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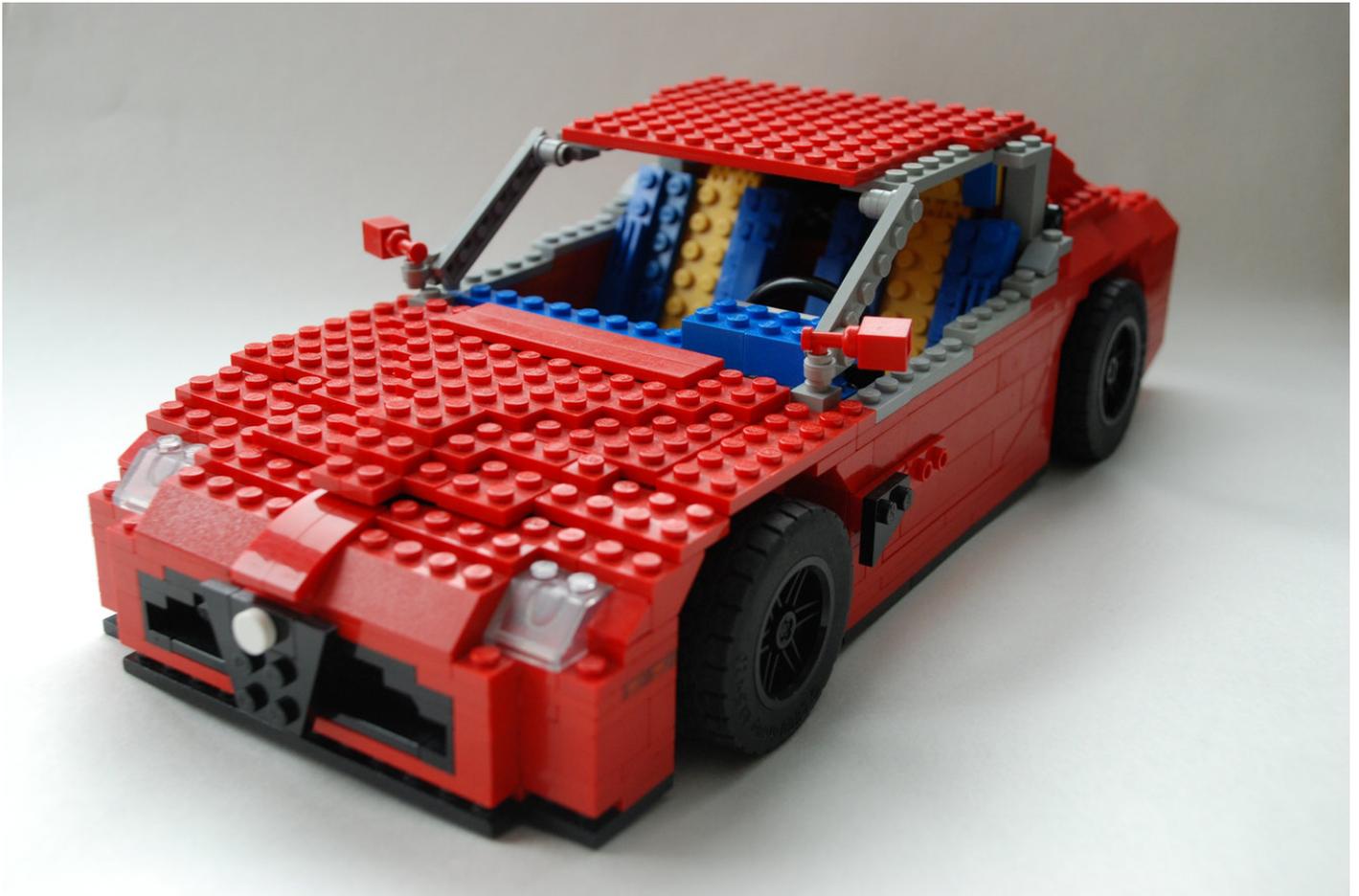
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It's that time of year again actually, it's 2 "that time of year"s.

"Time of Year" 1 is renewal time! You should have received a renewal form with your last mag. That's there for your convenience, and it shows the details that we have for you on our database. If you haven't changed any of your details from last year, put it in the recycling bin (check the details first though!). If you have changed your details in the past 12 months, please make the changes on that form, and then either scan/take a photo and email to membership@arocaqld.com, or mail it to the club mailbox (see inside front cover or website for the address). Of course, no matter what you do with that form, don't forget to pay the membership fee! Most people will just make a direct deposit into the club bank account (details on the club website and on the form), but you can also send a cheque to the club mailbox with your form.

The new bit is the membership fee. For the first time since I've been in the club, the committee voted to increase the membership fee from this year to \$75, to help us cover ever increasing costs. Now, no one likes a price increase, but I joined in 2012, so that's at least 7 years at the same rate. Even with the increase, we're still the cheapest division of AROCA in the country, so I hope this change to ensure our club's viability makes sense. I should point out that if you haven't renewed, then this will be your last edition of the magazine that you receive

until you do so. So get on the website now, and make the transfer! Don't forget to use your membership number and surname as the reference on the payment.

"Time of the Year" 2 is AGM time! Well, the AGM isn't until September Club night, but now is the time to do a few things in preparation. According to our club constitution, we need to inform members round about now that there will be an AGM in September (so consider yourself informed!). We also need to call for nominations for committee positions. If you enjoy this club (and if you're renewing, then presumably you do!), I hope it's obvious that it doesn't happen by magic. It happens by people like you volunteering their time to lend a hand. Some do more than others, and all are appreciated. Those who do most generally are on the committee, making sure that club nights have pizza and an interesting guest speaker or venue to visit. Putting this magazine together, or even just mailing it to you. Keeping the website going, so that it is an effective communication tool for letting people know about the club. Talking to all the advertisers and finding new ones, so that the club has more income to enable it to deliver more services to members. Organising competition events and social events, where you can enjoy your Alfas in different places and contexts. Processing all the memberships both at renewal time and throughout the



year. Balancing the books, or fulfilling the club's legal obligations. Facilitating getting your historic registration, or updating the Facebook page with numerous interesting Alfa-related items that distract you from being bored. Or simply getting you a cup of tea or coffee at a club event. Those who serve on the committee are pure volunteers, but they do so much to create this club that you enjoy. Why not become one of them?

There are several positions available, with Social Convenor and Club Night Convenor the most notable. When I first joined the committee, I was hesitant to do so at first. I believe in putting in to that from which you receive, so it was natural for me to help out. But my hesitancy came from having seen other social organisations become intolerable and often collapse because the committee was run like a dictatorship, fiercely guarded by a clique of people with chips on their shoulders about having to do all the work. That's the exact opposite with our committee. While it does contain many long-term members of the club, there's no

clique, and I'm sure everyone on the committee would be happy to give up their position for 'new blood', as long as the future of the club was assured. They can't keep doing it forever after all, and our club won't continue on into the future unless new people come through to help out. The fact that I myself came on to the committee after just a couple of years of membership shows that the committee is a welcoming place, and I have found each and every one of the 'long-termers' to be a brilliant source of knowledge and experience in almost every field.

