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DAY OF THE VOLKSWAGEN

YARRA GLEN RACECOURSE SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

SHOW 'N' SHINE SWAP MEET TRADE DISPLAYS

ROCKER COVER RACING 11am - 1pm



YARRA GLEN RACECOURSE ARMSTRONG GROVE YARRA GLEN (MEL. REF. 275 C1). PUBLIC ENTRY 9AM. TRADE DISPLAY AND SWAP SITE ENTRY 8AM. SHOW AND SHINE ENTRIES CLOSE 11AM SHARP. IN COMPLIANCE WITH YARRA GLEN RACECOURSE HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS NO DOGS OR BBQs ARE PERMITTED ON THE VENUE GROUNDS.



DAY OF THE VOLKSWAGEN 2018

We are all looking forward to this year's Day of the Volkswagen, to be held at the usual venue, Yarra Valley Racecourse in Yarra Glen, on Sunday, 18th November. It promises to be an even better show than last year, and it would be the biggest general Volkswagen show in Australia. We would love you to bring your Volkswagens into the grounds. You are entitled to do this as part of your admission fee. It's your decision whether you have your car judged. An added attraction this year will be Rocker Cover Racing. Below are some things you need to know.

ENTRY COSTS

PEDESTRIAN ENTRY	\$15
CHILDREN UNDER 12	Free
CAR ENTRY	\$25 Includes judging if you choose.
SWAPPERS	\$25 Includes entry for 2 people.

- Gate's open at 9 o'clock for the general public, including cars for judging and display.
- All vehicles except VIP groups enter through the main entry gate. Follow the instructions of the gate volunteers. Entry payments will be collected after the gate. (For safety reasons, we try to avoid cars banking up out on the road.)
- VIP groups **MUST** have their special stickers to enter via the VIP gate.
- Vendors and traders can enter at 8am through the VIP gate, and must have passes.
- Swappers can enter at 8am.
- When in the grounds, please drive at walking speed and give way to pedestrians.
- Food and drink vendors are arranged by the racecourse, with plenty of variety available.
- Judging is strictly between 9 and 11.
- Presentation of trophies will occur at 2pm.
- Please respect the grounds and follow instructions from CFA volunteers re parking.
- Children's activities will be available.
- Rocker cover racing 11am to 1pm.
- The racecourse bar will be open.
- Just a reminder that the racecourse does not allow dogs or barbecues on the grounds.

We look forward to seeing and your Volkswagens at the Day of this year, and encourage you to bring your pride and joy, whether it be a trophy winner or something unusual. Every VW is welcome, young or old, and our aim is to fill the venue with cars.

Lloyd Davies
Day of the Volkswagen Coordinator.



ROCKER COVER RACING

11am - 1pm

ROCKER COVER RACING RULES

1. The Rocker Cover **MUST** be from an Air Cooled Volkswagen and the whole of the cover **MUST** be used.
2. The Racers **MUST NOT** have any power source. It will be gravity only.
3. The Rocker Cover Racer **MUST** have 4 wheels. Any less or more will incur a cost of \$20 a wheel!
4. The front of the racer **MUST** be the furthest part forward of the Rocker Cover Racer. ie: The start bar will be touching the Rocker Cover not a wheel or any other decorative item etc.
5. The maximum weight of the Rocker Cover Racer **MUST NOT** exceed 3.5kg.
6. The maximum width of the Rocker Cover Racer **MUST NOT** exceed 20cm (200mm) so it will fit on the track.
7. The Rocker Cover Racer rear axle **MUST** be within the Rocker Cover length.

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President's Report

Lloyd Davies WVCV President

Hi all WVCV Members

November is here and it's our biggest month!

This week is our monthly General Meeting at the Austrian Club, and we're having an auction. No doubt you'll be reading this after the meeting, but do hope you manage to bring and buy to your satisfaction. Saturday 17th is the monthly Cars and Coffee at Rocco and Co in Port Melbourne.

And of course, Sunday 18th is the big one! Fifty years ago, in 1968, it was a big year for Volkswagen. They effectively ended full production in Australia and reverted to CKD (assembly of imported components, Complete Knock Down). This was the first move, with Volkswagen eventually totally withdrawing from Australian production. The Country Buggy was introduced this year, the 1500 models arrived, as well as the totally new Transporter.

