



### 1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS

This 1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS, chassis number 0312901, is in stunning condition. It was offered at a sale price of US\$1,875 million in St Louis, USA. Built during the 3rd series of 6C production, this is one of just 121 series 3 cars produced and one of just a handful of known survivors. However, the selling agent advises that details of its early provenance are uncertain. For further details see:

<http://www.classicandperformancecar.com/alfa-romeo/6c/1929-alfa-romeo-6c-1750ss-in-united-states/501002/ad>

Dear Western Australian Alfisti,

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of **ALFA OCCIDENTALE** – the electronic newsletter of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia (WA Division). Should you have any contributions that you would like to see included in future editions of this newsletter, please note that your contributions would be most welcome. Please send articles, photos, used car ads., etc., to the club at:

[secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com) This newsletter outlines the club's upcoming 2018 schedule, including information on our next competition, social and club driving events.

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## WA ALFA CLUB NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS SUMMARY

In this issue, you will find an article first published on the web in Garage.com. It is a review of the new Giulia, written by club member, Patrick Stirling. Patrick has given permission for Alfa Occidentale to republish this article in this edition.

Furthermore, Alfa Occidentale is very grateful indeed to club member, Michael Berringer, who has written for this issue regarding his long-term Alfetta love affair. His article describes the recent purchase of a long sought-after 1974 series 1 Alfetta sedan. He outlines its test-drive travel from the NSW south coast across to Canberra to attend Auto Italia 2018. Thereafter, he takes us with him on a long drive with other Alfa club members and their cars (including a ferry ride) to finally house his new acquisition in Hobart (where he also garages some other Alfas). In this article, Michael also includes for us a great pictorial record of the car, his trip and the many interesting cars he viewed at the Auto Italia car weekend.

importantly, this issue also includes the annual call for you to pay your 2018 membership subscription fees which, you should note, are due at the end of June each year. For 2019, the subscription fee remains at the same level it has held for a number of years, i.e., \$80.00.

### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR OWNERS OF CONCESSIONALLY REGISTERED VEHICLES:**

If you own a concessionally licensed vehicle that is listed on the AROCA WA members list, then you should be quite certain that you have updated your register information and paid your 2019





membership subscription before 30 June 2018 in order that the registration of that vehicle remains current. The WA government has become very strict about this matter recently.

Included in this edition is a call for Nominations for the 2019 AROCA WA committee. Ideally, the club would like to see multiple nominations being offered for all committee positions. Please note that the AGM where the next committee will be elected is set for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

You will also find the latest update of the 2018 program for AROCA WA presented below. Please consider attending as many of the club's upcoming events as you can. Additional details concerning these events are provided below in this Newsletter.

- **Most important of these events is the club's birthday dinner which will be held on Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Acqua Viva on the Swan (formerly JoJo's) in Nedlands.** Details can be found later in this newsletter. Members are welcome to bring their auto-loving non-member friends along with them to the dinner if they choose to. All dinner places are priced at \$50 per person for both members and guests. Please use the booking form appearing with the announcement below to make sure of your place(s) at the dinner.
- The "Cars and Coffee" Sunday mornings continue to grow in attendance in WA (as they also do in other states). Many highly interesting cars have been present at recent events. "Cars and Coffee" occurs approximately monthly. (Note that the next gathering will be this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> June). If you want your pride and joy to be shown in a good position in the vehicle display, we recommend you arrive at UWA early, before the official start time of the event which runs from 8:30 - 10:30 at the University of Western Australia, in Car Park 3 next to the UWA staff club, off Hackett Drive, Nedlands, 6009. [+ Google Map](#)
- Also look out for a July club night visit which we hope to arrange as a technical meeting with Richard Wilson of Richard's tyres.
- A wildflower run has been tentatively planned for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August. More on that in the next edition of Alfa Occidentale.
- The Italian Festival Track Day is again scheduled at Barbagallo raceway in mid-September. This annual event is one where numerous AROCA WA members compete, display their cars and socialise with members of other WA-based Italian car clubs.
- The Rotary Italian car day will be held early in November; details will be advised later.
- AROCA WA will again organise the 2018 Pasta Run. The date of this great event is set for Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. The lunch will be at the same venue as it was last year.
- The club is running two weekends away during 2018. The first, held late in February, went north to visit the very notable private Vincent motorcycle collection that is housed in Jurien Bay. A second run should occur in the late winter/spring; possibly heading southwards.
- The inter-club competitive point-to-point program for 2018 continues. It started on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Competition Secretary, Ivan Olsen's calendar of events is provided below. Contact him if you wish to participate in upcoming events.
- Please note that, in 2019, Alfesta will be run over Easter on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria. 2019 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AROCA and so this will be a big year for Alfa club both in Victoria (where it started) and nationally. The WA committee is wondering whether members might want to consider travelling to this event and to the Phillip Island classic a couple of weeks earlier? A convoy is possible, given enough interest. Please let committee members know if you are contemplating attendance and a Nullabor crossing.



## ALFA ROMEO GIULIA VELOCE

Reviewed by Patrick Stirling. (Reprinted with permission from [www.Garage.com](http://www.Garage.com))



Before I dive into the review of this car, I think it's worth asking the question: What makes an Alfa an Alfa? Over the last century, the Italian marque has built possibly more legendary machines than anyone else. Heroes such as the Tipo 33, GTA Junior, TZ2, Sprint Zagato, Giulia Super, GTV6, Alfasud Ti, 75 Evoluzione; the list goes on and on. There isn't any one single defining feature that makes cars like these unique, it's a mix of spritely engines, striking design and a soundtrack that can only be described as mechanical love-making.

Whether it's the precise manual gearshift 'click' through an infamous transaxle, the symphonic notes of a Busso V6, or the throaty inhale of a Twin Spark's dual weber carbs, since the dawn of the modern automotive world, piloting an Alfa has always been an automotive indulgence. Their cars have harnessed the 'bum-in-seat-experience' better than anyone else.



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The latest offering from Alfa Romeo takes the company back to its roots. Not only is this the return of the iconic Giulia name, but also their first rear-wheel drive saloon for almost three decades. An area that Alfa Romeo has particularly excelled in, with even their most humdrum family sedans sporting the feel and performance of a racing car for the road. The Berlina, Giulia, Alfetta and 75 were the basic family busses of their respective decades, but all were engineered to give even the hottest of coupes a run for their money on a twisty mountain road. This Giulia carries on that same philosophy with its all new, cutting-edge Giorgio Platform. Welcome to the 2018 Alfa Romeo Giulia Veloce.

Immediately, you're struck by how good the Giulia looks in the flesh. It's arguably the best-looking Alfa for decades. The exterior captures the character and heritage of Alfa's past, but it brings the design language into the new millenium through a beautifully modern and striking form. I've always admired car designers who are able to pen both masculine and feminine qualities into their cars. The artisans of calligraphy and curves at Centro Stile have done exactly that with the Giulia. The front looks poised and purposeful, with its angry eyes, wide gills, and sharp splitter. The front's aggressive racing stance then flows back into a curvaceous body, with flared rear wheel arches tapering up into a subtle ducktail boot lip. The Giulia sits on the road with elegance and modern simplicity, a refreshing contrast when compared to the over-designed offerings from Germany and Japan.

The inside continues with much of the same ethos as the outside. The Giulia offers the traditional driver-focused qualities but with the usability and convenience of modern-day technology and materials. Up front, the two bucket seats hunker down low in the bowels of the car, offering a low centre of gravity and nodding to Alfa's signature racing pedigree. Although they look sporty, the seats aren't a hardcore racing bucket - that's saved for the QV's options list - instead, the Veloce features a much

more user-friendly leather trimmed bucket with endless adjustability for the perfect driving position. Even the most chicken-skewer body like my own can find a position that is



comfortable and supportive - something that is very handy when indulging in a spot of enthusiastic cornering.

I love that Alfa have also included small details and styling queues that resonate with the cars of old. The steering wheel looks as if it were pulled from the original Giulia and then simply modernised. It's the same shape and basic diameter as the original, but finished in superb leather and steel trims and splashed with some extra toys for the modern era; but there's nothing

clunky that gets in the way, everything is functional and serves a purpose. Best of all, the wheel sits perfectly flush and square in the centre of the driving position, with perfect view through the old 'binocular' style gauge cluster. The driving position is about as good as you can get this side of a four-door Ferrari.