So if you have thoughts about being a part of the committee, and therefore be a major part of the club's future, now is a great time to put your hand up for something. Drop me a line on President@arocaqld.com and we can have a chat about it, and all club members are welcome to come along to a committee meeting and observe proceedings. It's your club after all!



Many years ago, after child number one, we purchased a 1999 Alfa Romeo 156 V6. We had traded a SAAB 9000CD at the time (had engine issues) and the looks, style and engine note caught our attention. We were swaying between a similar year (and price) BMW 5 series at the time, however, in the end, it was the Alfa we adored.

The 156 proved an excellent family car. Running costs were nowhere near what we were told at the time, and again going against all fear mongering on Alfa reliability, the 156 proved itself as well. This is actually a pretty big deal. Our previous cars were as mentioned the SAAB 9000 CD, a luxury large car with the record for the most continuous laps on one engine. These were proven bragging rights for this particular model, it had amazing handling for its size as well. So what went wrong? The crank sheared! Then there was the Toyota Camry, again a model known for being robust. What went wrong? Well, it cost an arm and a leg to fix and repairs were always lengthy and plentiful!

Like all of us in the club and reading this publication, the Alfa bug can bite quite hard! Alfa we enjoyed during the 156 ownership included a 33, AlfaSud Ti and my beloved GTV Q2 V6. So what happened to our Family 156? Well, to be honest, it was the first car we had owned that had been terminated due to mechanical woes. Hydraulic hoses were ripped out from around the gearbox by (what I call) "Road Pimples". It's an area of bitumen that pushes up like a mini volcano. Essentially my wife drove over one at the top of the mountain on the way to work

and by the time she reached the bottom... well, no transmission fluid and an angry gearbox!

For those that have followed my pain in losing my GTV to similar road works mastery, I have not had an Alfa to enjoy for many many months! With a very limited budget and a lot of looking around, chasing Car Sales leads and poking and prodding a few maybe's a 156 popped up. Not only was it in the budget for me, but it was identical in engine size, body colour and interior. Nostalgia kicked in.

Not waiting a second I called the owner, organised a test drive and reshuffled my work schedule. It was all pretty exciting stuff, but the photos online were few and I was cautious not to get too emotional with the purchase after all, will it be as good as I remember?

The short answer is yes and then some, not only did it have the alloy style wheels I wished I could put on my 156 back in the day, the interior was immaculate, the engine excellent (needs a bit of TLC) and a surprise sports exhaust emphasising the most glorious sound! Sold!

Enjoy the Drive! Mark Buchanan



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BRUCE DALZIEL



If you weren't at Autohouse Car Storage at Darra on the morning of June 8th, you missed something special! The All-Italian Cars and Coffee was an event that attracted plenty of cool cars, including a whole heap of interesting Alfas. Well done to Lachlan for putting it on, and I look forward to the next one.

Our club birthday run in June (on the 16th), run by founding members Rob and Shirley Grant, went very well from all accounts. Unfortunately my son took ill, and I had to look after him instead of going. So I can't offer a first-hand account. But many thanks to Rob and Shirl for once again organising our birthday party!

This might have happened by the time you get this, but our annual Festival of Italian Motorsport is on at Queensland Raceway at Willowbank on July 7th. To be clear, you will need to pay to get in (I believe it's \$30 a head) because it's a race meeting, and you'll be able to enjoy all the racing that's going on for the day. The Italian Challenge will be on, so there will be lots of Italian cars to watch on the track! And we're running a Show and Shine in conjunction with the Fiat Club, which is free to enter. So polish up your pride and joy, bring it along, and you might win a trophy for your efforts.

The following week (July 14th), we're doing our ever popular Bellthorpe Range run. The allure of Rick's Garage at Palmwoods was too strong, so we'll do a repeat of the run everyone loved over the last couple of years. That means we're starting at the BP on the M1 Northbound at Caboolture at 10am. We'll run up to Woodford, where we'll have a cuppa. Then we'll head up the switchback at Bellthorpe, run along the mountain tops to skirt Maleny,

head to Montford and run down the Razorback road to Palmwoods, where Rick's is. Please RSVP ASAP so that I can let Rick's know numbers.

And if you haven't yet put in your entry for the 'A Day in the Country' charity event at Peak Crossing on August 25, you'd better do so very soon. This event has limited space, and usually attracts 200 cars of all marques. And it gets booked out a long way ahead. If you love classic cars, you want to be at this one. So let Tony Nelson know ASAP on midweekdrives@arocaqld.com.

Speaking of events that book out quickly, I warned you last month... Our October Stanthorpe weekend is **BOOKED OUT AGAIN**. That's a credit to Jude Vaughan and Garry Spowart who organises it for us each year, and put on an event that people clearly love. Unfortunately, venues around Stanthorpe are only so big, so we can't accommodate more than a certain number of people. So for next year, make sure you get in early! At this rate, I would recommend doing so by the end of May.

Don't forget that there are trophies up for grabs at the end of the year, and to make sure they go to the most deserving people, it would be great if members nominated people for the committee to consider. The trophies are for those who best demonstrate the 'Spirit of Alfisti' through the year, and for 'Services to the Club'. So if you observe someone throughout the year who best demonstrates what you think is the 'Spirit of Alfisti', or you see someone who you believe should be recognised for outstanding service to the club during the year, let me know on social@arocaqld.com. Similarly, if you believe there's a member who has consistently

provided outstanding service to the club or the Alfa brand over a decade or more, you can nominate them to be considered for Life Membership.

And while I mostly promote here those events that are run by the club, there are other events available, which we put on our 'Other' calendar on the Club Website. Coming up in August is the Jag and Jazz event on the 4th, so go to the website to get the details. And there are plenty of other events that we put there as we become aware of them. So keep checking it out.

See you at the next event!

JA



BOOKINGS CLOSED FOR 2019!!!

Many thanks to all of our members who finalised their bookings nice and early again this year.

Always a popular weekend and we'll not only be keeping with the tradition of our Welcome Dinner at the Heeremans, Girraween National Park walk, The Shed/s Crawl, great food and visits to wineries, but also venturing further afield – can't fit everything the Granite Belt has to offer into a weekend, but certainly whet your appetite for a return visit. Full update next month.

Closer to time, we'll email all attendees, the menu choices for each venue so you and your tastebuds can choose to suit as pre-ordering is imperative and simplifies food prep/serving for our large group.

Also, remember to let us know if you are interested in the "Something new for 2019" that I mentioned last issue

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– Garry is plotting and planning an adjunct to our usual Granite Belt Weekend, taking in regions that can't easily be covered by the Club's regular Day Runs out of Brisbane, but tack onto the Stanthorpe Weekend very nicely. So, check if you can escape for an extra day and give him a call.

After the madness of EOFY project deadlines pass, Tony and I will be back in Stanthorpe roaming around tasting and finalising the weekend offerings.

Cheers, Jude

PS For those with a green-thumb, just giving you the heads up that the Stanthorpe Gardenfest and Trade Fair will again coincide with our Friday arrival, so if you're interested, just drop into 207 Amosfield Road (Stanthorpe Christian Fellowship complex) – FREE ENTRY but have some cash on board as individual stall-holders don't have card facilities available.

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Notizia

ALFA ROMEO AT THE GOODWOOD FESTIVAL OF SPEED 2019



The Goodwood Festival of Speed is the world's biggest celebration of motor-sports and motoring culture, and would not be complete without Alfa Romeo.