A lot of these changes came at once due to Volkswagen keeping the Beetle 6 volt body quite a bit longer in Australia than in the rest of the world. This was done in order to eke the models out as long as they could here, as they weren't going to retool for further production here. So our '64 to '67 models were an oddity compared to the rest of the world.

So this year's theme is the celebration of Volkswagen finally going 12 Volt in Australia. We thought this would be a unique way to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Volkswagen's pivotal year, hence Tony Albers' great artwork for the Day of the Volkswagen poster.

By the time you read this, the Day of will be over. At the time of writing, The weather is looking good so hopefully we will all have a great day.

In recent weeks, we had a Tech Day at Bundoora where we upgraded a T2 Kombi's rear brakes to T3 specs. This was a big success with a club-funded barbecue to finish.

Several members also participated in the Ballarat Club's annual camp out at Mt Franklin on the Cup weekend. It was a terrific gathering in a beautiful setting.

Do put the **Annual Christmas Party** into your diaries - **Sunday December 9** - this year at Bundoora - please note the new location - details on Facebook and please see full details below.

I hope to see you all at these events.



WVCV General Meetings

Melbourne Club meetings are held every third Thursday of every month at 8pm at the Austrian Club, 90 Sheehan Rd, Heidelberg West VIC 3081 unless advised of an alternative venue in the Club Newsletter.

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All Day of the Volkswagen inquiries please email dov@vwclub.com.au

WVCV Membership Fees

Single Annual Full membership \$60

Single 3 year Full Membership \$155

Family Membership additional \$20 per mem/per yr

WVCV membership also available on line: www.vwclub.com.au

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WVCV Events

November

WVCV General Meeting

Thursday 15th November 6pm - 10pm

The Austrian Club

76 - 90 Sheehan Road Heidelberg West.

Day of the Volkswagen 2018

Sunday 18th November 2018.

Rocker Cover Racing 11am - 1pm.

See Ads for event details.



COFFEE RUN ROCCO & COE

The WVCV is running a casual monthly coffee run third Saturday each month unless notified. All VWs welcome.

Come along and share a coffee and bite to eat at ROCCO & COE.

Saturday 17th November 10am - 12noon.

1 Fennell St, Port Melbourne.

December

WVCV Christmas Party

Sunday 9th December 11am

Man Cave Two

Unit 18/10 Mirra Court Bundoora

See Ad for full details.

Monthly Coffee Run at Rocco & Coe

Saturday 15th December 10am - 12noon.

1 Fennell St, Port Melbourne.



50th Golden Anniversary

Annual Volkswagen Bug-In

Albury Wodonga 26th - 29th April 2019

Event details coming soon.

VW Club of Victoria Xmas Celebrations

Sunday 9th December

- Start at 11:00am
- BBQ and drinks provided
- Santa appearing
- IdleMen Band entertainment
- NEW and bigger location
- Great family Club day



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Vice President's Report

Matthew Collis WVCV Vice President



Hello fellow VW enthusiasts.

For those that don't know me I've owned and driven VW's for 25 years and been a club member for 18 years. Although I haven't been very active within the club for most of that time, last year I decided to make up for that by taking on a role with the club committee. For the 2017/18 club year I was membership officer. A role that I truly enjoyed. It enabled me to meet and get to know many new VW friends. It also helped me to appreciate all the past and present committee members that put their heart and soul into running our club.

I now look forward to another fantastic VW filled year as Vice President and hope to meet many more of our members at a general meeting or event. Hopefully some of you will decide to come along to a committee meeting and possibly take on a position in the future.

Next time you see a committee member don't forget to thank them for their work, and I would like to thank all our members for without you we wouldn't have such a great club.

The Beetle had a degree of restoration done on it and looked to be rust free, and the Sea Blue colour was appealing. A check over and test drive seemed to indicate that it wouldn't be a bad buy, so a price was negotiated and a deposit paid. I was now the proud owner of a '69 Beetle.

As I live in the North Eastern suburbs, a servicing relationship was established with John Goodison at Volkshome, and as a result of this, I joined the club midway through 2013. So I have now been a member for over five years. Subsequent servicing suggested that the 1641cc engine was getting a little tired and the gearbox was producing a whine at around 80 – 90 KmH. So at Volkshome in August of 2014 the engine was pulled with a view of replacing the pistons and barrels. Checks of other components revealed that the case had virtually had it. So the decision was made to build a complete new engine retaining the 1641 capacity and upgrading the camshaft to an Engle W100. The gearbox was removed and sent off to Lloyd Davies at Volkwerke for reconditioning.

