

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.

"Wind in the Hair"

NEWSLETTER

March – June, 2022



From our President...

Hello everyone,

This is our first newsletter for 2022 and, as always, Heather has put together another great read.

It has been a strange time for all of us over the last couple of years, but let us keep our fingers crossed as we seem to be getting back to some form of normality. With this in mind our Runs Committee has put together a great calendar which is full of outings with over 20 forthcoming events. There is a good variety, so I'm sure there will be a few 'must goes' for everyone. Please highlight Friday, 18th March in your diary for our General Meeting. It is being held at the Colac Scout Hall starting at 7:30 pm. I look forward to catching up with everyone there.

The events so far this year have been well attended and Coffee and Car at the Farmers Arms Hotel in Beeac always seems to be a favourite every first Sunday of the month with large numbers attending. It was also pleasing to see a good turnout of our Club membership supporting the local Colac Show 'n' Shine on Saturday, 19th February. We were extremely lucky and had perfect weather. The Show seems to be getting bigger and more popular every year with participants bringing their cars from far and wide - there certainly was some magnificent vehicles on display. A display by the local SES using their jaws of life in a mock rescue was also very interesting to watch. A big congratulations goes to Terry Robinson for winning the trophy for the Best British vehicle for his 1960 Mk2 Jaguar. Well done Terry.



*Congratulations
Terry...*

It was interesting to read an article the other day on prices of classic cars and how they are on the rise. The article included an interview with a guy named Mark Haybittle; a veteran classic car collector and managing director with 'Supercar Secrets'. A business stated to be a specialist agency and exclusive network for private collectors. Mr Haybittle discussed how during the Covid-19 pandemic, prices of classic cars in Australia had risen by 40% or more. He believes that Australians "...have been redirecting the cash they might otherwise have spent on holidays into this booming market of classic cars, and reaping the benefits..." Personally I'm not too sure if that is the real reason for the price rise, but they are definitely increasing. A quick check on some values of our cars, I was happy to see that they are now selling for more than twice what we paid for them a few years ago. Of course, some vehicle makes and models have increased more than others, but there is definitely a large increase across the board. Good news for us, who already own cars, but not so good for those trying to get into the market. The moral of this is, it just might be time for us all to check our insurance values.

I hope to be able catch up with everyone on a run soon. Stay safe.

Ken, President



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If you need a permit renewal signed, always phone the Permit Scheme Officer first to arrange a suitable time to have the permit signed. Alternatively you can forward your permit to the club's Post Office Box 346, Colac. 3250 with a stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed.

Our permit officer will sign the permit and return it to you.

Ken Slingsby (President), Heather Petrie (Secretary) and David Stephens (Treasurer) are automatically authorised to sign renewal permits.

CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS

Are you looking for gifts or merchandise with the Club logo displayed?

Polo shirts \$30, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$20, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Name Membership Badge \$8, Club metal grill badge \$25, plus more. Also available you can design your own vintage Clock with old oil company logo's, beer brands, soft drink logo etc.

Clocks are \$25 each plus postage or collect from Elliminyt free. Contact Colac Collectable Car Club member Craig on 0400 103 108 or email: toby62c@hotmail.com

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB WEBSITE

Keep up to date with the Colac Collectable Car Club on the Club's website:- www.colacccc.com.au

You'll find a copy of this Newsletter, a Membership application form, Club Minutes of Meetings, Meeting dates, Runs Calendar etc. as well as everything you need to know regarding the Club Permit Scheme



THERE'S BEEN A BIT IN THE NEWS LATELY ABOUT 'HYDROGEN CARS'

A **hydrogen vehicle** is an alternative fuel vehicle that uses hydrogen fuel for motive power. Hydrogen vehicles include hydrogen-fuelled space rockets, as well as automobiles and other vehicles. Power is generated by converting the chemical energy of hydrogen to mechanical energy, either by reacting hydrogen with oxygen in a fuel cell to power electric motors or, less commonly, by burning hydrogen in an internal combustion engine. As of 2021, there were two models of hydrogen cars available, these were Toyota and Hyundai. Most companies that had been testing hydrogen cars have switched to battery electric cars; Volkswagen has expressed that the technology has no future in the automotive industry, mainly because a fuel cell electric vehicle consumes about three times more energy than a battery electric car for each mile driven. As of December 2020, there were 31,225 passenger vehicles powered with hydrogen on the world's roads.

