike Neil, seconded by Glen Armstrong, motion carried.

Presidents Report

no report

Membership Report

One new member since last GM, plus two renewals. 140 memberships, 167 people

Treasurers Report

October statement tabled. Moved to accept Greg Testolin, seconded by Kay Belcourt, motion carried.

Correspondence

Inward

nil

Outward

Graeme Rasmussen – Sandown Marshalling

Mike Neil – CAMS, AOMC and JLT club Insurance **renewals**.

Sporting

MCA Track Day Review. Greg said it was well run, fun. Next one 18/1

Special Events

Sandown Historics Marshalling

Graeme thanked marshals for Sandown effort.

French Car Festival 2019

No update, David and Jenni not present

Renault Roundup 2019

No update, Mike updated progress, confirmed venue booking. Request for help running event.

GM and Social

Xmas function 8/12, food and drink supplied, Glen to send email reminder. Should it be our GM for December too? Kris Kringle present to be \$10 value and non gender specific

General/New Business

Sympathy to David Cavanagh for loss of his recently acquired Alpine GTA in a fire

Next General Meeting

Dorothy Laver Pavilion, 18th December.

Meeting closed at 20:50



2018 DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 18th December 2018

Location: Dorothy Laver Reserve, Saxby Avenue, Ashburton

Meeting opened at 19:45

Meeting chaired by Vice-President Graeme Rasmussen

Apologies

Mike Neil, Mike Elliott

Previous Minutes

Not available for member review, item held over to next meeting.

Presidents Report (presented by Vice-President)

2018 was a good year for the club. Highlights include:

- Phillip Island,
- Rob Roy Interclub,
- introduction of monthly 'Caffeine Runs'
- Track days,
- the second Renault Rendezvous,
- successful Round-Up,
- members at Canberra French Car Festival,
- and much more.

Many thanks to the many people who helped – on and off the committee. It wouldn't have happen without them.

I remind people that we'll need to find a President in the new year.

Phillip Island marshalling is in preparation now, so please register soon.

We'll try to do more club runs next year. There won't be a Rendezvous as the next one is going to Tasmania and has been scheduled for March 2020. This is the best time to visit Tassie and fits into the club events calendar and before Easter. Rob Belcourt is the lead organiser for this Rendezvous.

Membership Report

At present, we are a little behind last year's member level with 141 memberships / 168 members. Down from 160 memberships / 180 members in June.

On the other hand, since Jan 2018 we have had 20 new members.

Treasurers Report

November Statement not tabled

Motion to accept held over to next meeting.

Correspondence

Inward

Information from AOMC regarding VicRoads process issues with Club Permits records. Some validly issued and paid for permits failed to be recorded as such by VicRoads. A valid log book means this isn't a problem with police on the road but you may not get a renewal notice.

Outward

nil

Sporting

Maserati club trackday at Phillip Island Friday 18th January.

Round 1 of the Victorian Hillclimb Championship at Rob Roy on 20th January

Les Park Championship final – John Elliot 1st, Geoff Rasmussen 2nd, David Bertuch 3rd. Geelong Revival results not included and may change 2nd & 3rd places.

Special Events

Australian Grand Prix display

Entry is now open. Same arrangement as last year – the club applies for 10, 15 or 20 places at \$50 each. A contact email has been sent seeking expressions of interest – please reply if interested. AGP is on March 17th.

Phillip Island Classics marshalling

Registration information will be circulated soon. Marshals to register using the My Volunteers website as usual.

January general meeting

The January general meeting will be a BBQ dinner to start the year off.

January social event

January social event will be a demonstration engine rebuild followed by BBQ dinner. The engine is an R4 Ventoux engine. Saturday 19th January at Geoff Rasmussen's place starting 1:30-2pm – details to be emailed.

General/New Business

Discussion on the merits of hard-to-get Reinol hand-cleaner and having club shop get some stock to make it more easily available to members. General agreement that this was a good idea. While there are other good hand-cleaners out there, those familiar with Reinol attested to its superiority in respect to hand care aspects.

