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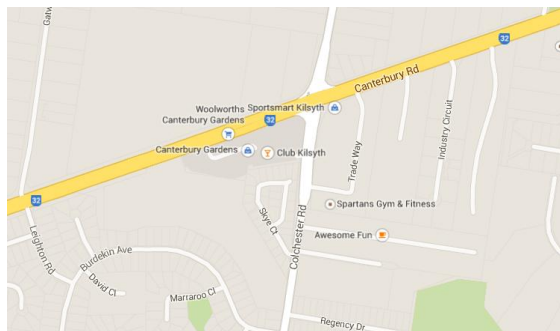


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Some photos from the 2015
Christmas Motorkhana



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Presidents Rumblings

I never got it, so it aint here!!

Instead I give you a random picture from my photo collection of CCRMIT hard at work at Rally of Melbourne



Editors Notes

Hi there from the new blower editor... Hoping to get the mag out every month this year, with plenty of good relevant content, so start up that electric typewriter and get writing!

Late breaking news for this month is the new H plate regulations brought in rapidly by Vicroads, last news on the grapevine about this was "discussions" taking place late last year.. As of Jan 31 this year, the new regs are in.

Here is a link to Vicroads so that you can have a read and interpret them yourself;

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/registration/limited-use-permits/club-permit-scheme/changes-to-the-club-permit-scheme-from-31-january-2015>

The rough roundup is..

- 1.H plates - For pretty much totally factory production vehicles unless it is really old
- 2.M plates - For modified vehicles, but will require approval by a Vicroads approved engineer to be registered.

These rules start Jan 31, but existing cars can maintain their existing rego.. BUT if you get nabbed by the police, and asked to prove your H status, you will then have to comply with the new regulations.

So pretty much, it is RP plates for most rally cars as the only option. There will be a much more in depth discussion of this at the next club night, including implementation and ramifications for club members with H plated cars. If you can't make it along, keep an eye on the magazine for more info next month.

If you have any ideas or articles for the mag, please send them to blower@ccrmit.com and unless they are gibberish (be warned kev) or irrelevant, they will be in here!

Hope to see you all soon out in the forest or at club night.

Bernard

Membership Matters

January 2015

The CCRMIT Committee of 2014 decided to have only two membership renewal dates per year in an attempt to make membership renewal easier to manage. The dates chosen were 31 January and 31 July.

As such all membership expiry dates were amended to that date immediately following the existing expiry date as shown on the membership database.

Having updated the membership data base and archived the long term expired memberships to “past” members the following are ex-members whose membership has expired over the previous 18 months to 31 January 2015.

1290 - JAYDEN LEA	1291 - DAVID MCLEAN
1312 - GAVIN WEEKS	1318 - KAREN O'BRIEN
1321 - ADAM MILLS	1324 - PHILIP RAINER
856 - MATTHEW DOUGLAS	1027 - JOEL WALD
1300 - CHRISTIANA GRDOVIC	1326 - GLEN MCINTYRE
1330 - AUSTIN SMITH	1333 - BRAD HETHERTON
1334 - BRENTON GOODSSELL	1335 - MICHAEL PIZZUTO
1336 - ROBBIE COORAY	1337 - MITCHELL BALANTINE
1340 - ROBERT WHELAN	128 - MIKE WELSH
822 - PETER CULLIS	891 - ANDREW PANNAM
1118 - JAMES FORD	1119 - ANNA SKROCE
1224 - ADAM OBRIEN	1232 - KAREN OBRIEN
1248 - BREE TAPPER	1286 - SARAH LOVE
1307 - HARRY O'DELL	1313 - MICHAEL PENNINGTON
1319 - LEONARD NICHOLLS	1320 - MARIE DIVERS
1323 - JOEL RANKIN	1342 - SHANNON SWIDERSKI
1345 - ANDREW HUMPHREYS	

If you are on the list above or know someone who is, please let me know your/their intentions.

No response will result in 'relegation' to the Past members list shortly after 31 January 2015.

If your name is on the list and you can produce a current membership card then I will be more than happy to update the membership data base accordingly. A photo of the card in an email will suffice and please resist the temptation to demonstrate your photoshop prowess.

The following memberships are due for renewal on 31 January, 2015.

