City to Cape Rally Revs Up

REV-HEADS rejoice — the inaugural RACV city to cape rally is gearing up with the aim of becoming the biggest and best annual event of its kind in Victoria.



Sponsored by RACV and organised by the Association of Motoring Clubs, the Sunday, 28 October rally involves 300 veteran, vintage and classic vehicles.

The event is the brainchild of RACV Motoring Interests Coordinator, Brian Kelly, who "borrowed" the concept from the Bay to Birdwood Rally in South Australia.

"It's a fantastic day for vehicle owners and fans alike, attracting 2000 vehicles and a crowd of 5000 to the family day at Birdwood alone," Mr Kelly said.

"Even more people line the roads to watch the convoy pass by and there's a great festival atmosphere. We're hoping the annual city to cape will become just as popular, promoting our motoring heritage to an even wider audience."

Enthusiasts can admire the marvellous machines at Kings Domain prior to 9.30am departure, en route or by attending the rally family day at RACV Cape Schanck Resort on the spectacular Mornington Peninsula.

Praying for fine weather on the big day is devout rally fan, Alan Lethborg, 72, who with wife Margaret, (above) will be driving in his pristine open-top 1909 AX Renault.

"We both wear deerstalkers but not for show; they keep our ears warm," he said.

"When I was younger I always wanted to own a Model T Ford but I ended up with a



1917 Indian motorcycle instead, that was back in 1969.3

Having spent three years restoring his latest labour of love, the AX Renault, Mr Lethborg is looking forward to showing it off on the city to cape rally.

"We attend one rally a month but the city to cape will be different as it brings all the different classes of vehicles together. The public response is always good; adults always ask, 'how much is it worth?' while the kids always want to know, 'how fast does it go'?".

Fellow aficionado, Roland Deery, 66, (left) who will be driving his extremely rare 1927 Marmon E75 in the city to cape, got into the veteran car scene 35 years ago.

"I needed a hobby, It took me six years to fully restore the E75 and it will be the last restoration I ever do - just ask my wife!"

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- by Denis Brown

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inaugural city to cape rally family day at RACV Cape Schanck Resort, Melway Ref 259 C4. Vehicle display 11.30am-3.30pm Spectator admission fee: \$10. Children under 14: free.

Refreshments available, no dogs permitted. Prizes awarded for outstanding cars. Children's entertainment, Melbourne Welsh Male Choir, craft/trade displays and memorabilia stalls.

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