Renault Round-up 2019. It was noted that Mike Neil, lead organiser has a medical condition and others involved in the organising should not assume he will always be on top of things. There was extensive discussion, and criticism, of the large and believed excessive requirements from the local council for the use of the venue.

Renault Rendezvous 2020 – it was noted that although it is very early to start preparation, and advance notice or booking may be needed to secure sufficient vehicle places on the desired ferry sailing dates.

Club Magazine – the next edition (Summer) is now in preparation and members were asked to forward articles to the editor – Wayne Eason (email: editor.tvr@renault-car-club-vic-org.au)

Post Meeting Activity

Sale of current and recent Renault models parts obtained from dealer getting out of Renaults

Next General Meeting

Dorothy Laver Reserve , 15th January 2019.



Meeting closed at 20:35

2019 JANUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 15th January 2019
Dorothy Laver Reserve.

Opened: 2030

Apologies.

Peter Rasmussen, David Kirsas

Previous Minutes.

Mike Neil. Seconded Geoff Rasmussen.

Presidents Report

Welcome to our first meeting for 2019. Recently our first event, Coffee morning at Studley Park was well attended.

Membership.

Two new members since last GM, plus one renewals, and one prospective.

Treasurers Report.

December 2018 Statement tabled. Moved Greg Testolin.
Seconded Kay Belcourt.

Correspondence

Inward. Magazines.
Letter with ad for 2 R16's for sale
Outward.

Sporting.

18th January, MCA Track Day.
31st March, Interclub Challenge at Rob Roy.
7th April, Historic Rally Assoc. Rally Retro Day, Avalon Auto-cross track.
Website updated with these events.

Special Events.

Roundup update. Venue not confirmed pending more documents like risk management.

David Cavanagh offered to look after judging. Other things virtually in process. Additional Award discussed for Best Alpine.

French Car Festival 2019. No update. Further talks in May.
Renault Roundup 2019. Mike updated progress, confirmed venue booking. Request for help running event.
Discussion on Notification dispersment.

Gen Meetings & Social.

19th Jan, next Saturday, Engine rebuild demo at Geoff's place.

19th Feb, Gen Meeting at Peak Oil, Dandenong.

April Gen Meeting Modern Plating, tbc.

7th April, Drive Day Winery.

General/New Business.

Wayne Eason request for articles for next magazine.
Club Calendar discussed.
Renault Australia obsolete staff clothing offered free to members.

Next Meeting. 19th February 2019.

Meeting closed 2030



Waverley Renault RCCV Member Discount Offer

Our good friends at Waverley Renault offer RCCV Members a 14% discount on parts.

To get the discount, members need to quote the number: 253873

It would be a good idea to have your RCCV membership card with you as well.

This offer is open until October 2019, at which time Waverley Renault will review it.

CLUB SHOP

MERCHANDISE

RCCV Caps	\$20.00
Waverley Renault Caps	\$20.00
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
RCCV Polo Shirts	\$15.00
RCCV Shirts	\$40.00
RCCV Vests	\$35.00
Renault Australia shirts	\$ 1.00
(all sizes from S to 3XL)	
Renault Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Key-rings (silver diamond)	\$10.00
Tyre valve caps	\$12.00
RCCV Stickers	\$ 5.00



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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www.renault.com.au

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Waverley Renault
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Mulgrave
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RENAULT ZOE

Owner's reports:

Renault Zoe

AEVA NSW members Dave and Penelope Kerr write about their new car experience of buying and driving a Renault Zoe Intens.

After 55 years of owning petrol and diesel cars, this was the year we decided to go for a BEV. Ranges of cars had been steadily increasing and our main requirement was for a smallish around-town car to be used in Sydney, with occasional longer trips. Electric seemed an excellent idea for short trips and lots of stop-go motoring. The prices were high but we decided we could afford a lower end car. We have travelled extensively around the world and were very conscious of the total lack of incentives in Australia, plus the small range of BEVs available here compared with many other countries.