640 - BRYCE STEELE	763 - BRETT WILLIAMS
1279 - CAMERON WILLIAMS	1280 - MEL JONES
1303 - HANNAH WILLIAMS	1308 - JUNNY HETHERTON
1325 - BRETT ROFFEY	1339 - NICHOLAS JACOB
1341 - SIMON GILLESPIE	1347 - CRAIG MAHONEY
1350 - BEN LUSTED	1351 - ALEKSANDER GVOZDIC
1352 - KRISTEN ENGELHARDT	1353 - LEVANA DOBSON
1354 - PAUL ROWE	

If something above requires clarification or updating (there are two Karen O'Briens on the List of Shame and I am fairly sure they are one and the same) let me know.

Murray



Calendar

Welcome to 2015! The motorsport calendar below is a compilation of Rallies, VCAS and some standalone events that will constitute the events for the David Lambie All-Round-Club-Champion. The monthly club nights have also been added, but attendance will not be scored!!

February

07	Deniliquin Autocross	DSCC	Deniliquin	VCAS-1
12	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
28	Neerim Classic	NCCA	Noojee	VCRS-1

March

07	Swan Hill Twin Track	SHSCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-2
12	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
21	Eildon Stages	NCCA	Eildon, Blue Range	VRC-1
27-29	Quit Forest Rally		Western Australia	ARC-1
28	George Woods Intro Trial	FFCC	Noojee	

April

09	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
18	Marysville Stages	FFCC	Black & Blue Range	VCRS-2 VRC-2
19	Bagshot Autocross	BCC	Bendigo	VCAS-3

May

02	Blue Ribbon TRE	HRA	Rushworth, Heathcote	
09	Ballarat Autocross	BLCC	Ballarat Airport	VCAS-4
14	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
15-17	National Capital Rally		ACT	ARC-2
16	Cooper Memorial Rally	WDCC	Wombat	VCRS-3
30	East Gippsland Stages	MUCC	Bairnsdale, Bruthen	VRC-3

June

07	SEAC Park	SEAC	Mt Gambier	VCAS-5
11	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
19-21	International Rally of Qld		Queensland	ARC-3
20	Nissan Nightmoves	NCCA	Heathcote, Rushworth	VCRS-4
20	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	PAC	Maffra	VCAS-6

July

09	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
18	Goldfields Intro Trial	CCC	Beailba, Harvest Home	
25	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	MADCC	Maffra	VCAS-7

August

1&2	Philip Island 6hr Relay	PIARC	Philip Island Circuit	
13	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
16	Kyneton Autocross	KCC	Rollinson Reserve	VCAS-8
22	George Derrick Pyreiness Rush	CCRMIT	Pyreiness, Mt Cole	VRC-4

September

05	Moonlight Meander	MMSC	Wombat	
10	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
10-13	Rally Australia		Coffs Coast	ARC-4
12	NECC Sprint Rally	NECC	Ovens	
12	Daryl Tunbridge Novice Trial	BLCC	Avoca, Mt Cole	

19	Spring 200	FFCC	Black & Blue Range	VCRS-5
19	Swan Hill Twin Track	SWSCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-9
October				
03	Ivans Folly	PCCV	Heathcote, Rushworth	
08	<i>CCRMIT Club Night</i>			
17	Boisdale Hillclimb Track	CCRMIT	Maffra	VCAS-10
18	Akaderos	MUCC	Blue Range, Rubicon	VRC-5
23-25	Scouts Rally SA		South Australia	ARC-5
24	Blue Rock Stages	PAC	Heyfield	VCRS-6
31	Bagshot Rallysprint	HRA	Private Property	
November				
01	Swan Hill Twin Track	CCC	Swan Hill	VCAS-11
14	Begonia Rally	BLCC	Pyrenees, Mt Cole	VRC-6
28	Alpine Rally	HRA	East Gippsland	



More images from the December Motorkhana



Club Scoring

There are three annual awards that CCRMIT members are eligible to win based upon different criteria. Each month, there will be a point score table for each award.

Steve Poore Trials Champion – First awarded in 1959, this award is for the Club competitor who scores the most amount of points in the VCRS series that year.

Noel Kelly Novice Award – This award is for the Club competitor who scores the most amount of points in the VCRS series that year, restricted to Grade E or F competitors.

David Lambie All-Round-Club-Champion – To focus on general motorsport participation, and club representation, this Champion is awarded to the Club competitor who scores the most amount of points across events listed on the Club Calendar.

