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News from the Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia (Victoria Division) Inc.

July 2024



Alfas on the Strada Veloce Tour in Gippsland

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President's Page

We are just at mid-year, and have a balanced calendar of competition, social and register events organised by key Club members.

July Club Night will be on **Wednesday 10th**. Club Nights are held at the **Veneto Club** in Bulleen and commences at **8:00pm**. Check the [calendar](#) for details. I look forward to seeing you at **Club Night**.

The major event for the Club this year was our hosting of **Alfesta 2024** at Lakes Entrants and a big thank you to Bruce Roberts, Kat Marmara-Stewart and Mandy Thomson. This was a signature event on the national AROCA calendar, and the organiser's combined efforts ensured a most successful event.

In June, the first activity was the **Strada Veloce Tour** of Gippsland, based in Bairnsdale. A big thank you to **Sergio Automotive**, the local Alfa specialist in Bairnsdale, for the welcome to Bairnsdale and allowing the group to visit his workshop. The following day was a relaxing drive to Paynesville, Golden Beach and lunch at Maffco Brewery and Distillery in Maffra. The following day was a lovely drive to Marlo for lunch via Buchan.

Keeping in with our member introduction program, a **New Members' Breakfast** was held on Sunday 16th June at **Brunetti Classico** in Lygon Street. Many new members that have joined the Club recently have expressed a willingness to participate and help out at events. This augurs well for the Club's future.

The [Membership Portal](#) (on the Club's web site) has been updated, providing a simpler and much better experience when entering or updating the details of members' vehicles. Please have a look and while you are there update your vehicle details if needed.

AROCA's PR manager, Carlo Santoro, has implemented a Club WhatsApp page and has undertaken a review of our Facebook pages. Watch for more social media developments in the next few months.

Further planning has taken place for the Club's annual Spettacolo Festival. A tentative booking has been made for the weekend of 24th November. The Show & Shine will be improved and Concorso will follow last year's enlarged format with both Preservation and Modified classes for Classic vehicles as well as the new Modern Classic class. Watch this space for more information as we approach the big event.

We are still seeking volunteers to act as Register Captains for the:

939 Register (159, Brera & Spider)

GTA Register (147, 156 & Giulia GTAs & GTAm)

Please contact me if you would like to assist with one of these roles, or if you would like to volunteer to help with planning a Sunday Drive, Club activity or help out at Club Competition events.

Otherwise

Check the [calendar](#) on the Club's website for new and updated events. You will also find information on Club events on the Club's [Facebook](#) page, and in the Club's quarterly magazine [Cross + Serpent](#).

John Hanslow, President, AROCA Victoria

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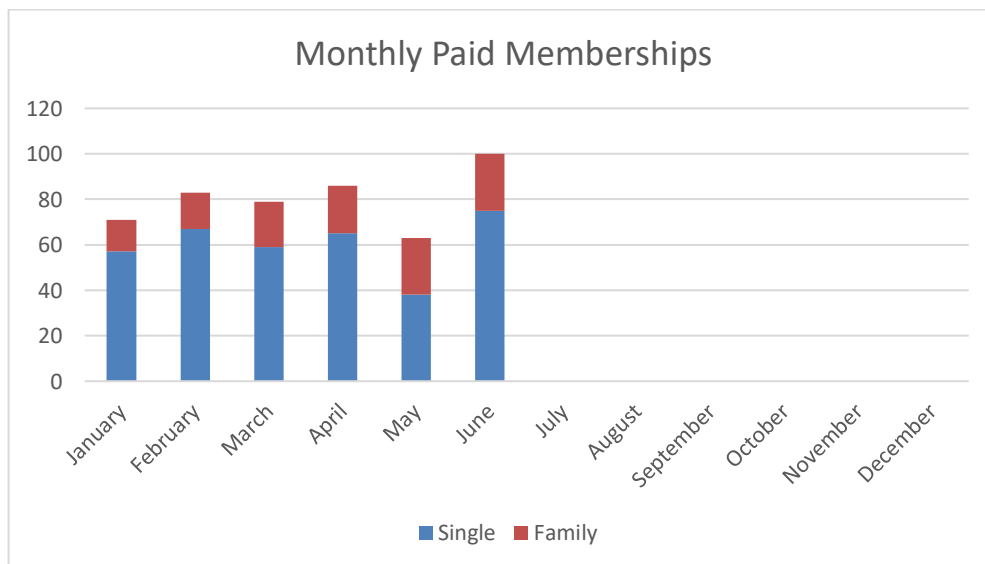
Around the traps

