

*March 2025*



Alfettas chaperoning a 'young' Giulietta on the Goldfields drive to Guildford - February 2025

photo: Leon Cottle





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



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## President's Page

Moving on now and this is the start of Autumn. I am pleased to advise that a full and exciting range of Club Competition, Social and Register events are planned for the rest the year.

A reminder that our next **Club Night** is also the Club's **Annual General Meeting**. It will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the **Gondola Room** at the **Veneto Club** in Bulleen. There will be food and an open bar from 7.00pm for all club members and friends. Club Night commences at 8.00pm and will be followed by the AGM. The bar will close for the meetings, but will open again after AGM.

If you have time to get involved with running the Club, please consider putting your hand up for one of the many positions available on Committee. Your efforts would be very much appreciated. The nomination & proxy forms are included below.

You were previously advised that the Club website was down due to an upgrade to the hosting platform. While this was due to a security issue, we have been assured that issue did not affect our Club or expose any of our member data. We have recently been advised that the Club's Member Portal will be available again soon, as MYCCO is in the final stages of testing prior to going live.

Quite a lot has changed over the last year and we have had an opportunity to organise a range of events to cater for all club members. This has helped greatly with the planning for larger events and booking numbers for Competition and restaurants for our Sunday Social and Register Drives.

Our first drive for the year was a day drive to Lorne and for a change the starting point was Werribee. This involved a social drive over a lot of new ground with a wide range of cars from the 1960 through to current models. Congratulations to Karen, our 939 Register Captain. See Karen's report below.

Another event for Club Motorsport was the Sandown Sprint. This was well attended by participants, officials and visitors. The weather was superb, and it proved to be an interesting day for all.

The VHRR 's Phillip Island Classic - Festival of Motorsport on the long weekend in March is one of the best all-round events to attend. Display spaces are available on Saturday and Sunday for club members.

The next week, the Club will also have a selection of Club cars on display at The FORMULA 1 **AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX** in Albert Park. Regrettably booking were limited and have already been filled, but if you are at the GP, come and say hello to the AROCA Team.

The Fiat Club will be holding its annual **Autobella** display on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. AROCA has been invited to present a display of Alfa Romeo Spiders - in addition to the usual display of Alfa Romeos.

Please contact me if you can assist with any of the Committee roles, or if you would like to volunteer to assist with the planning of a Sunday Drive, Club Display or Club Sprint, or to help at other Club events.

### Otherwise

Check the [calendar](#) on the Club's website for new and updated events. Event information is also available via the Club's [Facebook](#) page, [WhatsApp](#) group, and the [Cross + Serpent](#) magazine.

John Hanslow, President, AROCA Victoria

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## AROCA Victoria - Treasurer's Report

by David Floyd

Greetings folks, thanks to Peter Atkinson's good work, you should have received the annual financial statement package via email on Friday 21 February – we shall examine it at the AGM on Wednesday 12 March.

It's time to consider ATO matters, the Australian Taxation Office ...

According to ATO's published statistics, the Not-For-Profit [NFP] sector is very large: 57,000 registered charities and 155,300 *non*-charity NFPs that have active ABNs.

Back in April 2024 the ATO wrote to the 155,300 bodies indicated above to request they lodge a "Self-review" form stating whether they are taxable or can claim income tax exemption. The default position, contrary to what many folk would (logically) think, is that NFPs *are* taxable *unless* they fall within one of the 8 exempt categories. The letter required the NFP to lodge the form by 31 October 2024. The ATO then wrote another letter in August 2024 providing an extension to 31 March 2025.

The only exempt category a few car clubs would fall under is the Sporting exemption. Interestingly in the ATO published documentation they give an example of a car club that is predominately enthusiast and recreationally based and state it would *not* qualify as a Sporting club and is therefore taxable, rather inconvenient ...

AROCA (Vic) runs a variety of activities per our website, the Cross + Serpent magazine and this electronic newsletter. We do run a comprehensive competition program, but that is not all we do. This means we would not qualify under the Sporting exemption – thus it is time for us to pay income tax – it is a sad day when the country's revenue needs to include tax collections from humble car clubs like ours. Based upon our non-exempt status I lodged the self-review form with the ATO on 28 February 2025.

What are the implications of being taxable? First, we need to prepare and lodge an income tax return and disclose our taxable income. Our financial statements show a net profit of \$20,271 - is that our taxable income? Unfortunately, it is not that simple! Clubs like ours exist for the benefit of members and any profits derived cannot be distributed to members – the principle of Mutuality. In these cases, tax is *not* payable on member income such as subscriptions, members entering competition events, members buying club shop items and members paying to attend social events.

It is our *non-member* income that is taxable. Interest income is taxable. Some of our activities such as competition events involve members and *non-members*. In that case we need to measure the net profit on each competition event (which we do) and if 2/3 of competitors are *not members*, then 2/3 of the net profit is taxable. This means our Profit and Loss account is going to require detailed analysis to determine what our taxable income is: some income is taxable such as interest received, some income is not taxable such as subscriptions and some income requires apportionment calculations such as the competition example above.