The programme involving the Italian premium brand is a very rich one. In terms of speed, the best of motor-sport is represented by the F1 showcar, the single-seater used by the "Alfa Romeo Racing" team. Antonio Giovinazzi, the Italian driver and recent winner of the Trofeo Bandini, will also be attending, and will provide driving displays at the wheel of the C32.

The Giulia Quadrifoglio and Stelvio Quadrifoglio "Alfa Romeo Racing" special series models will also be on parade at the Festival of Speed. These cars are a tribute to Alfa Romeo's involvement in motor-sport competition at its very highest level. In this limited edition, Giulia and Stelvio enjoy a boost in

power even compared to the 510 HP of the already amazing Quadrifoglio 2.9 V6 Bi-Turbo versions, as well as special paintwork referencing that of the F1 cars driven by Giovinazzi and Kimi Räikkönen, combined with exclusive technical and styling features such as the lavish use of carbon and the exclusive Akrapovič titanium exhaust.

For the first time in the UK, Alfa Romeo will show Tonale, its new concept car that recently received the coveted "Car Design Award 2019": its distinctively Italian design is the perfect blend of the brand's priceless heritage and anticipation of new precepts. As in every Alfa Romeo, every detail is designed around the driver and driving pleasure: in Tonale, the brand's signature unrivalled handling also becomes electric.

July Club Night

Every year we are faced with the problem of our Club Night clashing with one of the State of Origin games. We have had the second

Tuesday in July booked as our Club Night for the past 43 years, but that does not seem to help. For those members who do not wish to watch the football game there will be a Meeting at Shannon's Rooms at 305 Montague Road, West End on the 10th from 7.00 pm. There will be the usual pizza, drinks and coffee supplied by the Club. After the business part of the meeting is over we will have a video of classic Alfa Romeo cars being displayed and driven. You will also have the opportunity to have a gossip with fellow members.

Ciao, Bernie.



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Mac's Bridge 2019



A cool sunny morning greeted all who attended Mac's Bridge at Belmont Rifle Range – we arrived early so that we could measure out car spaces in our allotted area. Although not as many cars arrived as last year we had 22 cars which included visitors.

Attendance 23 members and 11 visitors.

Our display included Ian Hylands Junior Zagato and John Andersons S Z, along with the usual spread of 105's, Suds, Alfetta's and later vehicles. Participants set up their tables and chairs and enjoyed the brilliant weather interspersed with walks through the other car displays.

This venue has proven to be an ideal layout for vehicle displays. From humble beginnings in the 1970's in the picnic area at McLean's Bridge, this event has evolved into a major car display today.

We received an email from Murray Clark thanking us for our organization and presentation of our cars.

Rob & Phil







Birthday Run 2019 | Rob & Shirley Grant



Who would have thought, firstly, we attended an Italian cars and coffee on June 8th which just happened to be our 45th wedding anniversary, then, 8 days later on June 16th the 44th anniversary of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club Qld. In 2019 members have the same enthusiasm and devotion to the Marque, as that small group in 1975.

Our destination was the Orangery at Maleny, first brought to our attention by Ron & Bubbles Schulz, as a breakfast venue for Tony's MWD. So we chose this venue for our Birthday Run.

A cloudy but warm morning greeted those who gathered at Lawnton for the start, 14 cars and 25 members. We travelled via Warner, Cashmere, Mt Samson, Dayboro, D'Aguliar, Woodford, Peachester and on to Maleny, where eight more Alfisti were there to greet us, including Gary and Harry who were on holidays from Victoria.

We had a trouble free run, two sections of road works, and only a sprinkle of rain at Cruice Park for our comfort stop.

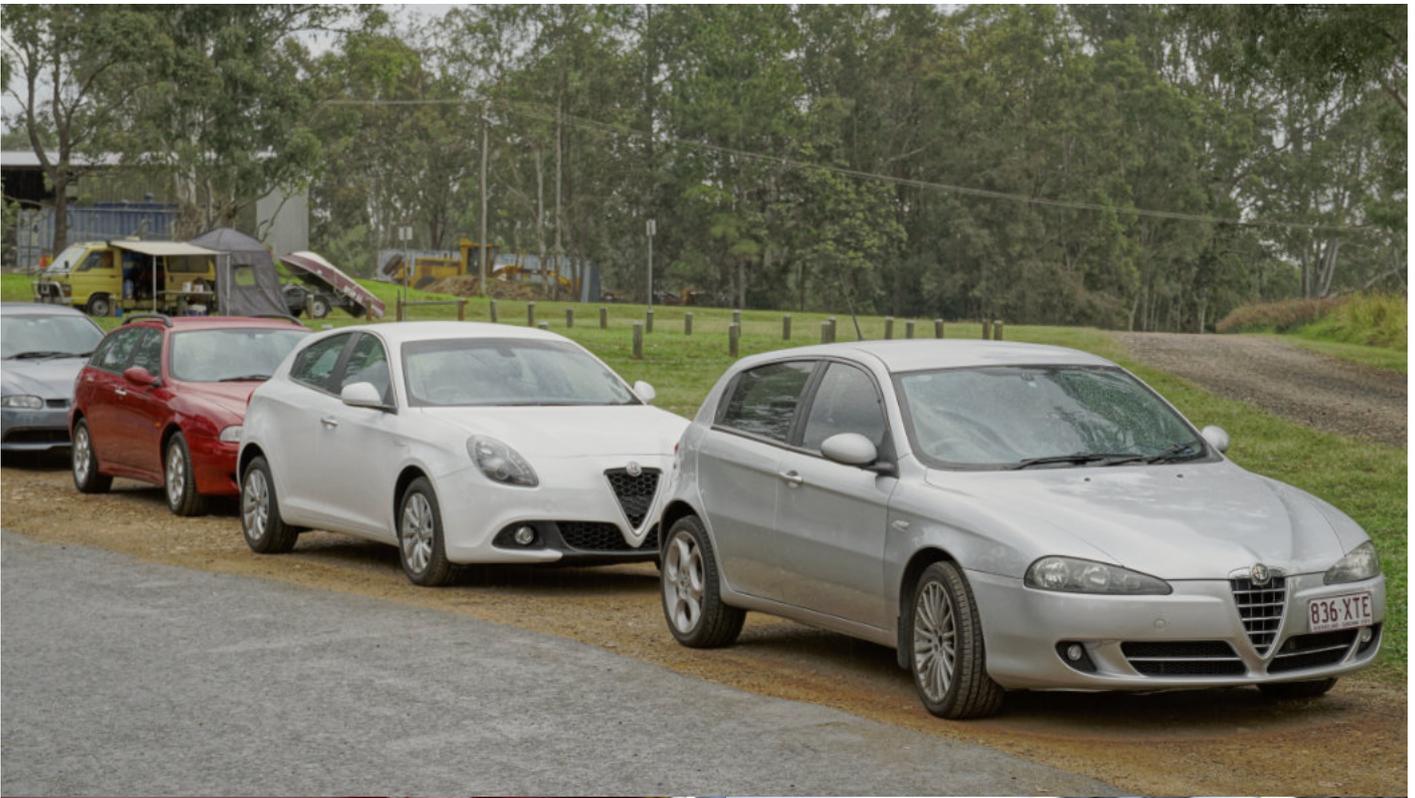
We had six A4 prints from converted slides from the first years of the club, to pass around for a touch of nostalgia.

