

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

“Wind in the Hair”

September – December, 2026



Hello from President Ken.....

I can't believe it is September already! 2026 is certainly flying by. We have even been getting some good weather lately to get the cars out on the road, so we really can't complain.

It is now past the due date for membership renewals, and I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their membership and re-joined the club. It is great to see so many of you continuing to support the club.

We currently have **233 members** on our books, with approximately **450 vehicles** listed on Club Permit. That is a fantastic number of vehicles and shows just how much interest and enthusiasm there is within our club.

Sally and I managed to get away for a couple of weeks this month and did some travelling around parts of South Australia. One of the highlights of our trip was spending a day at **The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend**.

If you ever get the chance to visit The Bend, it is well worth the trip. There is free entry to the upstairs bar and restaurant area, which sits right on the edge of the track and overlooks the starting grid. The meals were excellent quality and, surprisingly, at very reasonable pub prices.

Downstairs there is also a magnificent display of race cars, which is well worth having a look at. We were lucky enough to be there on a day when saloon car racing was taking place, so we were able to watch some racing action as well. It certainly made for a great day out for any car enthusiast.

Finally, don't forget that our **AGM is coming up on Sunday, 20th September, at 2:00 pm at the Scout Hall**. Heather has sent out the nomination forms for committee members, so please give some thought to putting your hand up if you would like to become involved.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM and, hopefully, enjoying some more good weather and plenty of opportunities to get our cars out and about.

Happy motoring and take care!
Ken Slingsby (President)

NOTICE OF
**Annual
General
Meeting**



On track action and unique cars on display. The Bend is just one hour out of Adelaide, near Tailem Bend. There are up to 7 circuits ranging from 3.4 to 7.77kms in length. The

GT circuit is the second longest permanent circuit in the world, after the Nurburgring in Germany.



Congratulations Shirley ...



President Ken recently made a special presentation to our Club Registrar Shirley.

Shirley was presented with a well-deserved Life Membership.

Congratulations Shirley; in grateful recognition of exceptional service, dedication, and commitment over many years as a committee member, club member, Registrar and supporter of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.

NOTICE OF “GENERAL & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING”

Colac Collectable Car Club “Annual General Meeting and General Meeting” will be held on Sunday, 20th September.

Meet at the Colac Scout Hall at 2pm. If you are unable to attend, please email or message your apology to the Secretary. Afternoon tea will be provided.

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

Please RSVP by Monday, 14th September.

YOUR 2026 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President	Ken Slingsby
Vice President	Vince Thorne
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	Tracie Carroll, Len Forster Chris Minster, Dallas Petrie
AOMC Representative	Geoff O'Neill
Federation Representative	Shane Perrott
Club Safety Officers and Scrutineers for all NEW Permits (by appointment only):-	
Bernard Callahan, Colac	0419 871 591
Geoff O'Neill, Colac	52 31 3318
Permit Scheme Officers if you are RENEWING your Permit (by appointment only):-	
Bernard Callahan, Colac	0419 871 591
Tracie Carroll, Colac	0409 853 354
Geoff O'Neill, Colac	52 31 3318
Heather Petrie, Cobden	0408 401 562
David Stephens, Yeo	0419 525117
Annette Thorne, Cobden	0407 052 231



CLUB MERCHANDISE and GIFTS

If you would like to purchase any club merchandise including Polo shirts, T-shirts (with your choice of print), Caps, Bumper stickers, Mugs, Membership Name Badges, Club metal grill badges plus more – contact Craig.

You can also design your own vintage Clock with old oil company logo's, beer brands, soft drink logo etc. Collect from Elliminyt or have them posted to you.

