

# ALFA OCCIDENTALE

Issue 3, January-February 2017



Dear Western Australian *Alfisti*,

This is the third edition of **ALFA OCCIDENTALE**.

Please note that future contributions that you would like to see included are most welcome.

You can send these articles, photos, used car ads., etc., to the club, C/- Greg Smith: [grsmith@bigpond.net.au](mailto:grsmith@bigpond.net.au).

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Everyone,

We are still seeking to complete the list of concessional vehicles supported by AROCA WA. It is important that this list is annually updated and provided to the relevant government agency as a part of the Alfa club's responsibilities to the state government and to protect you in your concessional licensed Alfa. Should you have not done so yet, please advise AROCA WA regarding your ownership of any WA-registered concessional vehicle soon. (Also see a letter below from the WA Motoring Clubs Association which outlines recent changes to the concessional registration process in WA.)

Please note that the Alfa club will begin to operate an Informal club run every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning of the month starting at 10am. A provisional calendar of dates is being set up. See the announcement below in this newsletter for details. For the future, the club will also develop a "Run Book" with some preferred Perth and environs travel plans laid out.

The Italian car day, which was held at Gloucester Park on November 13<sup>th</sup>, raised over \$23,000 for charity. Gate takings were \$6,000 above last year's receipts. Northbridge Rotary Club has formally thanked the WA Alfa Club for its participation. The next Italian Car Day event is likely to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of November in 2017, with Gloucester Park being the likely return venue, given the success of this location for the 2016 gathering.

The AROCA WA committee apologizes to its members for the delay in providing you with current membership cards, particularly to concessional car owners. This has been corrected recently. However, if you didn't receive your card, please notify the committee.

AROCA WA is also seeking more content from members to be made available for the club's website. Please contact Todd Quinn with any items you think should be considered for the site.

Todd also plans to include content on the club's Facebook page.

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Ivan Olsen and Nick Rahimtulla are AROCA WA's club representatives for CAMS. The club has renewed its CAMS membership for 2017. Check with Ivan and/or Nick for updates regarding competition events. A report on last year's competition also appears in the newsletter below.

Rodd Quinn is setting up a "Blow the Cobwebs" club run on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017. We will meet at 10:00 at Taylor's Art & Coffee House for a Coffee. The plan is to leave at 10.30 am for a 1.5 to-1.75 hour drive through the hills on some great isolated roads. This is a perfect way to get your Classic out and enjoy some of WA's better roads. The event will finish for a light lunch on the Banks of the Swan with a great Alfresco environment at Caversham House.

The next general meeting club night has been set down for Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please put this meeting in your diary. A trip to Guildford to spend the evening at Alfred's is suggested. Details are being finalized.

Lastly, I need to advise all members that (as you may have seen from club email announcements) that Colin Schipp, AROCA WA life member and long-time club treasurer, passed away in late November. A funeral was held for Colin on November 29<sup>th</sup>. A contingent of Alfas was on display during the service in Colin's honour.

The club sends its condolences to Colin's family. It also formally recognizes Colin's long term contribution and role with the WA Alfa club. Colin passed on after a long period of illness.

I look forward to seeing you at future Club events.

With best wishes,

Andrew Murray.  
President, AROCA WA.



## 1965 GUILIA SPIDER 1600 CURRENTLY FOR SALE IN SYDNEY



Colour: Nero; 4 Speed manual Spider; 1.6 litre; 74,843 miles showing on the odometer.  
Advertised for sale at AU\$ 189,995.00. See: <http://www.classichrottleshop.com/car4.html>

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## **THIS COMING WEEKEND - GET YOUR ALFA OUT FOR A RUN**

### **"BLOW THE COBWEBS RUN"**

**Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**Meet at 10:00 at Taylor's Art and Coffee House, Swan Valley, Middle Swan.**

*Taylor's Cafe offers real food using fresh regional produce to create delicious breakfasts & cafe favourites such as burgers, panini, salads & seasonal daily special.*

<http://www.taylorscafe.com.au/>

The Blow your cobwebs run will start at Taylor's Art & Coffee House @ 10.00am Sunday the 15th January for a Coffee.

We plan leave at 10.30 am for a 1.5 to- 1.75 hour-long drive through the hills on some great isolated roads.

This is a perfect way to get your Classic out and enjoy some of WA's better roads.