As lunch concluded Heather brought out the Birthday cake, which we donated, to celebrate the clubs actual anniversary 16/06/1975 to 16/06/2019. Laurie, Rob and I did the honours as founding members cutting the cake.

We enjoyed planning and running the event, we feel the attendees enjoyed the run as well.

Shirley Grant.









Owners Club of Australia

Queensland Division Incorporated

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership number

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A child must be under 18 years old at time of application

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(Optional) (Optional)

Please provide summary details of the Alfa Romeos you own. If insufficient space below, attach an additional note. Members are encouraged to submit and maintain full details of their vehicles on the Club's online vehicle register: www.arocaqld.com/register.

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Contact between Club members: (a) I understand that my name and phone number may be made available to other Club members to encourage and enable discussion on vehicle types, maintenance, restoration and all things relating to our common interest in the marque and (b) I understand I may receive emails from the Club regarding Club events and important notifications.

If you do not agree to this, please indicate with a "x" in the box (Please refer to the Club website for our full Privacy Policy)

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I wish to submit my application for membership of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (Queensland Division) Incorporated, and, if accepted, I agree to abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (Queensland Division) Incorporated, to be held at the Shannons Insurance Clubrooms, Unit 5, 305 Montague Road, West End on **Wednesday 11th September, 2019 at 7:30pm**. This date is also that of the monthly Club night.

Agenda

- 1 Opening of the Meeting
- 2 Apologies/present
- 3 Minutes of previous AGM
- 4 Adoption of the previous Minutes
- 5 Business arising from the previous minutes
- 6 President's Report
- 7 Secretary's Report
- 8 Treasurer's Report 9 Appointment of Club Auditor, accountant or approved person
- 10 Appointment of Club's Solicitors
- ~~11 Election of Interim Chairperson~~-----
- 12 Election of Office Bearers
- 13 General Business
- 14 Closure of Meeting
- 15 Date of next Meeting

Apologies to the Club Secretary by **Tuesday 10th September 2019**

Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (Queensland Division) Incorporated Management Committee Nomination Form for 2019 Annual General Meeting

Position	Nominee	Seconder	Nominee's Signature
President			
Vice president			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Membership Secretary			
Competition Convenor			
Club Night Convenor			
Social Convenor			
Social Media			
Co-Ordinator			
Magazine Advertising			
Member at Large			
Member at Large			

If you wish to nominate for a position, please advise the Club Secretary - A photocopy of this form is acceptable



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Queensland Division Incorporated

Management Committee Positions

The Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (Queensland Division) Incorporated is managed by a committee of volunteers nominated by Club members and elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations are sought for the following positions.

President

Chief Executive of the Club. Chairperson for General and Committee meetings. Primary representative of the Club in its dealings with the public. Represents the Club at National meetings at Alfesta. Has a second or casting vote on tied votes at committee meetings. Must be a full member or Life Member and own or regularly drive an Alfa Romeo.

Vice President

Deputises for President in the President's absence. Assists in the administration of the Club. Must be a full or life member.

Secretary

Deals with the incoming correspondence and arranges outgoing correspondence as directed by the committee. Collects mail, keeps minutes of General and Committee Meetings. Must be a Full Member or Life Member

Treasurer

Manages the Club finances. Controls the Club bank accounts, keeps records of income and expenditure and of financial memberships. Issues receipts to members. Must be a full member or a life member

Membership Secretary

Manages the Club's membership database, issues membership cards. Liaises with the Club's Treasurer, particularly at membership renewal time

Competition Convener

Organises functions and events orientated towards motorsport such as circuit sprints, driver training days, observation runs, etc. Can call on other Committee members or General members for assistance

Club Night Convener

Organises general meeting entertainment, such as guest speakers, films and videos, visits, etc. Can call on other Committee members for assistance. Welcomes new members at meetings and introduces them around.

Social Convener

Organises functions and events of such as lunches, dinners, Christmas party, daytrips, etc. Can call on other Committee members or General members for assistance.

Social Media Co-Ordinator

Coordinates promotional activities for significant Club events such as Alfesta, Motor Show displays, rallies, Concours, etc. Assists the President in the general promotion of the Club and seeks advertisers for the Club magazine.

Ex Officio Positions

The Management Committee may, from time to time, seek nominations for, and subsequently appoint, Club members to ex officio (non-voting) committee positions. Such positions include Magazine Editor, Webmaster, Advertising Coordinator and Historical Dating Officer and Member-at-large.

Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (Queensland Division) Incorporated Proxy Vote Nomination Form for 2019

I, _____ of _____
(Your full name) (Your full address)

being a member of the above named Association, hereby appoint:

_____ of _____
(Primary proxy's full name) (Primary proxy's full address)

or failing him/her:

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(Secondary proxy's full name) (Secondary proxy's full address)

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting on the **11th Day of September 2019**, and any adjournment thereof.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____
(Day of month) (Month) (Year)

Signature _____

This form is to be provided to the Club Secretary prior to the Annual General Meeting. A photocopy of this form is acceptable

1907 7th 2019
PEKING TO PARIS



Alfas in Peking to Paris Rally

WORDS & PHOTOS Laurie Jones

<https://www.endurorally.com/events/the-7th-peking-to-paris-motor-challenge/>



Since taking part in the 2008 Classic Safari Challenge through South Africa and Namibia, I have taken an interest in following the other events organized by the Endurance Rally Association, particularly the Peking to Paris Rally. This year is the seventh running of the event, commemorating the initial race in 1907, and is especially interesting because it has three Alfas in the field of 105 cars which range in age from 1907 to 1977.

They are:

Car 74. 1971 Giulia Super driven by Gerard And Lorenzo Bas from the Netherlands.

Car 76. 1975 Spider driven by Matteo and Roberto Crippa from Italy.

Car 79. 1970 Giulia Super driven by Philip and Laurette Macwhirter from Melbourne. This car would be familiar to club members as Richard Anderson's Super from the 1993 London to Sydney Marathon.

The event started in Beijing on 2nd June and is scheduled to finish in Paris 36 days and 8500 miles later, on 7th July, passing through China, Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Germany, Belgium and France, and allowing four rest days for necessary repairs. The event can be followed by daily reports on the ERA website www.endurorally.com on Facebook or through the blogs of various competitors. Although the rally will be almost over by publication of this magazine, at the time of writing the status of the crews was as follows:

Car 74: The Dutch crew weren't on social media or mentioned in any of the daily rally reports, but they appeared to be travelling ok. By the halfway point on Day 18, they were 65th overall out of 74 cars and 29th out of 33 cars in their Classic Class. They didn't appear in any photos or videos on the ERA website, but on Day 22 in Russia the last paragraph of the daily report stated: Sadly, Gerard and Lorenzo Bas have today decided to retire their Alfa Romeo Giulia after a multitude of mechanical issues, but they've promised to see us in Paris in two weeks' time.