Membership Matters

by Bruce Baum

Our membership position continues to look strong despite a number of senior members having sold their car(s) and choosing not to renew. A big 'Thank you' to all who check their emails for a renewal invoice or keep a record of their renewal date. The hidden factor in this is the erratic nature of the renewals whereby some are terribly late in renewing or just do nothing about it. Over the period February to April, I made contact with 50 members, of whom roughly 30 renewed and 20 resigned.

That said, with the steady number of new members, we are holding our overall membership numbers quite well. By the end of June, I expect the number of memberships paid to be just over 100 – a very good result. The turnover of members means AROCA (Vic) is experiencing a change of outlook among the members, and we intend to investigate carefully what activities the membership want from the club. Competition numbers are very positive and there is a good blend of new faces and their cars amongst the old campaigners. We have plans in place for lots of Sunday drives and other social events. Our new PR person is Carlo Santoro, and he is making a big effort to address those who use various social media to keep informed and in touch. We look forward to his plans.



Members attending AROCA Vic functions should soon be able to choose one of 2 methods to display their membership cards bearing their name. We expect to supply a quantity of clear plastic pouches and a lanyard or clear plastic convention card holders with a clip, allowing members to make their choice.

Our first new member's Breakfast was held on June 16th at **Brunetti Classico** and proved to be a very successful low-key event. Several new members attended, and one guest has later joined the club.

Recently I completed a major data check of all cars that members have declared allowing me to now submit complete lists of all Cars in their respective series to the Register Coordinator to distribute to the Register Captains. Previously, this task has been more easily done on the former membership platform. Now it remains for members to login, check their cars and update their list as they buy or sell.

Bruce Baum Membership Secretary, AROCA Victoria

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Recent events

Strada Veloce – Gippsland Tour

Friday 7 – Monday 10 June

Photos by Kat Marmara-Stewart and Pam & Peter Chambers

AROCA's Gippsland Chapter organised an exciting weekend away during the "Monarch's Birthday" long weekend in June (7th – 10th). Tour participants met in Bairnsdale (where the event was based) on Friday afternoon and ventured to Maffra on Saturday, Marlo on Sunday and visited the Gippsland Vehicle Collection on Monday.





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Melbourne goes to Ballarat

Sunday 30 June

Words David Roberts & Leon Cottle: Photos by Max Maltese & Leon Cottle

A shivery gathering of around 40 club members started from La Manna in Essendon with great expectations of an exhilarating run to Woodend for an even chillier stop for a warming coffee mid-morning. A brief shower prior to arrival failed to dampen our spirits, although Anthony Wall and his 156 wagon was forced to retire from the run due to a water pump issue.



Assembly at La Manna

Meeting up with several Goldfields members at Bourkies Bakery, we then set off in an impressive convoy through Trentham and Blackwood via the Wombat State Forest - a lovely drive.

The group exhibited a wide range of models and colours - a moving display of our automotive works of art!

An expanded group of 50 Alfisti, which included some local Ballarat members, all congregated at the Boatshed Restaurant on Lake Wendouree in their dedicated function space right on the lake. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the superb warmth, great food and the endless conversation with fellow Alfa lovers!



David Roberts,
950 Register Captain

And a few words from the Goldfields ...

The Goldfields region really turned on some very special 'Wintry Weather' for today's Alfa drive. It certainly was a day for thick coats, scarves, beanies and gloves! As two Alfas left Ballarat to meet the Melbourne Alfisti at Woodend for morning tea, the temperature was just two degrees and light rain falling. Perfect conditions for the Giulia's heated seats, heated steering wheel and excellent heater and demister as well. Yes, I know – I'm getting soft in my old age and not a true Alfisti!

Thankfully a refreshing warm coffee and 'healthy' bakery treat in Woodend certainly helped, as we chatted to the very large group of Alfisti from 'The Big Smoke'.