Good Luck in your motorsport endeavours

Andrew Roseman
Club Scorer



Cars all go, others relaxing in the lovely surrounds of Lardner Park... Note John and Jay Wilson.. I think they used a full tank of fuel – no mean feat in an Excel. It was like a taxi, the engine never stopped long enough for the oil to cool down!



Finger on the Pulse !

Our Blower Correspondent's



Mòn and Mèl

RALLY VICTORIA

It has been a while since they were here, as they urgently returned home to Europe under mysterious pretenses. But their back and Rally Vic couldn't wait to get enough of them. Both girls arrived with the Princes of Gippsland John Carney and Chris Stone, a low key entrance, in the Black Toyota Limo with attached studio for the girls to work from.



The girls met with event directing team members but after some commotion, a heavily bandaged Alan McKay was seen exiting in a wheelchair from HQ a little the worse for wear after an apparent talking to from Fiona !

This brought on a tour of the Teams in the service park and on reaching the Honda service team were welcomed by Team Principle - Peter Evans.

He gave them an extended tour of facilities until his wife Iris was seen exiting the pan-tech disgruntled after some inconsequential fracas, Pete was said to have taken a tumble and needed some 1st Aid but rumours were rife the fall wasn't an accident.



Mr. Carney, extremely concerned as always was looking into the matter, Stonie was on his knees thumping the ground laughing uncontrollably. Just 40 mins back in Oz and we were where we left off a couple of years ago !

VIP rides were being initiated over at the super special stage and just as the Victorian Minister for the Arts was about to get in a hand from nowhere grabbed his shoulder and he disappeared into the frong, leaving Mèl in her traditional hand embroidered white silk racing suit sip effortlessly into Tom Wildes Renault Cleo. Mon was pre-consumed in CCRMIT's own Jimbo. From his vantage point taking in a fair portion of cleav On the stage Tom was giving his hardest and the Cleo was responding to his requested challenges.

On rolling to a stop Tom had a smile wider than the Westgate Bridge, Mèl, well, her lippy was smudged but a smile too brimming across her face.

The sun was setting and the girls were whisked away for a formal evening with sponsors and dignitaries. J.C. and Stonie were last seen heading for the caravan, Stonie a hand on J.C.'s shoulder still laughing and gesturing, J.C. clutching his forehead and shaking it.

It was an early Saturday day start and our girls were there cooking breakfast for the HQ crew and Al ! Eggs, Bacon, Danish pastry, all set the air for a great day of action. After a hearty meal, work was required and both girls resumed their roles for the event. Zero car for the day's proceedings. Their car a 2011 WRC Citroen Xsara was as they used for many European events. Both cutting fine figures in their matching race suits, attracting an extremely large crowd of admirers, most of them women who attended the previous nights function. There was a string of comments that only made sense to those who were there, our own Jimbo attended for the media interaction was all smiles like a Cheshire cat but lips shut tight as a drum.

It is believed the girls had a brief interlude with Neil Bates earlier in the day and may have had some scornful glances from his co-driver but in any case it is believed Neil was really out to impress. At the first stage start, Ada River Rd. , he was wound up so tight the sprung went " Buoying " the Celica accelerated at remarkable speed only to slide off in the first 200metres. The in-car pics tell the story. Oh well the girls have that effect on a lot of people. Must have spoken to Scott Pedder too !

After two days of conditions that tested everyone's patience, Rally Vic was run and won. There can only be one winner and Eli and Greg took that out for Honda. On the presentation dais, expensive Moe Ablution Brute Curvee , was sprayed freely and our girls seem to have worn a fair share of the bubbles. Their matching silk overalls left nothing to the imagination, in fact the front three rows had Pete, J.C., Jimbo, Stonie, Norm, Dean, Cody, Spedds and the Himalayan team and others, were left in no doubt as to where all the admiration focused.

The dinner was a fully booked affair and our girls were again entertaining the masses, Justin Hunt was up on stages singing Mama Mia with them and Dean Herridge. Though the boys tone deaf attributes were more than covered for by Mòn and Mèl's pitch perfect Abba renditions the crowd stared on in amazement. Meanwhile in the caravan, Stonie's infectious laughing could be heard clearly, while playing cards with John Carney and Norm Henderson. We will never know what they were talking about.

