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AGM

Saturday 28th October

You will receive an email closer to the date advising the time. You will also receive log in details.

Presidents Report

October is a very important month in ACCVic's calendar. Of course, it is "Annual General Meeting (AGM) Month". Is it just me or has this year seemingly flown by for you too? Christmas is just a little more than two months away. Looking back, particularly since March when I took on the Presidency, it has been a busy, productive, and rewarding time. ACCVic still has much to accomplish on several fronts. Dealing with those challenges and opportunities to further the aims and objectives of our Association are open to every member. Every position on the committee becomes vacant at the AGM.

New office bearers are dutifully elected. Some committee members may opt to continue in their current role, others may choose another portfolio, and others may create a vacancy that YOU can fill.

Please give serious thought about nominating for a position on the committee.

Download the "Nomination Form" from the website and submit it completed to

admin@accvic.org.au as soon as you can. Even though nominations can be accepted during the AGM, receiving them beforehand certainly lessens the stress and tension.

Knowing that there will be a full committee prior to the AGM is good for the Association's future. Let's avoid postponing the AGM into next year as we did in 2022.

The last Newsletter was exclusively about next year's State Rally at Kerang.

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Be in the running for the Early Bird Prize by booking your site and registering on our website well before the AGM on the 28 October. Our State Rally Coordinator, Stella Breese, and her team, has put together an interesting itinerary for us all: one not to be missed.

Regarding our website, Clubs that do not their own website are invited to tender information about their own caravan club to Webmaster Jen Lowe. The information will be used to create an instance on the website for your caravan club. It's a free offer, so take advantage. It's a free promotion for you. See the "Clubs +" menu on accvic.org.au. While you are there, check your "Club Contacts" sending any corrections to Secretary Janice on admin@accvic.org.au.

Delegates, remember to Zoom in to the AGM on Saturday 28 October at 2.00pm. You will receive an email with the necessary Zoom links in due course. See you there.

Until next time,

Alan Andrews

ACCVic President

TOTAL FIRE BAN

Monday 2 October 2023

Mallee district

NO FIRES TO BE LIT IN THE OPEN AIR
BETWEEN 00:01 and 23:59
Monday 2 October 2023



Note the date.

The mallee extends up to Mildura.



State Rally

15th to 18th March 2024

Kerang Holiday Park
9399 Murray Valley Hwy,
Kerang
03 5452 2232

Register your booking under
ACCVic

Registering for the **State Rally at Kerang** is a two-step process.

First — Ring the Caravan Park in Kerang – 5452 2232 and asked to be booked in under the name of ACCVic – dates are - arrive Friday 15th March and leave Monday 18th of March 2024.

Second— Go to the ACCVic web site “accvic.org.au”

Under the tab “State Rallies +” you will see “2024 State Rally Kerang”. Then download either of the Registration Forms. The first can be completed on your computer while the second can be hand written - your choice.

Then email the registration form to “registrar@accvic.org.au”

REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION REFORM

REGULATIONS 2023

There are about 40,000 incorporated associations in Victoria differing significantly in terms of type and scale. They are typically charities, sport, education, or community service clubs.

The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Association Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012 enable associations (not-for-profit organisations) to incorporate, set out the process for incorporating and set out the obligations on incorporated associations. The current Regulations expire on 19 November 2023.

The Department explains that if the current Regulations were allowed to expire there would be two key problems.

1. Incorporated associations would still be bound by the Act; however, a lack of complementary regulations would limit CAV's capacity to enforce the Act. There would also be no prescribed model rules, which would make it more difficult for some incorporated associations to design or adopt rules that meet the expectations of the community and their members and are consistent with good governance principles.
2. There would be no prescribed fees, which would mean that the costs of administering the regulations would need to be funded through another revenue source, such as consolidated revenue.

The Department analyses three modifications against the current Regulations:

1. Updating the model rules to strengthen disclosure requirements and dispute resolution processes and enable greater use of technology by organisations, for example by facilitating the online lodgement of membership applications (Option 2a);
2. Increasing the thresholds for the financial reporting tiers which determine the level of detail associations are required to report to CAV (Option 2b); and
3. Increasing the asset ceiling below which associations can be voluntarily cancelled without being required to appoint a liquidator (Option 2c).

A series of alterations to the model rules with a prospectively material impact could be made under Option 2.

These include:

- Enabling the flexible use of technology. Currently, the model rules have limited provisions to account for the use of technology within organisations. This option expands the model rules so that they would allow for online applications using emails or online forms, clarifies the use of technology for meetings so that a meeting can be held solely online if preferred (without a nominal physical meeting occurring), and the use of technology in the inspection of documentation.
- Higher standards for dispute resolution. To promote improved dispute resolution processes by requiring members to be as independent and informed on a matter as is practicable, this option would modify the model rules to impose additional eligibility requirements on prospective members of the disciplinary subcommittee.
- Strengthening of disclosure requirements. Under this option, the model rules would be expanded to require committee members to disclose any other positions that they hold outside of the incorporated association. This aims to strengthen the conflict of interest process to proactively identify and address conflicts as they arise, rather than relying on individual members' discretion. It also aims to strengthen conflict of interest procedures by making the 25 incorporated association aware of members' external positions that may give rise to a perceived or actual conflict of interest, as a result providing the incorporated association with an opportunity to avoid the conflict altogether. The model rules would impose a new requirement for the Committee to keep and maintain a conflict of interest register.