We will finish for a light lunch on the Banks of the Swan with a great Alfresco environment at Caversham House.

Hope to see you there!

Rod Quinn



## FROM THE COMPETITION SECRETARY

After the excesses of the festive period, I have finally tallied up the points for the 2016 Club Competition Championship.

At the last update Vince Monachino was only one point clear of Rod Quinn with a couple of rounds to go. Vince had entered the Collie 500 round and scored a useful 13 points. He then went to a 14-point lead as Rod had not entered. However, Rod scored 24 points at the Vintage Stampede on the 24th November, meaning that Vince had to get at least 11 points at the same event in order to win the Championship. In the end, he scored 16, so congratulations to Vince as the winner for the second year in succession. Well done to Rod for scoring so highly after only entering 3 of the events.

The number of members entering the competition in Alfas was down this year. However, next year we should have a few more competitors with Ivan back on track, Nick Rahimtulla getting the 2000 GTV out and, possibly, a couple of new faces. Maybe this could include you too?

I am putting together this year's calendar at the moment with the first probable event to be a Twilight Sprint at Barbagallo Raceway on February 18<sup>th</sup> - so get ready.

Finally, here is the 2016 results table:

	Super sprint	Sprint	Flying 50	Hillclimb	RTH	Sprint	Regularity	Vintage Stampede	
Organiser	CAMS SES	CAMS SES	VSCC	CAMS SES	VSCC	CAMS SES	VSCC	VSCC	
Venue	Barbagallo	Collie	Northam	Jacks Hill	Albany	RAC Centre	Collie	Barbagallo	
	Feb 20th	March 20th	April 3rd	April 30th	June 6th	June 26th	October 1st	November 25th	Total Points
Vince Monachino	5	0	8	0	16	3	13	16	61
Rod Quinn	0	0	19	0	15	0	0	24	58
John Reed	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	38
Vince Troth	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	15

Ciao,  
John Reed  
AROCA Competition Secretary





## AROCA WA HISTORY

*(The first 25 years)*

### ALFA ROMEO OWNERS' CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (A.R.O.C.A.) WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

#### The formation and early years

As this year the W.A. Division of AROCA will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its formation, it may be of interest to recall the early club history for more recent members, and to remind some of the older ones of those heady days. The W.A. Division was the second to be formed in Australia.

Norm Craven-Kelly was a foundation member of the Victorian branch of the Alfa Romeo Owners' Club of Australia in 1969 and is now one of their 12 life members. He was transferred by his employer to Perth, and in early 1972 he advertised in the West

Australian for people interested in forming an Alfa Romeo Club.

There followed in February 1972 an outing of about six Alfas to Mandurah. At a meeting on April 10 a committee was formed, with Craven-Kelly as President to establish the Club. The initiative stalled however, as Norm returned to Melbourne on business in July 1972 for three months, and in his absence the newly formed committee failed to function. On his return, a meeting was called for November, but only four persons attended. The December meeting had much the same result, and the year ended with a Christmas party at the Presidential home.

It was apparent that the Club had to be promoted again, so a further series of advertisements was placed in weekend newspapers. There was little response to these, but windscreen wiper tickets brought better results.

At this stage there were no financial members as such and no Constitution. In March 1973 we had a list of 25 interested persons and finally asked for an annual subscription of \$10. Although the committee elected in

1972 technically still existed, some members of it had left Perth. When these vacancies had been filled, the effective foundation committee consisted of:

Norm Craven-Kelly	President
George Gridley	Secretary
Bruce Thomas	Treasurer
Danny Campagnoli	
Ron Blizzard	

Throughout this period, contact had been maintained with the Victorian Club. The first subscription was partly to finance our participation in Melbourne's "Cross & Serpent" as at this stage we had no magazine. For most of 1973 there was a W.A. Division report in "Cross & Serpent" and it was distributed to Perth members.

*(Adapted and reprinted from Al Volante, October 1992)*

Since these early days the Club has progressed to its current strength of nearly 250 members with its own spare parts store, club shop, insurance scheme and advisory service. In 1983 the very successful Westfesta, held in the spring season, gave Eastern States members of AROCA a chance to experience our hospitality as well as the length of our highways. The first local Alfesta (a traditional Australian event held each Easter in different states) was staged in Fremantle in 1993 and attracted record numbers of cars from local and interstate members. The next WA Alfesta will be in the year 2000 in the Margaret River area. Another Club tradition has become our imaginative and occasionally award-winning displays at the Combined Car Clubs' Classic Day at Whiteman Park each April. Club members have also become regular entrants in the annual W.A. Classic Rally, the W.A. Sports Register's Navigation Series and on the track at Wanneroo with good success.



