

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

"Wind in the Hair"

December, 2025 – March, 2026



FROM PRESIDENT KEN.....

Hello everyone,

Can you believe it, this is our final newsletter for 2025! Where has the year gone?

We have had a great year with many varied runs organized with a good attendance which has been a pleasure to see. Thanks to John Carroll, Claudia Morris, Vince and Annette Thorne, Chris Minster and Heather Petrie who have all organized events for us to enjoy throughout the year.

Even though the weather was against us, we had a good turnout at our end of year 'get together' at the Gellibrand Hotel. The food was plentiful with heaps of raffle prizes that had been organized by Chris Minster. I also had the pleasure of presenting Life Membership certificates to two of our members, who without any doubt, are both extremely worthy of these awards. For those of you who unfortunately couldn't make it to the lunch at Gellibrand, these members are Vince Thorne and Geoff O'Neill. Both these members have dedicated their time to our Club for many years in varying committee capacities. Again, well deserved gents and a wholehearted thank you from all our membership for the past and continued work and time you commit to our Club.

Last week I was walking past the Colac Memorial Square when I noticed an old car parked in the Square under a marquee. Of course, I had to go and investigate and I'm glad I did. It was a 1923 Citroen 5CV. A small 2-seater with a dovetail rear end. It is a replica of a Citroen that two men, Nevill Westwood and Greg Davies, drove when they circumnavigated Australia in 1925. Quite a feat at that time. These men originally set off from Perth and headed north with the intention to drive to Darwin. If they were to make it that far they would be the first to do that trip in a motor vehicle of any kind, let alone almost a toy looking 856cc four-cylinder engine vehicle that produced a whole 11 horsepower. They nicknamed their car "Bubsie" and set off on their way. The men travelled through largely unexplored outback areas with little to no roads, from deserts to thick bushland.



After they successfully made it to Darwin, Nevill and Greg had the taste of adventure and decided instead of returning straight back to Perth the way they came, as per their original plan, they would continue on their journey by taking the long way home, circumnavigating the whole of Australia. An amazing feat with no GPS, reliable maps and a largely unexplored outback. They were successful in their circumnavigation and entered the history books as the first men to circumnavigate Australia in a motor vehicle. A magnificent feat for the time!

Before I go, I just wanted to wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year and I look forward to catching up with you on a run soon.

Catch up soon. Take care everyone.
Ken, President.

OUR CLUB CELEBRATES ANOTHER BUSY YEAR

Thank you to member Chris Minster for organising the recent Club Christmas get-together. This year's location was again the Gellibrand River Hotel and held on Sunday, 30th November. Over 60 members attended and enjoyed a scrumptious meal; with all the Christmas trimmings included.

Chris also organised a special draw for members with items donated by local Colac business. Thanks to Repco Auto Parts, Supercheap Auto, Autobarn and Burson Auto Parts as well as Cobden Tools & Trailers and Craig Carroll. The club thanks these organisations for their continued support. Thanks also to the Gellibrand River Hotel for a relaxing celebration.



A special presentation was made by our President Ken to long-serving members Geoff O'Neill and Vince Thorne. Both Geoff and Vince received Life Membership certificates for their dedication to the club over many many years. Geoff has served as the club's Safety Club Officer and Scrutineer, a member of the runs committee, a general committee member and the club representative for the Association of Motoring Clubs; Vince has also held the position of President and Vice President for an extended period, our club representative to the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Club Inc., one of the club's Safety Club Officers, a member of the runs committee over 10 years and has organised many 'weekends away' for members to enjoy.

We thank Geoff and Vince for their service to the Colac Collectable Car Club – without members who volunteer their time to carry out these duties, the club would not be as successful as it has been over 32 years.





