

LOCAL LIVING

Introducing the all-new Honda HR-V

Now that its time has come, the new model is coming to market in front-wheel drive form only, like the Nissan Qashqai and Holden Trax, but unlike the Mitsubishi ASX. The earlier HR-V, which failed to ignite buyer interest in sufficient degree was a part-time four-wheel drive with an automatic torque-on-demand system shared with the CR-V.

This new HR-V is shaping up to be a competitive entrant in the small SUV segment, based on its specification and local pricing, which was announced recently.

At entry level, the HR-V VTi is priced at \$24,990 before on-road costs and comes standard with 16-inch alloy wheels, 'Magic seats', Display audio with Bluetooth connectivity, air conditioning and a reversing camera. For \$3000 more (\$27,990), the VTi-S features 17-inch alloy wheels, keyless entry/start, auto LED headlights, front fog lights, rain-sensing wipers, blind spot monitoring, City-Brake Active system and a leather-bound steering wheel.

Positioned \$5000 higher again (\$32,990), the HR-V VTi-L comes equipped with shift paddles, leather seat upholstery, panoramic sunroof, front/rear parking sensors, privacy glass, rear centre armrest, dual-zone climate control and chrome door handles.

In the same level of trim, the HR-V can be ordered additionally with Forward Collision Warning, Lane Departure Warning and High-Beam Support system

for \$1000 extra (\$33,990). Metallic paint is available as an extra cost option (\$575) for all variants.

A 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine resides under the bonnet, producing peak power and torque of 105kW and 172Nm respectively. The engine drives through a continuously variable transmission to the front wheels.

Positioned below the CR-V, the HR-V is available in three feature-packed grades (VTi, VTi-S and VTi-L with optional ADAS). All will deliver exceptional value for money ensuring the HR-V is the "smart buy" for those wishing to upsize/downsize to those looking for a car that "has it all".

So get ready, the HR-V is unlike anything else on the market today. An incredibly compelling, sporty and value-packed new member of the Honda family, we're confident that all customers are going to love it. And as a new gateway into our SUV line-up, it promises to introduce a new generation of customers to the Honda brand.

"The HR-V is incredible value," Honda Australia Director Stephen Collins was quoted saying in a company press release.

"We are confident this vehicle will be well placed to battle it out in this highly competitive segment."

Phone or call into your local Honda dealer, Warragul City Motors, at 11 Pearse Street, Warragul, 5623 5633 to arrange a test drive today.

Front view of the very stylish Honda HR-V that "has it all".



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Annual Demo Day

Trafalgar farm machinery dealer, Alto Motors held a very successful open day at a nearby Trafalgar farm last Wednesday and Thursday where all of its major franchises were featured.

Pictured are Alto Motors' Steve Moore and Allan Saunders from Drouin beside a Kverneland mower and a Howard front end loader on a New Holland tractor.



Shop Warragul gift card winner

Last year the Warragul Business Group asked local retailers to assist them in organising some fantastic initiatives over the three days from December 19-21 to attract and keep people shopping in Warragul's CBD.

These initiatives included a free Santa horse and sleigh ride from the Warragul Farmers' Market to the CBD, fantastic offers in

participating retail stores, extended trading hours, a sausage sizzle, Santa giving out sweets, buskers entertaining shoppers, street trading and gift wrapping.

Flyers with the retail offers were also handed out to patrons at the Warragul Farmers' Market on the Saturday morning.

All participating businesses were entered into a draw to win \$500

worth of Shop Warragul gift cards and two cooking classes at String & Salt.

The lucky winner of the \$500 worth of Shop Warragul gift cards was Clover Health Foods. The lucky winners of the cooking classes at String & Salt were Intersport Nicho's and Alzena.

A Warragul Business Group initiative, Shop Warragul Gift Cards can be used in a diverse

range of businesses all over Warragul.

They can be purchased from the Warragul & Drouin Gazette office in Queen Street, the Baw Baw Shire office in Smith Street and Gippsland Business Centre in Queen Street.

See the Warragul Business Group website - www.warragulbusinessgroup.org.au/shop-warragul/ for full details.

