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Great Ocean Road – 80th Anniversary

24-28 November 2012

RACV 80 Years' Great Ocean Road Celebration Tour

The Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria (VSCC) and the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV) are proud to honour the 80th anniversary of the Official Opening of the Great Ocean Road with a 5-day motoring tour for veteran, vintage & post-vintage vehicles from 24-28 November 2012.

On day four, Tuesday 27th November, they will leave the Lorne Foreshore Reserve at 8am. There will be a Toll-gate on the Apollo Bay Foreshore, & participant vehicles will pass through this toll-gate.

They will congregate on the Apollo Bay Foreshore (between the SLSC and the children's playground) **for a static display between 9.30 and 11am.**

The public is welcome to find safe vantage points to watch the vehicles travel from Lorne to Apollo Bay, and to come down to the foreshore to see them.

The VSCC is proud to advise that Legacy has been appointed as the tour's official charity. A fitting link due to what Legacy strives for, and we hope that the monies this event raise can assist in the running of various Legacy programs.



The next meeting of the
Apollo Bay News Inc
will be held on

Monday 26th November, 2012 at 4.00pm,
Council Meeting Rooms, Nelson St, Apollo Bay
Members of the community are welcome to attend. We are always looking for more volunteers so come along and find out more about how your community News Sheet operates. Hope to see you there!

Department of Sustainability and Environment



**Keep a safe distance
from seal pups on
the beach**

Seal pups may come ashore over coming weeks and people are warned not to feed or attempt to pick up or handle the animal.

Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) Program Manager Compliance Mark Breguet said it was not unusual to see seal pups at this time of year and reminds people that seals are fully protected by law.

"At this time of the year it is not uncommon for Australian Fur Seal pups to come ashore, particularly after storms or strong winds," he said. "We ask that members of the public keep their distance from any seal or seal pup and keep their dogs away and on a lead, for the well being of themselves, their pets and the seals.

"Seals can be very agile and could inflict a nasty wound, so under no circumstance should people try to feed, attempt to pick up or handle any seal."

DSE monitors the condition of all seals when they are reported. Monitoring is done by either DSE staff or through the network of Wildlife Shelter operators and volunteers. Mr Breguet said seal pups are born in late November and can stay with the mother for approx 10-11 months when they are then weaned. "Weaning can be quite sudden for the pup as the females are usually ready to give birth to the next pup," he said.

"Juvenile Australian Fur Seals have to learn to feed on their own away from colonies such as Seal Rocks and Lady Julia Percy Island. "Each season a number of young seals are found on beaches, sometimes in very poor condition. This is normal and intervention is not recommended.

Reports of seals can be made to the DSE Customer Service Centre on 136 186.

Any reports of injured or sick seals should be directed to: Wildlife Victoria Inc. - Ph: 1300 094 535 Or 1300 Wildlife