Car 76: www.facebook.com/RudolphTheRedNosedAlfa

After some damage to the sump guard, the Spider crossed the border from China to Mongolia and by Day 8 was pushing on with a ten-hour driving day and fording four shallow rivers. Then on Day 10, a minor delay caused them to deviate from the main rally route and attempt to cross another river to catch up. Unfortunately, this one was much deeper and resulted in a severe swamping, a 9-hour wait for rescue including three hours submerged in the river, an 80 km tow through the night, and loading on a truck to the nearest village for repairs. A local mechanic worked on the car for twelve hours and fired it back into life, but erratic running caused it to be loaded again on a truck for a direct run to the next rest day to await the balance of the rally. The delay also meant that they missed the border crossing into Russia before closing time, and the next day was a holiday, so the Spider and three other troubled cars had a long wait before crossing. Fortunately, the ERA mechanic and sweep, Andy Inskip, volunteered to stay behind and assist them with border formalities.

We sent Andy our regards on Facebook, as he had worked miracles to get us to the finishing line after our Spider's axle tube snapped on Day 21 in KwaZulu Natal in 2008.

On Day 14, the rest day in Novosibirsk the Siberian capital, the rally regrouped, and the Spider underwent an



overhaul and exterior wash (the crew joked that the interior was already clean after three hours' soaking in a Mongolian river). They also replaced their knobby Nankang tyres with a set of Bridgestones as they felt that they were safer on wet bitumen. Although the others had served them faultlessly on the rough tracks of Mongolia, where other teams had up to 16 changes of tyres. The Spider was now back in the running, ready for Kazakhstan.

With the car spotless and on-road tyres, the time trial in Kazakhstan was in the rain in a muddy field, but it seemed to be running well, and by Day 18 the Spider was 60th in the field and 25th in their Classic Class. On Day 20 they broke a brake hose and lost all brakes approaching a left-hand corner at 90 kph narrowly missing two other cars. By the rest day on Day 21 in Ufa, Russia, the front shock absorbers were replaced, but otherwise, the only work needed was tightening nuts and checking fluid levels.

Car 79: <https://avantiafap2p.blogspot.com>

By Day 4 Avanti the Alfa had a bent wheel and flat tyre, so the wheel was hammered straight, and a new tyre purchased, as well as fabricating and fitting shock absorber rubbers, and re-bolting the left front suspension which had collapsed. Later problems were a bent sump guard, engine mount, headlights and a broken differential housing which required truck transport to the next major town for welding and repair, missing two and a half days of the rally, and accumulating considerable penalty points. Tyres had also been a problem, with five blowouts in three days, pushing on with the purchase of second-hand tyres. Another Australian competitor flew in new tyres, so his cast-offs were eagerly obtained. By the halfway point on Day 18, they were 44th overall and 17th in Class.

Their blog was updated on the next rest day with numerous photos and a report, with the day put to good use repairing a shock absorber lower mount and







replacing a lower ball joint and tie rod ends provided by the Spider crew. They also fitted second-hand tyres and had a wheel alignment. The accompanying photos showed that the broken diff housing reported on Day 10 was the outer axle tube shearing off at the weld where it joins the flange bolted to the diff – exactly the same problem that we had encountered in Africa. And the same solution – removal of the axle, welding and gusset reinforcing, although they had the added advantage of a team of mechanics and a hoist.

At the time of the magazine deadline (26th June, Day 24) the rally was north of Moscow, and the results were:

Car 74: Reported as retired on Day 22, although the latest results were showing as qualifying for a Finisher's Medal, 70th outright from 74 cars and last in Class of 33 cars.

Car 76: 58th outright and 24th in Class

Car 79: 44th outright and 17th in Class.

The outright leaders were Australians and former winners Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson in a Leyland P76. Next month's magazine will have the final results.



Upcoming Events

Supersprint B Series Round 3, August 3rd & 4th Morgan Park, Warwick - This consists of 7 timed 3 or 4 lap runs of one of the various Morgan Park configurations. Pre-registration is mandatory for this series but as usual, spectators are welcome.

Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 4, August 18th, Lakeside Raceway - This is a Sprint/Regularity event starting from 12 noon. Pre-registration is recommended. Enter this sprint meeting online via <https://racers.world/login>

This is a very busy time of the year and we've had three Alfacomp events in the past month with more to follow.

Italian Challenge Sprint, Queensland Raceway 9th June – We had a total turnout of 10 Alfas and Fiats for this round, including a brand-new Giulia QV driven by a non-member, Jue Lin. Not surprisingly, the Giulia posted the fastest lap time of the day – a 63.98 on the QR Clubman circuit. Of the rest, Jorrit Kooistra was again quickest in his rapid 147GTA. He was followed by Fiat club member, John Ford, in his turbo-charged 124, then me, Stefano Belluomini, Peter Salmon, Mike Ruckert, Andrei Vishnevskii, Peter Askew and Rob Robson who had lots of problems with his GTV6. As usual, Andrei won the regularity aspect of the day, from Mike and Peter.

Italian Challenge Sprint, Lakeside Raceway 23rd June – Again we had a reasonable rollout of 8 starters for this event, with Colleen Berry's son Nathan having a run in his mother's Fiat Arbarth Spider. It was also good to see Phil O'Callaghan also having a run in the Giulia GT. Jorrit and I had a battle for the number one spot, both posting Lakeside PB's, before Jorrit posted a 62.42 in his second run and duplicated the time in his third run. Phil was next, posting a 65.67 in his third run before getting down to a 65.06 in his fourth, unofficial, run. He was followed by Mike Ruckert, Andrei Vishnevskii, Peter Salmon, Nathan Berry and Peter Askew. As we now come to expect, Andrei won regularity from Nathan and me.

Detailed results for both these events are on the "Resulti" page of the magazine or on the website.

Festival of Italian Motorsport Race and Regularity – This was on the weekend of July 6th and 7th – results will be in next month's magazine.

For more details on any of these events contact the AROCA Competition Secretary at competition@arocaqld.com or 0413122839

See you at the track
Mark Jackson



The 2019 calendar is on the website but here's a brief overview –

Italian Challenge/Alfacomp SPRINT Series Dates 2019:

18th August – Lakeside Open Sprint Round 4

5th October – Lakeside Open Sprint Round 5

19th October – Qld Raceway Open Sprint Round 6

Italian Challenge/Alfacomp RACE Series Dates 2019:

16th/17th November – The Festival of Italian Motorsport (FOIM) including Race 4, Regularity, Show and Shine and Happy Laps – Lakeside

Supersprint Series 2019, Morgan Park:

3rd/4th August – Round 3

14th/15th September – Round 4

Also included in the calendar, but not part of the Italian Challenge or Alfacomp, are a number of Interclub Challenge events which may appeal to some members.