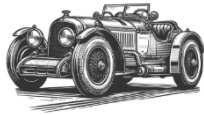
AOMC Upcoming Dates to Remember

Festival of Motoring Meeting - Sunday 16th January 2026

British & European Motoring Show - Sunday 15h February 2026

Aussie Classic Car Show - Sunday 29th March 2026

National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 17th May 2026



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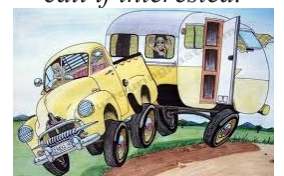


If you would like 'your story' published in the next club newsletter, send your details into the club via email:

colaccollectable@gmail.com



Would you like a weekend away with other members of the Club? If you are interested, please contact Vince 0456 761823. Vince is open to suggestions but one idea would be to South Australia - Port McDonald and Monarto Zoo in April, 2026. Caravans also welcome. Give Vince a call if interested.





Members of the Colac Collectable Car Club were invited to a special morning tea to thank them for their involvement and volunteering their time to the recent Colac RSL Show 'n Shine held on Memorial Square, Colac on Saturday, 8th November, 2025.

The Club thanks the RSL for this gesture – a great catch up and acknowledgement of volunteering in our local community.

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RENEWING YOUR VICROADS PERMIT

If you need your vehicle/motorcycle VicRoads permit renewal signed, the best way is to forward your permit to the club's Post Office Box 346, Colac. 3250

Please enclose a stamped envelope with your name and address; so that the signed permit can be returned to you. Our permit officers will sign the permit and return it to you (do not include the log book).

Club members are reminded that when you need your VicRoads permit renewed, if you cannot post it to the club's post office box, please

phone one of the club's Permit Scheme Officers to make a time to drop off the permit renewal.

Do not just turn up as this may be an inconvenience to the Permit Scheme Officer.

As a courtesy, phone first. You will then be able to pick up the signed permit renewal the next day; or when it has been signed. Permits can also be renewed at our Club Meetings.

If you are applying for a new permit, please make sure you have all the necessary paperwork before you contact the Scrutineer. Refer to the Vic Roads website for all relevant information.

And a notice to members paying their permit renewals at a VicRoads branch.

On a couple of occasions recently, VicRoads have rejected the renewal due to not having the correct 'Club Permit Officer' signature on the renewal.

Our current club details are correct and have been lodged with VicRoads.

Please ask the VicRoads service person to check all three pages of our authorised permit officer forms as some VicRoads employees are only looking at one page and not the three pages.

So, if VicRoads reject your renewal and mention that you haven't got the right signature on the renewal - ask them to please check all pages of our club forms.

If in doubt, please call 0408 401 562



FRANCIS & BARNETT

[Just one of the many motorcycle marques on our club register.](#)

Francis & Barnett Limited was an English motorcycle manufacturer from 1919 to 1966. Gordon Inglesby Francis and Arthur Barnett founded the company, which was based in Lower Ford Street, Coventry, until 1962. In 1947, Associated Motor Cycles (AMC) took over Francis-Barnett. In 1957, AMC merged Francis-Barnett with James in Birmingham; and in 1962, Francis-Barnett production moved to the James factory. In 1966 Manganese Bronze Holdings took over AMC, and terminated production of both Francis-Barnett and James.

Francis-Barnett motorcycles were built with small engines, up to 350 cc (21 cu in), for affordable private transport and for use in motorcycle sport. Most Francis-Barnett motorcycles were built with Villiers two-stroke engines, until in 1959 AMC introduced its own range of single-cylinder two-stroke engines, made in-house, for both Francis-Barnett and James motorcycles.

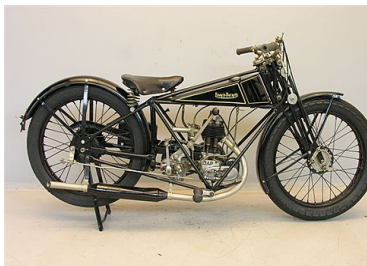
The first new Francis-Barnett motorcycle had a J.A.P. 292cc side valve engine; two-speed Sturmey-Archer gearbox; and bright red and black fuel tank. Production costs were an early problem.