Colac Collectable Car Club merchandise is available by contacting member

Craig on 0400 103 108 or email: toby62c@hotmail.com



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc for the 2025 - 2026 reporting year will be held on **Sunday, 20th September, 2026** at the Colac Scout Group Hall, 100 Dennis Street, Colac. The meeting will commence at 2pm followed by afternoon tea provided by the Club. All members are requested to attend. If you cannot attend, please contact the Secretary, Heather Petrie (0408 401 562) or email: colaccollectable@gmail.com

OFFICE BEARER NOMINATION FORM

If you wish to nominate for a committee position for the 2026 - 2027 year, please complete the Nomination Form below. All positions are vacant. Please sign and complete the form with your signature, then have financial members of the club nominate and second your nomination.

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I, wish to nominate (club member) for the position of: (Please tick only one relevant position per form submitted.)

- | | |
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| * President | * Vice President |
| * Secretary | * Treasurer |
| * Runs Organiser | * Club Vehicle Registrar |
| * Newsletter Editor | * Club Safety / Permit Scheme Officers |
| * AOMC Representative | * General Committee Member |
| * Federation Representative | * General Committee Member |

Seconded.....

I accept the above nomination for the position above.

Nominee Acceptance..... Date:

This completed form should be returned to the Secretary, Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.
PO Box 346, Colac. 3250 by Monday, 14th September, 2026.

In preparation for the 2026 Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday, 20th September, the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting are supplied for your information :-



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 18th July, 2025

Apologies: As listed

Members Present: As signed in.

Minutes from Previous Annual General Meeting: Minutes of meeting held 16th August, 2024.

Circulated via website - Accepted: Stephen Uwland Seconded: Matt Tippins Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes: Nil.

President's Report: During the year we have lost several valued members and we send our condolences to their families.

Special mention to our Treasurer David who will be retiring from his position tonight. Thanks and our gratitude to David for all his work during the past 7 years of serving as our Club Treasurer. Thanks David. To our committee members, Heather, Vince, Dallas, Chris, Paul and Shirley thank you for your tireless work during the past twelve months. Also, thanks to our mid-week Runs Organisers Claudia and John for organising great runs; our Scrutineers and Club Safety Officers Geoff and Bernard and our Permit Scheme Officers Tracie and Annette; our Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs representative Shane and our Association of Motoring Clubs Inc representative Geoff – I thank you all.

Financial Report: As tabled.

Red Plate Permit including Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) Report: No report.

Club Runs Report: This Sunday the run will be to the Cobden Miniature Railway complex; coffee and scones from 2pm onwards.

Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicles Inc. Report:

A letter has been received from the Federation regarding changes to the Swap which will commence in 2027. It is proposed that the Swap Management will be handled by members of the Motafranz Club (50%) and other clubs are sought to assist.

All Reports accepted: Moved: Vince Thorne, Seconded Di Wright. Carried.

Election of Office Bearers:

Committee members have elected to carry on in their roles for the 2025-2026 year; except for the position of Treasurer, as David will be stepping down from this role. One application was received for the Treasurer's position – Paul Constantinidis. That Paul's application to take up the position of Treasurer be accepted: Moved: Matt Tippins. Seconded Dallas Petrie. Carried.

Vacant positions – Runs Organisers and Assistant Runs Organiser and two positions vacant as General Committee. That Committee members for the 2025/2026 year be accepted: Moved: Stephen Uwland. Seconded Sally Slingsby. Carried. At the end of the evening, Len Forster approached the Committee and is willing to take on a position of General Committee. Len will attend the first Committee meeting and let us know if he would like to continue.

Correspondence:

In and out over the 2024/2025 year:-

- AOMC Invoice for annual membership, Consumer Affairs Victoria – annual statement, Newsletters from other clubs via emails, Marsh Insurance renewal, Post Office Box annual renewal, VicRoads annual returns for "Approved club office bearers and scrutineers" and "Club Permit agreement" submitted.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(Continued)

Notice of Motion:

After discussion, membership fees for the forthcoming financial year 2026 – 2027 year are to remain unchanged:-

- The “**early bird**” 2026 – 2027 membership fee to be set at \$50 per annum for payments paid up until the 31st May, 2026 if members receive their Newsletter via email and \$55 per year (\$5.00 increase) for members who opt to receive their Newsletter via mail.
- All membership fees paid between 31st May, 2026 to 30th June, 2026 members will be required to pay \$70 per annum for members who receive their Newsletter via email or \$75 per year (\$5 increase) for members who opt to receive their Newsletter via mail.