In 2013 Hyundai launched a fuel cell electric vehicle. It was a conversion of the Tucson and was available in left-hand drive only. This became the first commercially mass-produced vehicle of its type in the world. Toyota launched the world's first dedicated mass-produced fuel cell vehicle, the Mirai, in Japan at the end of 2014 and began sales in California, mainly in the Los Angeles area and also in selected markets in Europe, the UK, Germany and Denmark in 2015. The car has a range of 502 kms and takes about five minutes to refill its hydrogen tank. The initial sale price in Japan was about 7 million yen (\$69,000). Former European Parliament President Pat Cox estimated that Toyota would initially lose about \$100,000 on each Mirai sold. At the end of 2019, Toyota had sold over 10,000 Mirais. Many automobile companies have introduced demonstration models in limited numbers.

In 2013 BMW leased hydrogen technology from Toyota, and a group formed by Ford Motor Company, Daimler AG, and Nissan announced a collaboration on hydrogen technology development. By 2017, however, Daimler had abandoned hydrogen vehicle development, and most of the automobile companies developing hydrogen cars had switched their focus to battery electric vehicles. By 2020, all but three automobile companies had abandoned plans to manufacture hydrogen cars.

As of 2019, 98% of hydrogen is produced by steam methane reforming, which emits carbon monoxide. It can be produced by thermochemical or pyrolytic means using renewable feedstocks, but the processes are currently expensive. Various technologies are being developed that aim to deliver costs low enough, and quantities great enough, to compete with hydrogen production using natural gas.

The benefits of hydrogen technology include fast refuelling time and long driving range on a single tank. The drawbacks of hydrogen use are high carbon emissions when hydrogen is produced from natural gas, capital cost burden, low energy content per unit volume at ambient conditions, production and compression of hydrogen, the investment required to build filling stations around the world to dispense hydrogen, transportation of hydrogen to filling stations, and lack of ability to produce or dispense hydrogen at home.

Automobiles, buses, forklifts, trains, golf-carts, motorcycles, wheelchairs, ships and aeroplanes can already run on hydrogen, in various forms. NASA used hydrogen to launch Space Shuttles into space. A working toy model car runs on solar power, using a regenerative fuel cell to store energy in the form of hydrogen and oxygen gas. It can then convert the fuel back into water to release the solar energy.

A record of 333.612 km/h was set by a prototype Ford Fusion Hydrogen 999 Fuel Cell Race Car at the Bonneville Salt Flats, in August 2007, using a large compressed oxygen tank to increase power. The land-speed record for a hydrogen-powered vehicle of 461.038 km/h was set by Ohio State University's Buckeye Bullet 2 (pictured) which achieved a "flying-mile" speed of 450.628 km/h at the Bonneville Salt Flats in August 2008. In 2007, the Hydrogen Electric Racing Federation was formed as a racing organization for hydrogen fuel cell-powered vehicles. The organization sponsored the Hydrogen 500, a 500-mile race.



"It's on Again" Mortlake Picnic
Federation's Mortlake Picnic 20th March 2022

*To be held in the grounds of Tea Tree Park at Mortlake
Catering on the day by the local P12 School. "Lakes and Craters Band:" will once again be in
Attendance. Great Prize Pool Draw for Members
Come along and enjoy our First Picnic Day for the Year. Beautiful Gardens, Plenty of Shade to sit back
and relax under while you catch up with Friends.
Enquires: John Kennett: Phone 0419599066*



**FROM THE FEDERATION OF VETERAN, VINTAGE & CLASSIC
VEHICLE CLUBS INC. MEETING 12.2.2022**

Club permit renewals:- The Federation are clarifying if a person within a club and has a permit car with VicRoads, can sign their own renewals on behalf of the club. At the moment best to continue with the policy - that a person cannot sign their own renewal.

2022 Events:-

- Mortlake Picnic - 20th March, 2022 – see notice above
- Wunghnu Picnic - 26th & 27th March, 2022 Includes start of Golden Oldies Tour
- Scoresby Picnic - 10th April, 2022
- Bendigo to Castlemaine 27th August, 2022
- Bendigo Swap Meet 12th & 13th November, 2022
- Bendigo Swap - Bendigo Club agreed to manage for the next 5 years. Members have asked that the Swap Committee look at ways to make the set up and running of the event easier on the members who volunteer to work at the Swap. Will need to increase the number of volunteers. Need one Covid marshall per 250 people. This will comply with Covid requirements. Wanting to know if there are any Club members willing to assist this year.
- Golden Oldies Tour – This is on end of March 2022 and will start from Wunghnu Picnic. Still room for 20-30 people. There will be no service vehicle. RACV and Federation will be sponsors.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF):-

There has been a change in Presidents from Ian Ross to David Berner.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation has asked the Government to reconsider the hard rules on bringing in historic vehicles with asbestos. Border Force has confirmed Government's position of no asbestos in vehicles coming into Australia.