Warragul Business Group President and String & Salt proprietor David Cann with competition winners Deb and Luke Garner of Alzena, Lynne Thexton of Clover Health Foods and Peter Nicholson of Intersport Nicho's.



Warragul Renault Diamond Event Drive Day a success

Warragul Renault's Diamond Event Drive Day was held on Saturday, January 24 was a huge success.

Many people in the market for a new passenger or commercial vehicle took their chance to test drive an extensive range of quality vehicles and were treated like royalty.

The day featured valet parking for customers

and special offers across the Renault new vehicle range.

Food and beverages were also available and a small group of lucky people who took a test drive on the day won exclusive cooking demonstration with international chef, author, television presenter and cookery teacher Gabriel Gate.

There were giveaways,

a live radio cross plus much more on the day. Warragul Renault is located at 167 Queen Street, Warragul. Phone 5622 0000.

Warragul Renault's Sue Emery, Julie Kleverlaan and Craig Emery at the Warragul Renault Diamond Event Drive Day held recently.



Last chance to register for Baw Baw Raw!

Budding young Baw Baw filmmakers only have until 9 February 2015 to win \$1000 first prize.

Time is running out for local teenagers and young adults to register to take part in the The BAW BAW RAW! FILM PRIZE and the chance to share in \$3000 worth of cash prizes.

"The initial response to the competition has been absolutely fantastic, so we ended up extending registrations until 9 February in an effort to get as many young people involved in the competition as possible," said Mr. Marcus Tainsh, BAW BAW RAW! Creator and Manager.

"But the final deadline for registrations is fast approaching and budding young Baw Baw Shire filmmakers now have less than a week to register - we expect to see a flood of registrations over the next 6 days, building upon the interest we have already seen in December and January," he said.

BAW BAW RAW! is a short film competition offering secondary school students and young adults something different to do with friends over the summer break, designed to give local young people a creative and constructive outlet and to foster their sense of leadership and community involvement.

"By offering this opportunity to get out, get active and get creative we aim to significantly contribute to the happiness, confidence and health of our teenagers and young adults through active involvement in community life," Marcus said.

The BAW BAW RAW! FILM PRIZE is open to budding young filmmakers across two categories: Secondary school students who live or attend school within the Shire, or young adults up to the age of 25 who live or attend a tertiary institution within the Shire.

In an effort to make the competition accessible to as many future directors, producers and screenwriters as possible, entrants are encouraged to record on a smartphone and edit the footage on their laptop, home or school computers.

"These days smartphones are everywhere and usually feature HD video

recording capabilities, while editing software now comes pre-installed on most computers and is freely downloadable online, so the basic tools of cinematography are at everyone's fingertips," Marcus said.

Entries close on Monday 16 March 2015, must be no longer than seven minutes and must reference the program's principal sponsor, "Waterford Rise" - it is up to entrants to get creative when fulfilling this requirement.

All entries will be uploaded to YouTube and facebook for viewing and comment from the local community before the formal winners are awarded by the competition judging panel at the Screening Night and Awards Ceremony in April, details of which will be announced in February.

The competition had already created a buzz around the Shire, with the community getting behind it and local businesses and community groups pitching in financially or helping to spread the word.

"Without the support of our principal sponsor, the Waterford Rise housing estate in Warragul, along with all the builders at the Waterford Rise display village, the program would never have got off the ground," Marcus said.

"We've also had fantastic support with free advertising by Brad and Mandy from Star FM and the team at Peninsula Cinemas Warragul who are helping us promote the competition with ads before every film screened at the theatre between now and April," he said.

If you would like to enter the BAW BAW RAW! FILM PRIZE you must visit waterfordrise.com.au/bawbawfilm to register prior to 5pm Monday 9 February 2015. Don't forget to 'like' our facebook community page at facebook.com/bawbawfilm for competition updates, important dates and details on the upcoming awards ceremony, tips on filming, scripting and formatting and a forum for questions, discussions on filming and much more.

For entry criteria and full terms and conditions visit www.waterfordrise.com.au/bawbawfilm