## UPDATE ON CONCESSIONAL LICENSING FOR MOTOR VEHICLES IN WA

As announced by the Department of Transport, the revised code for concessional licensing for historic vehicles (Code 404) is now in force. There have been quite a few changes so it is recommended that your club makes itself familiar with the new rules.

### Relevant docs:

Frequently Asked Questions:

[http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU\\_VL\\_FAQ\\_VintageVeteranConcession.pdf](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_VL_FAQ_VintageVeteranConcession.pdf)

E81 concession application form:

[http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU\\_F\\_VL\\_C\\_E81\\_VintageVeteranConcession.pdf](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/mediaFiles/licensing/LBU_F_VL_C_E81_VintageVeteranConcession.pdf)

Code 404 Handbook:

Certification of club financial membership form (CMC1)

Application for assessment of unique or historic vehicles (CMC2)

<http://www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au/index.php/document-manager/concession-404>

### Key Issues

1. The vehicle owner/s MUST be financial members of a motoring club which has been authorised by the Department for concessional licensing (as stated on form E81)
2. An officer from this club must certify that this vehicle is not modified when the application is made (form CMC1)
3. Clubs need to notify the CMC who will in turn notify the Department of Transport should an owner of a concessionally licensed vehicle has not paid their membership renewal and therefore becomes unfinancial. Note most club rules do not terminate membership until a number of months after the renewal has not been paid, but you become an unfinancial member if your renewal is not paid by the due date.
4. If an owner with a concessionally licensed vehicle does not pay their club membership renewal by the due date then this vehicle becomes unlicensed after this due date and until membership is paid. And if you drive your vehicle during this time you will be driving an unlicensed vehicle.
5. Clubs need to maintain a register of vehicles which have been concessionally licensed under their club.

It is recommended that membership renewal notices are sent out with adequate notice and that all owners of concessionally licensed vehicles be made aware of the consequences of not paying by the due date.

Kind regards

Neville Horner

Secretary, Council of Motoring Clubs WA





## IMPORTANT - UPDATES TO 404 CONCESSION (Note from the FIAT LANCIA Club of WA)

Effective Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the Department of Transport, in conjunction with the Council of Motoring Clubs, issued an updated Information Booklet on 404 Concession. This update formalises changes which have been informally rolled out over the past couple of years, and it also provides some additional clarification and wording around limitations on usage, permissible accessories and modifications. A number of elements in the update are drawn to the attention of concessional licence holders (and those considering placing vehicles onto concession).

- The onus for operation of a concessionally registered vehicle within the terms of the concession scheme lies solely with the owner.
- Annual vehicle inspections are not required.
- As soon as a member with a 404 concession vehicle is no longer a financial member of an approved Club, if they use their 404 concession vehicle they are using it outside of the terms of the scheme and the vehicle is essentially unregistered. **THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU FAIL TO PAY YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BY 31DEC YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO LEGALLY DRIVE YOUR CONCESSIONALLY REGISTERED VEHICLE UNTIL YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS PAID.** To further clarify this point, while the Club provides a 'grace period' for late payment of renewals at the end of the calendar year, this does not extend to the Department of Transport. If you are non-financial, you are non-compliant in the eyes of the Department of Transport. If you were pulled over by the authorities driving your concessionally registered vehicle while non-financial, your vehicle would be deemed to be unregistered. Further, if you had an accident while non-financial you may not be covered by insurance.
- Use of the vehicle for club related activities has been relaxed slightly, while use for road testing, maintenance or repair is limited to within a 30km radius of the place of garaging or repair.
- The restrictions on general transport and commuting to and from your place of employment remain.
- Seatbelt restrictions have been clarified; transport of children under the age of seven in a vehicle without seatbelts is now specifically prohibited.
- The handbook now specifically states that 'only residents of WA are permitted to participate in this scheme and the vehicles involved must be domiciled in this state.'
- Some additional descriptions around modifications which are not permissible under the scheme have been added.
- New applications for vehicles to enter the 404 concession scheme now require an inspection by a Club representative.