All members who have not paid their memberships fees by **30th June, 2026** will be deemed to have lapsed their membership for the 2026 – 2027 year; VicRoads will be immediately notified that those members are now non-financial members and their Club Permit will be cancelled.

And, a fee of \$50.00 for all new members remains unchanged, but on joining the club, the new member pays the appropriate membership fee for the current year ahead ie. \$70.00 or \$75.00 plus the joining fee of \$50.

Motion that all fees as outlined be accepted:- Moved: Gordon Wilson. Seconded: Don McRae. Carried

General Business:

Membership now totals 222 with 20 members not renewing their membership for the 2025/2026 year.

Fundraising and donations :-

- A presentation by Maree Lamanna on behalf of the **Colac Area Health Foundation Board and the proposed “Wellness Centre”**. Maree spoke to members and outlined the benefits of the purpose-built centre in Colac.
- A letter was received from the **Colac RSL Show ‘n’ Shine** asking for continued support of their car show to be held in November, 2025; and
- A request for funding from the **3rd 4th Colac Scout Group** to fund either a dishwasher or hot water system for their scout hall.

After discussion and suggestions by members, it was moved by Annette Thorne. seconded by Jan Wilson, carried, that:-

A donation of \$2,000 be presented to the Colac Area Health Foundation Board;

\$500 to the 3rd 4th Scout Group; and

\$250 to the Colac RSL Show ‘n’ Shine for their 2025 event.

Thanks also to Heidi and her helpers from the Colac 3rd 4th Scout Group for catering again tonight.

Meeting closed: 8.15pm.

50th Celebrating 50 YEARS of collaboration with the Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Club Bendigo

GATES OPEN:
Saturday: 6am
Sunday: 7am
All sheds: 7am

ENTRY PRICES:
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Sunday Pass: \$5
Children under 15: Free

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RENEWING YOUR PERMIT

The easiest way to renew your VicRoads permit, is to send the 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 to have your permit renewed** 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 VicRoads website for all relevant information.

And a notice to all members renewing their permit – please make sure that all information on the permit renewal is correct (eg your name, address, club name etc). If in doubt, please call 0408 401 562.



Rules and regulations are continually changing when it comes to the Club Permit Scheme. Please check the VicRoads website....
www.vicroads.vic.gov.au for the most accurate information.



This event has been very popular with our members over the past few years.

Support our local communities – arrive around 10am and meet up with other car club members.

NARINGAL TRACTOR TREK

Alongside the collectable car movement there is a similar group of tractor enthusiasts. These dedicated people restore and drive their tractors all over Australia. There have been treks (that is what tractor drivers call their excursions) into the Simpson Desert for example and many other remote and rural areas.

Recently, I participated in a local trek around the Naringal-Laang area. This trek was to celebrate the 90th birthday of a local tractor collector, Lawrence Hose. Lawrence took a 306 Chamberlain (photo below). We started at the tractor collector's property in Naringal. From there we travelled over 50km in 2.5 hours. We went on back roads, gravel roads and through farms. This was an extremely good way to see the countryside as you are higher than a car and travelling at a sedate pace; approximately 20kph. You also get to take in the fragrances as you move past dairies, sheep properties and bush blocks.

This 306 Chamberlain has been set up for treks with the addition of front mudguards, a cab, mirrors and full lighting. Chamberlain tractors were designed and built in Australia. Chamberlain tractors are one of the fastest tractors as they can do approximately 40kph which makes them very suitable for tractor treks. They mostly have a bench seat, so a passenger can be taken too.