The whole interior has been designed to be focused on the driver. The centre console and infotainment system, while being exquisitely integrated into the dashboard's swooping form, is still angled towards the driver's side so all of the instruments and controls are always visible and within an arm's reach of the pilot. The dashboard layout is unusually un-Italian as all the buttons are exactly where they should be... which is weird, but a welcome departure from Alfas of old.

All of these design elements truly come alive when you get the car on the road. The first thing you'll notice is the lightning fast steering rack. It requires so little input from the steering wheel for the Giulia to change direction like a house fly. When you're in a tight valley road with sweeping bends and technical hairpins, the sharp steering is complimented by the incredibly lightweight chassis construction and supple suspension tune, which helps take each corner with delicacy rather than violence.

To really get the best out of the handling and power delivery, the Veloce comes with a range of driving modes which are accessed using the DNA switch. The 'DNA' mode's initials stand for Dynamic, Natural, Advanced Efficiency. The only one you really need to know about is Dynamic. Clicking into this setting, the in-car display shows a skeleton of the Giulia suddenly glowing red, the gearbox drops a couple of cogs as if ready for a rolling start, the steering loads up with weight and the throttle becomes as sensitive as an exposed nerve. Dynamic mode transforms the Giulia from a comfortable cruiser into rifled, road-hugging racer.

The real masterclass is the engine and gearbox. As a car enthusiast, I am traditional in the sense that I prefer a manual gearbox. However, given the choice now, I'd be driving home with the paddle shift without a single murmur of complaint. It is a sensational system. With each pull of the paddles, there is a satisfying metallic click from the column-mounted aluminium shifters as the gearbox responds in kind with an instant shift. Then you mash your foot to the floor and the peppy turbocharged 2 litre angrily warbles its way back up the rev counter until the next gear is fired into place.

Throughout the entire rev-range the engine has plenty of poke. It will rocket its occupants from 0-100Km/H in under six seconds. The same turbocharged 2 litre is used in the base model, as well as the Super, but the Veloce variant comes with the hottest tune of them all, packing an additional 50kW over the base. To me, it isn't about the numbers, it's about the experience, and while it could be a touch louder, the Veloce delivers a fantastic sensation of pace and handling balance.

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I completely lost my sense of time and direction driving the Veloce. On a winding country road roaring past some of WA's best countryside, the Giulia left an impression that I haven't experienced since taking my first drive in a classic Alfa 75. It is addictive, well balanced, poised and so utterly enjoyable I ended up breaking 'rule one' in the petrolheads handbook, and gave my short-term loan car from Barbagallo its own name... Giuseppe.

When you're done having fun in the valley and are back on the highway, the Giulia settles back down once in Natural or Advanced Efficiency mode. I couldn't really tell the difference between the two modes, other than through the fuel efficiency numbers which would probably bore even the most monotoned of individuals. Both modes however make the Giulia a comfortable grand tourer.

So is it a REAL Alfa? Absolutely. The Veloce isn't the full M3-killing track car like the QV, nor is it trying to be. Some of their finest automotive moments were provided by their 'cars of the people'; their family sedans or the Carabinieri's coupes. Throughout the years, Alfa have maintained an ethos of providing driving pleasure at any level or price point, and it appears the same magic is present in the new Giulia. I absolutely adore this car and found it quite difficult to hand the keys back to Barbagallo Alfa Romeo without signing my name on the order list.

The Giulia is the Alfa Romeo for the modern age. It may not have the ashtray capacity of 20L, or have headlights held on by saliva like the cars of old, but between the design, engine, drive and soundtrack, a true Alfa Romeo experience is there and its ripe for the picking.

A big thanks to Barbagallo Perth for the short-term loan of the Giulia Veloce.





## A N A L F E T T I S H

*A personal point-of-view from Michael Barrenger*

I thought I should share a recent adventure in my Alfetta, but where should I start this story?

I bought my first Alfetta sedan in 1997. I was so moved by my first sighting of an Alfetta GTV that I simply had to have one. I was a student at the time and funds were scarce. In 1997, Alfetta GTVs were about the same price they still are, and that was too rich for my blood! After some research, I discovered I could get the fantastic drivetrain of the GTV in a sedan, but at a price more aligned to my budget. I purchased my first sedan (a 1976 series two) from a mate of the fellow who owned the GTV I saw that fateful day. Her paint had been polished through to the primer, so I enthusiastically rubbed her back and painted my first car during my university holiday. I took my now wife on many dates in that car.



I acquired my second sedan a year or so later; a series one '74 sedan, and arguably the prettiest of the sedans. This one was still in primer - a theme was emerging, I was a sucker for punishment! The silver Alfetta went on to win best club restoration for the club in Tasmania and really looked the part (this time with help on the paint from Roby Mills).



Sadly, in a moment of weakness I sold her. Somewhere around 2010, I spotted the silver fetta in the newspaper. Unfortunately, time and subsequent owners had not been kind to her and the dreaded rot had set in. But, undeterred, I handed over the asking price without even bartering. It was one of those things, I had to take her home with me.



The silver '74 was tucked away once again to wait her turn. After a good look over the car, I concluded that, at the very least, another car would be required to repair her. I was saddened by her state and a bit deflated. In time I acquired another three sedans, for parts, but of course, they all had their rust issues. I concluded that restoration was not economical. Hopelessly nostalgic, for the next seven or so years, I hunted for a series one. Over the years I looked at several, but they all fell short, with only one seen during that time being a series one.

I had just about given up looking, when in early 2017, a mate and I were chatting about cars we still needed! I said 'I'd like a '74 sedan', to which I expected no response, or at least a raised eyebrow. He said 'a mate in Victoria is selling one on behalf of a deceased estate'. Surely not a '74, I said. 'Yes, I think so' came the reply. I highly doubted it, but eagerly requested some photos from his mate, Ian, in Victoria. It was not a '74 ... it was 3 of them!!



As it turned out, there was one good car and two spares. These days both would be considered repairable, but at the time, a dent and some rust would have seen the cars relegated to parts donors. The car was part of a collection of some most impressive vehicles, but according to the owner's wife, the Alfetta sedan was the favourite. That sedan was purchased new by his father, and then passed to the owner when his father died. Being a busy dairy farmer, the car had travelled very little distance. Only 77,958 original miles had been covered, and the car had sat for the last 8-10 years with only 2,758 miles being travelled between 2000-2017.

On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017, I flew to Victoria with two mates, Dan and Dave to pick up the car and make the drive back to Pambula, NSW, where it would be fettled ready for its road worthy certificate. Dave had kindly offered to do the spanner swinging. Originally, we had thought to drive the car from the farm, but once we established roughly how long the car had sat, that seemed unwise. She did start up and drive onto the trailer as though she had been driven just yesterday; however, the thick layer of dust suggested otherwise. By this stage I was excited. The car was original in every detail, bar a series 2 windscreen, which will be replaced with the correct glue-in windscreen in time.

**The plan** – So after all these years I had found my '74 sedan, and happily, one with a known history, original plates, low miles, and factory standard. What to do with it?! It still has most of its original paint, but a little rust in the passenger rear door and a small repair to the front right guard. It has 'patina' that's for sure; the paint has crow's feet, the driver's seat is split, the hood liner is stained. etc. Lots of little things .....

I had promised to the previous owner's wife that the car would be well taken care of under its new custodianship. But should I fully restore, partially restore, or simply sort the mechanicals and preserve her for what she is? I decided on the latter. And then perhaps take her on an adventure and see how I felt after that.



**Roadworthy** – Dave made a separate trip from Pambula to Victoria to pick up one of the spare Alfettas. However, it was decided that we were sadly at capacity and could not find space for an additional car, so we left one for another would-be enthusiast. The '74 sedan wears its original and most unusual Robinia metallic (AR518) colour. It is a particularly attractive colour in the evening light and has given rise to the nickname, Ruby, which is she is now affectionately known as.

After years on a farm, Ruby was a bit of a dirty girl, with dust just about everywhere. Dave likes to clean cars with a toothbrush (or so I joke), so Ruby was given a thorough going over. As the dirt and grime of over forty years was removed, a remarkably well-preserved car was revealed. The floors were solid (as is usual for Alfettas) but surprisingly the front rails were not flattened. They often are flattened as Alfettas run torsion bars and the temptation to lower them is too much for most owners.

