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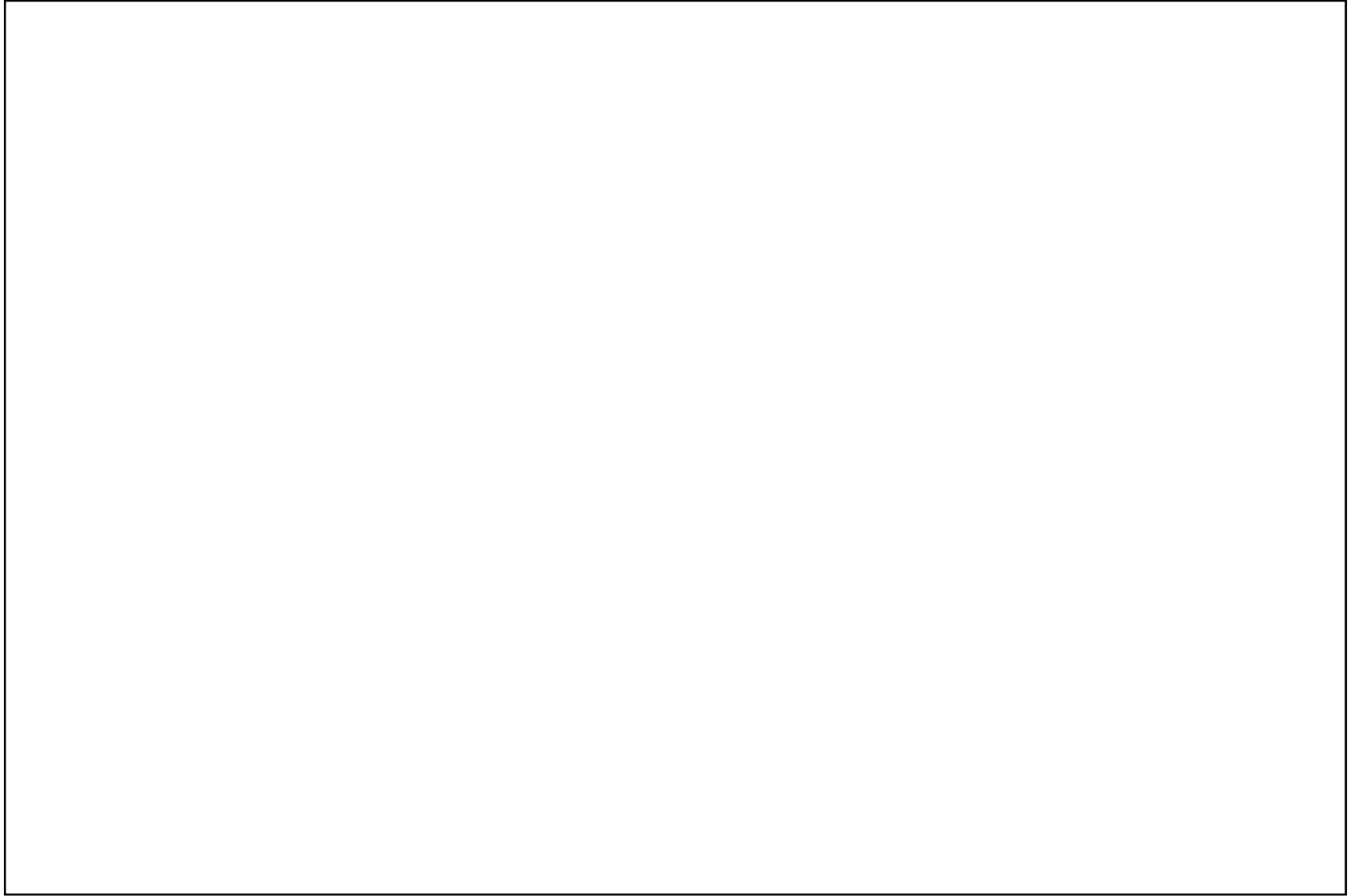


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CLUB MEETINGS

Dorothy Laver Reserve - Pavilion
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Third Tues @7:30pm (except Jan)

JOINING/RENEWING

The membership year runs from 1st July to 30th June. Applications for membership can be made at any time by submitting a completed RCCV application form to the Membership Secretary by email or post.

a/ membership@rccv.org.au
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Application forms can be accessed from www.renault.org.au or by email: membership@rccv.org.au

NOTE: It is a condition of Club Permits that the owner of the vehicle(s) remain a financial member of the RCCV Inc. AT ALL TIMES

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EDITORIAL

As a temporary editor I will not even try to compete with the superb quality of the magazines produce in the past by previous editors. We all agree that they have been outstanding...well done guys.

