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Next meeting is Thursday March 19, 2020.

Annual General Meeting, 8pm, Shannons Offices

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Bonjour Renaultphiles

At our general meeting on 20 February, all 8 proxy votes and all 7 present at the meeting, voted in favour of the resolutions to merge with the Peugeot Club to form a new French car Club of Canberra. That is 100% of those who voted were in favour and 75% of our total membership were in favour. This meets the criterion, under section 70 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, that the resolution must be passed by at least 75% 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.

Now we need to wait for the Peugeot Club to have their say. I understand that the merger was discussed at their meeting on 20 February and that their members will vote on the special resolutions at their next meeting on 24 March 2020. If the special resolutions are passed by their members, then the President of both clubs will sign off on the merger proposal and submit it to Access Canberra. Pending that outcome, our next meeting is the AGM and we will probably need to vote on our positions as a temporary measure.

I attended the Renault Roundup in Melbourne held on Sunday 16 February at the Caribbean Gardens and Market in Scoresby. I took my new A110 and there was a great turnout of Alpines and Renaults of all models. As the President of the Victorian Renault Club and my navigator during Targa High Country, Rod Apcar, had just had a triple bypass, I took him to the event in my car. Ernst and Sonja Luthi allowed me to stay at their place in Coburg along with Bob Sprague and Fran Fifield and we had a great time.

Lisa will have mentioned our events at Wheels and the run to Hall. Unfortunately, I could only make the Wheels event in my new A110. There was also a successful mini Muster of the 4CV Register in Castlemaine, Victoria, last weekend with nine 4CVs attending and a few derivative and other Renaults, including a Dauphine driven about 1,500 km from Brisbane by Phil Harrison, a GTA Alpine, a Dauphine-Gordini from Geelong, one R4, one Geelong-based R8 and a 16TS and to finish off the mix was Bill and Robyn Betts' quite lovely 1908 AX from Mittagong. The event was capably organised by Amy and Steve Cavanaugh. Unfortunately, I could not make it as my 1969 A110 is still waiting on the repair of my 5 speed gearbox which should happen shortly.

The F1 season will be getting underway next weekend in Melbourne and we all hope Daniel Ricciardo has better luck this time after having a DNF last year on the first lap after hitting a culvert at the start.

Drive Safely

Barry McAdie

RENAULT OWNERS CLUB of CANBERRA
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEETINGS
Shannons, CANBERRA, 20 Feb 2020

ATTENDANCE; Andrew Sadow, Leigh McEwan, Luke Drady, Lisa Molvig, Karl Rumba, Barry McAdie, Paul Jones

APOLOGIES; Lachlan Drady

PROXIES; Nick Hulskamp, Bill Inkpen, Ken Horsfall, George Cook, Fred Cook, Paul Ballard, Chris Forsey, Luke Drady

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: NO meeting in December and no Meeting January

CORRESPONDENCE IN; 2x Beyond Bank statements, Military Bank Statement, 2x Mille Miles mags for Barry, 1 renewal from Keith Melville, PO BOX renewal notice (Paul Will pay another 12 months)

CORRESPONDENCE OUT; A few emails from Lisa regarding Club movements, social up and comings and things of interest to members.

TREASURER; With his left arm in a sling and sad stories of a tragic mishap Paul delivered the monthly math equations as this: at the end of January \$8488.28 Military Bank, \$270.43 Beyond Bank. Income was only small amounts from interest. Outgoing was to cover Xmas functions and expenses. Current membership as of Feb 20th is 20 members.

SOCIAL; see newsletter/email from Lisa with current up and comings. Wheels 2020 in Queanbeyan (update march 6th, there was a very good turn out from the French car owners with Peugeot, Citroen, Alpine and Renault). There'll be a combined French car outing to Hall, Museum visit and coffee. Jugiong muster will be on during the Easter long weekend.

NEWSLETTER; Lisa has been holding the fort on this BUT would really like some assistance from a person or 2 to help collate info and distribute to members.