We purchased everything for a complete brake overhaul only to find that the rear brake calipers were the only thing requiring a rebuild along with rear CVs due to perished rubber boots. The shocks were sound, some of the bushes were a little tired (but ok for the roadworthy and will be next on the list). The engine is a peach and the drive train lacks the usual prop shaft rumbles and vibrations that can often afflict a sedan. Electrically, most things work and after Dave cleaned up every connector, Ruby had a real twinkle in her eye!

**The adventure** - Ruby passed her roadworthy with flying colours; thanks to Dave's thorough going over. The decision had been made for Ruby to reside in Tasmania: This meant a road trip would be required, naturally.

Actually, I had said to the previous owner's wife that we might like to take Ruby to Auto Italia 2018 in Canberra. Dave and I mulled it over and decided we would do a trip starting from Pambula, heading to Canberra, then via Pambula and Victoria to Tasmania ... via as many quality roads as we could drive on ... a good plan!



So, the adventure began (after a LOT of hard work from Dave prepping and fine-tuning Ruby)!

### Day 1 – Let the adventure begin

Dan and I flew into Melbourne, grabbed an excellent burger and a cold beer watched the Commonwealth Games while discussing the finer points of classic car ownership, in

particular, why do we do it?? We concurred that it was for the challenge, the people we would meet and the resulting adventures we might have. Our time was suitably passed, and we boarded our Rex flight for Merimbula. We rendezvoused with Dave where I was treated to my first drive of Ruby on the way back to Dave's place in Pambula. At this point, Dan produced a selection of my childhood tapes that he had collected from my shed in Tasmania. Bryan Adams was amongst the recordings and while I pleaded that this tape be left behind, it was unceremoniously produced and inserted into the sedan's tape deck. I can't begin to describe my disappointment when the tape was promptly chewed up and spat out. Clearly Ruby has more taste than some of us!

Ruby drove beautifully after her make over, the driver train was silky-smooth and that unmistakable, nostalgia-inducing old car smell was perfectly intact. Ruby rolled into corners and once loaded was very predictable, although there was a slightly unnerving vagueness, pre-loading. This would later reveal itself as a worn dedion bush which had been missed. The 1.8 litre twin cam motor is a peach. It goes about its business of reaching the redline effortlessly. The engine does lack torque by today's standards, meaning that you can't be lazy with gears. Hills must be planned for and every rev exploited: This is something missing from today's cars and, in my view, it is part of the reason that "more power does not a better car make".

Day 1 was closed out with roast chicken, a good vino and, as my head hit the pillow...a chorus of mosquitoes...ugh!



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## Day 2 – A slow start

Day 2 arrived with a slight hangover, cured by coffee. Supplies were collected for the days ahead. I picked up some cut and polish, determined to improve Ruby's paint...but the cut and polish did not do it...though we all got a good work out trying. Patina!



## Day 3 – Auto Italia, here we come!

We set off at 6:30 am, made slightly more painful given that I was still on W.A. time! Dave brought his Cloverleaf Sprint, a fine specimen that he had purchased from me many moons ago. We headed over to Canberra via Brown Mountain, a fantastic drive full of twisty roads, ferns, towering gums and happily, no cars. The sedan and Sprint were in their element.

We made good time and arrived at the new venue for Auto Italia 2018, at Pialligo Estate. The weather man had promised 17°C. However, we were greeted by sub 10°C and a wind chill that we were utterly unprepared for. The cars on display more than made up for it though as there were literally hundreds of cars to drool over. In the Alfa camp, 105s were well represented, but there were also two(!) orange Montreals, a lovely 2600, a few GTV6s, many Alfetta GTVs and a couple of GTs. Ruby was the sole representative of a series 1 sedan, with two later sedans in attendance.



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and coffee on hand was excellent, fending off hypothermia as we ran around like kids in a candy  
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store, admiring the sheer breadth of quality vehicles. At the end of the show, we found ourselves stuck in a classic car traffic jam, with one exit point and a controlled intersection further up the road. Leaving was slow going. Some were frustrated by it, but not us. Apart from getting to listen to the Italian mechanical symphony, we managed to pick up another sedan whilst in the line, traded for a very rusty 124 in a

paddock. We also had a good yarn with another sedan enthusiast, Rob from Queensland.

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We paid a visit to Dave's wife's uncle John on the way home. It turned out that, besides being a scientist of note, with some fascinating stories to tell about non-destructively testing 4000 million year old rocks for the purpose of determining age, John also had a series 1 Land Rover that he had personally put over 500,000 kms on the clock. It looked as though it had just come out of the factory ready to do another 500k!

After homemade cake of note, we reversed our steps via Brown Mountain. The cars had both performed faultlessly...well, except that the Sprint which had decided to lose a headlight relay an hour or so from home. We were all thankful that Dave had gone right through Ruby's headlights, which were exceptionally good, and so Ruby led the way home! The day had been a great test for the cars ahead of the next leg.



## Day 4 – Preparation

Replace a relay, wash off the bugs, check the oil, bleed the brakes (anyone who has owned an Alfetta can tell you that bleeding rear brakes requires a couple of attempts!) Then we set off, time still only 8am. First stop ... 5min down the road for Dan's mandatory coffee. Then onto Bomballa, and, somewhat by error, through the Snowy Mountains National Park - on gravel. Due to time constraints, we had planned to avoid gravel, but a navigational error (no names!) saw us stumble across the hugely enjoyable, loose gravel roads of the national park. After about a half hour or so, we came across a group of Lancias, all from the show, which were headed back to Melbourne. Among these cars were a Lancia Beta, an Appia and an Aurelia; all in largely concours condition and all out enjoying their cars as they were intended. We stopped and had a chat with these Lancia enthusiasts and were educated on the virtues of the Appia and its lovely 1089cc v4 engine. This is a fascinating engine, with dual in-block cams, and a 10-degree V4 configuration, with an in-block gearbox.

It was put to me, that, had Alfa simply learnt from the Aurelia's torque tubed transaxle, I would have none of my sloppy gearshift or troublesome driveshaft donut issues. Got me there.



Onward to Buchan where we stopped at the Buchan Caves Hotel for the best Parmy I've had - Period! At this point, a time check suggested that our plan to head straight to Melbourne, yet another 390km away, was beyond us that day. Instead, we chose to head into Lakes Entrance, where we stayed for the night, trading one of the spare days we had scheduled in Melbourne. In Lakes Entrance, we grabbed a place to stay, found the local pizza shop (excellent) and risked the lucky wine dip at Aldi ....but, we were not lucky!



## Day 5 – Melbourne bound

We ducked into Sale for breakfast. We were also looking for a news agent, as we had been informed that the latest Auto Italia magazine contained a big write up on Alfettas! The news agency owner, after being asked for said Italian publication, got himself side tracked onto car ownership and discussed his desire to try out the new Giulia. We all got rather side tracked at that point! He tipped us off on the suitability of the Red Cat for breakfast: An excellent tip as it turned out. We then pressed onto Melbourne via the freeway, which was, as expected, unremarkable. We had planned to visit a number of places, but as time was slipping away, we settled on Milano spares to say high to Mark. I had been buying spare parts from Mark for close to 20 years, but I had never



met him. Dave had a small chip in his Sprint tail light. Mark produced a new tail light and the deal was done! Mark is a huge fan of the Alfetta, and the sight of the sedan just about sent him into meltdown. He noted that he had not seen any for years, and the just in the past couple of months had seen three come via his shop. Perhaps some are finally being saved.



We bade farewell to Mark and headed for Port Melbourne, ready for the overnight ferry departure. A suitable restaurant was located

(Turkish), where we enjoyed an excellent meal and enthusiastically discussed the day that had been. All of us were pleased that the forecast was for a calm crossing, unlike the week before!

## Day 6 – Devonport to Hobart

In Devonport, we were off the boat by 6:30AM and then we made our way straight to Scottsdale for the sideling stage of Targa Tasmania. It was great to see all manner of Italian exotica being put through their paces on Tassy twisties. If you have not been to Tasmania with your car, you simply must do it. The Avanti GTV6 and the 105s looked right at home and were having a ball. This Targa viewing was followed by the obligatory bakery stop in Scottsdale, before again following Targato the fantastic Fingal stage where the cars all tackled the famous Elephant pass.