Ok, let's say our taxable income is \$10,000, how much tax do we pay? Again, it is not that simple!

Different tax rates apply depending on the *level* of income and the *nature* of income. NFPs are taxed as companies, and most will pay a flat tax of 25% - \$2,500 based upon the above example.

However, there is *another* complication: the ATO's financial year is 1 July to 30 June, but Clause 2 of our Constitution says our financial year is 31 December – that date is best for us as our events and activities are best measured on a calendar year basis. To re-jig our financials from 31 December to 30 June is quite a lot of work, as a club shop stocktake at 30 June would be needed, depreciation recalculated and events that fall in July and August that are fine with a 31 December year end need re-working with a 30 June year end.

Continued over ...



The ATO have a form that allows you to apply for a Substituted Accounting Period [SAP]. This was introduced mainly for subsidiaries of overseas corporations to align their Australian operations with their overseas parent company. I have lodged an SAP form requesting that our financial year for ATO purposes be 31 December – hopefully they will say yes and do so to *all* taxable car clubs whose year-end is not 30 June.

The ATO have created a lot of work for well-meaning car clubs whose members merely want to enjoy their cars with a minimum of Government interference. However, we have an obligation to comply with the rules that are imposed upon us.

Hopefully the above mud-maps what is involved.

Regards, David Floyd, Treasurer AROCA (Vic)

## Alfa Romeo triumphs in Germany and Switzerland 7 “Best Cars” awards



source: [www.stellantis.com](http://www.stellantis.com)



## Membership & CPS Matters

by Bruce Baum

The dream of some expected quiet time in January (after a busy November and December with memberships) quickly evaporated when our web site went down in the middle of January. Thankfully our data was not affected, but the processing of all renewals, including the updating of records has had to be manually completed since then. Fortunately, the checking process has been helped by the steps I take to order all membership cards at the end of each month. Problem solved – well not really, because the company we use to print our cards informed me that their card printer had broken down completely and needed to be replaced. Luckily, we found a workable solution and the January cards were only just over 2 weeks late. The February cards should be delivered soon after March 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the normal situation.

### Membership Report

My Membership Report to the AGM will advise that the membership position has remained strong and stable. There has been a steady number of members joining the Club, while there have also been some leaving as well. The current membership total is holding steady at 1500 plus.

### Membership enquiries etc:

When our website returns to full functionality (hopefully soon!), I (Bruce Baum) will be handing over to the incoming Membership Secretary (Bruce Roberts), who will then manage all Membership Subscription renewals and Membership applications. The email is: [membership@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:membership@alfaclubvic.org.au)

I am advised that when the web site becomes operational again, all members will get advice regarding new login details for the Membership Portal. Bruce R. will then be handling any related queries.

### Lanyard for your Membership card

All new members are issued with a lanyard and card holder with the 'new member pack' sent out with their membership cards. Because of postage issues, these could not be added to an envelope with new cards for renewing members. Lanyards are made available at all club meetings for attending members to collect. Please ask.

### CPS related matters:

For the last 6 months or so, the CPS emails have been diverted to me, as I have been acting in this role along with my official Membership Officer role. Many members with CPS cars are already aware of this.

However, when I (Bruce Baum) hand over the **Membership Secretary** role to **Bruce Roberts** (Bruce R. will be contactable via [Membership@AlfaClubVic.org.au](mailto:Membership@AlfaClubVic.org.au)), I will cease the Membership role and be answering **CPS Officer** matters only. As **CPS Officer** I will be contactable via [CPS@AlfaClubVic.org.au](mailto:CPS@AlfaClubVic.org.au) (If you know of fellow club members who are not aware of these changes, please let them know?)

### Reminder of the address for CPS mail:

AROCA's **NEW** mailing address for ALL CPS correspondence is:

**CPS Applications c/o B Baum, PO Box 4251, CROYDON HILLS, Vic. 3136**

*(Should you use the old address, AusPost will just return your mail to you!)*

### Finally ...

I want to thank all members for their courtesy and patience over the past 6 years as we have tried to bring in a host of new procedures. None greater for me than the new MYCCO membership platform which is certainly better able to cope with record keeping and report creation than what we had previously. I know it will only get better in time. I am looking forward to continuing to assist members with their CPS issues as CPS Officer.

**Bruce Baum:**

**CPS Officer, AROCA Victoria**

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## Around the traps



### Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia

(Victoria Division)  
Inc

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting of Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia Vic Inc (the Club).

Members are advised that the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club will be held at Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen on Wednesday March 12th, commencing after the completion of the normal Club Night business.

