

**ROCC NEWS (email edition) February 2020 Issue 374**

**Next meeting is Feb 20, 2020.**

**It is a special general meeting to vote on the proposed merger with Peugeot club.**

**8pm, Shannons Offices**

**Fyshwick**

**PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

**Bonjour Renaultphiles**

I hope you all had a great Xmas and start to the New Year and escaped unscathed from the horrific bushfires this summer. I know Pauline and George Cook were under threat at their home in Batemans Bay but they ended up safe and well.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the working committee has completed its deliberations on the proposed merger with the Peugeot Club (PAC) to form a new French Car Club of Canberra. Members will have received the proposed resolutions for the merger together with a background paper covering all the matters considered and agreed by the Committee. The resolutions will be considered at our next meeting on 20 February. I encourage all members to come along and cast their vote. If you cannot make the meeting, you will have received a proxy form that you can send either to Lisa or myself before the meeting. Once approved, we will inform the PAC that will also need to consider resolutions for the merger. Assuming both clubs approve the merger, the merger application will be submitted to the ACT Government and hopefully a new club will be in operation early in 2020.

Over the next weekend, I will be attending the Renault Roundup in Melbourne to be held on Sunday 16 February at the Caribbean Gardens and Market in Scoresby. More news and photos of this event will follow.

I will be attending in my new Alpine A110 as my 1969 A110 is currently up on blocks (see photo). The engine is now fixed but I have decided to have problems with the 5 speed gear box attended to as it has been jumping out of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> gear – not very handy when doing Targa events. So a quick trip to/from Melbourne where my good friend, Rob Sealey, is fixing the issues.

Talking about fixes, Rodney Apcar, President of RCCV and my navigator in Targa High Country, has just had a triple heart bypass and is now recovering. Just as well a heart attack didn't occur doing the Targa event! Also, James Colbourne, now living at Stockinbingal, is in Canberra Private Hospital recovering from spinal surgery. We wish them both well and hope to see them back on the road in the near future.

Drive Safely

Barry McAdie



Drive Safely, Barry McAdie

### **Secretary's Notes**

RENAULT OWNERS CLUB of CANBERRA

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEETINGS

No meeting in Dec 2019.

### **Voting on the proposed French car club merger**

#### **PROPOSED FRENCH CAR CLUB OF CANBERRA**

##### **(A) Introduction**

This paper provides background information to assist members when voting on resolutions to establish a new French Car Club of Canberra.

##### **(B) Background**

The Renault Car Club of Canberra (ROCC) was founded in September 1985 and incorporated on 9 April 1987 (Association Number A01347). The Peugeot Association of Canberra (PAC) was incorporated on 20 November 1979 (A00669). The Citroen Association of Canberra (CAC) was incorporated earlier on 5 July 1976 but its incorporation ceased on 19 December 2001.

During 2018, the ROCC Committee considered options for the future of the club due to falling membership and, importantly, no new younger members were joining to continue the club, despite increased sales of new Renaults in the ACT and Australia-wide.

Details were included in a paper circulated to members that included various options for the future of the club.

On 20 December 2018, the majority of members who voted chose option (c) to merge with the Peugeot Association of Canberra (PAC) to form a locally based all French Car Club of Canberra.

This result was communicated to Brad Pillans, President of the PAC, on the basis that the vote should be regarded as an in principle agreement to merge with the PAC pending advice from him that the PAC is willing to merge and subject to negotiations on arrangements for the merger, including the involvement of Citroen owners and other makes, if any, and on satisfying the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991.

It was suggested that a working group of one or two officers from each club meet in 2019 to work through the details.

Advice was received from Brad Pillans on 30 May 2019 that the PAC had given in principle support to the merger and that he was endorsed to liaise with ROCC and Citroen representatives to prepare a merger proposal.

### **(C) Terms of Proposed Merger**

The Working Group comprised Barry McAdie and Lisa Molvig of ROCC, Brad Pillans and Colin Handley of PAC and Paul James, Peter Alabaster and Wayne Millar representing Citroen owners. Its purpose was to develop terms for the proposed merger.

Meetings were held at the National Botanic Gardens on 27 July, 7 September, 20 October with a final meeting on 7 December 2019.