Another navigational deviation saw us take a detour on an inland gravel road. Once again, it was a happy error as we belted through loose gravel and thick forest. After an hour or so on the gravel, thick smoke filled the air which was rather unnerving. We pulled over to investigate, happily, it turned out to be a controlled burn.

We made our way down the Tasmanian east coast to arrive in Hobart around 5pm. Note the complete lack of photos of this leg as we were simply having way too much fun to stop! Ruby did not skip a beat, but with factory suspension, she had quite a lean on! Day 6 was ended with the sharing of tall stories, good vino and pizza with family and friends.

## Day 7 – End of a ripper trip

Ruby had developed a bit of a flutter. With 30 minutes notice, and another \$150, Moonah exhaust had replaced a very sad muffler and hangers.

We headed home via the North Hobart coffee strip, followed by Dab's, where Ruby was given a well-earned bath (and a thorough dry!) before being tucked away for a rest, where she will be kept company by another two Alfetta sedans.

It took me ten years of looking to find Ruby.

I am glad I waited for the right one. Long ago, Ruby's previous owner had been driven to races in his father's Bugatti. Ruby had been handed down to him and was then treasured for over 40 years. When I purchased the car, I made a promise that Ruby would once again be put back into service, preserved and enjoyed. After driving through four states, with over 2000kms travelled on some of the best roads in Australia, I feel I am off to a good start. Happy motoring!





## ARE YOU SELLING A CAR ON GUMTREE?

By Greg Smith

I have just sold my wife's old Subaru on Gumtree. However, that experience was not without encounters with a few scam attempts – which, thankfully, I did manage to avoid falling prey to. I thought this might be an experience that is worthwhile passing on to Alfa club members who may be thinking about selling a car via the internet.

Due to past scamming attempts, Gumtree always advises its sellers not to accept invites from interested purchasers that request that your replies to them be made off the Gumtree website, e.g., either by email, SMS, or other means.

However, after posting my ad, I soon heard from several individuals who said they could only deal with me outside Gumtree's website. Fortunately, I then spoke with Alfa club member Richard Peirce who advised me to try checking these people's email details using Google. Asking Google is a great approach that sorts out who is real from someone who may be attempting a scam or fraud. I had three separate requests from possible scammers. Each had a similar (but sufficiently different) theme which went like this:

*"The price is a good buy for me... please remove the advert and consider it sold as i am paying your full asking price. I have done thorough check on the advert and I'm fine with it, Sadly i would not be able to come personally to view or collect it due to being house bound. I went through throat cancer surgery and couldn't talk more but will be ok soon but i have an agent that would help me to pick it up at your preferred location after you have received your money and I'll pay you via PayPal and pick up will start after you have cash your money ..if that is ok with you.*

*Where is the pick up location so that i can inform the agent about it now and send me your registered paypal email and name, so i can make arrangement for payment. I can also transfer from my paypal to your bank account. Kindly get back to me with your BSB number, Account number and Account name."*

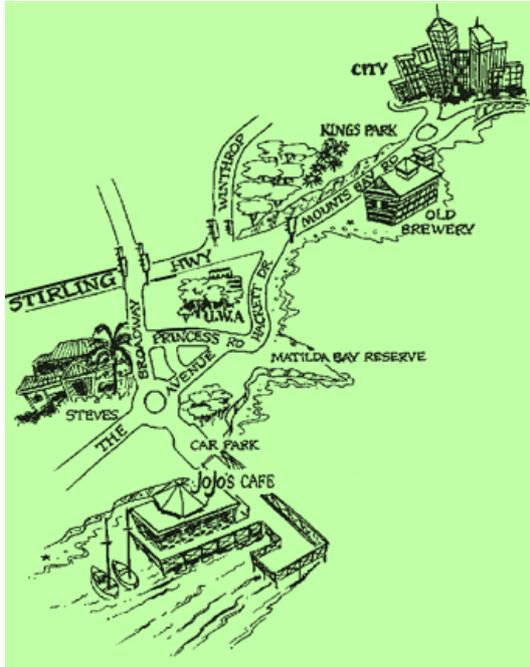
Clearly, this does look suspicious and even dumb. Not even a visit to check out the car? Why?

Following Richard's suggestion, I found that inputting the requestor's email address into Google does elicit a long set of responses from those who have previously encountered these scammers. A Paypal users blog is also easily discovered. It describes the basis of these various approaches and provides a number of email addresses used by certain frequent Paypal offenders.

Apparently, the scammers often make use of stolen credit cards and then, by paying through Paypal (and outside of the Gumtree site) using these stolen cards, a (temporary) direct payment is made into the seller's bank account while the "sold" item is formally transferred to the buyer – often using an "agent". I read that, thereafter, the seller's bank will eventually have to void the payment into the seller's account once the Paypal transaction is reversed due to the stolen card. Meanwhile, the "sold" item has disappeared.



## AROCA WA BIRTHDAY DINNER



DATE: **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

VENUE: **Acqua Viva on Swan**

TIME: **Pre-dinner drinks at 18:30**

**Dinner Seating from 19:00**

PRICE: **The dinner cost is \$50.00 per person. Wine is provided.**

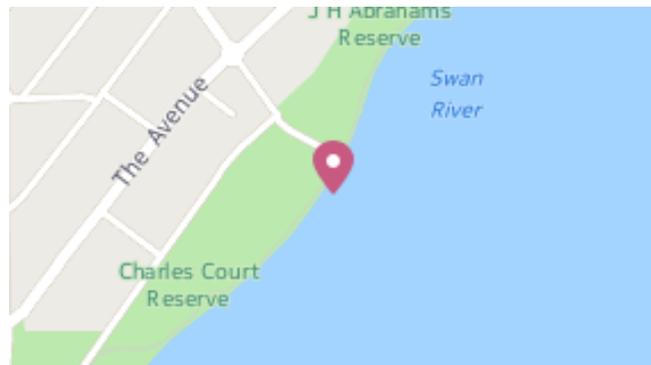
BAR: **A full bar is also available.**

RESERVATION: Please confirm your reservation soon for the AROCA Birthday dinner which will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Use the reservation form provided below.

VENUE LOCATION: **Acqua Viva on the Swan is situated on Jojo's Jetty, at the Swan River end of the Broadway, Nedlands, 6009.**

VENUE PHONE: **(08) 9386 7711**

INTERNET: **[www.acquaviva.com.au](http://www.acquaviva.com.au)**





## **BOOK HERE TO ATTEND THE 2018 ALFA CLUB BIRTHDAY DINNER**

NO OF ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GUESTS NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS YES NO

(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The dinner is priced at \$50.00 per person for both members and their guests.

You can pay by cheque, or electronically. If you decide to pay by cheque, please make it payable to AROCA WA and post it to AROCA WA, c/- P.O. Box 8231, Perth BC, WA, 6849.

However, preferably, the club would appreciate it if you paid your registration for this event directly by electronic transfer into the club's bank account using the following details:

**AROCA WA. BSB: 736-054. Acc.: 070313.**

Note that if paying electronically, you should include your *surname* and the words **2018 Dinner** in the payment reference.

Whichever way you chose to pay, it would be most appreciated if you could advise the club, via email, that you have paid – i.e., regardless of whether you have done so by electronic funds transfer, or by cheque.

Please also complete the form provided above on this page and post it to the club's mailing address, or, again preferably, please email it directly to Greg Smith, the Club Secretary of AROCA WA:  
[secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com)





## CLASSIC CARS & COFFEE



8.30-10.30am

No.3 Carpark, by the University Club

University of WA, Hackett Drive, Crawley

2018 dates:

January 28, February 18, March 11, April 29, May 27, June 17

July 20, September 9, October 14, November 18, December 30

Suggested \$10 donation in support of The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia



MeatUp

*Note an error in dates appears in the above ad. – it should read Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

The committee of AROCA WA has agreed to support the new “**Classic Cars & Coffee**” Sunday morning (approximately) monthly event. Those who have been to recent meetings have seen how worthwhile it is to attend. You can view a large number of impressive Classic Cars encompassing almost marques. With that in mind, AROCA WA club members might wish to attend an upcoming Cars & Coffee display. In addition, members might consider lunch or a brunch after “cars & coffee”. In time, this could become part of an associated AROCA WA monthly run.