The Ordinary Business of the AGM to be conducted is:

- To confirm the Minutes of the previous AGM.
- To receive Committee Reports of the past year's activities
- To receive Financial Reports
- To deal with any Special Business of which 21 Days notice has been given to the Secretary
- To elect eight (8) Officeholders and two Ordinary Members to serve on the Committee for the following year. All Committee positions become vacant at the AGM and any members interested in any committee position/s are encouraged to nominate. Nomination forms and proxy forms are also available on the Club's website. [www.alfaclubvic.org.au](http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au) All Nominations for Committee positions must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club 14 days prior to the meeting.
- Motion to amend authorised signatories for The Clubs bank accounts to reflect newly elected executive committee
- General Business

### NOMINATION FORM FOR 2025 COMMITTEE

Club Members are advised that the Election of Committee will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen on Wednesday March 12th 2025.

#### NOMINATION FORM

I wish to Nominate: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconder: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All nominations must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Please return nomination form to:  
The Secretary  
Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia  
PO Box 216  
Camberwell Vic 3124



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## APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FOR 2025 ELECTION

Members are advised that the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club will be held at Veneto Club 191 Bulleen Rd, Bulleen on Wednesday March 12th.

I: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

being a current financial member of the Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia Vic Inc., appoints

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

being a current financial member of The Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia, Vic Inc, as my proxy vote for me, on my behalf, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on Wednesday March 12th 2025, and any adjournment of that meeting.

My proxy is authorised to vote in Favour/Against the resolution(s)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

All Proxy's must be lodged with the Secretary of the Club 24 Hours prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Please return nomination form to:  
The Secretary  
Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia  
PO Box 216  
Camberwell Vic 3124

## Alfa Romeo Giulia at the prestigious *Concours D'Elegance* 2025



source: [www.stellantis.com](http://www.stellantis.com)



## Recent events

### Drive from Werribee to Lorne via Barrabool Hills

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Words: Karen Mansell (939 Register Captain) | Photos: Karen Mansell, Bruce Roberts & Colin Edwards

This was my first solo organisation of a Sunday drive. Having lived most of my life in the Geelong region, I wanted to show my fellow Alfisti "MY Geelong" backyard.

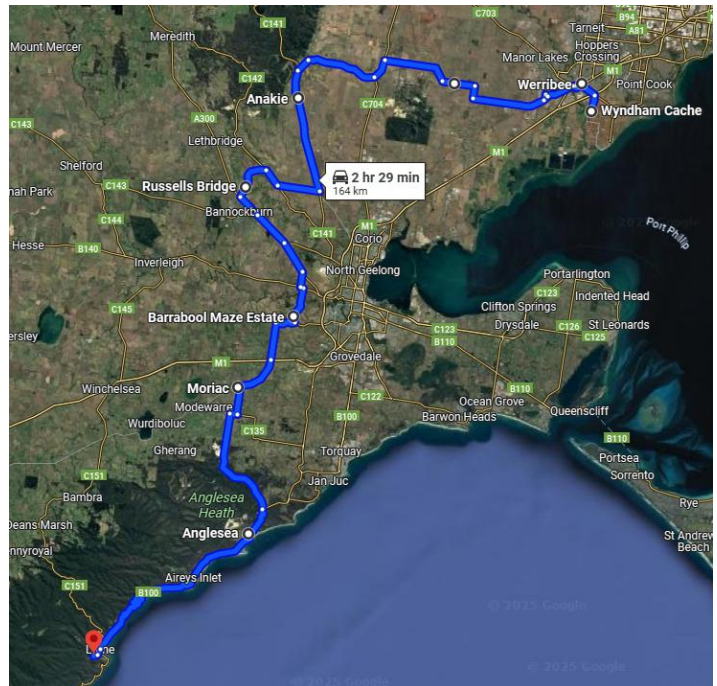
I decided to begin the drive around Werribee, to hopefully make it easy for Melbourne and Goldfields members to join the drive. I searched and searched google maps for a nice place to meet that could fit 15-20 Alfas and serve coffee quickly to 20-30 people. I stumbled upon Wyndham Cache in Werribee South.

Then I thought about a place close to Geelong for morning tea that people probably hadn't been to before. I straight away decided on Barrabool Maze & Gardens as it's so unique and I love it.

QDOS Fine Arts Gallery was always my choice for where the drive would finish and where we'd have lunch. Des and I adore that place and frequent it often.

So, I began to prepare a nice route using Google maps:

- Start at **Wyndham Cache**;
  - Cross the Princes Highway and head through Werribee;
  - Drive along the infamous Mad Max road to Steiglitz;
  - Passing the beautiful You Yangs;
  - Through the cute 'village' of Maude;
  - Along the Moorabool Valley;
  - Through the tiny hamlet of Russell's Bridge;
  - Along the Midland Highway to Gheringhap;
  - Pass by Batesford;
  - Stop at **Barrabool Hills Maze** for morning tea.
- Then head off again:
- Through Barrabool;
  - Cross the M1 to Moriac;
  - Down to Anglesea;
  - Along The Great Ocean Road;
  - to **QDOS Fine Arts Gallery & Cafe** in Lorne.



Two weeks prior, with Google directions inserted into a spreadsheet, off Des and I went to test the drive and note down the kilometres to each turn.