We finished the trek with a barbeque in a secluded bush block, sitting around a fire enjoying the company of about 20 other likeminded tractor enthusiasts.

The only problem with Chamberlain tractors is that they are heavy requiring a truck to move them around. Most Chamberlain owners drive them to and from the tractor trek. Some owners tow a caravan so they can stay overnight along the way.

Another popular tractor for treks is the little grey Ferguson "Fergie". This is a lightweight tractor so it can be towed on a trailer behind a utility. The Fergie can do about 20kph which is the approximate speed most tractor treks travel at.

Most Ferguson tractors don't have a cab. Many trekkers mount boxes on the back for tractor supplies, food, and extra clothes.



There is another tractor trek planned for November leaving from Cobden. If anyone is interested, please contact Vince Thorne, phone 0456 761 823.





CHAMBERLAIN TRACTORS

Bob Chamberlain started making tractors in the late 1940's out of an ex-munitions factory at Welshpool, near Perth. The first production tractor appeared in 1949. The first model was a Chamberlain 40K, powered by a horizontally opposed, 6.0L two-cylinder kerosene engine generating 48.5Hp. This was a strong, heavy tractor suited to Australian farm working conditions.

Chamberlain progressed through kerosene to diesel engines commonly using GM 2 stroke diesels, or Meadows 4 cylinder or Perkins 4- and 6-cylinder engines.

The very popular 6G and 9G have 6 and 9 speed gearboxes and were powered by either a 4-cylinder Meadows or Perkins engine of about 50Hp. We have a 6G chamberlain which we have rebuilt the engine and plan to do some tractor treks. These remain very popular and are used in many expeditions and tractor treks. The Chamberlain tractor became known for its durable diesel engine, simple mechanical design and compatibility with common farm implements.



One of the most famous Chamberlain tractors was known as "Tail End Charlie". It was a 1955 6G with a Perkins engine and modified crown wheel and pinion increasing its speed from 40Kph to 100 - 120Kph. At this speed the rear tyres grew bigger due to centrifugal force hence the variation in top speed. It was entered in the Redex trials (which were a series of famous, gruelling Round Australia Reliability Car Trials held annually from 1953 to 1955) as a recovery vehicle, attracting attention because a farm tractor was an unlikely participant in a long-distance motoring event. There were two drivers so the tractor could be used 24 hours to recover broken down rally cars.



TAIL END CHARLIE

In 2021-23 another famous Chamberlain was driven around Australia by Sam, covering 27,000km at 35-45kph to raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

On his journey, Sam stopped the Cobden Bakery in Curdie Street. He had a dog and a friend with him then.



CHAMBERLAIN TRACTORS



This Chamberlain (above) was travelling from Alice Springs to Darwin and return to attend a reunion at the National Road Transport Hall of Fame. Our daughter and grandson, Daniel, met them a couple of times as they travelled in the Northern Territory. Daniel is very interested in tractors. He was very pleased to be able to sit in the tractor so he could look at the gauges and controls.

The next generation of Chamberlain tractors (the Countryman 306, 354, C6100) had 6-cylinder Perkin engines and are very popular for tractor treks.

Chamberlains have a transverse front spring to improve comfort a little. Chamberlain tractors finished their sedan tractors. They have a quiet fully enclosed cab with heating and air conditioning along with power steering.

In 1970, John Deere purchased a controlling interest in Chamberlain. The business later traded as Chamberlain John Deere. The tractors built at this time were fitted with John Deere engines. Chamberlain became fully integrated into John Deere, and production of Chamberlain-branded tractors ended in 1986.

It is interesting to note the first Chamberlain had a 6-litre engine developing about 40Hp (replica below) and the last, had a 5.9 litre engine developing about 132 Hp.



In Carnamah, 300km north of Perth there is a replica (above) of the 1949 Chamberlain 40K. It is 11.5m high, 16m long and is made of 42T of steel.

