



Dear Western Australian Alfisti,

Please review this first edition of **ALFA OCCIDENTALE**. It is our first attempt at a club newsletter for the 2016-17 financial year. We hope you find it useful. We certainly will welcome any contributions you might like to see included in future issues. With that in mind, should you have information you would like to provide for a future edition of this Newsletter, please send your contribution directly to the club, C/-  
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## AROCA WA PRESIDENT'S REPORT



At the end of the last financial year, AROCA WA conducted a survey of its membership. I was pleased to be able to report on our progress with the survey at the club's last committee meeting, held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The club received 48 responses out of 73 AROCA WA members who were sent the survey. Highlights of the

data received from our club survey include the following:

- The majority of members who responded had been in the club for over 10 years; relatively few of our more recent members gave responses.
- The survey showed that most of our members are in the club primarily in order to meet other Alfa enthusiasts.
- It was interesting that, of the members who responded, about 50% of them are also members of other car clubs in WA.
- The data showed that social and touring events ranked as the club's most wanted events by members, although other club and technical events also ranked highly.
- Garage events are of interest to members, as are longer weekend drives.
- About half of our members wanted the club to hold more events that their partners could also attend.
- Of the gaps perceived in the club's present offering, the most requested is to have increased notice of forthcoming events. This is followed by a desire for



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more technical events, more touring events, and, if possible, to have the club magazine reinstated.

- A regular website update was requested widely in the recent survey. It was also noted that the Facebook page for AROCA WA needed updating. Please note that the correct Facebook link is

[https://www.facebook.com/Alfa-](https://www.facebook.com/Alfa-Romeo-Owners-Club-WA-Division-185206508218749)

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- Members requested that more events be organized to be held south of the river and they asked for the publication of an annual calendar of events.
- Of the members who did respond to the survey, I noted that most are over 60, and that every survey responder is over 46. We are members of a mature club!

In response to the results of the survey, it was agreed at our last committee meeting that the committee will endeavor to organize a monthly club run day (e.g., every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month). Details have yet to be determined. However, everyone on the committee has agreed to take on a coordination role, on top of their committee roles. (See responsibilities shown against future events in a table provided later in this newsletter.)

In reading this newsletter, you will note that this year's program has also been mapped out - perhaps only provisionally for those future events that are further into 2017.

As the Club's President, I believe that, based on our survey results, there is a clear need to enlarge AROCA WA. Therefore, I would like to set us an end of year target of over 100 financial members, although, I do note that as of September 23<sup>rd</sup>, there were only 54 currently paid-up current members, plus six life members.

The committee is aware that the club reached 84 members during the 2015/16 financial year. Therefore, we will check on a list of lapsed members as part of our club growth objective.

The committee agreed to consider how to set up electronic payments for future events using a feature such as a Paypal account on the website. You may have noted that for the pasta run, we adopted the Fiat Club's electronic payment system. Depending upon our success with this system for the Pasta Run, we may continue this approach, or look at alternatives such as EventBrite to notify events and collect payments via the web.



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Everyone, please note that there is a need to update the list of concessional vehicles supported by the club and use that to advise the CMC. This list needs to be cross-referenced with the current paid-up membership list. As a result, we have set up an email circulation to all current (and recent past) members to request that they advise us at AROCA WA regarding their ownership of any WA-registered concessional vehicle.

You may have noted that the formal logo of Alfa Romeo has recently changed. As a result, all AROCA-related club materials in the various states are being updated. Please note the new logo is shown in the footer below.

A new internet club shop provider has been established for AROCA in NSW and Victoria and we are looking at AROCA WA arrangements currently. At the last committee meeting, we agreed that, given the outdating of old stock due to this logo change, the club will sell off/liquidate all of its old stock in the near future.