Agreement was reached on the following terms:

1. To form a new car association to be called "The French Car Club of Canberra Inc" by merging the Renault Car Club of Canberra and the Peugeot Association of Canberra and including owners of Citroens and other French marques.
2. The objectives of the new association would be:
  - (a) To foster and promote an interest and involvement in all French vehicles;

- (b) To organize social activities for members that encourage mutual support and sharing of information relating to French vehicles;
  - (c) To form positive relationships with associations having similar aims and objectives.
3. The new club will adopt as its constitution the model rules as set out in Schedule 1 of the Associations Incorporation Regulation 1991 subject to amendments to allow additional members to be appointed to the committee, that the committee include members of each marque and that internet payments be allowed subject to the approval of two members of the committee as done in the constitution of ROCC.
  4. Existing paid up and honorary members automatically become members of the new car club.
  5. The initial fee for membership of the new car club shall be \$20 per annum.
  6. The inaugural public officer of the association shall be Barry McAdie of 5 Strathnairn Place, Fraser, ACT 2615.
  7. The inaugural members of the committee of the new association shall be Lisa Molvig, Colin Handley and Paul James.
  8. The parties to this proposal agreed to reveal to each other their current sources of funds and expenditure, assets and liabilities, stock holdings, tools and manuals and that they become the property of the new association with tools and manuals to be made available on request to members.
  9. The new association to be affiliated to the Council of ACT Motor Clubs so as to allow members to continue to have concessional registration on their historic vehicles and be affiliated with the NSW Roads and Maritime Agency to allow ROCC members based in NSW access to concessional registration on their historic vehicles.
  10. The new association to be insured for public liability.
  11. The new association's address will be the current PO Box address of the PAC (PO Box 711, Civic Square ACT 2608) and ROCC will terminate its PO Box rental.
  12. The above points, where relevant, are to be incorporated into Form A2 "Application To Amalgamate Associations" to be submitted by the Public Officer to Access Canberra after it is signed by both Presidents of the amalgamating associations and the Public Officer. The form will be signed and submitted only after both clubs have passed a special resolution agreeing to the amalgamation.
  13. ROCC agreed to pay \$197.00 for the cost of the application. PAC offered to pay 50% of the cost should the amalgamation not proceed.

### **Proposed Special Resolution**

Section 26 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 covers the amalgamation of incorporated associations.

In accordance with Section 26 (1), it is proposed that ROCC members approve the terms of the proposed amalgamation as detailed in (C) above, the objects of the new association as

detailed in (C) 2 above and agree that the new association adopt the model rules as amended in (C) 3 above.

Under Section 70 of the Act, "A resolution of an incorporated association is taken to be a special resolution if

(a) it is passed at a general meeting of the association, being a meeting of which at least 21 days' notice, accompanied by notice of intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution, has been given to the members of the association; and

(b) it is passed by at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the votes of those members of the association who, being entitled to vote, vote in person or, if the rules of the association permit voting by proxy, vote by proxy at the meeting."

**Form of appointment of proxy**

I,

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(Full name)

of

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(Address)

a member of

The Renault Owners Club of Canberra Incorporated

appoint

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(full name of proxy)

of

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(address)

a member of that incorporated association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the general meeting of the association to be held on 20 February 2020

And at any adjournment of that meeting.

\*My proxy is authorized to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate) the special resolution to approve the terms of the proposed amalgamation, the objects of the new association and agree that the new association adopt the model rules as amended as detailed in the document "Proposed French Car Club of Canberra" sent to me.

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(Signature of member appointing proxy)

(\* To be inserted if required)

Date .....

Note: A proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the association.

### **Social Report:**

#### **French car drives in 2020**

Program of French car drives together with Peugeot and Citroen clubs, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of even months:

**February 23: Hall-** visit School museum and heritage centre

<https://museum.hall.act.au/>

Meet at the museum at 17-19 Palmer St Hall at 1.30pm. We will be given an introductory talk by museum volunteers at 1.45pm. Time to explore the museum collection and then afternoon tea either at the museum or a local café.

Please RSVP by Feb 20 to reno1338@hotmail.com

**April 26: Braidwood-** visit local museum or historic house

**June 28: Tharwa-** afternoon tea at Tharwa Country Store

**August 23: Queanbeyan-** visit local history museum and print museum, lunch or coffee at local cafe, <https://queanbeyanmuseum.org.au/>, <http://queanbeyanprintingmuseum.com/>

**October 25: Hillbrook Hygge-**lunch

**December 6:** Christmas BBQ

#### **Local and interstate events for 2020:**

##### **Jugiong motorsport weekend.**

Postponed until Easter due to the bushfire emergency this summer.

Saturday 11th April 8:00am Scrutineering and entries at the Hall

10:00am Motorkhana competition

1:30pm Lunch – Please support the RFS 5:00pm First Beer at the Jugiong Motor Inn

7:00pm Presentation Dinner at the Motel - a la carte menu Final results available with trophies

**Wheels 2020, March 1, Queanbeyan Showground**

We will have a combined French car display area at this event, and we have been asked to create a French theme to our display. Any suggestions? French café? French garage? Eiffel tower? Frogs? Green? Tricolour? Any other suggestions?

<https://stharc.org.au/shannons-wheels-2019/>

**Other bits and pieces:**

I knew that Dacia in Romania made an R12 version, wasn't aware that they also made an R8. Here is one for sale in Romania:

<https://dylar.com/cars/14979/dacia-1100-sedan-saloon-1970-yellow-for-sale>







Renault Blue