A man goes to the doctors feeling a little ill. The doctor checks him over and says, "Sorry, I have some bad news, you have Yellow 24, a really nasty virus. It's called Yellow 24 because it turns your blood Yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live. There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth."

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets Four Corners and wins \$35. Then, with the same card, he gets a Line and wins \$320. Then he gets the full house and wins \$1000. The National Grid comes up and he wins that too getting \$380,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says, "Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win Four Corners, a Line, the Full House and the National Grid on the same card.

You must be the luckiest man on Earth!"

"Lucky?" he screamed. "Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24."

"F**k me," says the bingo caller. "You've won the raffle as well."

Swimmer trapped by beach balls

A MAN got a nasty surprise when he tried to get out of his deckchair and found his testicles had become stuck between two slats of wood. Mario Visnjic had been swimming naked off Valalta beach in Croatia and his testicles had shrunk in the cool sea. When he sat down they slipped through the slats and then, as he lay in the sun, expanded back to normal size. He was freed after he called beach maintenance services on his mobile phone and they sent a member of staff to cut the deckchair in half.

It was a small town and the traffic cop was making his evening rounds.

As he was checking a used car lot, he came upon two little old ladies, sitting in a used car.!

He stopped and asked them why they were sitting there in the car.

Were they trying to steal it?

"Heavens no, we bought it."

"Then why don't you drive it away?"

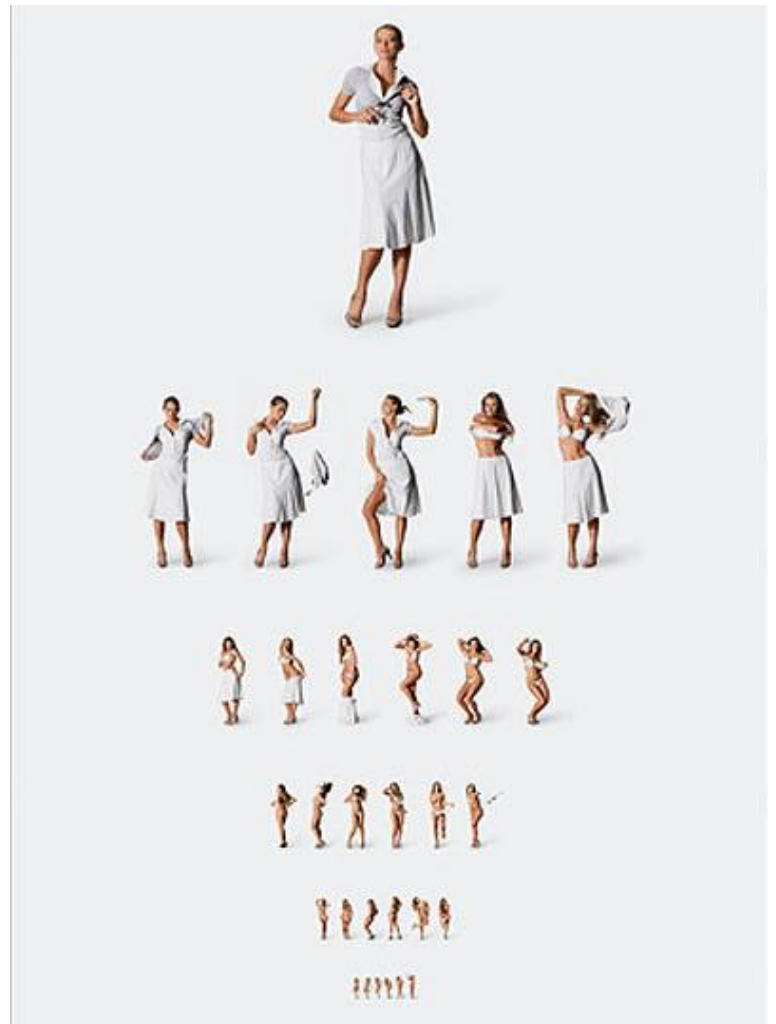
"We can't drive."

"Then why did you buy it?"