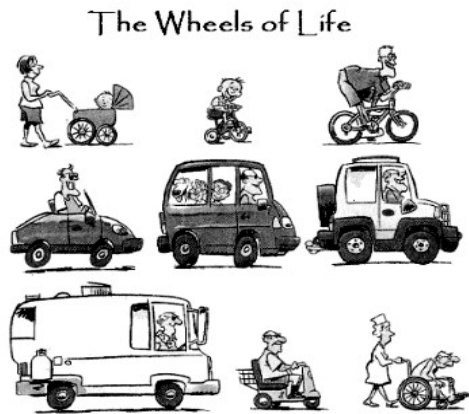
In the late 1950s, AMC tried to dispense with buying engines from Villiers by commissioning Italian engineer Vincenzo Piatti to design a new range of single-cylinder two-stroke engines. They were to be made in four sizes: 150cc; 175cc; 200cc and 250cc. AMC knew Piatti from his innovative, but commercially unsuccessful, Piatti scooter. AMC constrained Piatti by specifying low cost rather than quality. This led Piatti to devise to a conservative design. The engines were poorly manufactured by AMC, and soon gained a reputation for unreliability.

In 1962, AMC closed the Francis-Barnett factory in Coventry, and moved production to the James factory at Greet, Birmingham. Some Francis-Barnett staff were transferred to James. The James and Francis-Barnett ranges became almost identical, badge-engineered with differences only in colour and name. The last new Francis-Barnett model was launched in 1962, the newly-designed Fulmar with a spine frame, pressed steel body, leading link fork, and 149cc AMC engine. Francis-Barnett production ended 4 August 1966 when Manganese Bronze Holdings took over AMC.

Both Francis-Barnett and James ceased to exist from October of that year.

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Secretary, Newsletter, Public Officer	Heather Petrie (0408 401 562)
Treasurer	Paul Constantinidis
Runs Organisers	Volunteers to help with our runs is required
Assistant Runs Organisers	John Carroll, Claudia Morris (mid-week runs)
Club Vehicle Registrar	Shirley Haslem
General Committee	Tracey Carroll, Len Forster Chris Minster, Dallas Petrie
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CLUB MERCHANDISE and GIFTS

Colac Collectable Car Club merchandise is available by contacting member
Craig on **0400 103 108** or email: **toby62c@hotmail.com**

Craig can supply Polo shirts, T-shirts (with your choice of print),

Caps, Bumper stickers, Mugs, Membership Name Badges, Club metal grill badges plus more.

You can also design your own vintage Clock with old oil company logo's, beer brands, soft drink logo etc.

Collect from Elliminyt or these can be posted to you.

Give Craig a call or email regarding any merchandise you require.

And thank you Craig for your support of our Christmas function with the donation of club merchandise.

VINTAGE VAN WEEKEND

Members of our club, Claudia and John Carroll are part of a vintage van group..... we thank you Claudia for your story.

The vintage van group hold local get-togethers. Apart from regular catch-ups, many members also travel to National events, with the 2026 event to be held in Lightning Ridge, NSW.

On Friday, 21st November, a small group comprising ten vintage vans and a few vintage cars stayed at the Big 4 caravan park in Castlemaine.

This is a lovely, well-appointed caravan park with lots of shady trees and within walking distance of the Vintage Bazaar complex which also has lots of artisan food and drink shops.

The caravan park organised a coffee and cocktail van to be onsite and a few imbibed before heading to the Railway Hotel where we all enjoyed dinner and each other's company.

There are plans a foot for a few more short local trips away and a visit to the Harrow Light Show in Harrow hopefully, in November 2026.



Thank you, Claudia and John, for sharing your vintage van weekend !



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If you have visited an interesting location, or would like to share the story of how you became a car enthusiast, please contact

colaccollectable@gmail.com

Have your story published in the next newsletter - it doesn't matter how big or small – we are all interested to read any 'snippets from our members'.