We had never been to Wyndham Cache cafe, and were delighted when we turned up to find an amazing, large, modern cafe surrounded by market gardens and farms as far as the eye could see. Such a pleasant surprise! I booked 20-30 people for coffee on 9th February at 8:30am. I was told it wouldn't be a problem seeing as we were arriving so early.

I knew Barrabool Maze well. My son was married at the little stone church on the hill next to it (now a private home), and I'd been to the maze cafe a few times with a Geelong walking group. So the Maze Cafe was no surprise.

I spoke to the new owner and he was delighted that I wanted to bring the Alfa Club members to his unique place. He also offered to show members through his collection of old vehicles.

Half of the drive was organised. So far so good!

I decided I wanted the route to include a short drive along the Great Ocean Road. That would mean missing the equally beautiful drive through the rainforest, and through Deans Marsh to Lorne. I decided that people could drive home that way after lunch if they wished.

We met the lovely Gillian and the very artistic Graeme at QDOS to plan how lunch would work. I estimated we would have around 30 people. That's all their little cafe can fit anyway.

The drive route, morning tea and lunch was all planned, venues were booked and my route directional information was all done. The event was published in the e-mag the next day and went up on the website. I received a number of bookings straight away. I was excited; but then no more. I thought it wasn't going to be a success. Then the week before the event, the website went down, but luckily the next e-mag was sent out and a lot of people started booking in.

We ended up with 23 Alfas and 40 Alfisti participating in the drive. It was such a wonderful surprise.

Sunday 9th of February dawned. It was an overcast day but fine. Some participants turned up early at Wyndham Cache and had breakfast, while others had coffee. Everyone agreed that it was a great place to meet.



We then headed off, traversing first the maze of new suburban streets through Werribee, along the infamous Mad Max Road, out passed the mystical You Yangs, down through the Brisbane Ranges National park, along the Moorabool Valley and South to Barrabool Maze.



(Bunching up on Mad Max Road)



Barrabool Maze & Gardens is a real gem! The restaurant is large and rustic, there's plenty of parking, the coffee and food is great, and their huge maze is amazing. We had the option of walking the gardens and maze or inspecting the owner's collection of vintage vehicles. Most chose the vehicle collection, of course!

As most Alfa drives go, one car decided to stop. Maybe it loved the rural views and wanted to stop for a bit. Bruce and Rita and Michael and Rita showed true Alfisti 'Spirit of the Tour' by stopping to help Brett when his gorgeous red Alfa 2000 Spider broke down. They helped fix it and soon they were all on their way again and met us at The Maze, safe and sound, and surprisingly not that late.



After an hour at the Maze we continued our sojourn: through Barrabool, across the Princes Highway to Moriac and on to The Great Ocean Road at Anglesea. It was wonderful cruising the Barrabool Hills and the coastal roads to Anglesea. The scenery (and the cars of course) looked amazing!

Along the way we lost a few cars due to an error in Google maps directions that said to turn right at Moriac. It should have been left. I didn't pick up on this error when Des and I did the test drive of the route. My apologies to everyone who took the wrong turn there! Luckily Bruce and his lovely Rita had volunteered to be the 'tail', to keep tabs on slower cars and to catch them if they took the wrong turn. Thanks so much Bruce and Rita! You caught those lost sheep and led them back on the right track.

If there was a 'Spirit of the Tour' award for this drive, it would surely go to Bruce and Rita, and in second place Michael and Rita. Thanks again guys!

Even though it was an overcast day, The Great Ocean Road never disappoints.

I've lived around Geelong most of my life and most weekends as a teenager was spent on The Road 'chasing good waves'. It's a magical area. Even now, Des and I frequently drive from St Kilda Rd in Melbourne down to Lorne, inland via Deans Marsh, and home along the GOR. We never tire of it.

It's always different and spectacular, and this time was no exception.



Lunch was at QDOS Fine Arts Gallery which sits surrounded by rainforest in a lovely valley. There's a wonderful sculpture park to wander through, an amazing art gallery with ever-changing art, a lovely little café, and on-site Japanese-styled cabins for overnight stays. Gillian, who manages the cafe and accommodation, and Graeme who is the owner, sculpture and artist, are wonderful, friendly and interesting people. We've become "part of the family" according to Gillian, when she thanked our group for coming to lunch on the day.

My first solo organisation of a Sunday Drive was complete. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and from the feedback received on the day, so too did everyone else. Most of the roads were new to most people, as was the starting point and the eating places, which everyone thought were excellent. This is just what I was hoping for.

Thanks for bringing all your gorgeous Alfas on the drive everyone! They looked incredible rolling along the country roads all together.



Des and I look forward to organising another drive in the future and we look forward to going on many more drives with you all.