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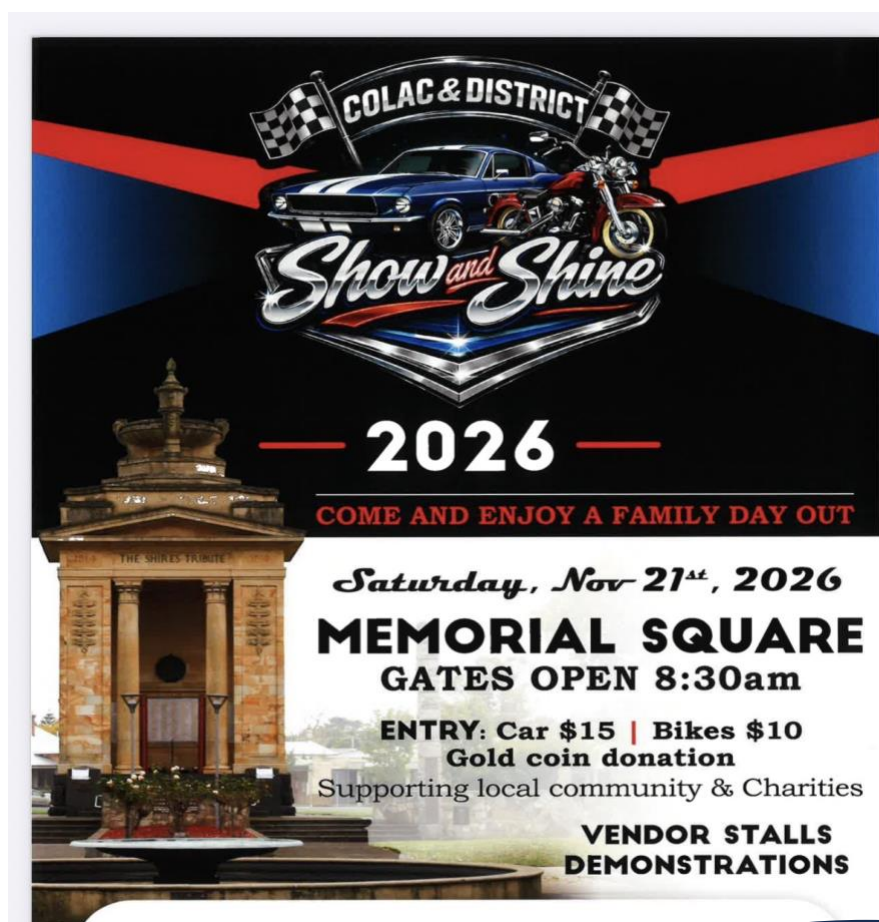
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CLUB RUNS CALENDAR