Interclub Challenge 2019

25th August – Sprint at Qld Raceway (Toyota 86 Car Club)

5th October – Hillclimb at Mt Cotton (MG Car Club)

27th October – Khanacross at Willowbank Raceway (Holden Sporting Car Club)



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ALFACOMP 2019 POINTSCORE

EVENT											Total Events	Total Points	Best Events	Alfacomp Points	Sprint Reg	S/S	Race
	Spr	Reg	S/S	Race	S/S	Spr	Reg	Spr	Reg								
	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3								
1 Mark Jackson	16	16	14	11	14	16	14	16	16	9	133	9	133	48	46	28	11
2 Peter Salmon	12	20	8	0	8	14	16	11	12	8	101	8	101	37	48	16	0
3 Jorrit Kooistra	20	14	0	0	0	20	12	20	14	6	100	6	100	60	40	0	0
4 Andrei Vishnevskii	14	10	0	0	0	12	20	12	20	6	88	6	88	38	50	0	0
5 Jason Wishart	0	0	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	2	40	2	40	0	0	40	0
6 Rob Robson	0	0	0	16	0	11	11	0	0	3	38	3	38	11	11	0	16
7 Serge Oberhauser	0	0	11	12	12	0	0	0	0	3	35	3	35	0	0	23	12
8 Ken Percival	0	0	10	14	10	0	0	0	0	3	34	3	34	0	0	20	14
9 Doug Stonehouse	0	0	12	0	16	0	0	0	0	2	28	2	28	0	0	28	0
10 Phil O'Callaghan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	11	2	25	2	25	14	11	0	0
11 Col Densley	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	2	23	11	12	0	0
12 Angus Saunders	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	1	20	0	0	0	20
12 Stephen Callaghan	9	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	20	2	20	9	11	0	0
12 Alan Broadhurst	0	0	9	0	11	0	0	0	0	2	20	2	20	0	0	20	0
15 Barry Cornford	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	2	19	10	9	0	0
16 John Coleman	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	1	16	0	0	16	0
16 Charles Webb	0	0	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	16	2	16	0	0	16	0
18 Jenny Webb	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	7	0	0	7	0

2019 ITALIAN CHALLENGE SPRINT #2-Open Sprint Qld Raceway

DRIVER	ALFA	CC's	RUN1	RUN2	RUN3	REG PTS	REG	Spr
Jorrit Kooistra	Alfa 147 GTA	3200	64.77	64.82	64.42	12.88	9	20
John Ford	Fiat 124	2000T	67.21	66.61	64.48	7.72	10	16
Mark Jackson	Alfa 147 GTA	3200	65.55	65.15	64.54	4.87	12	14
Stefano Belluomini	Fiat 131	2000	67.15	67.76	66.23	14.80	8	12
Peter Salmon	Alfa Giulietta	1750T	69.17	68.69	68.42	3.91	14	11
Mike Ruckert	Fiat Grande Punto	1900T	68.98	68.56	68.54	3.80	16	10
Andrei Vishnevskii	Alfa 156	1970	69.29	69.36	69.37	2.21	20	9
Peter Askew	Fiat Ritmo	1400T	73.27	73.02	72.28	6.71	11	8
Rob Robson	Alfetta GTV6	2500S	89.75	84.53	DNS	30.00	7	7
Fastest time								

2019 ITALIAN CHALLENGE SPRINT #3-Open Sprint Lakeside

DRIVER	ALFA	CC's	RUN1	RUN2	RUN3	REG PTS	REG	Spr
Jorrit Kooistra	Alfa 147 GTA	3200	63.94	62.42	62.42	4.53	11	20
Mark Jackson	Alfa 147 GTA	3200	63.16	63.03	62.79	3.71	14	16
Phil O'Callaghan	Alfa Giulia GT	2000	65.83	66.04	65.67	15.05	8	14
Mike Ruckert	Fiat Grande Punto	1900T	67.52	67.15	66.98	4.50	12	12
Andrei Vishnevskii	Alfa 156	1970	68.58	67.18	67.55	3.3	20	11
Peter Salmon	Alfa Giulietta	1750T	67.65	67.74	68.19	4.57	10	10
Nathan Berry	Fiat Arbarth 124 Spider	1400T	69.7	69.10	68.61	3.55	16	9
Peter Askew	Fiat Ritmo	1400T	71.36	70.30	71.96	6.25	9	8
Fastest time								



Membership Renewal time is upon us!

You will find a Renewal form inside the magazine.

The routine is: Everyone will receive a July magazine, but if membership has not been renewed – that's it. The renewal fee is now \$75 which is a small increase.

This year we are sending out stickers to go on the back of your existing membership card. These will be enclosed in the first magazine after you renew. Payment can be made by EFT, cheque, Money Order or cash. Don't forget, if you pay by eft include your membership number in the reference.

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Thank you to Jude, Mark and Doug for looking after the Membership side of things while I was away swanning around Europe. Part of the trip included 2 weeks in northern Italy away from the tourist areas. It was fantastic and we found many great drives into the Dolomites and surrounding areas. Plenty of Alfas, Fiats and European makes and scarce Korean and Japanese models.

Welcome to new Members this month:

Mathiew Ellerby of Neckam Pty Ltd with his red 2018 Stelvio Ti

Tony Virili with his Red Stelvio Diesel

David Stephenson with a Giulietta.

Ciao Colin



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SWAP



2017 Giulietta 17" Alloy Wheels

Looking to swap a set of 17" alloy wheels for a set of good condition of the 5 hole version suit 2017 onward Giulietta. See photo for comparison between current alloy wheels and the ones I'm looking for. One rim has a small scuff mark but other than that, they're in as new condition, currently the tyres have 14,500Km. | \$Negotiable | Contact: Domenic, 0431581086, tsds5777@gmail.com

FOR SALE

Genuine 147 Car Mats

Genuine set of car mats for Alfa 147. 2 front, 2 back. Alfa Romeo name and logo on 2 front mats. Black with red trim. VGC. | \$100 | Contact: Andrew, 0408710903, andrioid@hotmail.com

Genuine 147 Roof Racks

Genuine 147 roof racks. Lockable with keys. | \$120 | Contact: Andrew, 0408710903, andrioid@hotmail.com

Spider 2.0L Twinspark Manual

Very good condition mechanically but needs some work on the cosmetics. Some paint faded on bonnet, back window is discoloured from sun so will need replacing. Only done 190,000kms. Comes with 5 months rego. | \$5,000 | Contact: Riccardo, 0424209971, riccyv@googlemail.com

1998 GTV V6 2 door coupe

Selling unregistered. Very original condition. White with red leather upholstery. I know the history of the car having known both previous owners. If you are an enthusiast, it is well worth an inspection. Location - Gordon Park Brisbane | \$5,000 | Contact: Michael, 0414742742, michael@michaelhayes.com.au



2005 V6 GT Busso

Low K'S for this model with. Personalised Plates of model name included. Registered until February 2020. Always Garaged and serviced by regular private Alfa mechanic. Recently installed a new radiator, new rotors and brake pads all round, plus near new Pirelli Tyres all around. Motor has never given any problems. Red Leather Sports Seats and Upholstery is good with slight crazing etc. on drivers side. Xenon Lights, Dual Climate Control, Large remote CD Stacker, Log Books. | \$9,500 | Contact: Ferdi, 0411309983, ferdi.vannucci@hotmail.com



Alfa Romeo 147 GTA Grill

Front grill off my 2003 model - fits 2002-2004. Great condition. Part #46556597. Located Gold Coast but can bring to Club night if attending. |

\$90.00 | Contact: Kim, 0402912377, kim@aiu.edu.au



MOMO Gear Knob, Boot and Gaiter

Alfa Romeo GTV 916 NOS MOMO Italy Gear knob, leather shift boot and handbrake gaiter. Brand new in boxes never fitted to vehicle. Boot and gaiter

black leather with red piping. Will not separate. Located Gold Coast but can bring to Club Night. | \$240.00 | Contact: Kim, 0402912377, kim@aiu.edu.au