Members are also reminded that it is a Club requirement for concessionally registered vehicles to be used in at least one event per year, or some other contribution/involvement is required by the Club (such as organising an event, being part of the Committee, contributing to the annual magazine etc).

A copy of the new handbook is available at the CMC website (link is here: [Code 404 Handbook 9/12/2016](#) ).





## AROCA WA EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-17

Event	Event Date	Event Coordinator
Annual Pasta Run	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2016	Ivan Olsen
General Club meeting	Tues, 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	Andrew Murray
Italian Car Day	Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	Andrew Murray / Rotary
<i>Vintage Stampede</i>	Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 2016	John Reed
<i>CAMS Sprint</i>	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2016.	John Reed
Christmas Party	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> December, 2016	Domenic Zito
<b>"Blow the Cobwebs" run</b> <i>Perth hills run. Meet at 10:00 at Taylor's Art and Coffee House, Swan Valley, Middle Swan.</i>	Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017	Rod Quinn
<b>Mid-week Run North</b> <i>Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.</i>	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017	Richard Pierce
<b>Northam Vintage Swap Meet</b> <i>Jubilee Oval Northam</i>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	See ad on following page
<b>Run to Northam</b> <i>Round the houses event in Northam</i>	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2017	Ian Glover
<b>Alfesta National Easter Meeting</b> <i>Annual national meeting - this year in Launceston, Tasmania</i>	Friday April 14 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	<a href="mailto:alfesta2017@alfaclubvic.org.au">alfesta2017@alfaclubvic.org.au</a> <i>You will need to register very soon, if you want to attend this Easter 2017 event in Tasmania.</i> Facebook: <b>Alfesta Tasmania 2017</b>
<b>"British Car Day Raid"</b> <i>Club run to the British car day at Gin Gin. Lunch enroute.</i>	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017	Richard Pierce
<b>Albany "Round-the-Houses"</b> <i>Dinner on the Saturday night for Alfa members in attendance.</i>	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2017	Andrew Murray
<b>Birthday dinner</b> <i>Dinner &amp; presentation night. Venue to be advised.</i>	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017	Nick Rahimtulla



<b>Mid-Week Run South</b> <i>Mid-week run for the lucky idle or retirees.</i>	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017	Greg Smith
<b>Wildflower Run</b> <i>A run through the wildflower country to a social lunch for ARC WA members.</i>	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017	Steve Sugden
<b>AROC WA Annual General Meeting</b> <i>AGM and dinner, venue TBD.</i>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017	Andrew

Upcoming Events are highlighted in the above table.

## CLUB COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2017 Club Championship program will be published shortly. A first event will occur later in February.

If you plan to enter these events, please don't miss the cut-off dates.

For further details, check with John Reed, the club's competition secretary.

## FIRST BARBAGALLO TUNING EVENING FOR THE YEAR

Wednesday 25th January 2017



The track has been booked for an afternoon/evening tuning session at Barbagallo Raceway, Wanneroo. Wednesday 25th January 2017; 5:00pm for a 5:30pm Start & a 9:30pm finish.

A dozen or so spots remain available and the price will be \$80 for AFARCC members / \$100 for non-members.

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## Requirements:

Current CAMS L2S OR HIGHER

Approved Helmet

Long Clothing

Enclosed footwear

Valid Drivers License

Roadworthy Vehicle

Clearly marked and accessible tow points front and rear

## Recommended:

4/5/6 point harness

1kg extinguisher (bolt mounted – not tek screw)

To secure your spot: <http://www.allfours.org.au/2016/12/barbs-jan-2017/>

Visit our website via the link below and sign up - you can pay online via Paypal, Mastercard, VISA or via EFT Bank transfer. Or email [committee@allfours.org.au](mailto:committee@allfours.org.au) for any further enquiries.

If you require a CAMS L2S you can purchase 12 months directly from CAMS for \$125.00. Make sure this is done at least a 2-3 weeks PRIOR to event to ensure it arrives on time.