In the end, we chose a Renault Zoe. There were just two versions available in Australia and we chose the higher end Intens model, with blue paint, extra floor mats and an armrest. We were promised two week delivery but they excelled themselves and had the car ready to go one week after ordering. We were impressed- particularly as the waiting time in the UK is six months! We had done a lot of research beforehand and it was probably the dealer's easiest ever sale. He was very responsive to phone calls and emails. He knew a lot about the car but found answers when he did not know.

We were very pleasantly surprised at the driveability, handling and performance of the Zoe. It is not a luxurious car by any description but we have found it perfect for our needs. The regenerative braking is split between the accelerator and the brake pedal and I have seen up to 43kW being pumped back into the battery with gentle application of the brake pedal. It works very smoothly. Just lifting off the accelerator, the "engine braking" is a little more than most diesel cars. The navigation, digital radio (plus AM/FM) and instrumentation all work well. The instrumentation is nothing like a petrol/diesel car- there are no dials or gauges. It is informative and easy on the eye and brain. We like it.

We tend to use the speed limiter a lot around town because otherwise it is easy to speed without being conscious of it due to the lack of noise. There is an external loudspeaker which makes a special sound to warn pedestrians below 25km/hr. There are three sounds and you can turn it off if desired. However we would rather not skittle pedestrians who do not hear us coming.

The range of the car has so far exceeded our expectations. We started driving it in the middle of winter and the quoted real-world range was 200-300km with 200 being the winter figure. I think that is more a European figure and might apply in cold places such as Canberra. In 8-10degree temperatures, we have been consistently averaging 290-315kms around Sydney using climate control. This includes plenty of short, hilly trips to our local shops as well as a mix of 50/60/70/80/90/100km/hr driving. Indeed, yesterday we drove 110kms to five different places, with several long traffic jams and heaps of traffic lights. That used 13.3kWhr per 100km or equivalent to 300kms on a full charge.

There is still a distinct lack of fast charging facilities in NSW. Despite this, we will soon be attempting a trip to Canberra with one fast charge of maybe 90mins about half way. Canberra is very well set up for charging and we already have our ACT charge card. We are hoping to get around 200km range at 110km/hr. This is based on figures from UK user forums as well as Renault's own range simulator.

In summary, my wife and I have both been delighted with our Zoe. I had been keen to get the 110HP (R110) rather than the 90HP motor (R90), but it is not yet available here. The extra power helps high speed acceleration, but the reality is I am actually happy with the R90 model. We charge it at home using a portable charger and at a 4kW charging rate and about 250km a week we do not need a larger and more expensive EVSE.

The only disappointment has been the lack (in Australia) of Renault's Z.E online services which enable you to turn on the aircon, monitor or start/stop charging from a phone App or a web portal. The car comes with working internet so it is hard to see why this is not released in Australia even though it is available just about everywhere else. Maybe it will come soon- I hope so.

Overall, we find it a great little car and so far it has exceeded our expectations. Our ICE cars hardly get driven any more.

Article provided by: (and with permission of authors) Bryce Gatton, national AEVA newsletter editor & Victorian AEVA branch secretary



LIAM'S ARTWORK

Refer to Club News on page 5 for background



VHRR NEWS

PRESS RELEASE

Phillip Island Classic Historic Racing in March will feature International and Locally owned World Renowned Cars

The 2019 Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motor Sport' on 8 – 10 March will feature some of UK's top historic race cars including the 1964 ex-Salvadori Cooper-Maserati T61P in which Roy Salvadori chased Bruce McLaren to the checkered flag at Silverstone on May 1964.

Also racing will be the Dulon Ferrari Dino 2 litre V6 owned and driven by Dr Keith Martin. The vehicle restored over several years has successfully campaigned at major historic race meetings in Europe and Australia in recent years.

Following a near fatal crash in the late sixties, the now fully restored 1964 Shelby Cobra 289 Mk1 which competed in the 2018 Goodwood Revival TT and the Spa 6 hour event will race in feature races at Phillip Island.

Other UK cars entered for the event include a light weight E Type Jaguar with a long history of racing in the USA in early 1970's, a Palliser-Winkelmann Formula Ford and the ex David Purley's 289 Cobra will be driven by former Rugby Union International British Lions Vice-Captain David Cook.