And, if you are seeking further information regarding the Colac Collectable Car Club go to the clubs website:-

<https://colacccc.com.au>

**WHERE
HAVE
YOU
BEEN**

NEXT CLUB "GENERAL MEETING"

Our next Colac Collectable Car Club "General Meeting" will be held on Friday, 27th March.

This will be the first for the 2026 year. Meet at the Colac Scout Hall at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend, please email or message your apology to the Secretary. Supper will be provided.

The club has organised a guest speaker who will be speaking to members on the benefits and importance of knowing how to operate a defibrillator.

While cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) provides temporary assistance, a defibrillator can help a person survive sudden cardiac arrest.

Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend.

Please RSVP by Monday, 23rd March, 2026.



The Oldsmobile “Cutlass”

The Oldsmobile Cutlass was a series of automobiles produced by General Motors' Oldsmobile division between 1961 and 1999. At its introduction, the Cutlass was Oldsmobile's entry-level model; it began as a unibody compact car, but saw its greatest success as a body-on-frame intermediate. The Cutlass was named after Vought F7U Cutlass.



Introduced as the top trim level in Oldsmobile's compact F-85 Series, the Cutlass evolved into a distinct series of its own, spawning numerous variants. These included the 4-4-2 muscle car in 1964, the upscale Cutlass Supreme in 1966, the high-performance Hurst/Olds in 1968, and the Vista Cruiser station wagon.

By the 1980s, Oldsmobile was using the Cutlass as a sub-marque, with numerous vehicle lines bearing the name simultaneously. The compact Cutlass Calais, mid-size Cutlass Ciera, Cutlass Cruiser station wagon, and flagship midsize Cutlass Supreme were among the models available during this time.

In the 1990s, Oldsmobile began moving away from its traditional model lines, with other legacy vehicle nameplates like the 98 and 88 being discontinued in 1996 and 1999, respectively. The Cutlass name was likewise retired in 1999 in favour of the all-new Oldsmobile Alero, ending nearly 40 years of continuous Cutlass production

Oldsmobile first used the Cutlass name on an experimental-sports coupe designed in 1954. It rode a 110 in (2,800 mm) wheelbase, and featured a dramatic boat-tailed fastback roofline and stock V8. Its platform was similar to the compact F-85 introduced seven years later. General Motors began developing its first compact cars in 1956, beginning with initial planning on what would become the Chevrolet Corvair in 1960 on the GM Z platform. The following year a second series of somewhat longer cars was planned for Buick, Oldsmobile, and Pontiac; what would be termed "senior compacts" on the "Y" platform. They would share the same body shell and lightweight engine. Oldsmobile designer Irv Rybicki began work on the Olds model in 1957. It finally went on sale in 1960 as a 1961 model.

Colac Collectable Car Club has one Oldsmobile Cutlass; 1973 model:-

The Cutlass line was redesigned for 1973 using GM's new "Colonnade" A-body platform. The model lineup consisted of the base Cutlass, Cutlass "S", Cutlass Supreme, Cutlass Salon, Vista Cruiser station wagon, and the 4-4-2 appearance package on the Cutlass "S" colonnade coupe. While rooflines were shared with other GM divisions, the Cutlass bodies had two Oldsmobile-specific convex creases—one starting behind the front wheel and running rear ward into the door and curving upward at its trailing end, and the other curving down just ahead of the rear wheel and continued by the crease line of the quarter panel behind the rear wheel. The Cutlass "S" and 4-4-2 offered optional "Strato" bucket seats with high seatbacks and built-in head restraints; these seats could be swivelled 90 degrees to permit easier entry and exit for the driver and front passenger.