Cancelling luxury car tax on historic vehicles was met with the answer from Treasury that taxes collected were used to maintain national roads for us to enjoy. The most important task for the AHMF is zero emission requirements.

The next Meeting of the Federation of Vintage, Veteran and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. will be held in Colac Saturday, 14th May, 2022. Members of the Colac Collectable Car Club are welcome to come along, bring your vehicle/bike, and catch up with Federation members from other clubs. See our runs calendar for further details.

WHAT'S WHAT WHEN IT COMES TO COLLECTABLE VEHICLES

Veteran

These are vehicles manufactured up to 31st December 1918.

- Open body work
- Simple 1 – 4-cylinder engine
- Magneto ignition
- Crank start
- Gas headlights, or no headlights

Vintage

These are vehicles manufactured from January 1st 1919 up to and including December 31st 1930.

- "Soft top" - fold-down hoods
- Electric or crank start
- Four-wheel brakes
- Often still spoked wooden wheels - though steel or wire spokes were being introduced
- Electric lights
- Klaxon horns
- Hand operated windscreen wipers
- Coil and distributor ignition becoming standard
- 4, 6 or straight 8-cylinder configuration
- Side valve engines
- Nickel and chrome plating
- Most had a separate chassis (a few manufacturers had begun unitary construction)

Post-Vintage

These are vehicles manufactured from January 1st 1931 up to and including December 31st 1949.

- All steel bodies, often on a chassis
- Wind up windows with rubber seals
- Chrome bright-ware
- Pressed steel wheels
- Overhead valve engine
- Independent front suspension
- Luggage boot with a locking lid
- Spare wheel and tyre, usually stored in the boot

Historic 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's

Any vehicle manufactured in the decades of the 1950's, 1960's, 1970's. etc up to 25 years old.

Australian-made Holden were available in the 1950's, although British and American vehicles were still prevalent. By the 1960's most of the vehicles sold were Australian-made; Holden and Ford Falcons were the most popular. BMC was building vehicles in Sydney while some British cars were assembled in Victoria and South Australia. American vehicles were being imported with some still assembled in Australia. Japanese vehicles were starting to arrive in larger numbers.

By the 1970's, Japanese companies had started building vehicles in Australia; British vehicles were fading from the market and European vehicles were imported in larger numbers.

Source:- ahmf.org.au

Australian Historic Motoring Federation Inc. (AHMF) is the national peak body for all historic motoring in Australia. AHMF is a federation of most state and territory-based motoring councils. These councils represent 1000+ historic motoring clubs and close to 100,000 motoring enthusiasts across Australia. AHMF aims to provide representation for the Historic Vehicle Movement on a national basis to government departments, Australian organisations and business, and internationally to other national historic motoring bodies.

RUNS CALENDAR (MARCH – JUNE, 2022)

Please note that all runs marked with an * which are to cafes, shed visits etc will require members to be able to comply with the venue's current Covid rules, including being able to provide evidence that they are fully vaccinated.

Also, the club committee will subsidise some runs and activities as an incentive for members to attend a run. We hope you understand that this is entirely at the discretion of the committee members attending the run. The club may cover the cost of coffee/tea or another sort of 'treat' for those attending. Please consider that all venues require a booking, so please contact the organiser of the run, if you are attending.