Please see the events calendar which lists all 2018 future dates of Classic Cars & Coffee.

Note that the next event will be held Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 8:30 am - 10:30 AM, at the University of Western Australia, Car Park 3 (next to the UWA staff club) which is off Hackett Drive in Nedlands, WA, 6009.

Please also note that it might be wise to get to this event early. Classic Cars & Coffee is rapidly becoming an extremely busy auto enthusiasts event.

View this google map reference should you need to see event location details. [+ Google Map](#)





**NOMINATIONS CALLED FOR THE  
2018-2019 AROCA WA COMMITTEE**

**Election of committee at the AGM on 4th September 2018;  
7.30pm**

**Venue: WA Light Car Club, 22 Moojabin St, Bayswater**

Dear AROCA WA club member,

The WA Alfa Club’s activities “don’t just happen”. They depend on active club members being prepared to contribute to the running of the club, either as an officer holder, or as a general committee member. You are invited to nominate yourself, or another club member, for election onto the Club Committee for next year using the Nomination Form provided below.

As a WA Alfa Club Committee member, you have the opportunity to help improve club activities. At the same time, you can enjoy the camaraderie of engaging with other dedicated Alfa enthusiasts who all working towards the success of the club. You are encouraged to seek election, or perhaps to work with the committee in another volunteer role.

In the coming year, the club anticipates that there may be a few committee retirements. Other committee members may need to resign due to work or relocation issues. It is a great time for you to consider helping the club achieve its next level of Alfa Romeo auto enthusiast activity.

We currently seek multiple nominations for all of AROCA WA’s committee positions.

**Nomination Form 2018 – 2019 AROCA WA Committee**

**Name of Nominee:** ..... **Nominee’s Membership #:**

.....

**Note:** A person being nominated should be a financial member of AROCA WA. He or she is hereby nominated for one (or more) of the following position(s).

**(Please Circle)**

**President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Membership Secretary**

**Social Secretary**

**CMC Representative**

**CAMS Representative**

**Web master**

**Competition Secretary**

**General Committee Member (x 2)**

**Club Shop**



**Nominated by:** .....

**Membership number:** .....

*Person being nominated (may nominate self) being a financial member of AROCA WA*

**Seconded by:** .....

**Membership number:** .....

*Being a financial member of AROCA WA<sup>1</sup>*

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### **Acceptance of Nomination:**

I accept nomination for the position(s):

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(Signature of person being nominated)*

Nominations should be emailed to the current Club Secretary.

**Email:** [secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com)

Or mailed to the postal address shown immediately below.

**Mail to:**           **The Secretary, AROCA WA,  
P.O. Box 8231,  
Perth Business Centre,  
WA, 6849.**

***Nominations should be received by 1st September 2018.***

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<sup>1</sup> Note that a "financial member" above for nominee, nominator and seconder, for the purpose of this nomination, is limited to Full, Associate, and Life Members.





## AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

Event	Event Date	Event Coordinator
<b>"British Car Day Raid"</b> On national motoring heritage day, the Alfa Club will hold a run to the British car day at Gin Gin. The trip will stop for morning coffee, en route.	Sunday, 20th May 2018	Richard Peirce is organizing; details to be announced
<b>NAtional motoring heritage day drive to Dwellingup</b> Alternatively, on National Motoring Heritage Day, the Alfa club is invited to join the Fiat Lancia car club's event.	Sunday, 20th May 2018	Rob Rowbottom, Fiat Lancia club, is organizing. All Alfa club members are invited to join this event.
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	Sunday, 27th May 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + <a href="#">Google Map</a>
<b>Albany "Round the Houses"</b> South West weekend, including dinner on the Saturday night for Alfa members in attendance.	Saturday, 2nd to Monday, 4th June, 2018	Andrew Murray. June long weekend. NOTE: An AROCA WA team is competing. <b>Attending members should join the Saturday evening club dinner in Albany.</b>
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 17th June 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.	Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + <a href="#">Google Map</a>
<b>CLUB BIRTHDAY DINNER</b> Dinner & presentation night. Jojos restaurant on the Swan River, Broadway, Nedlands.	Saturday, 23rd June 2018	Nick Rahimtulla. See dinner announcement and event booking system elsewhere in this magazine.
<b>JULY AROCA CLUB NIGHT</b> Night at Richards' Tyres night (tentative)	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Details to follow
<b>MID-WEEK RUN SOUTH</b> Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees. (Details TBD)	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Tour Route and organiser, TBD
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> At UWA, Crawley, 08:30-10:30AM	Sunday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) + <a href="#">Google Map</a>
<b>WILDFLOWER RUN</b> A run through the wildflower country to a social lunch for AROCA WA members.	Saturday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018	Tour Route and organiser, TBD
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run	Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	Wildflower run may replace this informal run for August





<b>AROCA WA 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <i>AGM and club night, venue TBD.</i>	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2018	Andrew Murray
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) <a href="#">+ Google Map</a>
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
<b>ITALIAN FESTIVAL TRACK DAY</b> <i>Barbagallo Raceway, Wanneroo</i>	Sunday, mid- September 2018	Event yet to be announced
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) <a href="#">+ Google Map</a>
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
<b>ROTARY ITALIAN CAR DAY</b> <i>Gloucester Park</i>	Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Andrew Murray Details TBD
<b>ANNUAL PASTA RUN</b> <i>AROCA WA is again organizing this year's event for the WA Italian car clubs</i>	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 (tentative date)	Rod Quinn, Details TBD
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Pasta run to replace the informal run for this month
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) <a href="#">+ Google Map</a>
<b>AROCA WA CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b> <i>Venue TBD</i>	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2018 (tentative date)	Details TBD
<b>INFORMAL ALFA RUN</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month informal run</i>	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	See announcement in this newsletter
<b>"CLASSIC CARS AND COFFEE"</b> <i>At UWA, Crawley, 08:30 - 10:30AM.</i>	Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	(Carpark #3 Hackett Drive, Crawley) <a href="#">+ Google Map</a>

Be sure to mark these dates in your diary!



Rear view of the 1929 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 SS (See [page 1](#))





## AROCA ACTIVITIES AROUND AUSTRALIA

### AROCA SA

17 June 2018	MSCA Supersprint round 2	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150
15 July 2018	MSCA Supersprint round 3	Mark Thomas (Competition secretary) 0423.792.150
28 July 2018	Annual Presentation Dinner (Tea tree gully golf club)	Steve Weedon (0403.968.721)

### AROCA QLD

1 July 2018	Scenic Rim run – purge to Beaudesert	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
29 July 2018	Numimbah Valley run, Beaudesert to Uki.	John Anderson (President) 0416.171.773
28 Aug 2018	Peak crossing charity run, joint with the Queensland Jaguar club	Tony: <a href="mailto:eandftyperegister@gmail.com">eandftyperegister@gmail.com</a>

### AROCA VIC

30 June 2018	Sprint series round 6, Phillip Island	Neil Choi (0433.116.647)
7-8 July 2018	Cuore Sportivo tour – based in Nagambie	Ari Semertzidis (0407.714.418)
22 July 2018	2018 Sprint series round 7, Broadford	Neil Choi (0433.116.647)
1 Sept 2018	2018 Sprint series round 8, Sandown	Neil Choi (0433.116.647)

### AROCA NSW

03–07 May 2018	Tour d'Course. Starts at the Mittagong RSL Club	Tony Wise, 0417 211 848
09 September 2018	Supersprint round 5, GP circuit	Alfio Musumeci, 0408 000 500
12 August 2018	Shannons display day, Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek.	Tony Wise, 0417 211 848

Check these interstate AROCA links for other upcoming events:

AROCA: <http://www.alfaclub.org.au>  
NSW AROCA: <http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au>  
AROCA QLD: <http://www.arocaqld.com>  
AROCA SA: <http://alfaclubsa.org.au>  
AROCA VIC: <http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au>



Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia (Victoria Division) presents

# ALFESTA 2019

**Alfa Romeo Club Nationals**

In conjunction with AROCA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary



**Mornington Peninsula Victoria**

Wine & Dine, Observation Run, Show & Shine, Gala Dinner

Easter 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

All info: [Alfesta2019.alfaclubvic.org.au](http://Alfesta2019.alfaclubvic.org.au)





## CLUB COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP



### Alfa Romeo Owners Club WA Competition Championship 2018

Round	Date	Event	Club	Activity	Location
1	24/2	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
2	17/3	Speed Event Series	Motoring South West	Hill Climb	Collie
3	18/3	Speed Event Series	Motoring South West	Super Sprint	Collie
4	31/3	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
5	8/4	Northam Flying 50	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regularity	Northam
6	22/4	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
7	2/6	Albany Windfarm	Great Southern Street Machine	Hill Climb	Albany
8	3/6	Albany Classic	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regularity	Albany
9	7/7	Point to Point	WA Sporting Car Club	Various	Barbagallo Raceway
10	22/9	Speed Event Series	WA Sporting Car Club	Hill Climb	Jack's Hill
11	4/10	Speed Event Series	Speed Event	Hill Climb	Meelup Beach Road
12	2/12	Vintage Stampede	Vintage Sport Car Club	Regularity	Barbagallo Raceway

For Competitors to enter any of the above events, you need to log on the respective website (see below) and fill in your forms and make arrangement for the necessary payments as requested by the organising entity.

WA Sporting Car Club: <https://www.woscc.com.au>

Speed Event Series: <http://speedeventseries.org>

Vintage Sport Car Club WA: <http://www.vosccwa.com.au>

When entering an event please contact the Competition Coordinator with the result of the event. Points will be allocated based on the number of entrants in the event.

Six of the above event will count towards the Competition Club Championship.

Competition Coordinator contact details

Ivan Olsen 0418921225.

[ivan.olsen@mrarogroup.com.au](mailto:ivan.olsen@mrarogroup.com.au)





## AROCA WA'S MONTHLY INFORMAL CLUB RUN PROGRAM

**DATES:** Every third Sunday of the month  
**TIME:** 09:30am for coffee with a 10:00am tour departure  
**STARTING POINT:** Boatshed café, South Perth. See: <https://goo.gl/maps/KVSxLuP4Atx>

Since the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday April informal run, the club uses only one starting point for all participants. Every Alfa club 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday informal run in 2018 will start from the South Perth foreshore at 10:00AM.

Park in the Coode Street car park, near to the Boatshed café and the water ramp in the park.

Arrive early and enjoy coffee at the café before departure.



These informal trips should depart soon after 10:00am on each date. The intention is that the run can commence once participating members decide to depart from the starting point. Note that individuals or informal groups can do this as soon as they like after 10:00. The event may involve only an individual vehicle or club member drivers in small groups, who should feel free to decide upon an appropriate trip itinerary on the day.

### BACKGROUND TO THE INFORMAL RUN PROGRAM:

The committee commenced the informal program of club runs in February 2017. The concept is that all members, but especially those with concessionally-licensed vehicles, now have an additional monthly informal run opportunity when they can individually and legally exercise their "limited license" vehicles on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

Meanwhile, the Alfa club's normal annual program of longer runs and lunches continues unchanged. This new and very informal program is an additional opportunity for you to drive your WA-registered concessionally-licensed vehicle.

**CLUB RUN DATES:** *Third Sunday of each month*  
*except whenever a significant club event is scheduled the same day.*



## AROCA WA FINANCIAL REPORT, 31 MAY 2018

### INCOME

Membership – Family	\$ 3,840.00
Mystery Weekend	\$
Italian Car Day Breakfast	\$ 360.00
Birthday Dinner	\$ 1,200.00
Social Events/ Pasta Run	\$ 4,760.00
Xmas Lunch	\$ 1,950.00
Merchandise Sales/ Door sale	\$ 484.50
Club Meeting Drinks/ Food	\$
Advertising	\$ 882.00
Bank Interest	\$ 1.39
Transfer from Investment A/c	\$ 500.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,977.89</b>

### EXPENDITURE

CAMS- CMC Subscription	\$ 675.00
Pasta Run Deposit	\$ 4,550.00
Postage/Petties/Rental	\$ 348.70
Birthday Dinner	\$
Merchandise	\$ 74.00
Rent LCC 2016/2017	\$
Italian Car Day	\$ 450.00
Club Meeting Food/Drinks/AGM	\$ 382.50
Website	\$ 104.50
Trophies	\$ 295.20
Investment Account	\$ 4,000.00
Christmas Function	\$ 1,962.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,841.90</b>

**EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE \$ 1,135.99**

### BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance	\$ 1,459.71
Receipts	\$ 13,977.89
Payments	\$ 12,841.90
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 2,595.70</b>

### INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 15,489.68
Transfer from main account	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer to Main Account	-\$ 500.00
Interest	\$ 84.19
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 19,073.87</b>



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS NOW DUE



Dear Western Australian *Alfisti*,

The Alfa Club is seeking to increase the number of active members in the club among Western Australian *Alfisti*. Whether you wish to become a new member, or you if have yet to pay your AROCA WA Subscription for the upcoming financial year, please complete the information request shown over-page and pay your subscription amount to the club, following either of the methods outlined below.

The annual fee will again be \$80.00 for FY 2018/19.

Please note that the membership renewal date for all existing members is 30<sup>th</sup> June of each year.

You can either pay this subscription fee by cheque, making it payable to AROCA WA and then mailing it C/- The Secretary, AROCA WA, P.O. Box 8231, Perth BC, WA, 6849.

Alternatively (or from the club's point-of-view, preferably), you can pay the amount directly by making an electronic transfer into the club's bank account using the following details:

**Account Name: AROCA WA**

**BSB: 736-054**

**Account No.: 070313.**

*(Do note that if you are paying electronically, you should include your surname in the payment reference and also advise the club of your payment via an email.)*

**Membership Fee: \$80 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019)**

**Associate Mbr Fee: \$80 (1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019)**

We look forward to seeing you at our future events.

With best wishes,

Andrew Murray.  
President, AROCA WA.



FIRST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDLINE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEW MEMBER, CURRENTLY PAID-UP MEMBER (OR PAST MEMBER):

MEMBER NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT MEMBER: YES NO PAST MEMBER: YES NO

LAST YEAR AS AN AROCA WA MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ALFA ROMEO (AND OTHER VEHICLES) OWNED:

Manufacturer	Type	Year	Colour	Registration OR Concession Plate # <i>(if applicable)</i>

Please complete the above form and email it to AROCA WA at [secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryarocawa1@gmail.com)

**NOTE:**

*If you are a concessional registration plate holder, note that data on your concession registration has to be provided annually by the club to fulfill Western Australian state regulatory requirements. The due date for this information provision falls immediately after 30<sup>th</sup> June. Therefore, be sure to renew your membership before the end of the financial year in order that your concessional vehicle registration remains current.*



# **ALFA ROMEO OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (WESTERN AUSTRALIA DIVISION) (A0820564T)**

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The Association shall be known as The Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia – (Western Australia Division) Incorporated, which shall hereinafter in this Constitution be referred to as the Association.

## **OBJECTS AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- To promote the highest standards of courtesy and safety on the roads
- To promote enjoyment and sharing goodwill and fellowship amongst Alfa Romeo owners
- To arrange and provide driving and social events for the members
- Promote interest in the marque and the maintenance to the highest standards operation and performance of members' cars by sharing and exchanging information
- Encourage the members to participate in all forms of motorsport and to cooperate with similar clubs throughout Australia and the world.

## **Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Affiliation**

The Association and its members have decided to be affiliated with CAMS. The Association will affiliate with other bodies where affiliation may be appropriate for the encouragement and promotion of motor sport.

## **Council of Motoring Clubs (CMC) Affiliation**

The Association and its members have decided to be affiliated with CMC for the purpose of restoration of motor vehicles to original state and preservation of vintage motor vehicle.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

### **Association Committee**

The Association will have an elected, by the members, committee that will manage and support any of the objectives and purposes of the Association as stated in this Constitution and the supporting policies.