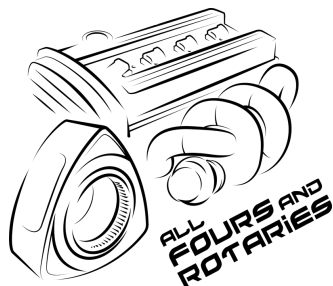
CAMS L2S – 12 Months – \$125.00

<http://docs.cams.com.au/CAMS%20Forms/Competitors/2016%20CAMS%20Level%20%20Licence%20Application%20Renewal.pdf>

## Tentative dates for 2017

January	Wednesday	25th
February	Tuesday	28th
April	Tuesday	4th
June	Thursday	15th
August	Thursday	3rd
October	Tuesday	3rd
December	Tuesday	5th

## Membership Renewals for 2017



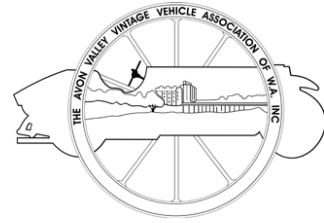
Just a reminder if your membership has expired to shoot through your renewal request. You don't want to find out at sign on for an event that your CAMS Affiliated club membership has expired!

You can renew online and pay online via our website - <http://www.allfours.org.au/membership-online-submission/> (password is afarcc)

We have all new cards for 2017 so keep your eyes peeled.



# ***NORTHAM VINTAGE*** **SWAP MEET**



Presented by the Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association of WA Inc

Supported by the **Shire of Northam**

**Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Jubilee Oval (Showground) NORTHAM**

**Follow the Signs to the Chidlow Street Entry Gate**

**Selling: Vintage Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles,  
Machinery, Engines, Used Spare Parts, Collectables, Household Items, etc. etc. etc.**

***Trade Displays Welcome***

**Site: \$15.00 each (Admits one)**

Vintage Vehicles for sale ONE ONLY per site

**GATES OPEN: Sellers - 06.30am**

**Public Entry – 7.00am**

**FINISH: 12.00 Midday**

**Buyers \$5.00 per person (Kids Free)**

**\*\*\*\*\*PARKING AVAILABLE ON SITE\*\*\*\*\***

***Food and Drink available***

**ENQUIRIES: Murray Sumpton Ph 0407 299 705**

**PO Box 755 Northam WA 6401**

**E Mail : mytruck48@icloud.com**

***Bookings not necessary***

**NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT**

***PART PROCEEDS TO NORTHAM HOSPICE***





## KEY EVENTS IN OTHER AROCA CHAPTERS



### **ALFESTA NATIONAL EASTER MEETING 14 - 17 April 2017**

Launceston, Tasmania:

Check this website for all travel & booking arrangements:

<http://alfesta2017.alfaclubvic.org.au>

#### **Contact:**

ALFESTA 2017,  
P.O. Box 1150, Devonport, Tasmania, 7310

Email: [alfesta2017@alfaclubvic.org.au](mailto:alfesta2017@alfaclubvic.org.au)

Facebook: **Alfesta Tasmania 2017**

## RELEVANT AROCA CLUB WEBSITES

AROCA: <http://www.alfaclub.org.au>

NSW AROCA: <http://www.alfaclubnsw.org.au>

AROCA QLD: <http://www.arocaqld.com>

AROCA SA: <http://alfaclubsa.org.au>


AROCA VIC: <http://www.alfaclubvic.org.au>

AROCA WA: <http://www.alfaclubwa.com.au>


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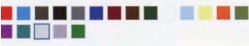









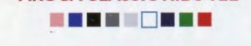

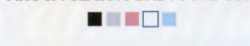




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## FINANCIAL REPORT 2016/2017

DATE: 30/12/2016

Nick Rahimtulla

### INCOME

Membership – Family	\$ 5525.00
Mystery Weekend	\$ 1920.00
Birthday Dinner	\$ 330.00
Social Events/ Pasta Run	\$
Merchandise Sales/ Door sale	\$ 49.00
Club Meeting Drinks/ Food	\$
Bank Interest	\$ 0.64
Wine sales	\$ 138.00
Transfer from Investment A/c	\$ 1000.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8962.64</b>

### EXPENDITURE

CAMS- CMC Subscription	\$ 660.00
Mystery Weekend Deposit	\$ 2024.57
Postage/Petties/Rental	\$ 151.62
Birthday Dinner	\$ 3513.47
Merchandise	\$
Rent LCC 2012/2013	\$ 420.00
Italian Car Day	\$ 412.50
Club Meeting Food/Drinks/AGM	\$ 683.74
Website	\$
Trophies	\$ 271.60
Investment Account	\$ 3500.00
Christmas Function	\$ 897.30
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12534.80</b>

**EXCESS INCOME/EXPENDITURE** - \$ 3572.16

### BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance	\$ 3739.46
Receipts	\$ 8962.64
Payments	\$ 12534.80
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 167.30</b>

### INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Opening Balance	\$ 13880.60
Transfer from main account	\$ 3500.00
Transfer to Main Account	- \$ 1000.00
Interest	\$ 61.46
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 16442.05</b>



## AROCA WA Committee: Contact Details

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## Got one of these?