TECHNICAL; Barry's early A110 gearbox is in Melbourne getting the jumping out of 3rd and 5th gears fixed, apparently parts are coming from Germany. Barry also regaled us with stories on him being pulled over not one but twice from the Boys in Blue on his way to Melbourne. Basically they wanted to have to have a look and a chat at his new Alpine (wink wink say no more 😊). Also, Luke's R25 will be on historic plates shortly.

WEBSITE; Nil Change to current plan.

GENERAL BUSINESS; It was agreed that the PO box be kept and paid for another 12 months. Mail will still be monitored by ROCC and then mail will be redirected to the new French Car Club after the new club is established.

On another important issue a vote was held on the Proposed Special Resolution, **see below**. With the 7 members present and 8 proxy votes received, the resolution was passed. At the time of the vote, Rocc membership equalled 20. The 15 combined votes at the meeting make up the three quarters of the members that are entitled to vote and so the resolution was passed in favour as per the rules set down.

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.

The options were: (a) continue the Renault Owners Club of Canberra; (b) dissolve the club; (c) merge with the Peugeot Association of Canberra (PAC) to form a locally based all French Car Club of Canberra; (d) form a local chapter of the NSW based Renault Car Club of Australia; (e) join the Renault Car Club of Victoria; (f) form a new French Car Club of Canberra and (g) form an on line club.

On 20 December 2018, the majority of members who voted chose option (c).

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."

A final comment at the meeting was that some snacks and drink be provided at the next meeting as this is a combined General and AGM and hopefully this might entice more members to attend. Proposed by Paul and Seconded by Leigh. As there are maybe some dietary requirements Lisa has agreed to organise the food/snacks.

MEETING CLOSED : 21:15

NEXT MEETING : 19th March 2020

Social Report:

French car drives in 2020

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

February 23: Hall- visit School museum and heritage centre, <https://museum.hall.act.au/>

Renault, Citroen and Rover enthusiasts (12 people) met at the museum were given an introductory talk by museum volunteers. We then had time to explore the museum collection. Very interesting collection of local indigenous and European history of Ginninderra Creek catchment area and history of schools in ACT region. We were able to look in the original 1909 one room Hall school and other displays were in other building which formed the Hall primary school until it closed in 2006.



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. 10-11 April

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 of Wamboin, April 18, 8am – noon.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/bingley-way-wamboin-nsw-2620-australia/wheels-of-wamboin-2020/972813779738762/>

Reports on past events

Renault Round Up, Melbourne, Feb 2020



Alpines at the Renault Roundup.



Bob Watson at the Renault Roundup with an R12G originally driven by Bruce Collier.

Wheels 2020, March 1, Queanbeyan Showground

A hot day for beginning of autumn so we were pleased to be able to shelter under a marquee supplied by Peugeot club. A great display of French cars: four Renaults (R12, R25, Megane Sport, A110), 10 Peugeots (P205 GTi x 2, P208 GTi, P306 GTi, P308, P403, P407, P504, P505 GTi, P508) and five Citroens (2CV, DS19, DS Safari, SM, C4 Cactus). Car clubs were allocated generous spaces for their displays, but that made getting around all the areas a long walk. The Queanbeyan showground is turning out to be quite a good venue. Also, their Multicultural Festival is on the same day in the town park across the street. So, plenty to see and do.



Luke Drady's R25 and Lisa Molvig's R12.



Bruce McCubbin's 2CV, Bryan Clarke's P505, Flash Flanagan's P407, Laurie Kerr's P306



Bill Inkpen's Citroen DS, Paul James DS Safari, John Geremin's P308

Other bits and pieces:

I've joined a Facebook group called Renault vintage and it has some great images and videos of classic Renaults.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/511980272478146/>

Recently found this R16 cabrio, Mike Neil would love to add this to his collection.



This year is the 40th anniversary of the Fuego. Found this link to an article on the history of the Fuego, though it is in French.

https://absolutelycars.wordpress.com/2020/03/05/renault-fuego/?fbclid=IwAR1-BsxbhAluMz7wRI073FKF7ms_vFMKIkOQTdyNeqSRyzTaQ0XzAH8mpeg