Karen Mansell (939 Register Captain)



## Goldfields Drive to Malmsbury & Guildford words & photos: Leon Cottle

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

The first Goldfields Drive for 2025 was very well attended, with the most participants ever on one of our local runs in our nearly 10-year history. We had 37 Alfisti and 21 fine Alfa Romeos, plus one 'interloper' – a 2006 Blue Audi RS4 Wagon V8. But Hey, that chap owns a Giulia QV & a nice GT V6, so I excused his lack of judgment and for picking up the wrong keys in his rush out the door - this time! The entourage of Alfas ranged from Will's amazing 1963 Ivory 101 Series Giulietta 1600 Sprint to a certain 2021 Red Giulia QV. It was great to see that eight of the 21 Alfas were 'Classics' built pre-1987, and all of these were exceptionally well presented and a credit to their owners.

At the Ballarat starting point, 11 Alfas met in the 'fresh' cool morning air, which was a big change from the previous weeks of very hot weather. Nice thick Alfa coats were certainly required. On my drive to Bendigo the previous day, I had discovered that there was a kilometre of roadworks, just north of Newlyn! It was very mushy that day but by Sunday morning it was dry and dusty. Good thing we had all cleaned our Alfas 😊



The route from Ballarat took us along some nice country back roads via Daylesford and Glenlyon to Malmsbury for our morning tea stop and where we met up with 5 cars from Melbourne, and 6 other Alfas from the local area.

Interestingly as we drove through Daylesford, we passed a huge development, just opposite the Farmers Arms Hotel, where there was a lot of construction occurring. This is the site for the filming of the next TV Series of "The Block". It's been a real contentious issue in the town for many months, with several attempts to "Block THE BLOCK" but it looks like the TV executives won!

As our group neared Malmsbury, Grant phoned to inform me that "there are cars parked everywhere - there's a Sunday Market today"! OOPs!! Thankfully all the convoy managed to find safe parks and strolled over to our Coffee destination – the Malmsbury Bakery. As you could imagine it was already very busy with many of the visitors to the market also thirsty, but we were all eventually served and sipping our nice coffees.

With the country market just across the road from the Bakery, most Alfisti enjoyed investigating the stalls, and I noted there were many purchases made to support the local community.

After coffees & the market, it was back into the Alfas with the convoy now having grown to 22 cars in total. Alby, who is a local of the area, guided us along one of his favourite stretches of backroads - from Malmsbury to Guildford via Faraday, Chewton and Fryerstown. A wonderful stretch of tarmac, that wound its way through some great scenery and small hamlets.

This drive was greatly enjoyed by all as we cruised through the rolling countryside. Alby used these roads for his cycling training. I asked if it was an e-bike – He wasn't amused! Thanks Alby, for planning this part of the drive. It was a real hit with the group.



Due to the large number of Alfisti diners, the hotel asked us to use a limited menu, as they were also very busy with other full rooms as well. The meals were all very tasty, and as with most country pubs – quite large in size, so everyone was well fed & hydrated for their drive home.



Following a few hours of dining and much chatting, we arranged a few of the vintage Alfas to be lined up out in the front of the Guildford Hotel. What a sight – five delightful and shiny historic Alfa Romeos all in a row, in front of the historic 1855 Guildford Hotel.



Thanks everyone for participating in our Goldfields event, making it such an enjoyable Alfa Day.



## 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.

March 2025 :

8 & 9	Phillip Island Classic - Festival of MotorSport
	Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit
	8:00am to 5:00pm
9	AROCA Vic Club Breakfast
	Brunetti Classico - Carlton
	8:30am to 10:00am
10 to 13	Targa Classica 2025
	Albury /Wodonga   Mitchelton/Nagambie   Melbourne
	7:30am to 5:00pm
12	AROCA Club Night & Annual General Meeting
	Veneto Club, Bulleen
	7:30pm to 9:30pm
14 to 16	2025 Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix
	Albert Park
	7:30am to 6:00pm
22	AROCA Victoria - Gippsland Chapter Drive
	Lang Lang to Loch
	8:30am to 3:30pm
29	Shepparton's Italian Festa
	Shepparton
	8:30am to 3:00pm
30	Fiat Autobella 2025
	Wesley College, Glen Waverley
	8:30am to 3:00pm
30	AROCA VIC Sunday Drive
	EMR - ELTHAM to AVENEL via YEA
	8:30am to 3:30pm

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 Classic Festival of Motorsport - March 7, 8, 9, 2025

The annual [Phillip Island Classic - Festival of Motorsport](#) hosted by the **Victorian Historic Racing Register** (VHRR) is a must-see event for any passionate motorsport or motoring enthusiast and is not to be missed.



The **Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport** is the largest historic motor racing event in the Southern Hemisphere. With over 350 unique historic racing across 11 different categories spanning both saloon and open wheel categories, this is an event not to be missed!

Held at the iconic and beautiful **Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit**, this event brings together an incredible collection of classic racing machines, legendary drivers and motorsport enthusiasts from around the world to celebrate the history of Australian and worldwide motorsport.



## AROCA Vic Club Display

### Phillip Island Classic - Festival of Motorsport – 2025

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

The Phillip Island Classic is an exciting classic car display and track event held each year at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

You will be able to walk right around the track, and experience one of the greatest Grand Prix tracks in the world and certainly Australia.