### Alfa Romeo's "Stelvio" SUV for 2018 Australian launch

By Peter McKay (Shorter edited extract, republished from [www.drive.com.au](http://www.drive.com.au); 16 November 2016)

When a sporty premium brand like Alfa Romeo names a new model named after one of the great S-curving mountain roads in all of Europe, there's no mistaking the intent of the product, and its positioning. That focus becomes even more pointed when the product is an SUV - the first in the marque's more than 100-year history.<sup>1</sup>

This mid-sized Alfa Romeo Stelvio crossover in its most potent and outrageous *Quadrifoglio* "halo" guise, has made a sparkling world debut recently at the Los Angeles Auto Show, one of the major expos in a car-mad USA; a targeted country for the long-anticipated Alfa revival.

The Quadrifoglio (QV) nomenclature is to Alfa Romeo what M is to BMW, and AMG is to Mercedes. Alfa is unashamedly emphasising performance in a bid to gain an edge over its tough German premium rivals. Though very late to the SUV party, Alfa has tall-poppy targets. The three-tiered Stelvio line-up is intended to put the frighteners into the likes of BMW with its X3, Mercedes-Benz (GLC) and Audi (Q5).

With the Stelvio, Alfa insists it has nailed the authentic Alfa Romeo spirit, with distinctly Italian styling, state-of-the-art engines, good weight distribution, some clever technical solutions, and an outstanding power-to-weight ratio leading to compelling on-road performance.

"Stelvio is uniquely engineered to challenge two-door sports cars on the track, without sacrificing any of the characteristics you would expect from a premium SUV, resulting in the perfect mix of high performance, capability and Italian design," boasted Reid Bigland, the head of Alfa Romeo.

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<sup>1</sup> The Alfa 33 "SportsWagon" of the 1980's, though a Four-Wheel-Drive, was not designed as a off-roader, but it was good in snow. More of a "cross-over", it wasn't really in the SUV category. My ex-father-in law did use one around his farm paddocks to herd his cattle though. He would even tie off a cow that he had lassoed onto the steering wheel. That vehicle had an interesting by not long life! (Newsletter editor).





*The 2018 "Stelvio Quadrifoglio" is the first SUV Alfa Romeo's history<sup>2</sup>. Photos: Alfa Romeo*

There is no suggestion from anyone at Alfa that the Stelvio is a worthy off roader. It is a sports car masquerading as an SUV. It's the second of a new line-up of vehicles (after the 2015 Giulia sedan) built off a new global Alfa architecture. The use of aluminium in the front and rear vehicle frames, front shock towers, brakes, suspension components, doors and guards has brought down vehicle weight.

It is one of the most powerful production Alfas yet: the 375kW 2.9-litre V6 bi-turbo petrol-engined Stelvio QV accelerates from standstill to 100km/h in close to 4.0 seconds, but also gets the characteristic ingredients that have long attracted Alfa adherents with varying levels of commitment and enthusiasm during good times and bad.

Italians always take pride in their engines and the all-aluminium bi-turbo V6 engine stacks up as rather special, with a flat torque curve offering 600Nm between 2500 to 5500rpm. The 206kW 2.0-litre direct-injection 16-valve turbo four-cylinder petrol engine powering the Stelvio and Stelvio Ti models also has an impressive torque spread, with 415Nm available between 2250-4500rpm, with surprisingly good fuel economy. Both engines are hooked up to a paddle-shifting eight-speed ZF automatic transmission. FACA won't confirm as much, but there is also a strong possibility of a 2.0-litre turbo diesel being part of Alfa's Stelvio stable in Australia.

The range-topping Stelvio Quadrifoglio is set apart from its more affordable base and Ti variants with exclusive high-performance and functional exterior design elements, plus performance suspension, brakes and wheels.