Imbibing in a little warm comfort at Bourkies

The backroads that David had selected were delightful, with their curves, hills and many trees, as the huge convoy wound its way through Trentham to Ballarat. Despite the wet and cool conditions, the drive was still good fun with a long line of fine Alfas in front and behind us.





A Brera and a MiTo looking tiny among siblings of the marque

Once the long convoy finally arrived at Lake Wendouree, we joined another 12 Goldfields Alfa Group members for our group's lunch at the 'Boatshed Restaurant' on the lake's foreshore. What a large group to cater for, plus the restaurant (as usual on a Sunday) was fully booked out. This lunch had been oversubscribed six weeks before the actual event! We managed to cater for 50 here but others needed to make other lunch arrangements.

It was a lovely setting looking out over the lake, enjoying fine food and wonderful company. The sun even decided to shine for a while too. A thoroughly enjoyable event. Many thanks David & Carolyn for all your planning for this drive. And thanks to all who participated.

And a welcome burst of winter sunshine topped off a perfect day ...



Leon Cottle, Goldfields Chapter Captain



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Club Shop

by Joseph Millwood

AROCA's [Club Shop](#) stocks the following items ...

<p>Enamelled metal key ring with Alfa Romeo logo</p>	<p>\$15 ea</p>	
<p>Mugs White coffee cup with the logo printed on 2 sides of the cup. Very distinctive and attractive.</p>	<p>\$20 ea (members \$15)</p>	
<p>Ballpoint Pens Available with either white or grey background. Alfa logo and surround in the correct colours! Inquire about a discount for larger orders.</p>	<p>\$5 ea</p>	
<p>Tote Bags</p>	<p>\$20 ea (Members \$15)</p>	
<p>Mouse Mats</p>	<p>\$15 ea</p>	

<p>Maroon Jumper (Large)</p>	<p>\$75 ea</p>	
<p>Mens' Red T-Shirt</p> <p>Our club T-shirts are most distinctive and get the message across without being too 'out there'! Definitely available in red and sizes of Medium, Large and X-large.</p>	<p>\$32 ea</p>	
<p>Red & Black Jacket</p> <p>Probably the most important item for members. Continues to be very popular. It is fleecy lined and has 2 zip side-pockets. The logo with script on the front and the mention of 'Alfa Romeo Owners of Australia' near the collar on the back, clearly shows our love of the marque.</p> <p>Available sizes: Men: Medium, Large, X-large and XX-large. Women: Medium and Large.</p>	<p>\$125 ea</p>	
<p>Polo Shirts</p> <p>Attractively presented in red for both men and women.</p> <p>Men: Medium, Large, X-large or XX-large. Women: 14 or 16. We can also order to suit.</p>	<p>\$55 ea</p>	
<p>Caps</p> <p>Alfa logo on front, AROCA script on side; colours red or black.</p>	<p>\$35 ea</p>	
<p>Beanies</p>	<p>\$18 ea</p>	



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Club Shop Clearance Items

Club Shop still has a few large sized garments for sale at a discounted rate! They won't last long!

I (love) My Alfa (2XL) T-shirts @ \$10 each (note there are two different designs)



Alfa Romeo logo (XL) Tank top @ \$10



Alfa Club Winton 10hour race (2XL) Polo shirt @ \$15



Contact: **Joseph**, ClubShop Manager

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AROCA Victoria - Club Calendar for the next month

Restrictions may apply to these AROCA events

- Bookings for events may be limited according to space or prevailing health & safety regulations.
 - Use facemasks and sanitizer as appropriate.

	Saturday, 29 June 2024 – Sunday, 14 July 2024 Victorian School Holidays - Winter break	
	Saturday, 6 July 2024 AROCA Super Sprints - Phillip Island	
	Wednesday, 10 July 2024 AROCA Victoria - Club Night	Veneto Club, Bulleen
	Sunday, 14 July 2024 Goldfields Chapter - July drive and dine	Now scheduled for Sunday 4th August Ballarat to the Pig & Whistle , Trentham
	Sunday, 14 July 2024 Cars and Cannoli - Italian Car Festival	Benzina Stables , Preston
	Wednesday, 24 July 2024 AROCA Committee meeting	
	Sunday, 28 July 2024 Club Drive to Corinella	Tooradin to Corinella
	Saturday, 3 August 2024 AROCA Workshop visit - Advanced Detail	

Check the [Calendar](#) on the Club website for any updates to the above events.