AROCA Vic has a display area with 15 -20 spaces allocated for Alfa Romeos. As a display participant you will receive a discounted entry and access to a restricted area where you can watch the racing.

Each day, AROCA will run a show and shine among the Club vehicles on display, but you need to book your space to be eligible to win the prize.

There are 100s of classic cars of all types on display, and as many rare classic race cars in the pits at this premium event, along with trade shops where you will not be able to resist buying something.

Lots of nice food and coffee too, but dogs are NOT permitted to enter the venue.

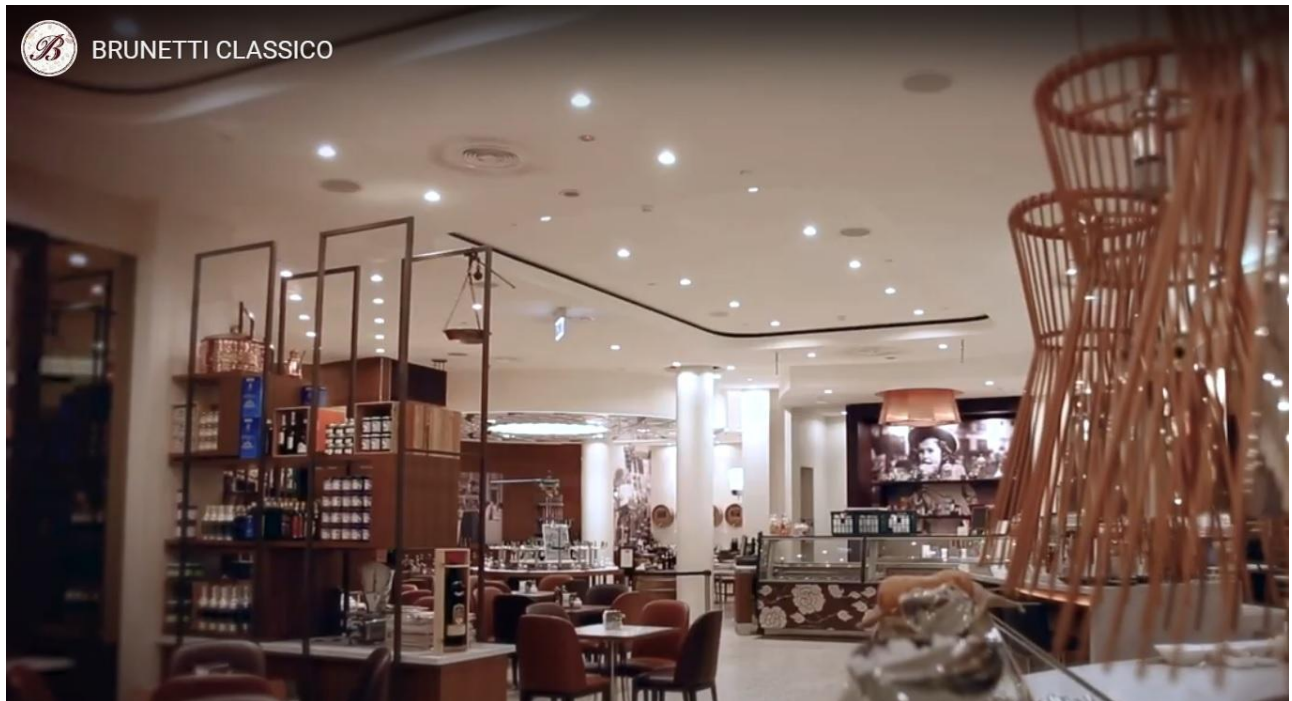
Call Paul O'Connor: 0417 800 918 to reserve your spot and get discounted entry for the driver.



## Club Social Breakfast for new & ongoing members

Sunday, 9th March 2025  
8:30am - 10:00am  
[Brunetti Classico](#) – Carlton

These AROCA Club Breakfasts are for ALL members - new and ongoing.  
No booking is necessary, just turn up



This is a social breakfast for all Alfisti.

Whether you are new to the Club, or a seasoned member, you are all welcome to attend.

We have the back room booked - so there is plenty of space for everyone.

No RSVP required, just turn up!

The Club looks forward to seeing you at [Brunetti Classico](#) in Carlton.

Enquiries to: Bruce Baum, CPS Officer

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[CPS@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:CPS@alfaclubvic.org.au)



## Targa Classica 2025

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

With March already here, it means one thing - [Targa Classica 2025](#) is just a week away. The excitement is building as everything comes together. Our merchandise from GANT is arriving, print materials from Design to Print are ready, and roadbooks have been finalized. Flags and posters are being delivered to communities along the route, adding to the anticipation as we prepare to hit the road.



Next week, we'll be in Sydney for the **007 Edition of the Sydney Harbour Concours**. If you're around or would like to learn more, click here: [Sydney Harbour Concours D' Elegance](#) —we look forward to seeing many familiar faces there.