Information Wikipedia

RUNS CALENDAR....December, 2025 – March, 2026

Date	Where.....	Who to contact.....
Friday, 5th December	W.I.T.H. run to Cobden Lake area on the corner of Adams & Shenfield Streets, Cobden. Meet at the lake Rotary Park at 6.30pm. There is seating and BBQ's available so bring along some goodies for the BBQ or take-away. You can bring a chair if you prefer. Cobden is just 40 minutes from Colac.	Please contact Vince on 0456 761 823 if you need further information.
Sunday, 7th December	Beeac Coffee and Cars at the Farmers Arms Hotel , Main Street, Beeac. Meet up with other members for coffee – a regular on the calendar on the first Sunday of the month.	No need to book, just arrive around 10am.
Sunday, 21st December	Our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2 pm - Grayland Street, Cobden. The trains will be running and you can also enjoy a game of mini-golf.	Text Colin 0438 173 050 if you are attending or ring if you need further info.
Sunday, 27th December	Lake Pertobe Warrnambool 'Show and Shine' – presented by the Warrnambool Drag Racing Club. Gold coin donation. BBQ and drinks available. Refer: www.warrnambooldrags.com.au or Facebook	
Wednesday, 31st December	Happy New Year! To say goodbye to the 2025 year – let's enjoy the final hours of 2025 with an evening at the home of Julie and Chris Minster . Please give Chris a call and book in for the evening. Chris and Julie will then let you know what to bring along to enjoy the night and farewell the 2025 year. Chris will be cooking up some scrumptious roasts but would like to hear from you if you are attending and for the address. Chris needs to know numbers before he begins catering.	Please call Chris on 0417 133 860 
Sunday, 11th January	Head over early to the Port Fairy Rod Run . All cars park at the Port Fairy Basketball Stadium, Campbell Street, Port Fairy from 9am onwards. Contact:- 0428 289 502 southweststreetrodders@outlook.com	
Sunday, 11th January	On your way home from Port Fairy, why not call into the Warrnambool & District Historical Car Club's Lake Pertobe Car Show . The 2026 year will feature cars from the German Marque. Gold coin entry from 10am.	Contact: wdhvc@hotmail.com
Saturday, 17th January	Colac Motorfest is conducting a cruise today. Meet at the Colac Showgrounds at 11am. Once all vehicles have arrived, the cruise will commence a drive to the Gellibrand Hotel for lunch and some refreshments. Gellibrand is just 30kms south of Colac. For further details contact www.colacmotorfest.com.au	Contact: 0417 310 315
Sunday, 18th January	Colac Motorfest is Colac's own motorfest show! This includes all cars, bikes, rods, tractors and trucks as well as stationary engines which are all welcome to the 2026 Show n' Shine! Colac Showgrounds – gates open 9am. Contact: 0417 310 315 www.colacmotorfest.com.au Catering available.	
Sunday, 18th January	If you are unable to go to Colac for the Motorfest, head to Cobden for our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2.00 pm - Grayland Street, Cobden. The trains will be running and you can also enjoy a game of mini-golf.	Text Colin 0438 173 050 if you are attending or ring if you need further info.
Saturday, 24th January	Guzzlers Car Club 9th Prison Break Show 'n Shine - \$10 entry or \$20 per family. Gates open 12noon. "Show us your toys" with live entertainment, trophies, prizes and food vendors in the grounds of the old prison.	Contact 0417 983 578 for further information.
Monday, 26th January	Why not head out to Cressy Aerodrome for Australia Day commemorations. There will be live music, Tiger Moth flights, historical displays, food and drinks. All cars and bikes are welcome.	Contact Cressy Aerodrome on 0481327587
Sunday, 1st February	Beeac Coffee and Cars at the Farmers Arms Hotel , Main Street, Beeac. Meet up with other members for coffee – a regular on the calendar on the first Sunday of the month.	No need to book, just arrive around 10am.
Sunday, 1st February	Queenscliff Rod Run – although not a designated club event, this is always a great weekend for everything hot rod! Head down to Queenscliff and join in the activities – Sunday is usually the busiest day of the weekend for public to attend. Market stalls, hot rods as far as the eye can see!!	www.geelongstreetrodders.com.au