For information on specific Register activities: contact your [Register Captain](#)

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PHILLIP ISLAND

Saturday 6th July

AROCA Entry fee \$300 inc GST

VSSC Entry fee \$305 inc GST

Please find links below for General Regs, event entry is via the Motorsport Australia online entry system.

You will need to create an account online if you haven't used the system before, follow the link below for step-by-step instructions.

Note: Pit lane garages must be booked and paid at the time of entry.
\$150 each.

Parade laps will be on offer, all are welcome, driver briefing for parade lap starts & 11:30am

For more information contact:

Brett Bereau

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Detailing Workshop @ Advanced Detail

Saturday 3rd August

If you want to make your Alfa ship-shape for Spettacolo later this year, then you should attend our detailing workshop at [Advanced Detail](#) in Cheltenham on Saturday 3rd August. Damian Hind is a professional car detailer and will host the session. He will provide a comprehensive guide on how to prepare your Alfa for Spettacolo and hopefully you'll win a trophy too.

Advanced Detail

The aim is to equip members with the necessary skills and knowledge to compete at upcoming events. During the workshop, basic car cleaning processes will be covered as well as more advanced techniques. A range of products suitable for both classic and modern cars will be showcased.

Damian will discuss advanced processes and products and can offer a number of pro tips to enable members to achieve their own show car finish.





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Goldfields Chapter - drive & dine

Sunday 4th August

The drive will commence in Ballarat and follow a few nice backroads with a stopover for morning tea and coffee along the way. We will then head to the [Pig & Whistle Hotel](#) near Trentham for a relaxing lunch by the fire.



If you are planning to attend this event, please register ASAP, as the lunch venue requires definite numbers in advance.

Registration for the drive & dine is **ESSENTIAL** and will **CLOSE** on **28/7/24!**
(NB: No late bookings and definitely NO DROP-INS!)

To register, send an email to Leon: goldfieldschapter@alfaclubvic.org.au

Include: Name(s), contact & car details



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AROCA SA warmly invites you to Hahndorf & Alfesta 2025.

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Discover the historic and scenic charm of the Adelaide Hills with your stay at the Discovery Hahndorf Park. We will be in the perfect location to enjoy all that the Adelaide Hills has to offer.

3 – 7 APRIL 2025

Please note that after much consideration we have decided to move away from Easter for Alfesta 2025, so make sure you mark the dates in your calendar.

Book your tickets at www.alfesta2025.net

Questions? Contact Jim Delaine 0407792598 or jim-alfesta2025@alfaclubsa.org.au



The main street of Hahndorf in autumn



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Situation Vacant

939 Register Captain

(159, Brera & Spider)

The Club is seeking a volunteer to manage the 939 Register which includes 159, Brera and Spider portfolio. This is a prime position for any owner or enthusiast of these models that are part of the 939 Series sold in Australia from 2006-2011.

As a Register captain, the Club would expect you to promote the model as required to the benefit of member's needs- you do not have to be a mechanic but a basic knowledge of the series is desirable.

Key role requirements:

- Reach out to 939 series owners in the Club
- Work with other register captains with the running of a Sunday Morning Drive
- Work with the Register Co-Ordinator to help organize our Spettacolo annual car show.

For more information about this important opportunity, please contact:

Peter Chambers M: 0488 195 771 E: Secretary@alfaclubvic.org.au



Photo: Phil Goodwin (AROCA NSW)



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Situation Vacant

147 GTA & 156 GTA Register Captain

Our Club is seeking a volunteer to manage our 147 GTA and 156 GTA Register portfolio. This is a great position for any owner or enthusiast of these unique models. These were sold in Australia from 2002 to 2006.

As a Register Captain, the Club would expect you to promote the model as required to the benefit of member's needs - you do not have to be a mechanic but a basic knowledge of the series is desirable.

