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## President's Message

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New Year greetings!

The Committee joins with me in wishing all members all the very best for 2018, and we trust that you are able to join with us in the exciting program of events that are scheduled.

Our Christmas Natter Night on December 12, saw a record attendance for recent times with 63 members enjoying the pre-meeting hospitality and Christmas drinks. Our big screen, plus the introduction of music and sound effects added to the fun of the evening.

Valley Reserve Mt Waverley was the picturesque venue for the final Breakfast Run of 2017, and there was a terrific turnout with twenty members and four veteran cars turning out. I was able to join in for coffee and a pre-Christmas chat. The 'usuals' were joined by long standing members Richard and Wendy Shenfeld in their modern Aston Martin DB7 which certainly added a wow factor to the car park. The dates for 2018 Breakfasts are published in the Club calendar.

On January 12, spare a moment to reflect on what happened on Lake St Clair back in 1904. Henry Ford was hell bent on breaking the land speed record in his '999' car – and undeterred from a set-back a few days earlier, set a record of 91.37 mph on the frozen lake. 'Humped over' the steering mechanism, and with no goggles or protection over his face, the determined Henry Ford set the record, which lasted just two weeks until William K Vanderbilt shaved .4 of a second off the time. Today, the world land speed record is 763.035mph and an Australian, Rosco McGlashan, who already holds the Australian land speed record of 500mph, is preparing to tackle the world record with his Aussie Invader. If you have a few minutes, check out Rosco's website and you will see he's a man on a mission.

Every year the Dry Lakes Racers Australia hosts Speed Week at Lake Gairdner in South Australia – it's one of only a few places in the world where you can drive flat out on a salt lake for twelve miles. This year from March 12 – 16, cars, motor bikes and trucks will come from all over Australia and the world to this amazing and unique location to try and go as fast as they can.

Check out the website [www.dlra.org.au](http://www.dlra.org.au). As a 'veteran' enthusiast, I thrill to what has been achieved over the past hundred years.

The RACV Australia Day Festival on January 26 at Kings Domain, will see our Club join with other invited car clubs to display fifty cars of interest on this popular day. The cars for display have been selected and invited, and passes have been issued. If you are in the City on this day, please call by the display!

Another event to put in your calendar is the Torquay Motor Show on February 11. Ben Alcock and friends are ensuring that a group of our Next Generation members enjoy this event at this popular holiday resort.

The countdown is on for the RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally to be held at Cobram over March 15 – 18. Andrew & Frances McDougall have secured additional accommodation at the Motel just near the RACV resort, so entries are still being accepted. The entry form is available from the Club website.

The first Natter Night for 2018 will be on February 13, and we will be kicking the year off with a BBQ at the Clubrooms at 6:00pm. Please come and enjoy the hospitality, as the Club will be providing everything and John Prior will be the tong master on the BBQ. At 8:00pm there will be the normal Natter Night, and the feature for the evening will be Daryl Meek and Fiona Lane with another 'Show and Tell' segment. Their presentation last year was so popular that members have requested another insight into their amazing collection of memorabilia, antiques, clothing, antiquarian books etc. This is always an entertaining evening and members are welcome to bring items of interest.

*Paul Daley,*

*President VCCA  
(Victoria)*

# Events

## RACV AUSTRALIA DAY FESTIVAL – KINGS DOMAIN

This event has been a feature for many years and this year will take the form of a 50 car display of vehicles across the eras (veteran, vintage, classic) from 9.30am to 5.00pm. The RACV has requested that the Veteran Car club have 5 cars on display. Owners need to be accessible by the public to explain, answer questions and showcase their vehicle.

There are only a few positions available in this new format event, so we need some interesting cars to show to the public and other car enthusiasts. The RACV has been and continues to be a great supporter of the historic car movement and major sponsor of the VCCA (Vic).

## TORQUAY MOTOR SHOW

We invite you to visit Torquay, the hub of the Surfcoast, and please bring the whole family as there is something for everyone here. Our Motor Show is situated in a unique location only metres from the beach in one direction and the bustling retail hub in the other. From coffee to clothing, supermarkets to surfing apparel, it is all within walking distance of our Show. We also have a wide range of food, drink and trade vendors on site to cater for those who wish to stay nearby their car.

The veteran Car Club will be holding a display at this event. We plan to head down on the Saturday afternoon and catch up for dinner to make a weekend out of this event.

Entry forms available on the website - <http://www.torquaymotorshow.com.au>

**When:** Sunday 11th February 2018  
**Where:** Torquay Foreshore  
**Contact:** Ben Alcock - 0404 917 366

## RACV 1 & 2 CYLINDER RALLY COBRAM – 15TH TO 18TH MARCH 2018

RACV Cobram Resort is fully subscribed for the 2018 RACV 1 & 2 cylinder rally.

The RACV resort is fully booked for rooms however we still have caravan and camping spots available. We now have 15 double/twin rooms allocated to us at the nearby Colonial Motor Inn (108 William Street Cobram) at \$115 per night. The accommodation still needs to be booked through the Rally Organisers, Andrew and Frances McDougall and not by direct contact with the Colonial. Trailer parking for those entrants staying at the Colonial can be accommodated at the RACV Resort.

**When:** 15th to 18th March 2018  
**Where:** Cobram Victoria  
**Contact:** Andrew and Frances McDougall  
**Email:** [amfi@dunollie.com.au](mailto:amfi@dunollie.com.au)  
**Phone/Fax:** Mobile: 03 9486 4221  
(F) 0417 310 852;  
(A) 0427 220 249

## 4 OR MORE RALLY 2018

### IT'S ON AGAIN! FOUR OR MORE RALLY

St Arnaud is a former gold mining town, situated between Avoca and Donald.