September – December, 2026

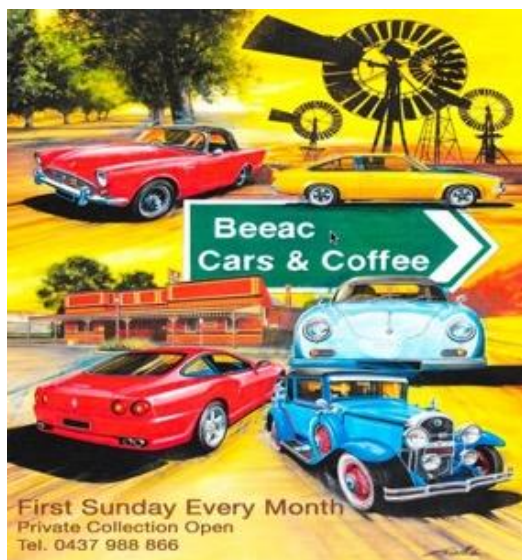
Date	Where.....	Who to contact.....
Sunday, 6th September	Beeac Coffee and Cars at the Farmers Arms Hotel , Main Street, Beeac. Father's Day. Meet up with other members for coffee – a regular on the calendar on the first Sunday of the month.	No need to book, just arrive around 10am.
Wednesday, 16th September	Today we'll take a drive to Dukes Commercial Hotel , Koroit for Irish music followed by lunch. The music will be from 11am until 1pm followed by lunch. Please phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by Friday, 11 th September if you are coming.	Please contact Claudia 0428 962 854
Sunday, 20th September	Colac Collectable Car Club combined "Annual General Meeting and General Meeting" will be held on Sunday, 20th September. Meet at the Colac Scout Hall at 2pm. If you are unable to attend, please email or message your apology to the Secretary. Afternoon tea will be provided. Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend.	Please RSVP by Monday, 14 th September. Contact 0408 401 562
Friday, 25th September	Get involved in the Terang Colour Festival "Show 'n Shine". Friday, 25 th September (yes, the AFL public holiday). High Street, Terang. Arrive around 10am, park and enjoy the festivities of the Terang Colour Festival. Email: secretary@terang.org.au for further information.	Contact Ken: 0417 317 544
Sunday, 27th September	Head out to Lismore and join in on their Coffee 'n cars morning at the Golf Club . This is a great way to spend a relaxing Sunday morning! Lismore is just 50 minutes from Colac and 30 minutes from Camperdown. Enjoy good coffee, good company, live music and park your collectable car/motorbike with others between 10am and 12noon. This event is held on the last Sunday of the month.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday, 4th October	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 daylight saving time.
Friday, 9th October	W.I.T.H. run to Lake Bullen Merri South Beach, via Camperdown . There are BBQ's available - BYO picnic and chair. Meet at the lake at 6.00pm. The lake is just 52 kms from Colac.	Please contact Vince on 0456 761 823 for further information.
Sunday, 11th October	Colac Swap Meet/Car Show and Collectables Market is to be held at the Colac Racecourse on Sunday, 11 th October. The Colac Swap Meet will be conducted by the Colac Scout Group.	
Sunday, 18th October	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. Give Colin a call if you need further info.	Text Colin 0438 173 050 if you are attending.
Sunday, 25th October	The last Sunday of the month and it's Lismore Coffee 'n cars morning at the Golf Club . This is a great way to spend Sunday morning! Park your collectable car/motorbike with others between 10am and 12noon.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Saturday, 31st October to 1st November	Colac Collectable Car Club Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show weekend away. Visiting Charlie's Auto Museum, Arthur's Seat and attend the Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show. Overnight accommodation and travel on the Sorrento Ferry.	Contact: Vince 0456 761 823
Sunday, 1st November	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.
Friday, 6th November	Located in Camperdown is the newly renovated Commercial Bistro and Hotel . Meet up with other club members and enjoy a meal in pleasant surroundings. Meet from 6.00pm. Please reply by Tuesday, 3rd November if you are attending	Contact Heather on 0408 401 562

Sunday, 15th November	Our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2.00 pm - Grayland Street, Cobden. Give Colin a call if you need further info.	Text Colin 0438 173 050 if you are attending.
Wednesday, 18th November	BBQ or BYO picnic at the Cobden Lake - Cobden Apex Park area. Please meet at the lake at 12.30pm for a quiet afternoon get-together with other members.	Contact Claudia 0428 962 854
Saturday, 21st November	The annual Colac Show 'n Shine on Memorial Square . Enjoy a family day out. Gates open 8.30am. Entry: Car \$15 Bike \$10. Supporting local organisations. Vendor stalls and demonstrations. Presentations 2pm.	
Sunday, 29th November	The last Sunday of the month and it's Lismore Coffee 'n cars morning at the Golf Club . Lismore is just 50 minutes from Colac and 30 minutes from Camperdown. Arrive around 10am meet other car enthusiasts. This event is gaining popularity.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP! PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON AND HELP THE CLUB WITH THEIR RUNS CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER – WE NEED IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS! Any comments or ideas will be considered. Thank you.		



Enjoy your day and see you next time!

The next newsletter will be published in December.
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