Lastly, please note that our next club events are as follows:

- On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, there is the combined Italian car clubs' **annual pasta run** which ends at the Italian club for lunch. If you haven't booked already, please note that registration details are shown on a following page in this newsletter.
- On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, Rotary will hold an **Italian car day** at Gloucester Park. The Café and restaurant there will be open all day on the 13<sup>th</sup>. A formal lunch for Italian car clubs is also planned that day.
- Our **Christmas function** will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The club has agreed that this year's Christmas function be made free to current members. The club will hold a run to the venue for a late lunch of "Pizzas in the Park" at Dominic Zito's.
- Our **competition program** also has two scheduled events for the rest of this year. The **Vintage Stampede** on 26<sup>th</sup> November and the **CAMS Sprint** on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Both events will be at the Barbagallo Raceway. Check with our competition secretary, John Reed, for details. Please also note





that the competition calendar for 2017 is not yet available.

Please don't forget to provide the club with your updated address, car registration, membership subscription, etc. as soon as you can.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next Club events.

With best wishes,

Andrew Murray.

## **RECENT AROC WA CLUB EVENT**

The **5th Annual Como Rotary Car Show** has held on Sunday, 2nd October, at Wesley College in South Perth. (<http://comorotarycarshow.com/>)

Club members Andrew Murray, Sam Calabro, Leo Marzo, Greg Smith and Richard Peirce had cars on display.

Some photographs from the Como Rotary car show were published on the club's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Alfa-Romeo-Owners-Club-WA-Division-185206508218749/photos>





## WA ITALIAN CAR CLUBS : ANNUAL PASTA RUN

**SUNDAY OCT 23RD 2016**

**Meet at 9am at Midland  
Centrepont Shopping Centre  
(First car to leave at 9.30)  
Finishing at the Italian Club,  
North Perth for lunch.**

**Adults \$35,  
children 12 years and under \$15,  
toddlers 0-3 free.**

### **TICKET PURCHASE**

**Remember that your ticket purchase for this  
event is strictly a pre-event date matter.**

**You can book directly, right now, via this weblink:**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/NGPZ>**

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## AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-17

Event	Event Date	Event Coordinator
<b>Annual Pasta Run</b> <i>(See ad on following page)</i> Start at Midland CenterPoint and finish at Perth Italian Club for Lunch	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2016	Ivan Olsen
<b>General Club meeting</b> Oxford hotel 6:30. GM at 8pm.	Tues, 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2016	Andrew Murray
<b>Italian Car Day</b> <i>(See ad on following page)</i> Rotary Club of Northbridge, 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual charity Italian car day, Gloucester Park	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	Andrew Murray / Rotary
<b>Vintage Stampede</b> Barbagallo track, VSCCWA race and regularity	Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	John Reed
<b>CAMS Sprint</b> Barbagallo track, CAMS Speed Series Sprint	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2016.	John Reed
<b>Christmas Party</b> Pizzas in the Park at Dominics. Club run to the venue for a late lunch.	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016	Domenic Zito
<b>"Blow the Cobwebs" run</b>	Sat 14 January, 2017	Rod Quinn



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<i>Perth hills run to Millbrook winery for a wine tasting and lunch.</i>		
<b>Mid-week Run North</b> <i>Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.</i>	Thurs 16 February, 2017	Richard Pierce
<b>Run to Northam</b> <i>Round the houses event in Northam</i>	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2017	Ian Glover
<b>“British Car Day Raid”</b> <i>Club run to the British car day at Gin Gin. Lunch en route.</i>	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017	Richard Pierce
<b>Albany “Round-the-Houses”</b> <i>Dinner on the Saturday night for Alfa members in attendance.</i>	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2017	Andrew Murray
<b>Birthday dinner</b> <i>Dinner &amp; presentation night. Venue to be advised.</i>	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017	Nick Rahimtulla
<b>Mid-Week Run South</b> <i>Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.</i>	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017	Greg Smith
<b>Wildflower Run</b> <i>A run through the wildflower country to a social lunch for ARC WA members.</i>	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017	Steve Sugden
<b>AROC WA Annual General Meeting</b> <i>AGM and dinner, venue TBD</i>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Andrew



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# ***Rotary Italian Car Day 2016***

**Sunday November 13**

**Gloucester Park**

Nelson Crescent East Perth

**Display Gate - entry 8.00am**

Display car entry is FREE.