Key role requirements:

- Reach out to the owners in the Club
- Work with other Register Captains with the running of a Club Drives
- Work with the Register Co-Ordinator to help organize our annual Spettacolo Show & Shine.

For more information about this important opportunity, please contact the Register Coordinator:

Graeme Peake M: 0411 184 699

E: RegisterCoordinator@AlfaClubVic.org.au



156 GTA photo: L Cottle



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Thank you!

... to the contributors to this edition of *Notizie Alfisti*: Leon Cottle, Joseph Millwood, Bruce Baum, David Roberts, Kat Marmara-Stewart, Max Maltese, Peter Chambers and John Hanslow 240702

You too can contribute to the Club's publications:

Notes, photos or brief reports of recent events, and any items of general interest to members, will be gratefully accepted for publication in *Notizie Alfisti* and/or **Cross + Serpent**. An Event Report proforma is included for your guidance below. Generally, larger articles and photos, will be assigned to C+S with a corresponding mention in *Notizie Alfisti*. Contributions are preferred as text (e.g. Word) rather than PDF and should be sent to: newsletter@AlfaClubVIC.org.au or editor@alfaclubvic.org.au

Submit contributions at least seven days prior to the end of the month for inclusion in the next *Notizie*.

Alfa for sale?

Do you have an Alfa for sale, or is **Anyone Looking For Another?** Members' ads can be included in the newsletter at no charge. If you are selling, be sure to provide photos and VIN/Rego details.

AROCA Victoria Club Shop

Alfa Club merchandise currently in stock includes: Caps (black or red), Polo shirts (M or F) and Tee shirts (grey or red). Direct all club merchandise enquiries to shop@alfaclubvic.org.au.

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To sponsor AROCA Victoria and/or advertise in AROCA Victoria's publications: **Cross + Serpent**; *Notizie Alfisti*, and the web site AlfaClubVIC.org.au email: President@alfaclubvic.org.au

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Copies of AROCA Victoria's newsletter *Notizie Alfisti* and magazine **Cross + Serpent** are archived on the Club's website under the "Publications" tab. <https://www.alfaclubvic.org.au/publications/>

DEADLINES 2024 Cross + Serpent Magazine

Edition	Deadline Final Copy to Editor	Mailout
AUTUMN	1-Mar	27-Mar
WINTER	3-Jun	25-Jun
SPRING	3-Sep	25-Sep
SUMMER	27-Nov	18-Dec



Club Permit Scheme

The VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS) allows members of AROCA to make limited use of historic vehicles on the road network. The club has appointed a Club Permit Officer (CPO) as administrator for the scheme and he will process club permit applications and renewals.

A Road Worthy Certificate is required for all new applications to VicRoads.

Members now need to provide us with the following before we can sign-off on a Club Permit Application Form.

1. The new Club Permit Application form (original to be supplied to the club).
2. The Vehicle Eligibility form (original to be supplied to the club)
3. The original or a copy of a valid Road Worthy Certificate
4. Dated photographs of the vehicle, this will include, Front, Driver's side, Rear, Driving position (driver's side with driver's door open) and VIN/Chassis number (if possible).

The club permit application form and vehicle eligibility form must be downloaded from the VicRoads website – [click here for the page](#).

Contact

NB: Due to a significant volume of queries, we can no longer provide assistance over the telephone.

Email correspondence to: cps@alfaclubvic.org.au (max 7 day turnaround)

Or Contact Ivan Ciardullo on 0412 386 195

Paper correspondence to: *CPS Applications, PO Box 7076, Banyule VIC. 3084* (max 7 day turnaround)

VicRoads will only process paper forms with original signatures – therefore we cannot process application or renewal forms electronically by email. Please follow the instructions below to send the original forms with a stamped return envelope.

Roadworthy Certificates

A Roadworthy Certificate can be obtained from any VicRoads Licenced Roadworthy Tester. To access the VicRoads list of RWC Testers [Click Here](#).

New Permit Applications

The procedures regarding how to apply for, or renew, Club Plates have changed.