The committee have taken a completely different direction - a simple and a more cost effective approach to the production of the club magazine, which we hope to produce on a more regular basis.

Mike G
TEMPORARY EDITOR

Articles/stories ALWAYS required

T H E V I C T O R I A N R E N A U L T

Calendar 2023-2024

Calendar is accurate as can be at the time of publication and is compiled from dates and information supplied. Note: At the time of going to press - no motor sport dates have been received for 2024.

Calendar updates will be sent out by email on a regular basis with amendments, changes and deletions as they come to hand.

*Also you can check the RCCV's website for more up to date information regarding events and dates

*Regie Renault Points

DECEMBER

***Sun. 10th** – RCCV Xmas BBQ/ Breakup from 9:00am
Westerfolds Reserve
Templestowe Vic.
Note: Porter St Entrance.

***Tue. 19th** – General Meeting
7:30pm Dorothy Laver Reserve
Saxby Street Glen Iris
Final meeting for the year

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

JANUARY 2024

Sun. 21st Coffee/Breakfast
9:00am The Herbert Cafe
41 Arthurton Rd. Northcote

Sat 27 – Sun 28th Jugiong
Traditional weekend away

FEBRUARY

Tue. 1st – Committee Meeting
6:30 for 7:00pm Start @ TBA

Sun. 4th - POSTPONED
Renault Round Up to be
combined with All French Day

***Sun. 4th** – Coffee/Breakfast
9:00am Tosaria Cafe
60 Hendersons Rd. Rowville

***Sat. 17th** – Rally Retro
Festival @ METEC
112 Colchester Rd
Bayswater Nth

***Sun. 18th** – British &
European Car Festival
RCCV Display - 125yrs Renault
Yarra Glen Racecourse

***Tue. 20th** – General Meeting
7:30pm Dorothy Laver Reserve
Saxby Street Glen Iris

***Sun. 25th** – FRERES LUNCH
Celebrating 125yr of Renault
Restaurant TBA
Address TBA

MARCH

Tue. 5th – Committee Meeting
6:30 for 7:00pm Start @ TBA

***Sun. 10th** – Coffee/Breakfast
9:00am Cafe Name Address etc

***Tue. 19th** – General Meeting
7:30pm Dorothy Laver Reserve
Saxby Street Glen Iris

21st- 24th – Aust F1 GP
Proposed RCCV Display

APRIL

Tue. 2nd – Committee Meeting
6:30 for 7:00pm Start @ TBA

***Sun. 7th** – Coffee/Breakfast
9:00am Cafe Name TBA
Address etc

***Tue. 16th** – General Meeting
7:30pm Dorothy Laver Reserve
Saxby Street Glen Iris

***27th & Sun. 28th** – 'MOVE'
Drive Weekend. Accom. TBA
Shepparton Vic

MAY

Tue. 7th – Committee Meeting
6:30 for 7:00pm Start @ TBA

Sun. 12th – Coffee/Breakfast
9:00am Cafe Name TBA
Address etc

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Presidents REPORT



President Cavanagh pushing his Restored ex-works R8 Gordini hard at the Rally Retro 2023. See it again at next year's event on Sat. 17th February '24

PREZ SEZ

Welcome to our new magazine that Mike (who is not the editor because we don't have one) has put together for us.

2023 is coming to a close; it's been a fantastic year for us with our 70th birthday celebrations really going off.

Hard to believe the club has been going for 70 years and with the amount of support and enthusiasm we are seeing we will be going for much longer. We had about 80 people for the 70th dinner celebrations and more for the drive the following day, great drive down to Point Leo but very cold, very wet, very windy, perfect day for an outdoor event.

We have been very active this year and every weekend we seem to have events on but we are always looking for more. It's your club; you pay your

membership so if anyone has any ideas for a drive day, morning coffee run or Sunday lunch please let us know. If you're out and about within a couple of hours of Melbourne and find something you'd like to share please let us know.

Doesn't have to be car related, yes we are a car club but we are a social club too. We are up to about 48 events this year so that's almost every week and something for everyone in all directions of Melbourne, even the monthly coffee mornings are attracting good numbers.

As one new female member said, I can't believe I've joined a car club, no one talks cars. That's because we are friends first and cars second, as friends we talk about life, work, family, children, grand children but it's the Renaults that unite us and help form a bond that can last for decades.

