

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.  
*"Wind in the Hair"*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
December, 2021 – March, 2022

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone:

We finally have got the best news that we all have had for some time.....easing of the COVID restrictions and to the stage things are starting to get back to normal!

In a nutshell, there are no more gathering limits at homes or outdoors. Mask rules are eased with them only being needed to be worn in retail, health and aged care, justice facilities and public transport. Unfortunately there are still mask requirements and density limits for weddings, funerals, places of worship and other settings if vaccination status of those attending is not being checked.

What this means for us is that we can look forward to our family catch ups this Christmas and our Club runs calendar having the number limits removed. It is important to note that if we are attending a café, restaurant or retail area you must be fully vaccinated and be able to provide evidence of this if asked. Also, if one of our members is kind enough to open up their shed for us as a club to visit and view their car or other collection, the Committee has decided that all those attending must be vaccinated and able to provide proof of vaccination. We believe that this is a fair and reasonable request for the peace of mind of our member(s) who are allowing us to visit.

Some more good news is that summer is almost here, which of course, means we can look forward to clear skies and sunshine. Perfect weather for us to all get our cars out and catch up on enjoying our collectable items. (I hope I haven't just jinxed things by saying this!) If you haven't already been out and about, now is the time to make sure to do a good safety check . Brakes, steering, lights and of course tyres. Tyres can be deceiving. As we don't use our cars all the time there may still be plenty of tread but they may be getting old and be showing signs of perishing and cracks on the sidewalls. Manufacturers state tyre life is somewhere between 8 to 10 years. If they are showing any signs of deterioration they will need replacing. A blown tyre whilst driving can have devastating consequences.

With the opening up of Victoria, I anticipate car shows and other events will be hitting the calendar soon. The Colac Show "n" Shine is taking place on **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2022** and of course our own Car Club's Australia Day function will be held again on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**.

Hoping to catch up with you all at an event soon. If I don't get the opportunity, I wish you a Happy and Safe Christmas catching up with friends and family and here's to a COVID free New Year!

Happy touring,

President – Ken



## VALE COLIN BOX (1944 – 2021)

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Born on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1944 Colac Collectable Car Club member Colin Box passed away on November 29, 2021. Colin was loved husband of Gwenda, dad to Frank and Louise. Father in-law of Dee and Ross. Pop of Jessica, Emily, Adam, Amber and Ruby.

Colin was a valuable member of our car club for many years. He was active in the club up until the last few months. He and his late wife Gwenda organised runs for quite a number of years and helped with catering for the club. Colin participated in a very large number of Friday night runs as well as other activities. Over the years Colin drove many different cars. Colin had a foot in each camp, and at the time of his passing he had a tank Ford Fairlane and new Ford Mustang. In previous years he had restored several Holden's, predominately Monaro's but also the odd 1-tonner. Many years ago Colin developed a crew cab Holden ute well before the twin cabs of today.

In his retirement, Colin had a panel shop at his home. In later years, he spent many hours making wooden model tractors, cars etc. which he gave to charitable organisations. Colin will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Colac Collectable Car Club.

A message from Colin's family:-

Colin loved being involved with the Colac Collectable Car Club. He looked forward to the Wind in the Hair (WITH) runs, car shows, the New Years day coast run and just generally catching up with his friends and talking cars. The drives to Lorne and coffee and cars at Beac were particularly important to him.

Colin's funeral will be held in the Chapel at Wesley Place, 15 Skene Street, Colac Saturday, December 11, 2021 commencing at 10:30 a.m. The Funeral will leave the Chapel at the conclusion of the service for the Colac Lawn Cemetery.

If you are wishing to attend, please allow yourself enough time to check-in and to show staff your valid proof of vaccination.

The family would love to see as many Colac Collectable Car Club members drive their classic cars, behind the hearse and family, to the cemetery afterwards.

Thanks so much - Frank, Louise and family



*Funeral arrangements:-  
If members are  
attending, please arrive  
at 10am and park in  
Skene Street ready to  
depart eastwards for  
the cemetery.*

# 2021-2022 CLUB COMMITTEE & CONTACTS

## About the Club:

The Colac Collectable Car Club Inc. celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013, making the club now 28 years old. The club caters for all collectable cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles, from veteran, vintage and classic through to modern as specified in the guidelines provided by the Club Constitution and VicRoads. Our family-orientated club has a full social calendar which is listed in this Newsletter. Members are encouraged to take part in regular meetings which include drives, display days, rallies and participation in district street parades. Colac Collectable Car Club Inc. aims to promote a spirit of fellowship amongst all car enthusiasts and the preservation of our motoring history.