Sunday	6 th March	10am	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac.	*	No bookings required.
Wednesday	16 th March	1pm	BYO takeaway/chairs to Deep Lake Recreation Reserve, Chatsworth Road, Derrinallum.		No bookings required. Contact Heather for further details 0408 401 562
Friday	18 th March	7.30pm	Colac Collectable Car Club "General Meeting" to be held at the Colac Scout Hall. Supper provided. First meeting for 2022.	*	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 to accept or place your inability to attend.
Saturday	19 th March	9.30am	62nd Colac Kana Festival. Assemble in Skene Street and take a drive down Murray Street as part of the 2022 parade. 10am to 5pm. Parking after the parade will be in Hesse Street, where directed by the Kana Committee.	*	This year's theme "Heroes & Villains". Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday	20 th March	From 10am	Federation "Picnic Day" at Mortlake's Tea Tree Gardens. See notice above. Refreshments available.	*	No bookings required. Details from : John Kennett: 0419599066
Friday	1 st April	6.30pm	Otway Football Club, Gellibrand. Please contact Chris Minster by the 29 th March to book a spot. Delicious desserts baked fresh and this month's 'treat' if attending.	*	Contact Chris Minster 0417 133 860
Sunday	3 rd April	10am	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac.	*	No bookings required.
Wednesday	20 th April	1pm	Port Campbell BYO or if the weather is inclement in a venue to be decided on the day by those attending. Meet on the foreshore.		No booking required.
Friday	22 nd April	6.30pm	Simpson Ball & Chain Hotel/Motel. 1 Williams Road, Simpson. Please contact Chris Minster before the 19 th April, to book a spot.	*	Contact Chris Minster 0417 133 860
Saturday	23 rd April	1.30pm	Shed visit of tractors, bulldozers, and antique machinery. Afternoon tea provided. Meet at Cobden Lake at 1.15pm for a drive to the collection, approx. 45kms.	*	Please let Annette know if coming 0407 052 231 for catering purposes.
Sunday	24 th April	2pm	Red Robin Café, Manifold Street, Camperdown for afternoon tea.	*	No bookings required.
Sunday	1 st May	10am	Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac.	*	No bookings required.
Friday	6 th May	6.30pm	Union Hotel, 110 Murray Street, Colac. Please contact Chris Minster before 3 rd May to book a spot.	*	Contact Chris Minster 0417 133 860

Saturday	14 th May	12noon	Colac Collectable Car Club are hosting the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs meeting . Colac members are invited to attend, with your vehicle, and catch-up with members of the Federation.	*	Contact Vince Thorne 0456 761 823
Sunday	15 th May	2pm	Red Robin Café , Manifold Street, Camperdown for afternoon tea.	*	No bookings required.
Wednesday	18 th May	1pm	The Store @ Deans Marsh. 1419 Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road, Deans Marsh. Has both inside and outside seating and home-made pies.	*	No bookings required.
Friday	20 th May	6.30pm	Maddens Commercial Hotel , 115 Manifold Street, Camperdown. Please contact Chris Minster before 17 th May to book a spot.	*	Contact Chris Minster 0417 133 860
Friday	3 rd June	6.30pm	Lam's Mable Dragon Restaurant, 4 Murray Street, Colac for Chinese.	*	Annette on 0407 052 231
Sunday	5 th June	10am	Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel , Main Street, Beac.	*	No bookings required.
Friday, 11 th June to Monday, 13 th June			Weekend away with the Hamilton Club. Lots of interesting shed and museum tours.	*	Please contact Annette 0407 052 231 if you are keen to participate.
Wednesday	15 th June	1pm	Terang RSL , 1 Shadforth Street, Terang for a tour of the artefacts on display and a BBQ lunch (sausages, patties, onion, salad and dessert) provided by the RSL at a cost of \$15 per head. It would be great to support the Terang RSL which is one of only 6 independently owned RSL's in Victoria. It is self-funded and owned by the members.	*	It is essential that you RSVP to Claudia on 0428 962 854 by Friday, 10 th June if you are coming as catering needs to be organised.
Friday	17 th June	7.30pm	Colac Collectable Car Club "General Meeting" to be held at the Colac Scout Hall. Supper provided.	*	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 to accept or place your inability to attend.
Sunday	19 th June	2pm	Red Robin Café , Manifold Street, Camperdown for afternoon tea.	*	No bookings required.

Our Runs committee would like to host a mid-week run to **Barwon Park Mansion** – there is a 1-hour tour starting at 12noon then members can enjoy a BYO picnic in the grounds of the Mansion or back in Winchelsea. Tour costs for concession holders is \$7 and \$10 for non-concession holders.

“**Barwon Park** is an authentic bluestone mansion and stables set in a sweeping rural landscape. Embarrassed by having to entertain the visiting Duke of Edinburgh at an undistinguished homestead, pioneer pastoralist Thomas Austin and his wife Elizabeth built this lavish 42 room mansion in 1871. Thomas Austin died just six months after it was completed, but Elizabeth lived at Barwon Park for many years and became a noted philanthropist. The house then passed into the hands of the Batson family who later bequeathed it to the National Trust. The restored mansion and stables are also an ideal venue for weddings, photography and group functions.”

If you are interested in a mid-week run to **Barwon Park Mansion** in September, please contact Claudia on 0428 962 854
Barwon Park Mansion - 105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea



OTHER DATES OF INTEREST !