The Association's committee will as a minimum have the following executive positions;

- - President
- - Vice President
- - Secretary
- - Treasurer

Other elected committee positions will be;

- - Competition Coordinator

- - Social Event Coordinator
- - Membership Coordinator
- - Club-shop Coordinator
- - Web-coordinator/Marketing

### **Motor Vehicle Registration System, Concessional Licence**

Establish and maintain a motor vehicle Concessional Licence Registration System for the Association members' vehicles in accordance with the rules and guidelines issued by the Department of Transport, Western Australia.

### **Publications**

The Association will establish and maintain a website for promotion of the Association and for communication of its activities to the members.

The Association will also communicate with members through emails and letters as suited.

This Constitution is supported by the following five policies

### **Policy 1 - Membership of the Association**

Association membership may consist of any of the two following categories:

- **Membership** which shall be confined to owners of Alfa Romeo vehicles, their partners and dependent children (under the age of eighteen) living with their parents or a person who regularly drive an Alfa Romeo vehicle and a person that is interested in the Alfa Romeo marque.

For full details of association membership refer the Policy 1 Membership.

### **Policy 2 - Management & Control of the Association**

The committee shall manage and conduct all aspects of The Association's business and property affairs as described in the Constitution or any of the policies. It is provided that the committee shall have the power to perform any act, deed or execute any document to the discretion that such powers and duties has been vested in the committee. The committee must always conduct its business in line with this Constitution and its supporting policies and in the interest of the Act. The committee can propose changes to the Constitution's five supporting policies at a general meeting. The members will vote for accept/reject of proposed changes to a policy. If the members, by voting, support the proposed changes the committee will change and re-issue the revised policies. For full details of management & control of the association refer Policy 2, Management & Control of the Association.

### **Policy 3 - Finance of the Association**

The committee of the club shall have the power to invest the club funds in approved trustee type securities or building society accounts or interest bearing deposits with banks and shall have the power to lease or rent property or chattels for the use of the club and/or its members and to effect such insurance it shall deem necessary to cover any loss or damage to club property and equipment in the discretion of the committee. For full details of finance of the association refer Policy 3, Finance of the Association.

### **Policy 4 - Association Meetings, Annual General Meetings, Committee Meetings &**

#### **General Meetings**

The Club will conduct its Annual General Meeting (AGM) within four months after the end of its financial year (30th June). The Club's AGM is scheduled for the first Tuesday of

September each year. The Secretary will give the members a minimum of 21 days' notice of the AGM.

The Committee of the Association meets every 3rd week of the month. At a committee meeting two executive members and three members of the committee will constitute a quorum.

General Meetings is held every 1st Tuesday of the month.

Current financial members are entitled to one vote per membership.

The Associations committee and members are advised about the time and place of the meetings on the Association's website and by emails or letters. For full details of the association's meetings refer Policy 4, Association's Meetings.

### **Policy 5 - Annual Fees**

The committee of the Association will on an annual basis recommend to the members the cost of the annual membership fee. The committee will review the membership fee on an annual basis and if the committee consider there is a need for a change in the fee structure this will be proposed to the members at a general meeting. The members will vote for accept/reject of proposed changes to the annual fee. If the members, by voting, support the proposed changes to the annual fee the committee will implement the change and advise all members on the Association's website and by emails or letters. For full details of the Association's fees refer Policy 5, Annual Fees.

### **Winding up the Association**

The Association may be wound up and dissolved if a resolution is passed by three quarters of the financial members present at a special meeting.

The members must be advised of the special meeting in writing fourteen days in advance to the special meeting (or by email) using the last known contact details as in the membership register and must clearly state the purpose of the meeting, dissolving and winding up the Association.

In the event the Association being dissolved and wound up, any credit balance in the Association's funds or any disposable assets which can be converted into cash shall be donated to a charitable organisation or an organisation with similar objects to the Association. Such organisation shall be chosen by a majority decision of the members present at this special meeting.

The committee will advise all members on the Association's website and by emails or letters that there have been a favourable decision by the members at the special meeting that the Association has been dissolved.

**Note:** This Constitution and its five supporting Policies have been adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club of Australia, West (Australian Division), Incorporated, held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2018.

The Constitution and the five supporting Policies are published on the Association's website and printed copies are available to all members on request. <http://www.alfaclubwa.com.au/>

# POLICY 1 - MEMBERSHIP

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Club membership may consist of any or all of the following categories:

- Membership which shall be confined to owners of Alfa Romeo vehicles, the partners, or persons who regularly drive an Alfa Romeo vehicle and a person that is interested in the marque.
- Honorary Membership. The committee shall have the power to consider and recommend to any general or special meeting of the club that honorary membership of the club be granted to a person. If an Honorary Membership is accepted by the Club members present at the general/special meeting the Honorary Membership shall remain current for a period of time to be decided by the committee.
- Life Membership. The committee may recommend life membership for any member who in its opinion has given special service to the club. The proposed member may only be considered and recommended for life membership if he or she has been a financial member of the club for a period of at least five years. For a Life membership to be granted, 75% of the votes must be a "yes". Life membership is defined as being the same as a full membership of the club with the exception that a life member shall not be required to pay any membership fees of any type.

Club members shall be persons over the age of seventeen years and to become a member a membership form must be completed and submitted to the membership coordinator together with the current annual fee.

The committee may refuse membership to a person. The committee's decision for a refusal shall be final. Fee paid by the person being refused will be returned. The membership coordinator will keep an up-to-date register of club members with name, address, phone numbers, joining date and email address.

**Cessation of Membership.** A person ceases to be a member of the club if the person:

- Dies
- Is expelled from the club, or
- Allows their membership to lapse.

**Members Liabilities.** The liability of a member of the Club is to contribute towards the payment of the debts and other the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the Club is limited to the amount of the annual membership fee.

**Disciplining of members.** Where the committee is of the opinion that a member of the club has;

- Persistently refused or neglected to comply with the provisions of the Club's constitution and/or policies
- Persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the club.

the committee may make a resolution and serve the member a notice regarding any of the two above matters informing the member that he/she has been;

- expelled as a member of the club, or
- suspend as a member of the club for a specified period.

This notice from the committee is of no effect unless the committee, at a meeting held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty eight days after a disciplinary notice is served on a member.

Setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based, stating that the member may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than fourteen days and not later than twenty eight days after serving the notice. The notice will include the following;

- stating the date, place and time of that meeting, and - informing the member that the member may do either or both of the following..-
- attend and speak at that meeting,
- submit to the committee at or prior to the date of that meeting written representations relating to the resolution.

At a meeting of the committee held as referred to above, the committee shall;

- give to the member an opportunity to make oral representations
- give due consideration to any written representations submitted to the committee by the member at or prior to the meeting, and by resolution determine whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.

Where the committee confirms a resolution the secretary shall, within seven days after that confirmation, by notice in writing inform the member of the fact and of the member's right of appeal. An appeal must be made in writing (email) by the member no later than seven days after receipt of the notice.

A resolution confirmed by the committee do not take effect until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution or where the member does not exercise the right of appeal within that period the resolution is final.

### **Right of Appeal by a disciplined member**

A member may appeal to the club in a general meeting against a resolution of the committee within seven days after receipt of the notice of the resolution being served on the member.

Upon receipt of an appeal from a member the secretary shall notify the committee which shall convene a general meeting of the club to be held within twenty one days after the date on which the secretary received that notice.

At the general meeting no other business than the question of the appeal shall be discussed. The committee and the disciplined member shall be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing. The members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked. If at the general meeting the club passes the resolution, the resolution is confirmed.

Any proxy vote shall be in writing.

## **POLICY 2 - CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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The control and management of The Association shall be by the committee as elected by the members of The Association. The committee shall consist of a minimum of eight members. The members of The Association may choose to increase the number of committee members as they find suited. The committee will consist of the following

- President, (executive member)
- Vice President, (executive member)
- Secretary, (executive member)
- Treasurer, (executive member)
- Competition Coordinator
- Social Event Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator
- Club Shop Coordinator
- Website Coordinator/Marketing
- Past President (if the person chooses to be part of the committee)

The committee shall manage and conduct all aspects of The Association's business and property affairs wherever in the Constitution or any of the policies. It is provided that the committee shall have the power to perform any act, deed or execute any document to the discretion that such powers and duties has been vested in the committee. The committee must always conduct its business in line with the constitution and its policies and in the interest of the acts. Execution of documents shall be done by the committee whose discretion shall be exercised without any restrictions.