## Committee Members:

- President - Ken Slingsby
- Vice President - Vince Thorne
- Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Public Officer - Heather Petrie (0408 401 562)
- Treasurer – David Stephens
- Runs Organisers - Vince Thorne, Annette Thorne (assisted by John & Claudia)
- Club Vehicle Registrar - Shirley Haslem
- General Committee Members - Chris Minster, Dallas Petrie, Glenn Shepherd
- Association of Motoring Clubs Inc Representative (AOMC) - Geoff O'Neill
- Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Clubs Inc:- Shane Perrott & Vince Thorne

## Club Safety Officers and Scrutineers for all NEW Permits:-

- Bernard Callahan; Colac 0419 871 591 – by appointment only
- Geoff O'Neill, Colac 52 31 3318 – by appointment only
- Glenn Shepherd; Colac 0499 095 878 – by appointment only

## Permit Scheme Officers if you are RENEWING your Permit:-

- Bernard Callahan, Colac 0419 871591
- Geoff O'Neill, Colac 52 31 3318
- Tracie Carroll, Colac 0409 853 354
- Glenn Shepherd, Colac 0499 095 878
- Annette Thorne, Cobden 0407 052 231
- Heather Petrie, Cobden 0408 401 562

*If you need a permit renewal signed, please phone the Permit Scheme Officer 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](http://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



## IT'S GOOD NEWS WEEK...CONGRATULATIONS BEN !!

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It was fantastic to receive a call from one of our members recently.

With very few motoring events over the past two years, to receive the news that Historic Sandown was happening was refreshing news. Colac Collectable Car Club member Ben Riches competed in the long-awaited Historic Sandown event on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

Ben has been competing in the HQ Holden series for many years and over the past two years has had very little opportunity to compete. Ben won Division 2 at the event and placed in the top 10 from Saturday to Sunday.



Ben has competed in three events this year; the first in January at Sandown in the Victorian State titles and the second was in May at Phillip Island. Unfortunately this event wasn't one that Ben would like to remember. After being hit by another car in a high-speed crash, Ben spent most of the winter months during Covid, panel beating and getting the car back up to race condition again.

Congratulations Ben on taking out Division 2 at Historic Sandown. Second place went to Andrew Lorgely with Scott Burchett third.

Good luck Ben in future events and keep up the great work on track (and in the shed).



## CLUB RUNS ROUND-UP

Our runs as listed in the last Newsletter gave our members the opportunity to get out and about, without too much hassle and being 'Covid safe'.

At the start of each month, being the first Sunday of the month, members take a run to **The Farmer's Arms Hotel**, Main Street, Beeac. This is a great way to catch up with everyone; grab a coffee and finish the get-together discussing cars, what we've been up to during these quieter months, and it gives everyone a chance to get out and at least have something on the calendar. A reporter and photographer from the Colac Herald met with members at Beeac recently and wrote up a wonderful report on our club. I hope you were able to grab a copy.

On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September members ventured to the **Lake Edge Café**, on the banks of Lake Purrumbete. With Covid restrictions, only 10 were permitted; however it was a wonderful lunch and members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon at the Café.

It wasn't a pleasant day to take the cars out, but on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September we met at the **Dairylicious Farm Fudge Café** on the Timboon- Colac Road, Jancourt East. If you haven't been to the Fudge Café, put it on your 'to do' list! The fudge is made from locally sourced products and is sold far and wide around the district. Once again, due to Covid restrictions, only 10 were able to book a spot. Fudge Café owners Linda and Peter serve delicious cake and coffee on Sundays, so many enjoyed a huge slice of black forest cake and hot coffee etc. It rained when we left, but it's a great spot to take the cars for a run.

With daylight saving, the days are longer and this meant it was a great opportunity to take a longer drive and a few members from Colac headed down to **Lorne** and met at **Scotchman's Hill** for a quick tea, before heading back into Colac.

Another of our regular spots to meet is the **Red Robin Café**, Manifold Street, Camperdown. This is attached to the Camperdown Nursery and Market and is a quaint little café which was once a bakery. Because of limits on bookings, the Red Robin Café were able to accept 15 members to enjoy a coffee and chat outside; and it didn't rain! After coffee our members were invited to view a special car collection at a local establishment. Wow, a huge selection of veteran, vintage and classic cars as well as a few steam engines. Thanks Glenda and Bill for organising this special visit.

Our monthly mid-week run in October was going to be to Allansford. A change of plans with Covid restrictions saw a group meet in **Terang** for a get-together in the Avenue. After lunch, members chatted and enjoyed the company of others, during these quiet Covid times.

Both the **Farmer's Arms Hotel**, Beeac and the **Red Robin Café**, Camperdown are regular runs on our monthly calendar. If you have any other suggestions for runs, please contact a Committee member and we'll put your suggestion on our clubs runs calendar.

Other events which you may be interested in:-


- 9<sup>th</sup> January – **Drysdale Classic Car & Bike Show**;
- 9<sup>th</sup> January – **South West Rodders Port Fairy Rod Run**;
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January - **30<sup>th</sup> Centre State Swap Meet Show 'n' Shine**, Bendigo Racecourse;
- 13<sup>th</sup> February – **Hanging Rock Car Show**;
- 13<sup>th</sup> February - **Torquay Rotary Motor Show**;
- 19<sup>th</sup> February – **Portland Classics by the Bay**;
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February – **Rock the Clock Camperdown**;
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February – **Ballarat Swap Meet 0487175996**;
- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March – **South Western Restoration Group weekend, Cobden**;
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – **Federation Picnic at Mortlake**;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – **All Ford Day Geelong**;
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – **Melbourne Motor Ex, Showgrounds**.