Before attending any listed event, always check with the organiser of the event for further details.

12 th & 13 th March (Labour day long weekend)	South Western Restoration Group Rally , Cobden. Grayland Street, Cobden. 10am start each day. Motors, machinery, tractors, vintage cars, trucks and more. Auction on Saturday. Contact 0448 711 476
19 th March	10th Western Victoria Holden Car Club Inc Show 'n Shine , Lake Pertobe, Warrnambool. 10am – 2pm. Contact 0400 638 928
19 th March	Cobden's Super Saturday in Curdie Street. Lego Building activities, craft, produce and community market stalls. Contact Laura Hultgren 0439 496 122
19 th March	Koroit Swap Meet – Show 'n Shine hosted by Warrnambool Drags. Victoria Park, Koroit Football Ground. Phone 0447576706
3 rd April	All Ford Day , Eastern Beach Reserve, Geelong – 9am to 3pm 2022 sees the 31st year of the All Ford Day, with over 1,200 Ford vehicles on display in one of the largest single make event in Australia! www.allfordday.org.au
7 th – 10 th April	Melbourne Grand Prix , Albert Park Grand Prix Circuit www.grandprix.com.au
9 th – 14 th April	Austin 7 Rally in Warrnambool. Celebrating 100 years of Austin 7. www.austin7club.org
30 th April – 1 st May	Melbourne Motor Ex – Melbourne Showgrounds. The largest and most prestigious car show of its kind in Australia. www.motorex.com.au
30 th April – 1 st May	119th Lake Goldsmith Rally Admission: Adults \$15.00, Children aged 5-16 \$5.00, Exhibitors and Children under 5 free. www.lakegoldsmithsteamrally.org.au
28 th & 29 th May	Historic Winton - conducted by the Austin 7 Club Inc. with assistance from the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria. Held at Winton Motor Raceway via Benalla, Historic Winton is Australia's longest running, all-historic motor race meeting. www.historicwinton.org

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB 'MEETING DATES ETC.'

- **Friday, 18th March** – General Meeting - 7.30pm. Colac Scout Hall – first meeting for 2022
- **Monday, 30th May** – early bird membership payments due (*membership renewals will be posted by mail to all members sometime in April*)
- **Friday, 17th June** – General Meeting - 7.30pm. Colac Scout Hall – second meeting for 2022
- **Thursday, 30th June** – all membership payments to be finalised (*membership renewals will be posted by mail to all members, sometime in April*)
- **Friday, 15th July** – Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm. Colac Scout Hall



**DETAILS OF 8th BI-ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN
DOUGLAS MOTORCYCLE RALLY
20th – 24th March, 2022**



Monday 21 st March 85 km	9:30am - 6:30pm	Depart for morning run to Deans Marsh (morning tea), Barwon Downs (Shed inspection) and West Barwon Dam (Lunch). Depart for afternoon ride and return to Colac
Tuesday 22 nd March 74 km	10:00am – 6:30 pm	Assemble for morning tea and ride briefing. Depart for ride to Beeac (lunch), Dreeite, Red Rock. Lunch at Beeac Farmer's Arms Hotel. Return Ride to Colac. General meeting at Baronga Inn.
Wednesday 23 rd March 77 km	9:30 am - 6:30 pm	Assemble for morning ride briefing. Morning tea. Ride to Swan Marsh for lunch and inspect a collection. Depart for ride Colac.
Optional Day:- Thursday 24 th March Ride 54 km or 204 km	9.30am - 12.30pm	Depart for ride on the Great Ocean Road. Trailer your bike to Apollo Bay for our ride to Wye River for Lunch and return. (54 km) or if your bike is 80km/h capable, 204km for the whole day. Colac, Apollo Bay, Wye River and return. Lunch at the Wye River Hotel.

**The Douglas Rally is proudly supported by the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.
Keep a lookout for the Douglas Rally and if you need further information contact:-
Rally Secretary 0438 513 812**

Email: douglas.rally@hepner.id.au



Douglas was a **British motorcycle manufacturer from 1907–1957** based in Kingswood, Bristol, owned by the Douglas family, and especially known for its horizontally opposed twin cylinder engined bikes and as manufacturers of speedway machines.
The company also built a range of cars between 1913 and 1922.