The committee shall deal with all applications for membership, protests, appeals and/or complaints.

Any four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum of the committee provided that no act may be done by the committee except by the agreement of at least two of the four executive committee members as defined above.

The committee shall meet as often as required and at least six times in any calendar year period.

The executive members of the committee shall be members who are current owners of Alfa Romeo vehicles.

The past president is eligible to be part of the next elected committee and is eligible to vote on committee matters. The past president may not necessarily hold one of the elected committee positions..

The treasurer shall receive all funds for The Association, and account to the president and committee for expenditure. Payment shall be recorded and all cheques shall be signed by two of the executive members of the committee.

The election of office bearers and committee shall take place at the annual general meeting.

The secretary shall be the record-keeper of all documentation of the Association. If any member of the committee is absent from committee meetings for three consecutive months, without explanation which is acceptable to the majority of the committee, the absent committee member is liable to be removed from office by a vote of the remainder of the committee. Should any office bearer resign or a vacancy occur, the vacancy may be temporarily filled pending the next general meeting or a special meeting can be called for electing a new committee member.

Delegation by Committee to Sub Committee

The committee may delegate to one or more subcommittees (consisting of member or of The Association as the committee thinks fit) the exercise of arranging a function as specified below. This power of delegation could be;

- A function which is a duty imposed on the committee by the Act or by any other law.
- A function, the exercise of which has been delegated to a sub-committee under this rule may, while the delegation remains unrevoked, be exercised from time to time by the sub-committee in accordance with the terms of the delegation.
- A delegation under the section may be made subject to such conditions or limitations as to the exercise of any function the subject thereof, or as to time or circumstances, as may be specified in the instrument of delegation
- Notwithstanding any delegation under this rule, the committee may continue to exercise any function delegated.
- Any act or thing done or suffered by a sub-committee acting in the exercise of a delegation under this rule has the same force and effect as it would have if it had been done or suffered by the committee.
- The committee may, by instrument in writing, revoke wholly or in part any delegation under this rule.

A sub-committee may meet and adjourn as it thinks proper. Only financial full members and associate members of The Association are entitled to be nominated as an officer of committee member of The Association.

Only financial full members and associate members shall be entitled to vote at an election of such officers and committee members of The Association and each such full member or associate member shall have one vote. Full members and associate members shall have one vote on any motion before The Association. The president of The Association shall have a casting vote which may only be used to break a deadlock.

Voting at an annual or special meeting of members shall be a show of hands but when demanded by twenty five percent or more members at such meeting shall be by secret ballot.

Any proxy votes shall be in writing.

Only full or associate members shall be entitled to stand for election to the committee if they have been nominated for such position by another full or associate member of The Association.

## **POLICY 3 - FINANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

A copy of the financial statement shall be prepared by the treasurer, forwarded to members with notice of the annual general meeting and presented to the annual general meeting or when requested by a majority of the members of the committee of the club.

The committee will audit the financial statement of the club on an annual basis prior to the financial statement being presented to the annual general meeting. Any member of the Club may request a special meeting where the financial of the club has to be presented to the members for their review.

The committee of the club shall have the power to invest the club funds in approved trustee type securities or building society accounts or interest bearing deposits with banks or shall have the power to lease or rent property or chattels for the use of the club and/or its members and to effect such insurance it shall deem necessary to cover any loss or damage to club equipment in the discretion of the committee.

**Insurance.** The club will ensure that both mandatory and other insurance as required for the protection of all members are initiated and maintained.

**Funds – Source.** The funds of the club shall be derived from annual membership fees, donations, sale of club regalia, website advertising sponsorship and, subject to any resolution passed by the club in general meeting, such other sources as the committee determines.

All money received by the club shall be deposited as soon as practicable and without deduction to the credit of the club's bank account. The club shall, as soon as practicable after receiving any money, issue an appropriate receipt.

**Funds Management.** Subject to any resolution passed by the club in general meeting, the funds of the club shall be used in pursuance of the objects of the club in such manner as the committee determines. All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by two of members of the Association's executive committee.

### **Finance of the association**

The committee of the Association shall have the power to invest the funds in approved trustee type securities or building societies accounts or interest bearing with banks. The committee shall have the power to lease or rent property or chattels for the use of the association and or its members. The committee shall also ensure that insurances are in place to cover loss of the association's property and equipment.

The treasurer shall be responsible of all money paid or received by the Association and keep true records of these proceedings. The treasurer shall present to the committee at every committee meeting records of the Association's transactions and financial position and also present these records to the members at the annual AGM.

## **POLICY 4 - MEETINGS**

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The Association holds Annual General Meetings, General Meetings and Committee Meetings on a regular basis.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is held within three months after the end of the financial year, the AGM is on the 1st Tuesday of September.

Committee meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month unless otherwise notified to the committee members. The committee members are notified of the time and the place of the meeting by emails.

General Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday every month unless otherwise notified to the members. Members are notified of the time and place of the meeting by emails. No item of business shall be approved at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under this policy is present to vote during the meeting. Five members present in person at a general meeting, outside the minimum of two executive committee members constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business being voted on.

If at the commencement of a general meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting will be cancelled and continue as a social event for members. The agenda for the meeting will be postponed to the next general meeting. If at the next general meeting a quorum is not present at the commencement of the meeting the members present (being not less than three) shall constitute a quorum.

Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a general meeting requires a special resolution for the Association, the secretary shall, at least fourteen days before the General meeting is scheduled notify to the members (by email) the time, place and the reason for the proposed special meeting and the nature of the business proposed to be discussed.

For the special meetings no business other than that specified in the notice convening a general meeting shall be transacted at the meeting except, in the case of an annual general meeting. Fifteen percent of the members must be present at the special meeting for the meeting to have a quorum.

A member desiring to bring any business before a general meeting may do so by giving notice in writing (email) of that business the member want to bring up to the secretary who shall include that business in the next notice of calling a general meeting.

**Presiding Member.** The president or, in the president's absence another executive member will to preside as chairperson at the meeting.

**Making of a Decisions.** A question arising at a general meeting of the club shall be determined on a show of hands and a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried or carried unanimously or by a particular majority or an entry to effect in the minute book of the club. The minute book is evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against that resolution.

**Voting.** Upon any question arising at a general meeting of the club a member has one vote only. All votes shall be given personally or by proxy but no member may hold more than five proxies. In the case of an equality of votes on a question at a general meeting, the chairperson of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.

**Appointment of Proxies.** Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as proxy by notice given to the secretary no later than twenty four hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed. The notice appointing the proxy shall be emailed to the secretary fourteen days before the meeting.

**The Annual General Meeting.** The club shall hold an annual general meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in September each year after forwarding notice to all financial members at their last known email address. All financial members shall be notified at least fourteen days in advance of the date and place of the annual general meeting and of the subject to be discussed at such annual general meeting.

In addition to any other business which may be transacted at an annual general meeting, the business of an annual general meeting shall be:-

- to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general and of any special general meeting held since that meeting,
- to receive from the committee reports upon the activities of the club during the last preceding financial year
- to elect office bearers of the club and ordinary members of the committee

### **A Special Meeting**

The committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a special general meeting of the Association. The committee shall, on the requisition in writing of not less than five percent of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the club A requisition of members for a special general meeting

- shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting,
- shall be submitted by the member(s) making the requisition by email
- shall be lodged with the secretary by email and may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.

If the committee fails to convene a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which a requisition of members for the meeting is lodged with the secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than three months after that date. A special general meeting convened by a member(s) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as general meeting is convened by the committee.

## **POLICY 5 ANNUAL FEE**

**Annual Fee.** The committee of the Association will recommend to the members the annual membership fee to be paid for membership. The committee will review the annual membership fee on an annual basis. If the committee consider there is a need for a change in the fee structure this will be proposed to the members at a general meeting. Changes in the fee structure will be voted on by the Association's members at the general meeting. The changes will become effective immediately if the proposed changes are considered to be appropriate by a majority of those members present at the general meeting. The committee will notify members of the changes to the fee structure of the Association.

The financial year shall commence on the first day of July and end on the last day of June each year.

The annual fee for Full Membership and Associate Membership is currently set at \$ 80.00 per membership.