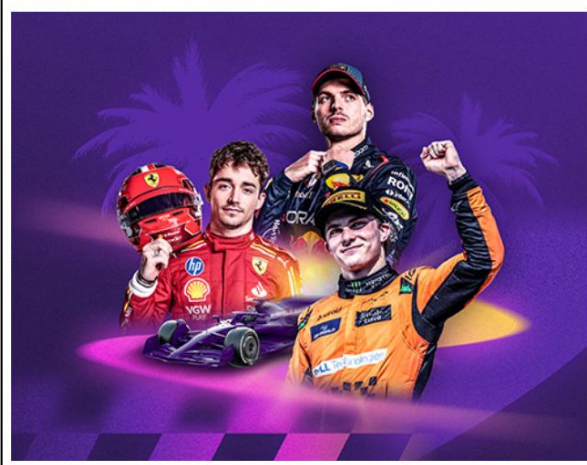
It's all getting very exciting—we hope you're feeling the same.



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## The Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix 2025

13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025



The FORMULA 1 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX 2025 returns to Albert Park between 13-16 March 2025.

Get ready for an electrifying experience at the Albert Park Grand Prix Circuit, hosting the opening race of the Formula 1® season!

This year promises to be more thrilling than ever, as record-breaking crowds converge on Melbourne to witness the high-octane action. The spotlight will shine brightly on Albert Park as F1® cars blaze around the iconic Grand Prix Circuit, framed by the stunning city skyline.

### Australian F1 Grand Prix - Club Display

For the past few years, AROCA Victoria has participated in the Club Show Case at the Melbourne Grand Prix. The exercise has been both enjoyable for participating members and it has elicited much interest in our Marque and the Club's activities.

We will again be participating during the 2025 Australian Grand Prix.

The Club will have a range of cars representing the marque over the years in a dedicated Club display.

While it is too late to register your Alfa for this event, the Club encourages all members to visit the display while you are at the Grand Prix.



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## SUNDAY CLUB DRIVE ELTHAM to AVENEL via YEA Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025



This drive is open to all Alfa Romeo models. Owners and their friends are welcome.

We have incorporated some very friendly Alfa Roads, some familiar and some new. The scenery through the Yarra valley and high-country state forests is superb. From Eltham, the drive heads toward Kinglake and onto Castella, joining the Melba Hwy to Yea for a mid-morning stop.

From there, we head west out of Yea turning right, heading north to the high country, crossing over the Goulburn River on the Ghin Ghin Bridge and following the Highlands Road, skirting around Seymour. We then head north on the Seymour to Avenel Road, over the Hume Freeway and on to Avenel.

**Meet at:** Shillinglaw Cafe, 4 Panther Place, Eltham  
**Time:** Arrive by 8:30am for **9:00am departure**  
**Morning Tea :** The Provender Country Bakehouse, Yea

**Lunch:** The Rabbit Hole Inn, at Harvest Home, 1 Bank St, Avenel  
**Bookings are essential!**  
There is an extensive menu to satisfy all tastes, ordered at the bar and drinks over the bar, which eliminates splitting the bill.

**Drive Home Suggestion:**  
It's an easy run from Avenel to central Melbourne via Hume Freeway (M31) and Western Ring Road (M80) and Tullamarine Freeway (M2)

**To Register / Book Lunch:**  
Please provide your name, your contact details and club member number, car model and rego AND the number of attendees booking for lunch.

**RSVP:** **21<sup>st</sup> March 2025**  
Please book early to avoid disappointment

**Denis Marchetti**, GT Register Captain, 0421 289 985, [GTregister@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:GTregister@alfaclubvic.org.au)





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autobella  
italian automobile festival

## Autobella 2025

March 30th 2025

Wesley College Campus

620 High St Rd, Glen Waverley

Entry 8.30 – 9.30am

\$10 for member and Non Members



The 2025 AROCA Vic Motorsport calendar is a work in progress with one venue TBC. We look forward to seeing you on the track in 2025.

Drivers of ALL levels are welcome, Motorsport Australia Speed License and Car Club membership essential.

**Supersprint Round 1 - Sunday Feb 23 – Sandown**

**Supersprint Round 2 - March - TBC**

**Supersprint Round 3 - Saturday May 10 – Sandown**

**Supersprint Round 4 - Sunday Jul 6 – Phillip Island**

**Supersprint Round 5 - Sunday Aug 31 – Broadford**

**Alfa Club 10Hr Relay 4-5 Oct - Winton**

**Supersprint Round 6 - Sunday Nov 30 – Phillip Island**

### **2025 Sprint Event Entry Fee**

**AROCA Club Members - \$300**

**Non Members - \$325**

Join AROCA Vic as an Associate Member to save on Entry fee.