Please check all dates before attending.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 – 2022

Please note that all runs marked with \*\* which are to Cafes etc, will require members to be able to comply with the venue and their Covid safe rules; including being able to provide evidence of double vaccination.

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Contact
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	<b>Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel</b> , Main Street, Beac.	**
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	1pm for lunch	<b>Meet 1pm at Market Square car park Mortlake.</b> Lunch (venue to be decided on, on the day by those who attend. Takeaway if it is a fine day. For those who want to meet at the Colac Visitors Information Centre, be there at 11.45am to leave at 12noon	Claudia 0428 962 854
New Year's Eve	31 <sup>st</sup> December – 1 <sup>st</sup> January	6.30pm	<b>New Year Celebrations at Chris &amp; Malcolm Wilson's</b> at 71 Armstrong Street, Colac. BYO meat and drink and salad or sweet (to share).	Chris 0409 358 081 RSVP by 28 <sup>th</sup> December to advise if you will be bringing a salad or sweet.
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10am	<b>Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel</b> , Main Street, Beac.	**
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm	<b>Parma night at the Colac East Hotel</b> , Dalton Street, Colac East.	** Chris Minster 0417 133 860 – 4 days before if you are coming.
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm	<b>Red Robin Café</b> , 267 Manifold Street, Camperdown for afternoon tea.	** Please advise Annette on 0407 052 231 – 3 days beforehand if you intend to go.
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm	<b>Schultz Organic Dairy</b> , 23 Ford & Fells Road, Timboon. Schulz Organic Creamery & Cafe has a relaxed garden setting on a thousand-acre farm.	** Contact Claudia 0428 962 854 by Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January if you are coming.
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> January	6.30pm	BYO takeaway / chairs to <b>Lake Bullen Merri, Camperdown.</b>	No bookings required.
Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> January			 <p><b>“Australia Day” BBQ</b> and get-together at the Colac Scout Hall commencing at 12noon. This activity will be fully catered for by Colac Scout Group. Please BYO drinks - \$10 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Numbers to be finalised on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January; Members are encouraged to bring their collectable vehicle with a raffle ticket for each collectable car entered. Veteran vehicles to receive 3 tickets; Vintage vehicles to receive 2 tickets and Classic vehicles to receive 1 ticket. Put this date in your diary now.</p>	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you require further details. Remember we need numbers prior to the 21 <sup>st</sup> January.
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> January	6.30pm		
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm	<b>Colac Lake (near the boat ramp) BYO takeaway/chairs.</b>	No booking required.
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> February	10am	<b>Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel</b> , Main Street, Beac.	**

Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm	<b>Steakroad Bar &amp; Grill</b> , 175 Manifold Street, Camperdown.	** Chris Minster 0417 133 860 – 4 days before if you are coming.
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	1pm	<b>Lismore Hotel</b> , 1 High Street, Lismore	** Claudia 0428 962 854 by Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February if you are coming.
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm	<b>Shed visit and afternoon tea to Cobden</b> – meet at the Cobden Lake at 2.15pm for directions	Annette 0407 052 231
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	6.30pm	<b>Royal Mail Hotel</b> , 49 Main Street, Birregurra	** Chris Minster 0417 133 860 – 4 days before if you are coming.
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	<b>Shed visit and afternoon tea to Linton</b> – meet at the public toilets on Main Road, near the Recreation Reserve/Football Club.	Annette 0407 052 231 – for further details.
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	<b>Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel</b> , Main Street, Beeac.	**
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> March	1pm	<b>BYO takeaway/chairs to Deep Lake Recreation Reserve</b> , Chatsworth Road, Derrinallum.	No bookings required.
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm	<b>Colac Collectable Car Club “General Meeting”</b> 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.
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm	<b>Red Robin Café</b> , 267 Manifold Street, Camperdown for afternoon tea.	** Please advise Annette on 0407 052 231 – 3 days beforehand if you intend to go.
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>Mystery trip (to a venue and members will need to be able to show proof of double vaccination).</b>	** Annette on 0407 052 231



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**News from Glenn Shepherd (Club Permit Scheme Officer) with some good news:-**

If you know cars with **wire spoke wheels**, then you know it is near impossible to balance them. I was recently talking to the guys at **Colac Tyres** about this problem. **Colac Tyres** mentioned they would buy the adaptor and we'd like to let members know that the adaptor has arrived. I am now pleased to say that you can get your wire wheels balanced correctly at **Colac Tyres** (the only place in the western district that can actually balance wire wheels accurately). They can also purchase most tyres for classics and look after you. Call in and see the staff at **Colac Tyres**, at 317 Murray Street, Colac

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