In my family I am a 2nd generation club member, my dad joined in ...cont

Pres. CONTINUED

1954, I joined in 1978 and my son is also a member, hopefully he continues the tradition.

With a long standing club comes tradition and some people are probably wondering what the RR stands for on the club Calendar.

It stands for Regie Renault, short for Régie Nationale Des Usines Renault.

Back in the 50's Renault Australia donated a trophy to every Renault Car Club in Australia as an award for the most active member, every time you see RR it means you get a Regie Renault point and the one with the most points get to hold the trophy for one year and hand over to next year's winner, (you also get a little one to keep)

There are decades of RR winners names on the trophy, we are the only club that keeps this tradition going so I'm quite proud of this.

We also have the Les Park memorable

trophy as well. Les was one of our founding members, and used to race 4cv's and Dauphines.

We all have life regrets and I remember Les telling me his mate tried to talk him into going to the UK to race back in the early 50's because nothing was happening in Australia.

Les thought that's a silly idea and stayed here racing Renaults and started the Renault a club of Victoria. His mate's name was.... Sir Jack Brabham.

Our Les Park trophy is a sporting trophy where every club member who enters a sporting event gets 1 point and extra points for coming 1st, 2nd & 3rd in class.

Next year we have another celebration, 25th of February 2024 marks the 125th anniversary of Renault Frères, in other words on the 25th February 1899 brothers

Marcel, Fernand and Louis Renault founded the Societe Renault Frères.

Lucky for us 25th Feb falls on a Sunday so we are going to a French restaurant for lunch.

Well that's it for me, remember this is your club, you only get out what you put in.

David C

Cheers,
David Cavanagh.
RCCV President

Treasurers REPORT

“This Treasurers Report is taken from the 1st July to 31st October 2023.

It is very encouraging to see that our income is considerably higher than our expenditure. This leads the Committee to believe that the Club is in a good financial position.

If anyone has any question regarding this report please contact your Treasurer, **Jeni Sammons**”

Treasurers Report - RCCV inc. July to October 2023

Balance as at 30/06/2023		<u>\$23,103.08</u>
Income		
Interest	\$0.91	
Membership	\$5,710.00	
Supper	\$119.05	
Merchandise	\$1,488.00	
Donation	\$35.00	
Total Income	\$7,352.96	\$7,352.96
Sub Total		<u>\$30,456.04</u>
Expenditure		
Supper	\$413.03	
70th Anniversary	\$1,474.39	
Misc - Repair to Clubs Marquee	\$75.00	
Stationary	\$260.98	
Printing - du Club Nouvelles Newsletter	\$106.15	
Postage	\$192.00	
AOMC Membership Fee	\$250.00	
Misc - Refund of Membership, 3 no shows at		
Bastille Day Lunch	\$364.37	
Post Office Box New Key	\$12.00	
Total Expenditure	\$3,147.92	\$3,147.92
Balance as at 31/10/2023		<u>\$27,308.12</u>

Sporting REPORT



Our club participates in many sporting activities. We all love our Renaults and we have many sporting activities for you to enjoy your car.

Renault have been successful in motorsport every since Louis Renault himself won the 1899 Paris-Trouville road race. The factory went on to win the World Rally Championship, the Australian Rally Championship (Twice), World enduro sports car events like the Lemans 24hr, British Touring Car championships, European touring car championships and the pinnacle of world motorsport, Formula 1 where they have been very successful.

Because racing is in Renault DNA every Renault built shares the passion the club is active in competing and promoting club level motorsport. We are only a small club but we do what we can and enjoy what our cars were built for.

People think motorsport is dangerous and it is but honestly you have more chance of getting injured playing netball or cricket. We drive to our limits, there's no pressure. If you don't like the weather don't go out. It's all about you having fun and not getting caught up trying to beat others.

We compete in the Rob Roy interclub

hill climb series, it's a great fun low speed event where you probably hit a higher speed on the freeway driving there than on the track competing. Well worth competing, young drivers will learn a lot.

We also do what's called a khanacross, probably the most fun you can have in a car legally, a timed race between the flags, low speed but really enhances your driving skills.

Geelong Revival is always a great event, a 1/4 mile sprint down the main street of Geelong without the Police hassling you, what could be better than that.

Now that the club has joined MSCA (Marque Sports Car Association) we will be getting invites to some sprint race meetings at some of Australia's premier race tracks.

Some of us just did a come and try day at Phillip Island where they taught us lots with the emphasis on safety on the track.