Leading automotive parts company Burson Auto Parts, is once again the proud naming rights sponsor of this prestigious motor sport event. Other major sponsors include Penrite, Shannons and Cooldrive. For Penrite and Shannons it represents a 30 year partnership with the VHRR as supporting sponsors.

Patron for the VHRR 30th Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' is racing legend and icon of Australian motor sport, Dick Johnson. Dick rose to prominence throughout the 1970's going on to win three Bathurst 1000 titles in 1987, 1989 and 1994 and is a five time winner of the Australian Touring Car Championships in a career spanning more than thirty years. Today Dick is a co-owner of the successful DJR Team Penske Race Team.

With almost 500 entries racing over three days, this prestige international event will also feature strong entries from some of Australia's iconic drivers such as John Bowe who will be racing Joe Calleja's ex Carrol Shelby's Allard with the 331 ci V8 Cadillac and Jim Richards who will once again drive Peter Sturgeon's ex team JPS BMW 635 coupe, a car in which he won the 1985 Australian Touring Car Championship

Dutton's Garage has entered the 982 Porsche to be driven by George Nakas. To cap it off the weekend of great historic motorsport 56 Formula Fords are entered in the Phillip Island Classic "Festival of Motorsport" celebrating 50 years of Formula Ford. These will race in the feature 40K event on Sunday for the Perkins Cup to be presented by motorsport legend Larry Perkins.

Celebrating 50 years of the Holden Dealer Team, one of the largest assemblies of Holden Dealer Team Cars will be on display and will parade around the track on the Sunday.



For motoring enthusiasts there will be a number of legends of the sport signing autographs including Dick Johnson, Jim Richards, John French, Fred Gibson, John Bowe, Larry Perkins, Charlie O'Brien, Allan Moffatt, Ian Tate, Frank Lowndes, Peter Janson and Bob Morris. There will also be in excess of 1200 classic, veteran and vintage cars on display throughout the weekend covering an amazing range of vehicle marques from the earliest models to the very latest. Look out for the new Ferrari 488 on display in the pits area.

Rides will be available around the track in super cars on Saturday and Sunday with all proceeds going to the YAMS Foundation. Dave Reynolds will drive the Erebus/Penrite promo car in the track rides.

For further information visit the VHRR Website: www.vhrr.com

(Press Release from the VHRR)



UpComing Club Social Events

March

Drive Day

Macedon Ranges Winery Run.

Sunday 3rd

Meet at the Nook in Sunbury (111 Evens St) and head up to Riddells Creek, through the Mount Charlie flora reserve which is a very pretty national park.

Some dirt road and twisty but no problem in a cabriolet at 30-40kph

Three wineries - Newham, Lancefield and Mia Mia - and finish at the Redesdale pub for lunch. All up just over 100kms.

Start: **Leaving the Nook at 9am** - be there earlier for coffee, etc.

Caffeine Run

Sunday 3rd, 9am - 11:30am

The Nook, 111 Evens St, Sunbury.

Drive day has same start point. Come earlier to connect with drive day participants if you want.

General Meeting

Tuesday 19th

Guest speaker - possible—to be advised

Clubrooms - Dorothy Laver Pavilion
Start 7:30pm

Last sausage sizzle before daylight savings ends - from 7-7:30pm

April

Drive Day (TBC)

Terry Dowell Museum, Berwick

Sunday 21st

Caffeine Run

Sunday 7th, 9am -11:30am

1000 Steps Cafe, Dandenong Ranges National Park, Upper Ferntree Gully (enter near corner Burwood Hwy and Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd).

General Meeting

Tuesday 16th

Visit to Alpine Affaire - 'Covers off' Alpine A110 New-to-old compare

12 Pilgrim Court, East Ringwood. Near junction Canterbury Rd and Eastlink.

Start 7:30pm



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FRENCH CAR FESTIVAL 2018

The French Car Festival took place on 28 October 28 at Markham Reserve, in Ashburton, a suburb of Melbourne, Australia.

The event was jointly organised by the Citroen Car Club of Victoria and the Citroen Classic Owner Club of Australia in association with the Peugeot Car Club of Victoria and the Renault Car Club of Victoria.