1st ANNUAL VINTAGE MACHINERY & VEHICLE DISPLAY WEEKEND – LISMORE SHOWGRONDS

Western Plains Machinery Preservation Group Inc. held their first vintage machinery and vehicle display on the weekend 26th & 27th February, 2022. Featured were working displays, tractors, cars, harvesters, wool pressers, engines, tools, toys and antiques.

Here is what Colac Collectable Car Club members Annette & Vince thought of the day:-
“On Saturday, 26th March, we headed up to Lismore in the Datsun 260Z to attend the first rally of the Western Plains Machinery Preservation Group.

Numbers were small, due mainly to it being their first rally, but the organisers have big plans. There were a few members from our club present which boosted the car display numbers. There were about 20 tractors ranging from grey Fergies to Lanz and a steam engine. Trucks were also present and an old crane, as well as some interesting displays. It was certainly a pleasant afternoon and we are looking forward to what their next rally will be like in 12 month’s time.”



A RUN-DOWN OF OUR RUNS !

Our monthly run to **The Farmer’s Arms Hotel**, Main Street, Beeac is a great way to catch up with everyone on a regular basis. If you haven’t been to many of the Clubs events, this is an easy way to meet up with other members and it gives your collectable (car or bike) a leisurely run out to Beeac for a morning coffee.

Mid-December a small group of members met in **Mortlake** for a casual get-together at the Tea Tree Lake Reserve. Before lunch, we wandered through the shops and finally met at the reserve for lunch and a chat. Our afternoon was interrupted with the shire conducting lawn mowing. Members were not impressed when they had to shift their cars as the guy merrily sprayed the vehicles with grass clippings and rocks.

New Year’s Eve was celebrated at the home of Chris and Malcolm Wilson, in Colac. Thank you to Chris and Malcolm for your hospitality and it was a pleasant night with just a few members joining in the festivities.



New Year’s Eve



Parma Night (Colac East Hotel)

A RUN-DOWN OF OUR RUNS !

Returning to our **Friday night dinners** on the runs calendar, a group met up at the Colac East Hotel for the hotel's weekly parma night. Once again, this was a pleasant night out with lots of discussion about cars and what people have been up to lately.

A regular on the 3rd Sunday of the month (if there are no other events planned), is a get-together at the **Red Robin Café** in Camperdown. It was great to see a wide range of collectable vehicles parked along the highway and it was a very wonderful afternoon with many members meeting up to have a coffee and chat.

Living within lakes and crater country, a trip to **Lake Bullen Merri** is always very popular. The night was warm and it was great to sit and watch the sun set; chat with others and enjoy a quiet night by the lake.

In 2021 the club was fortunate to be able to hold a club get-together on Australia Day. The club again scheduled **Australia Day** as their major get-together and the club had an excellent turn out of members with their cars for the 2022 celebration. It was a warm day but the Colac 3rd 4th Scout Group had the air-conditioners running and were super organised, providing a great day out for our members. Special thanks to Peter and his team of caterers for putting on an awesome meal for members. Lots of chatter and catching up after a long time between seeing club members. Our cars were parked under the shade of the trees in the Colac Scout Hall carpark.



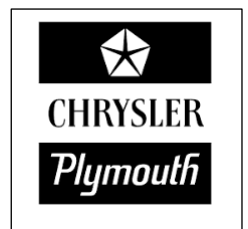


Australia Day



On Sunday, 20th February our club had a very interesting shed tour of member Colin's **Cobden shed**. Wow; when the shed doors were opened this revealed a fantastic line up of under restoration or fully restored vehicles. Colin gave us an informative talk on the numerous cars he had stored in his large shed. The Chrysler and Plymouth models ranged from the 1930's to modern day.

Alongside the cars were memorabilia of sewing machines; a great sign display and a very well organised shed. Special thanks to Annie and Colin for allowing members to view their collection and what an afternoon tea we were served; amazing!



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DISTRICT ROADWORKS UPDATE (VicRoads)

VicRoads are making Lavers Hill-Cobden Road safer and more reliable between Cobden and Jancourt East. The project is part of a \$115 million investment to rehabilitate Inland Routes, including 3.7km of Lavers Hill-Cobden Road. Lavers Hill-Cobden Road is a key connector route, connecting inland towns including Cobden to the coast and the southern Otway Ranges. Regional Roads Victoria will be rehabilitating a 3.7km stretch of Lavers Hill-Cobden Road between Cobden and Jancourt East throughout 2022. Works will take place over two delivery periods, avoiding the wetter winter months. From January to June 2022, the team will rehabilitate the first half of the 3.7km stretch. Works will resume in September and are expected to be complete in December 2022.