We also participate in the opposite side of motorsport where we wear the yellow vests and we get to tell the public what to do. Marshalling at Phillip Island, Sandown and Winton is great fun and we can get up close and personal with some real motorsport legends.



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CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

The Victorian Club Permit Scheme is a limited use permit for vehicles over 25 years old.

Otherwise known as club reg it's basically a scheme to allow you to use your old vehicle for either 45 or 90 (your choice) days per year without paying for expensive registration.

A common misconception is you can only use it on club runs, this is false, you can drive it anywhere anytime as long as your log book is filled

How to put your vehicle on the club permit scheme.

1. Make sure your vehicle is 25 years old or older.
2. Make sure your membership to RCCV is current and you must remain a member for the whole time your car is on the scheme.
3. Get a roadworthy certificate. This can be done at any workshop advertising the do roadworthy inspections, bear in mind that some garages don't like to do old cars so if you don't know someone give the club inspectors a call and we might know someone in your area.
4. Go onto the VicRoads website and download the club permit application forms and the all important vehicle eligibility form.
5. Make an appointment with one of the club inspectors to have the vehicle inspected, photographed and the forms signed. It may seem silly to have the club inspectors look at it after you've got a roadworthy certificate but you need to remember that this is a permit not registration and it's basically the club giving you permission to drive your unregistered vehicle on public roads so we need to know the details are correct.

Club inspectors are

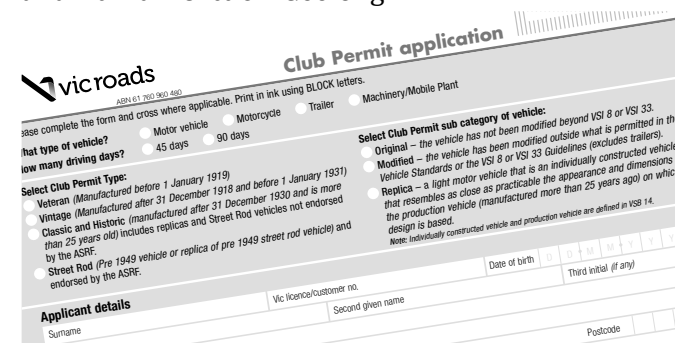
David Cavanagh-Airport West 0459280960

Peter Rasmussen-Berwick 0397073177

6. Take your signed forms to VicRoads and collect your plates and enjoy. VicRoads will give you a log book to fill in every time you take the vehicle out, make sure it's filled in correctly otherwise it's a \$700 fine for driving an unregistered vehicle.

7. Every year when your permit comes up for renewal it must be signed off by a club official, he doesn't need to see the car but he does need to see your membership card.

We have club officials in all 4 corners of Melbourne. **David Cavanagh**-Airport West, **Peter Rasmussen**-Berwick, **John Elliott**-Box Hill, and **David Bertuch**-Geelong.



The image shows a 'Club Permit application' form from VicRoads. The form includes the following sections and fields:

- vic roads** logo and ABN 61 760 960 460.
- Instruction: "Please complete the form and cross where applicable. Print in ink using BLOCK letters."
- that type of vehicle?** with radio buttons for Motor vehicle, Motorcycle, Trailer, and Machinery/Mobile Plant.
- low many driving days?** with radio buttons for 45 days and 90 days.
- Select Club Permit Type:** with radio buttons for Veteran (Manufactured before 1 January 1919), Vintage (Manufactured after 31 December 1918 and before 1 January 1931), Classic and Historic (manufactured after 31 December 1930 and is more than 25 years old) includes replicas and Street Rod vehicles not endorsed by the ASRF, and Street Rod (Pre 1949 vehicle or replica of pre 1949 street rod vehicle) and endorsed by the ASRF.
- Select Club Permit sub category of vehicle:** with radio buttons for Original - the vehicle has not been modified beyond VSI 8 or VSI 33, Modified - the vehicle has been modified outside what is permitted in the Vehicle Standards or the VSI 8 or VSI 33 Guidelines (excludes trailers), and Replica - a light motor vehicle that is an individually constructed vehicle that resembles as close as practicable the appearance and dimensions the production vehicle (manufactured more than 25 years ago) on which design is based. A note states: "Note: Individually constructed vehicle and production vehicle are defined in VSI 1.4."
- Applicant details** section with fields for Surname, Vic licence/customer no., Date of birth, Second given name, Third initial (if any), and Postcode.