**Public Entry - 9.30am to 3.00pm**

**Adults \$15** (includes a family pass for future events at Gloucester Park valued at \$24)

**Kids Free**

**Café, Restaurant, Bar, Coffee and more...**



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See [www.italiancarday.com.au](http://www.italiancarday.com.au)







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## KEY AROCA INTERSTATE EVENTS

### VICTORIA

- **MOTORCLASSICA, 21-23 October**
  - Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton. Huge exhibition of Australia's most classic and "best dressed" cars.



- **SPETTACOLO 2016, 26-27 November**
  - Wesley College Melbourne. Concorso 2016, Nov. 26; Spettacolo dinner, Nov. 26; Spettacolo, Nov 27: 200 Alfas exhibited (including historic pre-war cars)
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Throughout its long and very impressive history Alfa Romeo has produced some of the world's most desirable cars and with each new model Alfa Romeo has included a Spider version in the line-up.

An Alfa Romeo Spider was even the star of the 1967 film, *The Graduate*, a film that also starred two of Hollywood's leading actors from that era, Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft and gave the Spider world-wide exposure.

This year's Spettacolo, once again at Wesley College, 51 Kiila Road Melbourne, will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Alfa Romeo Spider with a showcase of these very popular models to support Alfa Romeo's newest Spider, the 4C.

If you own any model of Alfa Romeo, and especially a Spider, you are invited to bring your car and join the display on the Wesley College oval from 10am to 2.00pm. The manicured oval at Wesley College is the perfect venue for a display of these magnificent Italian classics. Entry to the display area is off Moubray Street (enter Moubray Street from either 51 Kiila Road or Chapel Street).

With well over 250 Alfa Romeos expected on the day, along with many other Italian marques, it is anticipated that there will be well over 300 Italian cars on the oval to present the largest display of Alfa Romeos in the Southern Hemisphere. So much to look at and admire.

One of many features on the day will be the Wash 'n Shine competition sponsored by Zagame Automotive and entries will be accepted all day.

There will be ample supplies of delicious Italian food and coffee entertainment for the kids, Alfa Romeo merchandise from the Forza Italia Shop, trifle stands and displays by our very supportive dealers - Zagame Automotive and Essendon Alfa Romeo.

Please mark this event on your calendar and join us for this great celebration.

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## NEW SOUTH WALES

- Alpine Classic Invitation, 22-23 October
- South Coast Tour, Canberra Chapter's Sprint tour, 29-31 October
- Presentation and end of year dinner, 17 December
  - Canada Bay Sports Club, Sydney

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

- Auto Italia, Adelaide, 6 November
  - Campbelltown City Soccer Club, Whites Lane, Newton

## TASMANIA

- ALFESTA NATIONAL EASTER MEETING 14 – 17 April 2017  
Launceston, Tasmania (see details here: <http://alfesta2017.alfaclubvic.org.au>)



### Email about Alfesta 2017 from David Mills:

**From:** David Mills  
<[dmills@netspace.net.au](mailto:dmills@netspace.net.au)>

Hello Fellow Alfisti,  
I am pleased to advise that the website with all the information and instructions on what you have to do to register and book travel and accommodation for Alfesta 2017 in Launceston, Tasmania next Easter is now up and running.

Go to <http://alfesta2017.alfaclubvic.org.au/>  
Look forward to seeing you there  
Kind Regards, David Mills.

### Alfesta 2017 Tasmania Committee

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## RELEVANT AROCA CLUB WEBSITES

AROCA: <http://www.alfaclub.org.au>

NSW AROCA: <http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au>

AROCA QLD: <http://www.arocaqld.com>

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## AROCA WA CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

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### Got one of these?

This 105 series Spider 1600 "Duetto" prototype was fitted out by Pininfarina at the end of 1965. Streamlined rear wheel passage, wire wheels, and raised sections behind the seats (over the boot) can be seen. Interestingly, the final 1966 first production version of the Duetto did not have these prototype features.

*(From "Alfa Romeo Spiders 1910 – 1992" by Bruno Alfieri (Publisher, Automobilia, 1992.)*