The Citroen, Peugeot and Renault Clubs provided most of the 150+ cars present on the day, ranging from the latest models sold in Australia to the more classic models of the 40s and 50s. Simca had a very small presence of models from the 1950s with the exception of a very nice Simca Matra Bagheera. Delahaye, Amilcar and a very early Peugeot represented the pre-war period. A gaggle of Velosolex motor cycles in various colours rounded of the display. Besides the cars, there were the club stalls selling club regalia and other memorabilia, food outlets selling coffee and burnt sugar almonds. The local scouts team was raising funds via a raffle and selling their home made cakes.

Citroen celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the 2CV with a colourful display of the various models manufactured between 1948 and 1990. More than 3.8 million 2CVs were produced, along with over 1.2 million 2CV-based delivery vans. At least 20 of these were on display at the Festival, surrounded by a fine selection of the gorgeous DS and SM.



The Peugeot Car Club of Victoria is the oldest Peugeot club in the world. The club was founded in 1954 when Peugeot was basking in the glory of the 1953 Redex Trial win by Ken Tumbman and John Marshall in a Peugeot 203. The club was celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the legendary 203 and the 40th Anniversary of the revolutionary 504 with many fine cars on display.



The Renault Car Club of Victoria celebrated its 65th year in 2018, making it one of the oldest Renault car clubs in the world. The club was founded on 29th of June 1953 by an enthusiastic band of Renault 750 (4CV) owners. The club has always been well supported by Renault and this year Brighton Renault displayed the latest Renault offerings, including the new Alpine A110. The Alpine, with the number plate Rédélé in honour of the founder of Alpine, Jean Rédélé, attracted a lot of attention from the public. Three original Alpine A110's, including a proper works car and an A310 and GTA Turbo provided the link to the illustrious history of Alpine.



The RCCV always has many interesting models on display. The 4CV has a strong following in Australia with many on display alongside their Dauphine, Caravelle, R4, R10, R12 and R16 and modern Clio and Megane siblings, the latter mainly in RenaultSport form. Australia is one of the top markets worldwide for RenaultSport Clio and Meganas. The sporting side of Renault was represented by Brett Nuske's red Dauphine Gordini, the R12 Gordini of Peter Rasmussen, one of only 6 original right hand drive car imported by Renault for the Australian Rally teams. Paul Stewart's R17 Gordini rounded off the Gordinis. Another interesting car was a replica of Bob Watson's R16TS rally car in which he won the 1969 Victorian championship.

Bob had a very successful rally career starting the 1960s, winning many events and championships driving factory spec Renault 8 and Renault 12 Gordinis. In 1974, Bob had the chance to drive a 1973 Group 4 Alpine A110 imported by Renault Australia to celebrate the 1973 World Rally Championship win. The car was entered and won the 1974 Don Capasco Rally in style. Bob Watson's story can be found on : <http://www.bobwatsonrally.com.au/>.



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The day concluded with prize giving rewarding the best cars on display:

- o Collection Robert and Kay Belcourt
CITROEN 2CV, CITROEN DS 21, PEUGEOT 306 CABRIO-
LET, RENAULT MEGANE , RENAULT CARAVELLE
- o Best Peugeot Allan Horsley Silver 404 cabriolet
- o Best Renault Rowena Rasmussen Orange Caravelle
- o Best Citroen Andrew Smith Silver GSA
- o Best Simca Peter Walker White and green
Simca Vedette (Chambard)
- o Best in Show Arnold Chivers Burgundy and Grey
Delage 3.2 litre 1929
- o Best Solex John Maertzdorf 190 Solex
- o Best Classic Rowena Rasmussen Orange Caravelle
- o Best Veteran Arnold Chivers Burgundy and Grey
Delage 3.2 litre 1929
- o Best Modern Anthony Ket Red Renault Clio
Sport Trophy



Renault Club vehicles



MOTOR SPORT

We look back on the last three months and forward to the next three months sporting events.