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RCCV 70th & BASTILLE DAY



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RCCV70th CONTINUED



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News HISTORY TRIVIA



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The Renault corporation was founded on **25th Feb. 1899** as Société Renault Frères by Louis Renault and his brothers Marcel and Fernand.



Renault 16, a large family hatchback with 1,5 litres engine, was launched in 1965. The layout of this model was quite innovative — front-wheel drive, engine mounted in line behind the transmission, torsion bar suspension, and column mounted shift.



The first Renault car, the **Renault Voiturette 1CV**, was sold to a friend of Louis' father after giving him a test ride on 24th Dec. 1898.



Until recently, the fastest Renault ever wasn't an F1 car! Instead, it was the 1978 Alpine A443, which managed a stonking 236mph at Le Mans. The engine? A humble 2.1ltr V6 turbo.

Sneak peak of Renault 5 prototype

French automaker Renault has given a sneak peek into the prototype production process being undertaken at a “unique secret and high-tech” miniature plant which is building the first all-electric Renault 5 hatchback. Currently, the facility is building the Renault 5, a battery electric hatchback which the company originally previewed back in 2021.

The so-called “mules” have been in production since October 2021 and, featuring a Clio-like silhouette, have been tested in Lapland as part of the longer term development and testing process for the company's electric CMF-B EV platform.



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BWT Alpine F1 Team rounded off the 2023 FIA Formula 1 World Championship at the season finale in Abu Dhabi with Esteban Ocon finishing in twelfth and Pierre Gasly thirteenth at Yas Marina Circuit.

The team finishes the season on 120 points in sixth place in the Constructors' Championship with Pierre eleventh in the Drivers' Championship on 62 points and Esteban twelfth on 58 points.

Alpine confirms the six drivers who will race for the French team from 2024 in its two Hypercars entered in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC).

Three French drivers already working with Alpine Endurance Team will be included in the programme: Nicolas Lapierre, Matthieu Vaxiviere and Charles Milesi. Joining them will be Frenchman Paul-Loup Chatin, already familiar with the team, Austrian Ferdinand Habsburg and German Mick Schumacher, who will make his endurance racing debut.

Alpine will reveal its crews and the A424 official livery at the launch event on 7 February 2024.



The 1991 was a peak year for the company. The French manufacturer had collected most automaker rewards — Renault Clio was voted European Car of the Year soon after its launch, and was one of Europe's best selling cars in the 1990s. Renault Laguna, a large family car, was launched in 1994. This D-Class vehicle was manufactured by Renault from 1994 to 2001. It was offered in the hatchback and station wagon body styles. Renault Laguna of the second generation was the first European car to use remote keyless ignition system.