Sunday 8th February	The 16th Annual Torquay Motor Show is on again in 2026. To enter, purchase an eTicket for vehicles, 19 Classes, Special Awards - Trophy + Prizes. Torquay Esplanade. Many attractions will be available to entertain. Food, coffee, refreshments and memorabilia on sale. Vote in People's Choice - free entry into the draw for a Travel Voucher. Gates open 8am. Contact:- motorshow@torquayrotary.org.au	
Saturday, 14th February	The Birregurra Motor Enthusiast's Club Inc will again be holding its annual motor show for cars, motorcycles, trucks and agricultural motors. The show will be held in Main Street, Birregurra. Gates for entrants open 7.00am. Entry fee is only \$20 per vehicle with trophies being awarded in over 20 categories. Public entry 9.00am.	See advert in Newsletter and details are on the website
Sunday, 15th February	Our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2.00 pm - Grayland Street, Cobden. The trains will be running and you can also enjoy a game of mini-golf.	Text Colin 0438 173 050 if you are attending or ring if you need further info.
Saturday, 28th February	Heytesbury Show 'n Shine at Simpson – this has been a popular event over the past few years and is growing in popularity. There are great prizes to be won in the show and shine; a wonderful family day out. Simpson is located just 30 minutes from Colac.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you need further details.
Saturday, 7th March & Sunday, 8th March	It's the Labour Day long weekend Cobden Restoration Park Vintage Rally weekend and what a weekend this is! Display your vehicle on either day. Visit the many market stalls and shed displays. Steam engine displays, vintage tractor pull and an auction on Saturday from 11am. Plenty of food and refreshments are available. Two excellent days.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you need further details.
Sunday, 15th March	Cobden Pioneer Park Motor Show, Swap Meet and Market Day. Grayland Street, Cobden. 10am to 2pm. Due to wet conditions, this event was cancelled in 2025. All vehicles welcome. Check out the Cobden Pioneer Park Facebook page.	For more information phone: 0427 353 106.
Wednesday, 18th March	Our first mid-week run for the year. Last time we visited the Railway View Timboon Hotel this was well attended by our members. Today we'll head to Timboon for lunch from 1pm. After lunch, we'll head over the road to Timboon Fine Ice-cream and spoil ourselves with an ice-cream to finish off.	RSVP Friday, 13 th March phone Claudia 0428 962 854 to make a booking.
Saturday, 21st March	2026 Colac Kana 66th Festival and Car show – 10am – 6pm. This year's theme "Once Upon a Time". Colac Showgrounds. Parade vehicle access into the Showgrounds is only via the driveway in Clark Street. Parade vehicle access into the Showgrounds is from 11:30am till 12pm. All other parade participants 12pm to 12.30pm. Please wait for Kana Marshalls to direct you to your assigned position. The parade will start at 1pm. Participants are asked to arrive at the marshalling area and make themselves known to the marshals, by 12.30pm. The Parade is expected to travel at 4-5 km per hour with no stopping.	 Refer "Colac Kana 2026 Facebook" page for further information.
Friday, 27th March	Colac Collectable Car Club "General Meeting" the first for the 2026 year. Meet at the Colac Scout Hall at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend, please email or message your apology to the Secretary. Supper will be provided. A guest speaker will attend and speak to members on the use and benefit of a defibrillator. Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend. RSVP by Monday, 23 rd March, 2026.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you need further details.
Sunday, 29th March	2026 Federation Mortlake Picnic. Tea Tree Lake Park. Mortlake. 9am start. Onsite catering, live music, veteran to classic cars. Supported by the Moyne Shire, Lions Mortlake. Catering available. Bring your chairs and enjoy a lovely day under the trees of the Tea Tree Lake Park area. See advert in this Newsletter.	Please contact Vince on 0456 761 823 if you need further information.