On the 16th October 2018 we competed in Round 3 at Rob Roy for the Speed Hillclimb Interclub Challenge Series. We had ten competitors running on the day. We had a final result of Geoff Rasmussen in 2nd place in his class in his Renault 4 (Lucy). David Bertuch came 3rd in his class in his RS275R and Joel Bryar came 4th in his class in his Clio RS Trophy. A wonderful day was had by all and gave the RCCV a total of 26 points for the day towards the final result of the Interclub Challenge for 2018.

The Rob Roy Speed Hillclimb Interclub Challenge Series 2018 was won by the Gippsland Car Club with the RCCV coming in 2nd place and the MG Car Club coming 3rd. Congratulations to the Gippsland Car Club on the win.

We need you to dust off your racing shoes, clean the visor on your helmet, check the fire extinguisher, check the car over and get up to Rob Roy for the next event on the 31st March 2019. Further details to follow.

Our next event was the Geelong Revival held at Geelong Eastern Beach waterfront on the 23 November to 25 November 2018. The Saturday started off a bit drizzly, overcast and cold but the Sunday turned the weather on warm and sunny and a sticky track. We had three competitors racing both on the Saturday and Sunday. Colin Stark in his Renault Alpine A110, David Bertuch in his Renault Alpine A310 V6 and Steve Cavanagh in his Renault Alpine A110. Colin Stark was also driving the new Alpine A110 which he had been asked to drive by Brighton Renault, it was funny watching Colin jumping out of one car into the other.



Colin Stark came 1st in class in his Alpine A110 in the Production Sports Cars 1941-1977 up to 2000cc. David Bertuch came first in class in his Renault Alpine A310 V6 in the Production Sports Cars 1941-1972 2001cc-4000cc and Steve Cavanagh came 1st in class in his Alpine A110 in the Production Sport Cars 1941-1971 up to 2000cc. We would like to congratulate the three winners on a sterling performance, three Renaults, three RCCV Members and three 1st places....doesn't get better than that!!

Colin Stark ready for run

This now leads us into the New Year and thoughts turn to racing. Our next event is the Rob Roy Speed Hillclimb Interclub Challenge Series Round 1.

For those of you that don't know anything about Rob Roy, at the time of its construction, Rob Roy was one of only three bitumen surfaced purpose built hillclimbs in the world, the other two being **Shelsley Walsh** and **Prescott** (UK).

Its origins go back to 1935, when representatives from the then **Light Car Club of Australia** inspected the property known as **Clinton's Pleasure Grounds** with a view to establishing a suitable venue for the hillclimb meetings. The actual track commences on a slight incline, proceeds through a sharp right turn which originally passed a rusty iron shed (whose memory is perpetuated by the name **Tin Shed Corner**), down a slight incline to a level stretch along the top of an embankment holding back a half acre dam, then rears up a one-in-three gradient. The track then winds its way uphill through a series of left turns to the finish line. The start and finish lines are 760 yards (695 metres) apart.

The first meeting was run on 1st February 1937, and the track fully bituminised in 1939. Many meetings were conducted over

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succeeding years by the Light Car Club, including nine Australian Hillclimb Championships, the very first of which in 1938 was won by Peter Whitehead in his ERA. In 1962 the area was ravaged by bushfires and the track unfortunately fell into disuse.

An inspection of the names of Outright and Class record holders over these years reveal that eight of these drivers have been Australian Grand Prix winners and one a triple F1 World Champion (Jack Brabham).

In 1992 the MG Car Club was successful in obtaining a ten year lease on the property, and reconstruction began, which involved re-laying the entire surface, improving access roads, and the installation of guard rails on the causeway. The result was a faithful re-creation of the original track.

These series of events make a fabulous day, either just to watch or compete, in a family atmosphere so come on down to the Rob Roy Hillclimb, Clintons Road, Smiths Gully. If your competing, go to the Rob Roy Hillclimb website (www.robroyhillclimb.com.au) for more information.

We want the trophy back!!!

On the 14th April we have been invited by the Peugeot Car Club of Victoria to attend a Khanacross at the METEC Driver Training centre, 112 Colchester Road, Kilsyth. We attended for the first time last year and had a fabulous day. There are a series of different courses to run which proved to be entertaining and a heap of fun! Jeni Sammons came 1st in class and received a certificate and a \$100 Autobarn gift card.