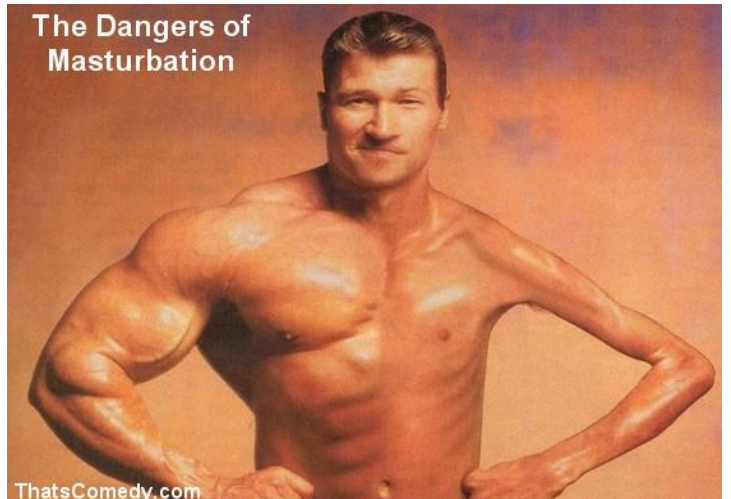
"We were told that if we bought a used car here we'd get screwed

so we're just waiting patiently.

CCRMIT EYE TEST FOR MEN



The Dangers of Masturbation



A blonde woman was speeding down the road in her little red sports car and was pulled over by a woman police officer who also a blonde. The blonde cop asked to see the blonde driver's license. She dug through her purse and was getting progressively more agitated. "What does it look like?" she finally asked. The policewoman replied, "It's square and it has your picture on it." The driver finally found a square mirror in her purse, looked at it and handed it to the policewoman. "Here it is," she said. The blonde officer looked at the mirror, and handed it back saying, "Okay, you can go. I didn't realize you were a cop."

So Pavarotti knocks on the pearly gates, St. Peter opens them and says, "Oh, it's you, Luciano...come on in, squeeze through."

Pavarotti says, "Hold-a on, I've gotta envelope for you-a, fromma da Pope."

St. Peter opens it up and reads it.

" HERE'S THAT TENOR I OWE YOU ".



New CCRMIT Bath Towel Collection
Refer Merchandise Co-Ordinator !

Hello Doctor !

An old guy goes to his doctor for his physical and gets sent to the Urologist as a precaution. When he gets there, he discovers the Urologist is a very pretty female doctor. The female doctor says, "I'm going to check your prostate today, but this new procedure is a little different from what you are probably used to. I want you to lie on your right side, bend your knees, then while I check your prostate, take a deep breath and say, '99'."

The old guy obeys and says, "99".

The doctor says, "Great". Now turn over on your left side and again, while I repeat the check, take a deep breath and say, '99'."

Again, the old guy says, '99'."

The doctor said, Very good. Now then, I want you to lie on your back with your knees raised slightly. I'm going to check your prostate with this hand, and with the other hand I'm going to hold on to your penis to keep it out of the way. Now take a deep breath and say, '99'.

The old guy begins, "One ... Two ... Three" ...

ATO Vs Grandpa

Killer Puzzle

A blonde calls her boyfriend and says, 'Please come over here and help me.

I have a killer jigsaw puzzle and I can't figure out how to get started.'

Her boyfriend asks, 'What is it supposed to be when it's finished?'

The blonde says, 'According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster.'

Her boy friend decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

'First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster.'

Then he takes her hand and says,

'Second, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then...' he says with a deep sigh,

'...Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box.'

**Seriously,
these guys are amazing!**

The ATO decides to audit Grandpa and summons him to the ATO office.

The ATO auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his attorney.

The auditor said, "Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the ATO finds that believable."

"I'm a great gambler and I can prove it," says Grandpa.

"How about a demonstration?"

The auditor thinks for a moment and said, "Okay. Go ahead."

Grandpa says, "I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye."

The auditor thinks a moment and says, "It's a bet."

Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops.

Grandpa says, "Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye."

Now the auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet.

Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye.

The stunned auditor now realizes he has wagered and lost three grand - with Grandpa's attorney as a witness. He starts to get nervous.

"Want to go double or nothing?" Grandpa says, "I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between."

The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again.

Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he pretty much urinates all over the auditor's desk.

The auditor leaps with joy, realizing that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win.

But Grandpa's own attorney moans and puts his head in his hands.

"Are you okay?" the auditor asks.