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## Alfesta 2025 - 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April - Hahndorf, SA



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](http://www.alfesta2025.net)

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**MAY 4th**  
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**JUNE 8th**  
Interclub Challenge Round 2  
Promoted by the MG Car Club Vic

**JUNE 29th**  
Victorian Hillclimb Championship Round 5  
Promoted by the Victorian Mini Car Club

**SEPTEMBER 21st**  
VSCC Vintage Rob Roy  
Incorporating Round 2 of the Triple Cup Challenge  
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**OCTOBER 5th**  
Interclub Challenge Round 3  
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**November 16th**  
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**48<sup>th</sup> HISTORIC WINTON**  
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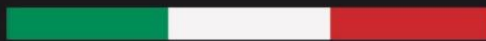


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## Thank you!

... to the contributors to this edition of *Notizie Alfisti*: Leon Cottle, Bruce Baum, David Floyd, Karen Mansell and John Hanslow. 250302

### 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](mailto:newsletter@AlfaClubVIC.org.au) or [editor@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto: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 [clubshop@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:clubshop@alfaclubvic.org.au).

### AROCA Victoria Advertising & Marketing

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

### Notizie Alfisti and Cross + Serpent

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/>





## 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.*

Contact **Bruce Baum** via email: [cps@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:cps@alfaclubvic.org.au) or SMS to: 0437 933 004

Send paper correspondence to:

*CPS Applications c/o B Baum, PO Box 4251, CROYDON HILLS, Vic. 3136*

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: **PO Box 4251, CROYDON HILLS, Vic. 3136**
8. Email the digital photos to "[cps@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto: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 to: [cps@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:cps@alfaclubvic.org.au).

**CPS continued over page ...**



## Club Permit Scheme - Permit Renewals

**The easiest way to renew CPS 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, email a copy of the Club plate renewal form to [cps@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:cps@alfaclubvic.org.au);
5. The CPS Officer will then email you a completed and signed Club Endorsement Form, provided you are a financial member of the Club;
6. Once you have the signed Club Endorsement 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 **and** registration renewal certificate (signed by you); you can then pay your club registration by following the instructions.

### Renewing CPS 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. Select the 45 or 90 day option.
4. Obtain a stamped, self-addressed, envelope.
5. Send renewal form and stamped, self-addressed, envelope to: **PO Box 4251, CROYDON HILLS, Vic. 3136.**
6. The CPS Officer will check the membership records and then return the signed renewal form to you if you are a current financial member.
7. Upon receipt of the signed renewal form, take the signed renewal form and payment to VicRoads.
8. The renewal form has the option of allowing the vehicle owner to pay the renewal fee by enclosing a cheque made payable to Vic Roads. If you want to do that, enclose a cheque payable to Vic Roads, but ensure that the stamped, self-addressed, envelope you enclose is addressed to Vic Roads. The registration renewal form also requires your signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well. The CPS officer will then mail the registration renewal form to Vic Roads on your behalf.

### Renewing CPS 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.

## Club Permit Scheme - 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.

It is also a requirement of the scheme that AROCA notifies VicRoads of any misuse of CPS log books and/or CPS registered vehicles.





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## MEMBER EVENT REPORT

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

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PLACE, DATE AND TIME

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DURATION OF EVENT

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SOCIAL EVENT (e.g. Coffee or meal stops, type and number of participants' cars, outstanding vehicle)

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MOTOR SPORT EVENT (e.g. AROCA or other club, number of trials, races, displays etc)

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PHOTOS (Maximum of 5 and please include your name and contact details and provide as much detail of subject(s) as possible.)

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

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TELL US WHAT YOU LIKED ABOUT THE DAY

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TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAR AND YOUR DAY, (Did you take friends, all Alfisti or just you?)

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WEATHER (Hot, Cold, Wet, Dry, Terrible, Gorgeous)

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS UPLOADED (e.g. Program, Menu, tourist information)

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YOUR NAME & CONTACT DETAILS

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Your eyewitness or participant report will help bring more colour and relevance to your magazine

Please email this form and photos (jpeg format) to [editor@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:editor@alfaclubvic.org.au)

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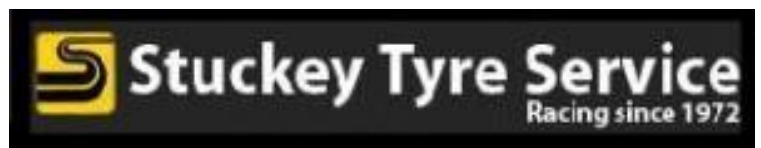
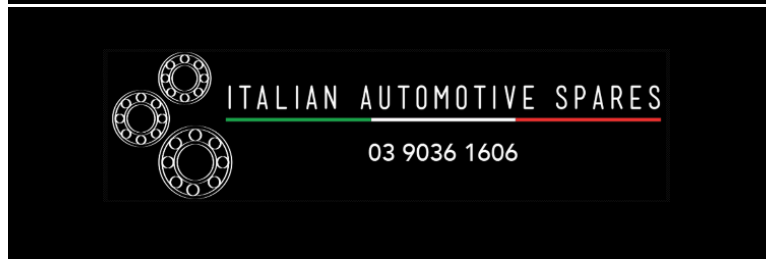
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