Friday afternoon tour of St. Arnaud and dinner at the Botanical hotel.

Saturday 100km trip to Avoca for lunch via the Tottington national trust homestead and woolshed, returning via the historic Logan pub.

Saturday night dinner will be a relaxed spit roast.

Sunday lunch in Donald after visiting the Postlethwaite farm and engineering workshop and the Kooka's country cookies factory.

Sunday dinner is at the sporting club, with our own area.

Monday Pebble church via Stuart Mills (gold discovery town) and the reservoirs for morning tea before heading home.

**When:** 27 to 30 April 2018  
**Where:** St Arnaud  
**Contact:** Ben Alcock 0404 917 366

## NATTER NIGHT February 13, 2018

A stylized logo for 'BBQ' in a bold, red, distressed font, with a red outline and a slight shadow effect.

**6.00pm - BBQ**

at the Clubrooms with refreshments  
we supply everything for a great start for the year

**8.00pm - Natter Night**

with Daryl Meek & Fiona Lane presenting their popular



feel free to bring something of interest to show as well!



# RACV 1&2 CYLINDER RALLY COBRAM



Thursday 15 – Sunday 18 March 2018

Entries close Friday 16 February, 2018

## Entry Form

### CONTACT INFORMATION & ENTRY FORMS TO THE RALLY DIRECTORS

Andrew & Frances McDougall, 424 Wellington St, Clifton Hill, Victoria. 3068

Email: [amfi@dunollie.com.au](mailto:amfi@dunollie.com.au) Ph: 03 94864221 Mob: 0427220249 (Andrew) 0417310852 (Frances)

**ACCOMMODATION:** All accommodation is at the RACV Resort & will be booked by us. You will pay the RACV Resort direct when you leave. There is ample trailer parking at the RACV Cobram Resort.

PLEASE NUMBER YOUR PREFERENCE FOR ACCOMMODATION & if sharing with another couple please make a note of that on this form.

Accommodation	Price/Night for 2 people RACV Auto Members	Price/Night for 2	Choice:	Please Note
2b/r Holiday Apt	\$156	\$208		All bedding is
Lakeview Cabin	\$147	\$196		provided for
Garden Cabin	\$35	\$181		Apts, & Cabins
Park Cabin	\$119	\$159		except for the
Standard Cabin	\$102	\$136		Standard Cabin
En-suite Caravan Site	\$52	\$70		where
Caravan Site	\$41	\$55		bedding is
Camping Site	\$33	\$45		only for the
Extra Adults/Child	\$15/\$5	\$20/\$20		main bed.

**FULLY BOOKED!**  
See below information:

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**RALLY ENTRY PAYMENT:** Payment can be made by:

Cheque made payable to **VCCA (Vic)** and sent with this entry form, or Direct Deposit to the club's Westpac account, BSB - 033-038, Account - 359271. You must use the entrant's surname as a reference. (do not use "Rally fees", "Annual Rally" etc. We will not be able to identify the payer) **Send this completed and signed entry form to: Andrew & Frances McDougall**

In registering as an entrant in any event held by the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) Inc. (The Club) as a member of the club or, if not as a member, as a guest member for the duration of the event, it is understood that I agree to be bound by the rules of the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Vic) Inc. and any lawful and reasonable directions of the Rally Director and that my safety, the use of my vehicle or associated equipment, and the roadworthy condition of my vehicle is acknowledged as my own responsibility, and that I participate in this event at my own risk entirely, and it is further understood and agreed that the club should not be liable in contract, or in tort for any kind of claim for loss, damage or expense of any kind and to release the club from all such liability arising out of or in connection with my participation in this event, except to the extent prohibited by law.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# RACV 1 & 2 Cylinder Rally Cobram

Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of an AVCCA club YES / NO Which Club \_\_\_\_\_ If NO, refer to Guest membership below

**VEHICLE**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Body Type \_\_\_\_\_ Permit/Reg \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time out in this vehicle? YES / NO

**VEHICLE OCCUPANTS**

Driver/Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all Passengers (include age if under 13)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise any special dietary requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

CATERING	Number	Per Person	Amount
Rally Badge		\$40	
Thursday Dinner: BBQ Buffet at RACV Resort	Adult Child U13	\$30 \$10	\$ \$
Friday Lunch: sandwiches etc at Rich Glen Olives, Yarrawonga	Adult Child U13	\$15 \$15	\$ \$
Friday Dinner: Roast Buffet at RACV Resort	Adult Child U13	\$40 \$10	\$ \$
Saturday Morning Vehicle Display at RACV Resort –Egg & Bacon Roll	Adult Child U13	\$8 \$8	\$ \$
Saturday Lunch: BBQ & Entry at Finley Historical Museum	Adult Child U13	\$15 \$5	\$ \$
Saturday Rally Dinner at RACV Resort	Adult Child U13	\$50 \$10	\$ \$
Sunday Morning Tea at Monichino Wines	Adult Child U13	\$10 \$10	\$
Sunday Departure Lunch at RACV Resort (sit-down or take away)	Adult Child U13	\$12 \$12	
<b>ENTRY FEE</b>			<b>\$20</b>
<b>GUEST MEMBERSHIP</b> An entrant who is <b>not a member</b> of an AVCCA Veteran Car Club must pay a one-off guest member fee. Note: this only applies to the entrant of each vehicle, veteran or modern, and not to each individual passenger.		\$50 IF APPLICABLE	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>