"Not really," says the attorney. "This morning, when Grandpa told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and pee all over your desk and that you'd be happy about it!"



I tell you! Don't Mess with Old People ! !



Andrea Dovizioso



Marco Biaggi



Valentino Rossi

And



Capt. Francesco Schettino



The Stug

Professional skills.

At a bar ...

Having already downed a few power drinks, she turns around, faces him, looks him straight in the eye and says:

"Listen here, good looking. I screw anybody, anytime, anywhere, your place, my place, in the car, on the street, standing up, sitting down; it doesn't matter to me. I just do it!"

Eyes now wide with interest, he responds:

"No kidding, I'm in banking too!

Which outfit are you with?"

Little Johnny

A teacher asked her third grade class to name things that ended with "tor" that ate things.

The first little boy said, "Alligator."
"Very good Stevie, that's a big word."

The second boy said, "Predator."
" Yes, that's another big word Alan. Very well done."

Little Johnny says, "Vibrator."

After nearly falling off her chair, she says, "That is a big word Johnny, but it doesn't eat anything."

" Well my sister has one and she says it eats bloody batteries like there's no tomorrow!"

CATHOLIC COFFEE MORNING IN ROME



An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2 AM and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

The man replied, "Well... I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking, and staying out late."

The officer then asked, "Really? And, who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replied, "That would be my wife."



Two Topless Strippers !

PRAYER FOR GRANDPA .

Four Catholic men and a Catholic woman were having coffee in St. Peter's Square.

The first Catholic man tells his friends, "My son is a priest. When he walks into a room, everyone calls him 'Father'."

The second Catholic man chirps, "My son is a Bishop. When he walks into a room People call him 'Your Grace'."

The third Catholic gent says, "My son is a Cardinal. When he enters a room Everyone bows their head and says 'Your Eminence'."

The fourth Catholic man says very proudly, "My son is the Pope. When he walks into a room people call him 'Your Holiness'."

Since the lone Catholic woman was sipping her coffee in silence, the four men give her a subtle, "Well....?".

She proudly replies, "I have a daughter,

SLIM

TALL

38D BREASTS

24" WAIST and

36" HIPS.



When she walks into a room, people say, "Oh My God".



Dear God, please send clothes for all those poor ladies on Grandpa's computer.
Amen.



See, Numb Nuts ! The wire has come off the coil !

I bought a Jeep !
What ? You bought a Jeep ?
Yes, I bought a Jeep



[Towing Warning – D Shackles and Chains](#)



The Victorian Police have found another money raiser. A \$235.00 fine and 3 demerit points if you do not have 'Load Rated' D Shackles fitted to the chains from your vehicle to your tow vehicle. They are also checking the chains, tow ball weight and towing capacity of the tow vehicle and the towbar.

If your vehicle is listed as able to tow 2.5 tonnes and your towbar is listed at 1.5 tonnes then 1.5 tonnes is all you are legally able to tow. If the weight on the tow ball exceeds the manufacturer's towbar rating, you will have to unhook and go and get a tow vehicle of the correct towing capacity. This was seen in Bairnsdale over the past few weeks. It would muck up your holiday a bit.

There is a certain formula for the size, fitting and type of chains as well (all in Australian Design Rules 62/01). ADR62/01 also states that if you have two chains, they must be crossed over to stop the drawbar from contacting the ground in the event of a failure. The chains must also be short enough to stop the drawbar from contacting the road. D-rated Shackles have different colours for different ratings, yellow up to 2 tonnes etc. They are available from bearing shops etc.

Interpretation of the Australian Design Rules is that if a shackle is used to attach the safety chain to the tow hitch it must have at least the same load capacity as the chain i.e. if the chain is 3000kg load capacity then a 3 ton shackle must be used, see www.goseeaustralia.com.au/artic1e/901

In South Australia,"It is the view of SAPOL to strongly urge the public to make the change to a rated D shackle for peace of mind when towing and as part of a positive outlook on road safety". "As part of the SAPOL Road Safety Section we will continue to pro-mote rated D shackles to the public as a road safety measure." "In SA it is not an offence to have a non-rated D shackle connecting the safety chains to a motor vehicle", Senior Constable First Class Paul Bryant said.

It is recommended that if shackles are used, then they comply with AS 2741-2002 "Shackles".