Its cabin has leather and Alcantara front seats, featuring 12-way power and adjustable thigh support, a Quadrifoglio-exclusive leather-wrapped steering wheel with accent stitching and performance contours; leather-wrapped instrument panel with accent stitching; and carbonfibre interior trim. All Stelvios have a drive model selector called Alfa DNA with three unique driver selectable modes (Dynamic, Natural, Advanced Efficiency) which can be used to fine tune the driving experience by adjusting throttle response, boost pressure, and suspension settings in Stelvio and Stelvio Ti. The Quadrifoglio adds a fourth mode - Race, which activates the over-boost function, opens the two-mode exhaust system, turns off the stability control and delivers sharper brake and steering feel with more aggressive engine, transmission and throttle tip-in calibrations.

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The Quadrifoglio also has a torque vectoring differential to optimise traction, Quadrifoglio-tuned adaptive suspension, a unique instrument cluster and a cylinder-deactivation system, which allows the engine to run on three of its six cylinders. Standard on the Quadrifoglio is a four-channel chassis damping system instantly adapts to driving conditions and can be adjusted by the driver via the Alfa DNA selector. This technology gives the choice of softer shock absorbers for a more comfortable drive, or a firmer setting, for sports driving. Standard on the all Stelvio models up to the Quadrifoglio, is the Q4 all-wheel-drive system which gives all-season grip and manages drive distribution in real time. The system's default is to employ 100 per cent rear drive, but transferring up to 60 per cent to the front axle when needed.

The Stelvio's dynamics are controlled by its Chassis Domain Control system which coordinates all of the vehicle's available active systems (stability control, torque vectoring differential and Alfa Active suspension system), using predictive-type software to find the right balance of natural and safe motoring. The Stelvio also has an integrated braking system replacing a traditional system of electronic stability control and brake booster for even more immediate stopping response. The entry-level Stelvio gets paddle shifters and a full-colour 7.0-inch thin film transistor (TFT) cluster display straddled by two large white-on-black face analogue gauges.

A rotary dial controls the high-resolution infotainment system with real-time vehicle performance pages and telemetry, plus navigation that recognises handwritten gestures on the top of the rotary pad, for easy interaction with the 3-D Navigation system.

All Stelvio models will feature Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Even the base car has a carbonfibre driveshaft, dual exhaust, standard 18-inch aluminium wheels (with optional 19s and 20s), leather seating, reversing camera with rear sensors, power tailgate, and a flat-bottom steering wheel with push button start.

The Stelvio Ti adds greater luxury, including standard 19-inch wheels, genuine wood interior accents and an 8.8-inch widescreen infotainment display. All models have eight airbags - driver and front-passenger, driver and front-passenger seat-mounted side, front and rear side curtain bags, and driver and front-passenger knee bags.



Driver-assist safety and security features include a full-speed forward collision warning system which provides autonomous braking and, should a frontal collision seem imminent, slows or brings the Stelvio to a complete stop. It also has adaptive cruise control, which maintain distance from the vehicle ahead and, under certain traffic conditions, can bring the Stelvio to a halt without driver intervention. Lane departure warning is also standard. To help rear visibility both on the road and in parking situations, Blind-spot Monitoring, Rear Cross Path detection and front- and rear-park assist sensors are available.

Options for the Stelvio Quadrifoglio include lightweight carbon fibre-shell Sparco racing seats, Brembo carbon-ceramic material brakes, and a rear mechanical limited-slip differential. The flair for fashion that seems part of the Italian character presents itself in the palette of 13 exterior colours; and an almost limitless interior colour and trim choices. And seven wheel choices, ranging from 18 inches to 21 inches.

Australian pricing and launch time are yet to be set. Based on the competition, low 60s to mid 90s for the various Stelvio models seems likely. Expect an early 2018 arrival.

#### 2018 Alfa Romeo "Stelvio Quadrifoglio" specifications:

<b>How much:</b>	TBA but circa \$90,000 plus on road costs
<b>Engine:</b>	2.9-litre Twin-turbocharged V6 petrol
<b>Transmission:</b>	Eight-speed auto
<b>Power:</b>	375kW
<b>Torque:</b>	600Nm at 2500-5500rpm
<b>0-100km/h:</b>	4.0 secs (estimated)
<b>Fuel use:</b>	n/a



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