This event is well worth attending as it allows you to test your driving skills in various different environments.

Check out the RCCV website to keep up with events and results (www.renault-car-club-vic.org.au)

Jeni Sammons

David Bertuch came 1st in class in his Alpine A310 V6 at Geelong



Steve Cavanagh came 1st in class in his Alpine A110 at Geelong



Colin Stark returning from speed run in new A110



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Les Park Trophy – Sporting Championship Points to 31st December 2018

Following is the point standings up to and including the Quarter Mile Sprint at Geelong Revival on the 24th – 25th November 2018.

John Elliott	21 Points	(8 events)
Geoff Rasmussen	13 Points	(5 events)
David Bertuch	13 Points	(6 events)
Joel Bryar	7 Points	(5 events)
Colin Stark	5 Points	(2 events)
Steve Cavanagh	4 Points	(1 events)
Ian Thompson	4 Points	(4 events)
Mike Neil	3 Points	(3 events)
Peter Stathis	3 Point	(3 events)
Glenn Armstrong	3 Point	(3 events)
Adam Turner	2 Points	(2 events)
Wes Gleeson	2 Points	(2 events)
Angelo Simonetto	2 Points	(1 events)
James Thomas	2 Point	(2 events)
Jeni Sammons	2 Point	(2 events)
Dave Cavanagh	2 Point	(2 events)
Mike Elliott	2 Point	(2 event)
Greg Testolin	2 Point	(2 event)
John Hardy	1 Point	(1 event)
Dev Raj	1 Point	(1 event)
Sean Weaver	1 Point	(1 event)
Jack Allisey	1 Point	(1 event)
Chris Armstrong	1 Point	(1 event)

To ensure inclusion in the sporting award, members need to email details of events entered, including results to the Sporting Coordinator, Jeni Sammons at sporting.coordinator@renault-car-club-vic.org.au

Note:

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John Elliott 2018 winner of Club Championship



JUGIONG 2019

Venue

Once again Jugiong has been run and won over the Australia Day long weekend.

Two RCCV members (David Jenkins and I) travelled up the Hume Highway to Jugiong in NSW for the annual challenge motorkhana. This is now a little unrealistic as I was the only RCCV competitor (David went to help officiate). There were a total of 19 entries this year, well down on the heyday of the event that saw around 140 entries.

My big decision before leaving home was "what am I going to drive". My choices were a motorkhana special, a phase 1 Clio or my RS 265 Megane. The weather forecast of temperatures in the 40's pushed me towards the Megane. Not a competitive car but a cool one (temperature related).

David and I left Melbourne after lunch on Friday and travelled to Albury for the night, arriving in Jugiong at around 10.00 am on Saturday morning.

The motorkhana was run on Sunday morning and complete by around 12.30 pm followed by a sausage sizzle lunch hosted by the local fire service. The afternoon was spent by most people either in the pool or in their air conditioned rooms.

The results.

- 1st. Corrinne East-Johnston (Mini Special) NSW
- 2nd. David Collier (Renault Special) NSW
- 3rd. Nathan Wullemin (Renault Special) Vic/HAC



Now, the highlight of the weekend. On Sunday morning as we were getting organised, we had a visit by two NSW Police. The local officer stationed at Jugiong and another from Gunning (further up the highway). They wanted to speak to the organisers as they had seen the signs about a "motor sport event" around the showgrounds. I think they were concerned about people "hooning" about and that they had not been advised of the event.

The local officer was a little "testy" about the whole thing until he asked the magic question "and how long has this been going on". When told it has been "going on" for 55 years at Jugiong (guess he was new to the area) he settled down a little. He was later advised that the event had been approved by NSW Police, Hume Region (his region) and perhaps they should have let him know.

I now look forward to next year and have booked my accommodation. I think I have only missed about five or six of the last 42 years.

Glenn Armstrong



Nathan (yellow)

Series Production Renault was won by Warwick Butt in a RS Clio.

I finished 14th in the biggest car in the field and probably the only one not using rally tires.



David Collier



Corrinne



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