1. Applicants must be a current Club member and able to prove ownership of the vehicle.
 2. Obtain a Roadworthy Certificate from an authorised tester.
 3. Complete the Club Permit Application Form and Vehicle Eligibility Form (forms can be downloaded from the VicRoads website).
 4. Select the 45 or 90 day option.
 5. Provide a stamped self-addressed envelope.
 6. Take digital colour photos (not hard copies) of the car showing front, rear, driver's side, and with the driver's door open. For convertibles, also take one photo with the roof off .
 7. Send Roadworthy Certificate, proof of ownership, completed VicRoads forms and the stamped self-addressed envelope to "CPS, PO Box 7076, Banyule Vic 3084".
 8. Email the digital photos to "cps@alfaclubvic.org.au" advising the permit application is in the mail.
 9. The signed forms will be returned to you in the stamped, self-addressed envelope.
 10. Take the forms and payment to VicRoads who will then issue you with your new Club Plate
- On receipt of your new CPS plates please notify AROCA of your new registration number via email cps@alfaclubvic.org.au.

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Club Permit Scheme - Renewals

There are three ways to renew your CPS registration.

The easiest way to renew is online, as follows:

1. Go on the Vic Roads website and open an account;
2. Once your account is open that will automatically pick up any fully registered vehicles in your name, but it may not pick up the Club Plated vehicles;
3. If your Club Plated vehicle is not picked up, manually add your club plated vehicle to your account. It usually takes Vic Roads 24 hours to add it to your account;
4. Once your club plated vehicle is added to your account, get your Club Plate Renewal form signed by an authorised AROCA Office Bearer at a club meeting, in person or by posting Club Plate Renewal Form to the CPS officer. * If you're unable to have your renewal notice signed in person by the club office bearer, you can have the CPS Officer, Ivan Ciardullo, complete and sign a [Club Permit endorsement form \[PDF 55 Kb\]](#). You will need to email him.

You need to prove that you are a financial member of the Club when you present the Renewal form signed. This can be done by presenting a current AROCA (Vic) membership Card.

5. Once you have the signed CPS renewal Form, go into your Vic Roads account and next to the club plated registration there should be a "Pay" button. Click on that and you will then be asked to upload the Club Endorsement Form (Signed Rego renewal form) you can then pay your club registration by following the instructions on the website. Once this is all completed, the next day VicRoads will email you a Club Permit renewal receipt. Place new CPS sticker on your car window.

Renewing in Person

You are welcome to attend the Club meeting, which occurs every second Wednesday of each month, and seek out the CPS officer for his signature, but be sure to have your current Club Membership card with you to prove you are a financial member. If the CPS officer is not in attendance, there will be someone else present from the Club's Committee who will be authorised to sign your renewal form.

If you can't get to a Club Meeting, you can make an appointment to get your renewal form signed by contacting either Sebastian Mauceri at Mauceri Motors in Clayton (phone 95436466) or Bruno Collautti at Maranello Pur Sang Motors in Brunswick (phone 9386 9650). They are registered CPS office bearers for renewals only.

Renewing by Mail

1. Applicants must be a current Club member and still the registered owner of the vehicle.
2. On receipt of your CPS Registration Renewal from VicRoads, sign where required.
3. Send renewal form with a stamped, self-addressed, envelope to:
"CPS, PO Box 7076 Banyule Vic 3084".
4. The CPS Officer will check the membership records and then return the signed renewal form to you if you are a current financial member.
5. Upon receipt of the signed renewal form, take the signed renewal form and payment to VicRoads Office or use this signed form to complete the payment online at the VicRoads website.

Permit Validity

If you allow your AROCA membership to lapse, you will then be driving an unregistered vehicle.

AROCA is required to notify VicRoads of any AROCA member using a club permit who becomes unfinancial. If you have a club permit it is important that you pay your membership fees or your vehicle will be deemed unregistered and illegal to operate on the road.

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Your report will be published in "Cross + Serpent"- your magazine

Please fill in as much detail as possible, don't worry about sentence structure or punctuation, grammar etc. and attach up to 5 photos

EVENT NAME AND DESCRIPTION (e.g. Sunday Drive)

PLACE, DATE AND TIME

DURATION OF EVENT

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MOST INTERESTING CAR (Model, colour, type, year, why)

TELL US WHAT YOU LIKED ABOUT THE DAY

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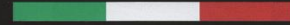


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