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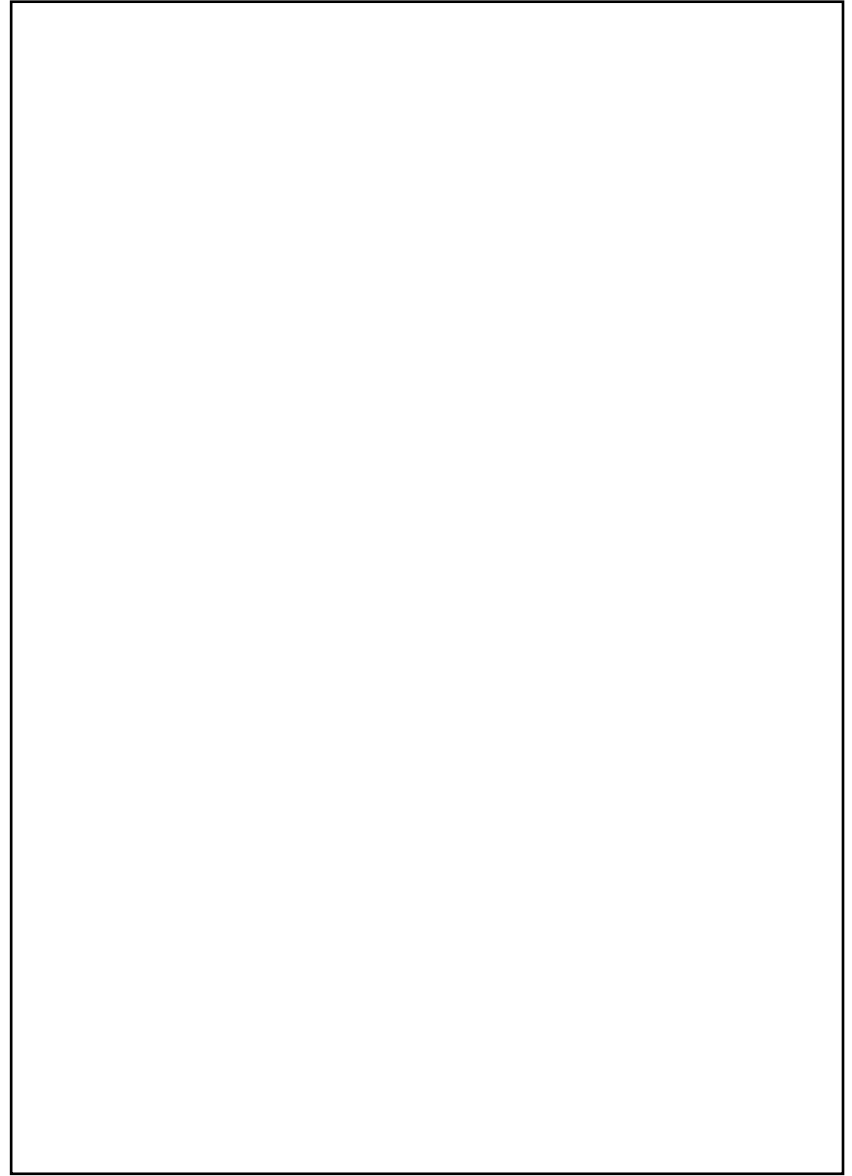
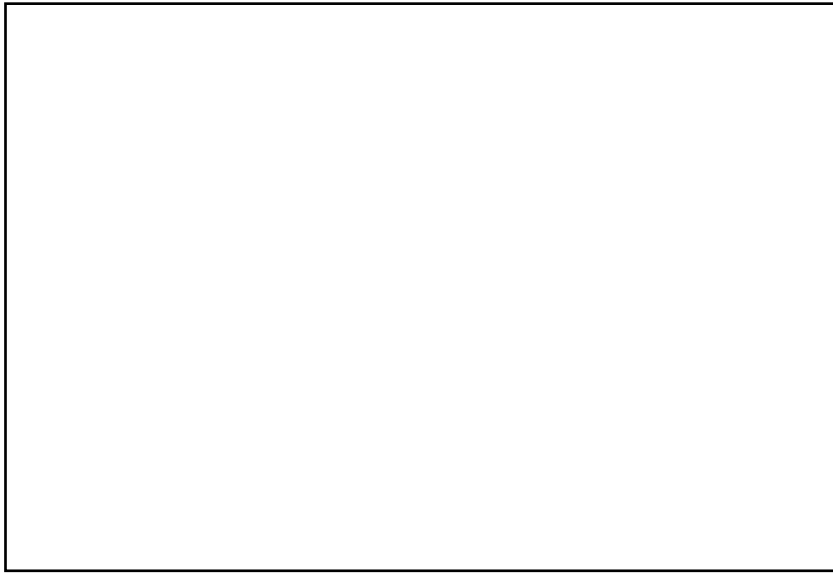
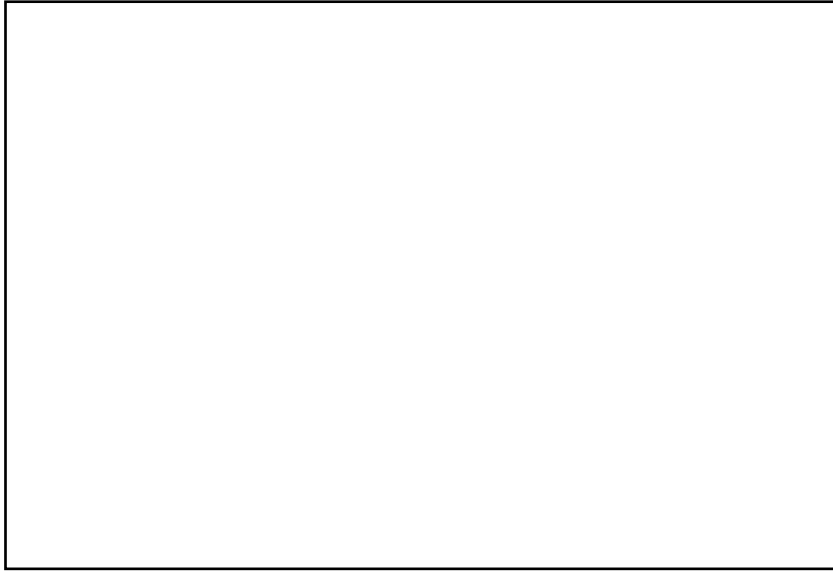
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