These shall be legibly and permanently marked with the following information:

The manufacturer's name or trademark, Quality grade of the shackle, e.g. ("M" or "4", "S" or "6"),

Working Load Limit (WLL) or Rating; Identification marking to correlate shackle to test certificate.

Table shows Safety Chain Shackle Matrix (Guide only)

Notes: Generally, the break load limit of a rated shackle will be six times greater than it's work load limit. The Pin diameter of shackle will be greater than the diameter of the main shackle body.

Same size shackles of different quality grades will have a different WLL (i.e. 6mm "S" grade shackle has a greater WLL than a 6mm "M" grade shackle).

Stainless steel shackles are unsuitable for trailer use due to the material's general low resistance to bending stresses.

"S" or "6" grade "D" shackles bear similar characteristics to "S" or "6" grade bow shackles.

Bow shackles provide for greater angular usage compared with "D" shackles.

Rated bolts, chain shackles or other suitable fittings (i.e. hammerlocks) may be used as devices for connection on safety chains providing the break load limit of the device is at least 1.5 times greater than the ATM of the trailer.

I have not been able to locate anything on the VicRoads website regarding which shackles to use, nor anywhere in the Act (doesn't mean that it's not there), but I think that they are acting under the Australian Design Rules (see

ADR62/01) and Australian Standards (AS-2741-2002) which lists chain regulations from under 750kg up to large semis and 'EV doubles.(VSB-1).

We will let you know when we find out any-thing. If you find out anything, then please let me know ASAP. Please ask questions from the authorities before you hook up and head off.

Rated 'D' Shackles and Towing Chains Update

The shackle that is used has to be rated at the same as the gross weight of the trailer. If the trailer is rated to 2 tonne gross, then the shackle should be two tonne rated. The gross weight of a light trailer is equal to the unladen mass (or weight) of the towing vehicle (usually on the compliance plate).

Another way to check is to add up the maximum carrying weight of each tyre then the total weight of the tyres is the maximum load of the trailer. The legal weight is then the lower of these two (the total tyre weight or the unladen towing vehicle weight). The maximum weight to be towed by the vehicle is the maximum (gross) weight as found in the handbook. If the load is too heavy then there is a weight penalty (the weight is over the shackle's limit). Simply buy the correct shackle to keep the Authorities happy.

The drawbar of the trailer should be prevented from hitting the ground if the coupling accidentally detaches. It is not compulsory to cross the chains but it is recommended.

Shackle doesn't comply with the Standards — code 2143 penalty \$361.00 and no points, or Section 163 — overweight limits. Small breaches \$220.00, minor over 5% over limit \$287.00, moderate over 10%, \$570.00 and severe over 15% about \$1,450.00. Anything else goes to court. www.austlii.edu.au

With the old 6 x 4 trailer and other single axle trailers, nothing is allowed to hang over the rear.

A common misconception is that you can have stuff hanging off the back with a red rag or similar.

Overhang the front is fine, but not the back.

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Victorian Club Rally Series

Annual Presentation Night

When: Saturday, February 7, 2015
Where: East Malvern RSL – Parkview Room
Time: 6.30 pm to 10.30 pm
Catering: Finger food
Refreshments: At bar prices
Cost: \$20 per head
Dress Code: Casual/Team Gear (no thongs or grotty stuff as we will be guests of the RSL)

Come and celebrate the grand finale to the 2014 Rallying Season. Not only will the various series awards be presented, it will be a great opportunity to socialise with friends in the rally fraternity at a very affordable price. Bring your partners, service crew and anyone else that may be interested as a thank you for their support.

The professional photographers that supported the VCRS in 2014 are our guests and will be displaying a selection of their finest for you to be the judge for the coveted Golden Camera Award. The VCRS Committee has already received the support of a legendary MC and is seeking in car/ spectator point footage to assist in the memories. (The infamous in car footage from the Spring 200 featuring Tom and Annie has already been secured)

Bookings and pre payment is essential to assist with catering and to avoid disappointment.

To secure tickets please email Andrew Paice at apaice@peregrin.com.au and advise of numbers attending.

Payment can be made via direct deposit to:

Account Name:	Victorian Club Rally Series
BSB	06 3199
Account No	10241895

When depositing please denote PN and Surname to assist in the administration.
For example: PN Paice

Any enquiries regarding the evening can be made to Andrew Paice on 0404 885 725.

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