Alfa Alloy Wheels

Alfa Romeo 156-147 17" wheels will fit 147, 156, GTV Spider and 166. Refurbished with centre caps. Made in Italy 17x7 - ET40.5 Located Gold Coast but can deliver to Brisbane or to Club Night if attending. | \$740.00 | Contact: Kim, 0402912377, kim@aiu.edu.au

2001 Spider V6 6 Speed Lusso

Silver with red leather as original including sound system etc. Electric roof. ESCI suspension from factory. 3rd owner - had for 6+ years. 65,000km. 17" Alfa alloy wheels fitted with 225x45 Pirelli 2 near new + 2 not fitted. Original replacements. Spare set of Alfa alloy wheels fitted with 215x50. 82 year old driver needs more practical vehicle. Car gets a charging run monthly, 100+km. Original books. 916ALF plates. | \$Best offer | Contact: Edward, (07) 3880 3666, ea_atkinson@yahoo.com.au

1999 Spider

Red. Needs a little bit of TLC. Great little car. QLD rego until Oct 19. | \$4,000 ono | Contact: Michelle, 0422592614, karin1973@live.com.au



Alfa Romeo 2015 Guilietta

1.8L petrol turbo, 36,123 km, Anodized Blue duco, interior Black and Grey, 6 speed Manual. | \$21,000 | Contact: Ryan, +61448266205, ryannoonan1975@hotmail.com

1993 156 GTA

I am reluctantly selling my GTA. Only travelled 120,560 km. Full service history. Only two owners since new, and I've had it since it was at 35,000km. Regular service and work when necessary by APF Motors. Timing belt last replaced at 106,000km (2015). Cooling system rebuilt two years ago; new INFOCENTRE. I am selling as my family needs a bigger car (we have loved this baby). The engine is pristine, powerful and lovely to listen to! This is a drivers car and an absolute joy on the open road. Always kept in the garage, safe and sound. My car is in good nick for its age: a few scratches and scuffs, worn paint on the roof (bonnet fully repainted last year after a bat-poo incident) and two small hail dings. Drivers seat has worn leather, drivers side mirror is loose, otherwise everything is schmick. GTA04 number plates available. | \$15,500 | Contact: Anthony, 0421352866, Tony@craftwinestore.com



Alfa Hub Caps
Not sure what these are off, but possibly Alfa Sud or 33. | \$Free | Contact: Tim, 0403247601,

twaldoc@gmail.com

1991 Alfa Romeo 33 16v for sale
Approximately 180,000km. Unfortunately it needs to go. Needs some TLC. Drivers side electric window inoperable and some interior pieces broken. AC doesn't work. Comes with spare set of 33 P4 rims. Currently located in Rockhampton. | \$2,500 ONO | Contact: Anthony, 0439833944, anthonydearling@hotmail.com

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Jul 6 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Race Series Round 3, Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
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Jul 7 2019	Sun	Competition event	Italian Challenge Race Series Round 3, Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
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Jul 7 2019	Sun	Club Social event	Festival of Italian Motorsport (FOIM) Show and Shine, Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
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In conjunction with the Festival of Italian Motorsport, we will hold a Show and Shine! Polish up your pride and joy for a chance to win a trophy. Details to come.

Jul 10 2019	Wed	Club Night	Members' Club Night	Shannons, West End
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Jul 14 2019	Sun	Club Social event	Bellthorpe Range Run	Maleny and Surrounds
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Our ever-popular Bellthorpe Range run will happen again this year. However, I plan to draw on local knowledge, and take some alternate roads, and finish for lunch in Maleny at Cappricios Italian Restaurant. Details to come.

Jul 20 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds
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Jul 24 2019	Wed	Magazine deadline	August Magazine Publishing Deadline
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Jul 29 2019	Mon	Committee meeting	Committee Meeting (August) TBA
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Aug 3 2019	Sat	Competition event	Supersprint B Series Round 3 Day 1, Morgan Park Warwick
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Aug 4 2019	Sun	Non-Club event	"Jags and Jazz"- St John Fisher College Classic Car Festival John Fisher Dr, Bracken Ridge QLD
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Aug 4 2019	Sun	Competition event	Supersprint B Series Round 3 Day 2, Morgan Park Warwick
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Aug 14 2019	Wed	Club Night	Members' Club Night	Shannons, West End
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Aug 17 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds
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Aug 18 2019	Sun	Competition event	Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 4, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin
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Aug 25 2019	Sun	Competition event	ICC Sprint Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
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Aug 25 2019	Sun	Club Social event	A Day in the Country Charity Day, Peak Crossing
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The E + F Type Register of the Jaguar Drivers Club of Queensland invites Alfa Romeo members to the Charity Day at Peak Crossing from 10am onwards. This event, supporting the Fassifern Valley Rotary Club, represents a rare opportunity for selected car clubs to mix with other like minded car enthusiasts, free of general public spectators. Attendance is by invitation only and participating members must RSVP to be included in the day. Entry is restricted to 200 cars attending on a first come basis. An early reply ensures you don't miss out on this great day. Entry fee at the gate will be \$20 per car. Rotary Club will be serving refreshments, including morning tea (the lamingtons are legendary), and a bbq lunch at reasonable prices. A mobile coffee vehicle will also attend. AROCA member, Tony Nelson, will be co-coordinating our Club's attendance. RSVP by 31 July directly to Tony (midweekdrives@arocaqld.com) advising the car that you will bring and the number of participants.

Aug 28 2019	Wed	Magazine deadline	September Magazine Publishing Deadline
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Sep 2 2019	Mon	Committee meeting	Committee Meeting	TBA
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Sep 11 2019	Wed	Club Night	Club Night (AGM)	Shannon's, West End
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Sep 14 2019	Sat	Competition event	Supersprint B Series Round 4 Day 1, Morgan Park Warwick
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Sep 15 2019	Sun	Competition event	Supersprint B Series Round 4 Day 2, Morgan Park Warwick
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Sep 21 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds
Sep 25 2019	Wed	Magazine deadline	October Magazine Publishing Deadline
Sep 30 2019	Mon	Committee meeting	Committee Meeting (Oct) TBA

Oct 5 2019	Sat	Competition event	ICC Hillclimb Mt Cotton
Oct 5 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 5, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin
Oct 9 2019	Wed	Club Night	Members' Club Night - Bocce Challenge Bocce Club, adjacent to Spencer Park, Newmarket

Oct 11 2019 Fri Club Social event Stanthorpe Weekend Away Day 1, Stanthorpe
 Club stalwarts Garry Spowart and Jude Vaughan will once again put on a fantastic weekend in Stanthorpe. Accommodation has been arranged at Apple and Grape Motel (www.appleandgrape.com.au) - contact them direct on 07- 4681 1288 or admin@appleandgrape.com.au as AROCA rooms will not show on their online booking system. Advise you are booking for the Alfa weekend to obtain your special rates. (from \$135 per night - Standard Queen room, 2 persons). It is strongly advised to book early as it's a particularly busy period in Stanthorpe. For those arriving on Friday night, there will be an informal supper gathering. More details to come. RSVP to Garry Spowart (0419 709 416 or treasurer@arocaqld.com) or Jude Vaughan (0412 942 517 or vetschoice@optusnet.com.au).