With the new engine combined with a Vintage Speed exhaust and reco'd gearbox installed, everything has been running fine, so now it's just a matter of enjoying the car and participating in club activities. Compared to the Suzuki 4WD club which admittedly was very small, this club is run extremely well with a lot of dedicated members very keen to see that every activity is successful. It's great to go on the club trips and be part of a VW convoy with all the various VW classics. You wonder what the comments from people in passing modern cars would be. No doubt a bit of reminiscing from the older folk.

driver daughter would like it and follow him down the VW path. Unfortunately, she decided she didn't want to learn "manual", so he was moving it on.



MY VOLKSWAGEN STORY

1969 BEETLE by Bruce Meakin.

Prior to becoming involved with Volkswagens and the Volkswagen Club of Victoria, I owned a 1992 Suzuki Sierra hardtop and was a member of the Victorian Suzuki 4WD Club for a number of years. This vehicle had some modifications which included aftermarket ARB suspension and 30 inch mud tyres giving increased ground clearance. As a result of this my wife disliked accessing and riding in it to the point where she outright refused to get in it. So at this point I decided that a change in vehicle interest was required.

Way back in the 1960's, I learnt to drive and attained my Driver's License in a VW Beetle and as it has become such an iconic vehicle, I thought this would be the way to go. (Alas, my first car was not a Beetle but a 1964 Morris 850, the original Mini). So after disposing of the Sierra early in 2012, I scanned the car "For Sales" to see what was available.

A 1969 Beetle advertised at Wallington on the Bellarine sounded interesting, so my Hot Rod enthusiast son accompanied me down to check it out. The guy selling the vehicle was a VW fan and owned a very nice Bay Kombi Camper. He had bought the Beetle with the view that his learner



THE WORLD FAMOUS WVCV Inc.

KENNETT RIVER VW CAMP OUT

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd March 2019

Believe it or not this is Number 16 in a row. That's right we have been coming here every year since 2003.

For those new to the WVCV Inc, the Kennett River Holiday Park located 164 kms from Melbourne right on the magnificent Great Ocean Road, see <http://www.kennettriver.com/contact-us/>

We always give club members early notification of next year's event just in case you want to book a cabin as there are a limited number available and they book out fast. This is a very popular holiday destination.

If camping on a powered or unpowered camping site is more your style, you can book a site now as the club has already arranged for the park to hold a large number of powered sites for this weekend. There is no reason to rush, you can leave the booking until later, but it is strongly suggested that if you are planning to be there you will need to book before the busy Christmas/New Year holiday period.

For new members of the club who have not previously attended this iconic, world famous, VW event, most members usually arrive on the Friday afternoon (1st), or early that evening, for two nights and two days of VW fun filled frivolity. People set up camp then relax, mingle and socialise. Some like to extend the time spent there and choose to arrive earlier in the week. We always have 30 or more sites chock full of VWs and their owners. It is a very laid back two days with a great surf beach right across the road. We may organise a social get-together activity or two, or possibly a cruise, while we are there. Details of any organised events will be settled in the new year and advised in the newsletter and on the club website and Facebook page.

If you intend to attend, and want to make a booking, you should contact the park on 1300 664 417 and tell the very helpful managers that you are with the Volkswagen club.

WVCV members at the first Kennett River Camp Out.



FOR SALE

1974 Kombi Transporter Panel Van - 'Billy' I have been lucky enough to own and drive this vehicle as part of my business for the passed 6 years. During this time 'Billy' has never failed to help me pick up and deliver furniture around Melbourne, as part of my furniture repair and restoration business. Great engine, serviced regularly at Bruno Finks in Hawthorn. Comes with history of my ownership and some from previous owner. Exterior was restored and repainted two years ago, interior is in original condition. Original seats are currently being professionally restored and re-upholstered and will be re-fitted and sold with the vehicle. Unfortunately my business has outgrown this much loved vehicle, its time for a new owner to enjoy. Registration has been paid until May 2019.

VIN Number: 2142181064

Registration Number: ZAM 309

Contact: Gary 9315 9054

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