COMBINED CLUB NATIONAL EVENT

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUESTED

DATE

19 to 21 September 2025

LOCATION

Griffith, NSW

TIME

Arrival Friday 19 September

at 3.00 pm

Griffith, NSW

EVENT DETAILS

The Saab Car Club NSW (SCCNSW) are in the process of organising a "National" get together to take place in Griffith, NSW over the weekend 19 to 21 September 2025.

The last time a "National" event like this took place was in Coffs Harbour, NSW in 2011. It is a "National" event, as the Club(s) will also be inviting Saab friends from all Australian states, including those from the ACT.

Whilst planning has been underway for several months, SCCNSW are now seeking expressions of interest in attending this event. But first, some details about the event itself.

Griffith

Griffith, NSW was chosen for a number of reasons. Firstly, it is an almost equidistant from Sydney and Melbourne. Secondly, being at the centre of Riverina region, it is known for its incredible wines, local produce, Italian heritage, award-winning restaurants, fascinating museums and more. Finally, there is a good supply of high-standard facilities, such as hotels, for catering to the needs of a large group of people and vehicles.

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Friday 19 September 2025

Because of the distance from Sydney (6 hours, 575km) and Melbourne (5 Hours, 457km), the schedule is to leave on the morning of Friday 19 September, with a rest stop or two along the way, arriving at our hotel, The Kidman Wayside Inn, around 3.00pm.

After check-in, its then off to the nearby car wash — because on Saturday morning there will be a Show & Shine.

Friday night, prior to dinner, there will be two activities, one of which includes a whisky tasting at The Aisling Distillery. The other being at the Harvest HQ, and an opportunity to taste Griffith-grown Italian wines, as well as local gins. Then it is off by bus to one of the best Italian restaurants that Griffith has to offer — La Scala — where we have a private room, and a three-course meal awaits.

Above: La Scala Restaurant: lascalarestaurant.com.au

Saturday 20 September 2025

After a sumptuous cold and hot breakfast on Saturday morning, the Show & Shine commences at 8.00am. Midday will see us all driving to the famous De Bortoli Bilbul Cellars for antipasto platters in their Tasting Room and a chance to try some of their award-winning wines. Their magnificent gardens will also create a photo opportunity for all our Saabs.

Above: Di Bortoli's Bilbul Winery

Back at our hotel later that afternoon, it's time to get dressed up, as cocktails will commence at 6:30pm. An hour later, we will gather in the private room of the in-house restaurant and bar at The Kidman (Benny's) for yet another three-course meal. Then it is time for the all-important Show & Shine Awards ceremony, followed by our famous SAAB Trivia Night.

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Sunday 21 September 2025

Sunday morning there will be a farewell breakfast for those leaving that day.

Monday 22 September 2025 (Optional)

Again, because of the distance, a number of surveyed SCCNSW club members have expressed an interest in staying an extra day and depart on Monday 22 September. If there are sufficient numbers we will be providing programmed activities, at an additional cost. Failing that, the following nearby attractions are all of interest:

Hermits Cave and Scenic Lookout, Griffith Pioneer Park Museum & Italian Museum, Lake Wyangan, Cocoparra National Park, Griffith War Memorial Museum, Griffith Rotary Market, Fairey Firefly Memorial & Visitor Centre, Griffith's Big Wine Bottles.

RSVP TO REGISTER

Please **RSVP** for this event on our website at the following link:

vicsaab.club/national-event-2025

Or via the **QR code** link:

Costings

For the two night program, couples will incur a cost of $850 and singles $590, with all rooms being provided by the hotel on a twin-share basis.

The above costs include:

+ Your hotel room
+ Two dinners (Fri and Sat)
+ Two breakfasts (Say and Sun)
+ Lunch at De Bortoli's and bus hire

The above costs do not include:

+ Any drinks and cocktails at either dinner
+ Any drinks and cocktails at lunch at the De Bortoli vineyard
+ The whisky tasting ($20 for 8 single-malt tastings)
+ The alternate event at Harvest HQ prior to dinner on the Friday night.

To make budgeting easier for our members, we will be splitting the payments into three separate payments prior to the event. In order to do this, we will need an early indication of interest.

For those interested in staying the extra night, please let us know so that we can come back to you with an additional costing.

If you are interested in joining this exciting event, please RSVP via the link or QR code.

Please RSVP by 31 March 2025 to enable time for numbers attending to be conveyed to SCCNSW Organising Committee.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in September for this very special event!

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