Oct 12 2019 Sat Club Social event Stanthorpe Weekend Away Day 2, Stanthorpe
 Club stalwarts Garry Spowart and Jude Vaughan will once again put on a fantastic weekend in Stanthorpe. Saturday is a full day with lots of interesting things planned, wrapping up with dinner at one of the regions excellent restaurants. RSVP to Garry Spowart (0419 709 416 or treasurer@arocaqld.com) or Jude Vaughan (0412 942 517 or vetschoice@optusnet.com.au).

Oct 13 2019 Sun Club Social event Stanthorpe Weekend Away Day 3, Stanthorpe
 Club stalwarts Garry Spowart and Jude Vaughan will once again put on a fantastic weekend in Stanthorpe. Following Sunday morning breakfast, there will be another activity, after which it will be time to head home during the afternoon. RSVP to Garry Spowart (0419 709 416 or treasurer@arocaqld.com) or Jude Vaughan (0412 942 517 or vetschoice@optusnet.com.au).

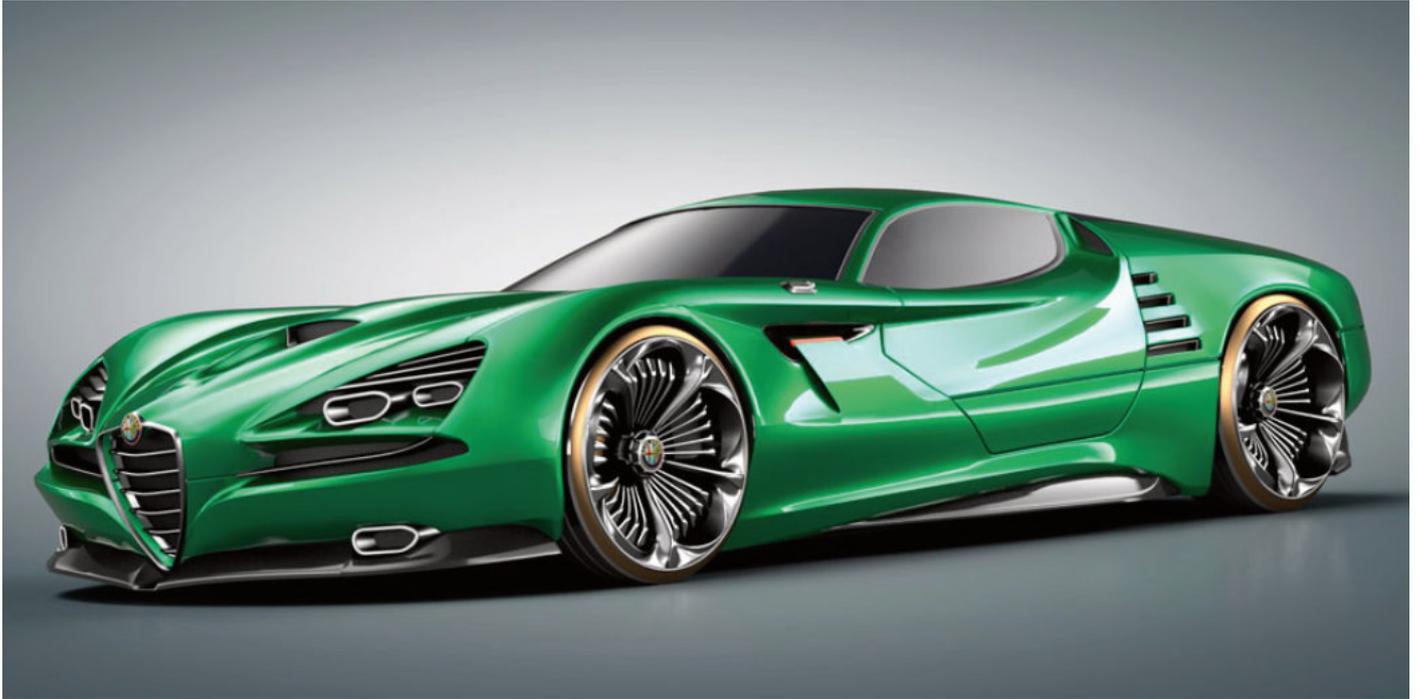
Oct 19 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Sprint Series Round 6, Queensland Raceway, Willowbank
Oct 19 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds
Oct 23 2019	Wed	Magazine deadline	November Magazine Publishing Deadline
Oct 27 2019	Sun	Competition event	ICC Khanacross Willowbank
Oct 30 2019	Wed	Committee meeting	Committee Meeting (November)

Nov 13 2019	Wed	Club Night	Members' Club Night Shannons, West End
Nov 16 2019	Sat	Competition event	Italian Challenge Race Series Round 4, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin
Nov 16 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds
Nov 17 2019	Sun	Competition event	Italian Challenge Race Series Round 4, Lakeside Raceway, Dakabin

Dec 21 2019	Sat	Non-Club event	Classic not Plastic Car Display, Redcliffe Showgrounds
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Finale

Italian Car Designer Reinvents the Classic 1970s Alfa Romeo Montreal



Italian car designer Luca Serafini has created the “Montreal Vision GT” as a special tribute project to the Alfa Romeo Montreal.

It is also happens to be a very personal homage to the 1970s classic, as the model was at one time actually owned by Luca’s father.

“Back in 1986 my father bought a shiny orange Alfa Romeo Montreal. It was all original except for the addition of an ANSA Marmitte exhaust system,” Luca tells us. “I can even recall the night he first brought it home, with the sound of its V8 engine coming from inside our garage. Appearing as if from a cloud of smoke, the first things I remember seeing were its red taillights and chromed mufflers. As a young boy, it was this car that would spark my love for the world of automotive design.”

“Quite often I went downstairs to uncover the orange Alfa and I would see reflections, lines and shapes. I remember, too, smelling its leather interior and then sitting in the driver’s seat behind the steering wheel pretending to be a professional racing driver,” he further recounts.

Costing more than both the Jaguar E-Type and Porsche 911 in its time, the Montreal was manufactured as a 2+2 coupé sports car by Alfa from 1970 to 1977, having initially been previewed as a concept car that was designed by none other than Marcello Gandini while at Bertone.

Although unveiled at the World’s Fair in 1967, which was held in Montréal, Québec, to mark Canada’s centennial, the concept version was nevertheless displayed without a name, but the public soon took to calling it ‘The Montreal’ – a name that Alfa stuck with for the V8-powered road-going version that made its debut a few years later at the 1970 Geneva Motor Show.

Bucking the current trend in electric cars, Luca’s all-new Montreal is a petrol-powered machine that also makes visual references to many of the original car’s stylistic elements; most noticeably the ‘grille’ detailing above the headlamps, the NACA duct on the bonnet, and the slats behind the doors.

“It’s not about style choices or functional engineering. I tried to create, subjectively speaking, something that would take me back to my childhood – something on four wheels that makes you say wow!” comments Luca, who currently plies his trade as a concept designer and digital artist at Ares Design, the Modena-based luxury car customiser headed by ex-Lotus boss, Dany Bahar.

And what of Serafini Senior and, more specifically, his Montreal? Well, the car was sold – regrettably so according to Luca.

“He’s missing the car,” he says. “But he’s really proud of this project. It’s a kind of gift to him.”

Ciao!

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