ATO Reforms for Not For Profit Associations:

Not-for-profits – enhancing the transparency of income tax exemptions

On 11 May 2021, as part of the 2021–22 Federal Budget, the Australian Government announced reforms to the administration of not-for-profit (NFP) entities that self-assess as income tax exempt. The measure is designed to enhance trust and confidence in the sector by ensuring only eligible NFPs access income tax exemptions, and that NFPs operate on a level playing field.

If you wish to read the full article then here is the link:-

<https://www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/In-detail/Other-topics/Not-for-profit/Enhancing-the-Transparency-and-Integrity-of-Not-for-Profits/>

Based on current information the bottom line is that as from the 1st of July 2023 ACCVic will be required to pay tax on the income that we earn.

The current reporting requirements only apply to organisations that have an active ABN which ACCVic has.

Prior to the 2024 AGM I believe that we need to pay tax on Interest earned on our Term Deposit which this year should be \$882.95 plus any 'profit/commission' we make on Public Liability Insurance, which this year was about \$1,325.00.

If we earn less than \$416.00 then no tax is payable.

If we earn between \$417.00 and \$999.00 then the tax rate is 55%.

Once we earn over \$1,000.00 the tax rate on the whole amount is taxed at the Company Tax Rate of 30% - \$662.40.

At the moment I believe there will be 15 questions involved in completing the tax return. If this is the case then a tax accountant should not be required to assist with the tax return.

NB—This is an early look at tax and may need to be adjusted as the ATO rules are NOT finalised. Yes that's right they are NOT YET FINALISED, even though the new "clarification" of rules started on the 1st of July 2023.

At the AGM I will propose as (Newsletter Editor and Treasurer) that in the future we charge clubs the exact amount of Public Liability Insurance that NACC charges us. (NACC—National Association of Caravan Clubs). This will greatly reduce out taxable income.

Diesel Heaters

I recently heard a report of people removing the diesel fuel tank cap and inserting things like dirt etc into the tank. No wonder the injectors get clogged up!

This doesn't seem to happen with Gas Heaters.



Unique features of Electric Vehicles

Front boots — Electric Motors are smaller than petrol engines which often allows for a small storage under the front bonnet.

Software Updates — Updates can be made on the go often making the vehicle more efficient, more powerful and easier to live with.

Braking — When applying the brakes the electric motors can reverse the flow of electrons meaning that they recharge the batteries meaning that in most occasions the actual 'brakes' are not applied by the vehicle. Placing the electric motors under pressure slows the vehicle.

Power your house — Bidirectional charging allows the car to send electricity to an external source such as your house. Hyundai and Kia have a standard household power outlet meaning a 240V device can be run from the car, and run things such as a laptop, some power tools or even your overnight free camp in the bush.

Tailor your motor sound — My Toyota RAV4 Hybrid has made a few people 'jump' particularly when I am slowly driving around a cemetery as the electric motor is silent. Many EV owners add futuristic sounds while Porsche makes it all 'Dr Who' while others amplify the sound of the electric motor screaming its head off at up to 20,000 RPM.

Adjusting the speed remotely — So you have lent your EV to one of the kids or even a novice friend you can remotely tell the EV to not exceed any speed you choose.

Driving Range — The KIA EV6 can reach up to 528km of driving range. The cost of batteries account for about a third of the EV price. Researchers at Monash University predict the use of lithium-sulfur batteries could see a substantial increase in the range of electric vehicles, with the potential for new batteries to provide more than 1000km of range.

EV problem — I was offered a ride in a Tesla EV with four electric motors. The owner said he was going to go from zero to 100kph and then stop before reaching a sign post about 200 meters away. Some EV's take less than 1 second to reach 100kph. When he finished he turned the EV around and repeated the drive from zero to 100kph and back to zero. I blacked out on both trips but I don't doubt his claim. I have also been a passenger in a NASCAR around Calder Park and no I didn't like the "G" forces.

This is an article I have wanted to do for years but was concerned about flack from readers.

Well if anybody wants to take over the Newsletter then now is the time. I think my first Newsletter was in August 2017.

- * I regularly see vehicles with only one brake light working,
- * I regularly see vehicles with only one headlight working, or one bright headlight and the other very dim,
- * I regularly see vehicles turning and their indicator is not working, probably didn't use it,
- * I get my vehicles (RAV4 and Fiat based Avan Mobile Home) serviced each year regardless of how many kilometers they have done. Weather at a Toyota Dealer or not all service records say that they checked all lights.
- * I regularly see vehicles using fog lights on lovely clear days—fine \$185.00, I get the impression that lots of drivers don't even know how to turn the fog lights on and off.
- * When I stop at traffic lights the next driver is often using their phone—fine \$555.00 & 4 demerit points, (this includes using smartwatches and tablets).
- * Out on the open road there are regular road works with 40kph speed limits. I set my cruise control to 40kph. Generally there are no vehicles behind me BUT after 1 or 2 kilometers there are plenty and they must all be speeding to catch me as I use a GPS to control my speed in my Mobile Home. If I set my cruise control on 100kph I am actually doing 100kph. If you use your speedo and set it on 100kph you are generally doing 97kph. I believe most trucks use a GPS to control their speed which is why lots of drivers believe they are speeding.
- * I know it's illegal to park opposite double lines and I think that the same applies for a solid single line however people regularly park opposite these lines which are in front of my house.
- * In New South Wales it's illegal to park facing the wrong way which will result in a fine of \$283.00.
- * I found it very difficult to find out what the charge was for various fines were in Victoria, except speeding fines which were very easy to locate on the web.

