



# NEWSLETTER

March – July, 2020

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:-**

*Wind in the Hair*

Hello Everyone:

I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Welcome to the 20s, and another decade for the Colac Collectable Car Club!

A big thank you to our Committee who organised our magnificent Christmas lunch at Beeac. It was great to see the fantastic turnout and by the looks of things everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I know I certainly did.

It has been a relief that our part of the State did not suffer the fires over the holiday period that so many other areas of Australia did. So many people have lost everything. I cannot imagine how this must feel and hope that none of us ever do. Fingers crossed that there will be no more devastation. Unfortunately, the fire season is not over yet.

The one thing disasters like this bring out is the camaraderie and willingness to help others in time of need that Australians possess. It is a heart-warming characteristic that I hope will continue throughout the generations. I am sure that the incredible efforts by our volunteer firefighters and other emergency services will never be forgotten. Also the kindness of those who have made extremely generous donations of goods, their time and monetary donations. Help and assistance comes in many forms. I read an article from a Bega car club newsletter where they received help from the local Woolworths' management and security team. Car enthusiasts from the Sapphire Coast and Bega areas were allowed to park their classic vehicles in the store underground car park. Here their cars were well protected with 24-hour security and a sprinkler system. I am sure, knowing that their vehicles were safe, was a relief to many of the car enthusiasts in the area.

Those of you who are on our email system will have received an email from Heather about the theft of our club trailer. Unfortunately it has been stolen from where it was stored.

Any help in finding it will be greatly appreciated. It is gun metal grey coloured '6x4' tradesman style. At the time of the theft it had Colac Collectable Car Club Inc written in white writing on both sides. It contained our club banners, cutlery, cups, seats, trestles and portable stoves. It is a loss of over \$2000 to our club. If anyone has any ideas or information that may lead to its return, please contact me or one of our committee members.

Let's get past the doom and gloom. It is the magic time of year for any car or bike enthusiast. Good weather, well mostly as we do live in Victoria, and something happening just about every weekend. Close to home we had the Camperdown Car and Bike Show in early January and the Torquay Motor Show last weekend. Both fantastic events. Well done to the organisers. As I am typing this report I know we have a few members at the All Ford Day in Geelong. This is stated to be one of the largest single-make events in Australia. I should be there! At the end of the month we have a busy weekend. The Ballarat Swap Meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February, the Colac Show 'n Shine and the Heytesbury Show on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. Then in March, for those of us who have British cars, there is the Geelong All British Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. It would be great to have some club representation at these three shows, so keep the dates free!

At our last Committee meeting we discussed our club runs and how we may be able to improve our club member's experiences and get more participation in our club events. Annette, Vince, John and Claudia have put together a Runs Calendar that has a good variety of different trips and events. Hopefully there is something there for everyone. If you have any ideas on how we can improve or places to go on club runs, please do not hesitate to contact our committee members. All the best;

Ken Slingsby

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# The true cost of Restoring a Vintage Car

Courtesy of David Taylor

Purchase weekend paper to read "For Sale" advertisements	1.20
The actual purchase of a ton of rust on wheels	1,500.00
Flowers for wife to break the news	25.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	70.00
Restoration costs – engine reconditioning and chassis build	8,000.00
Parts and endless trips to Swap Meets	1,250.00
New lounge suite to balance the ledger and keep wife happy	2,800.00
Restoration costs – new upholstery and hood	5,900.00
Flowers for wife to save buying new kitchen suite	25.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	70.00
Family trip to "Movieland" to compensate for the 1,000 hours spent on the garage	2,000.00
Restoration costs – panel beating and spray painting	4,500.00
New outfit for wife to save another argument	225.00
Dinner at restaurant after argument with wife	70.00
Restoration and other on-road costs and stamp duty	1,000.00
Dinner at restaurant to celebrate the finished project	70.00
Visit to the hairdresser after wife's first ride in an open tourer	35.00
BBQ to invite neighbours in to see the finished project	50.00
Repairs to paint work after neighbour's son drew a crayon picture	75.00
Settled out of court for clobbering neighbour's son	450.00
New slacks and cardigan for wife to go rallying in	290.00
New shoes to go with the slacks and cardigan	75.00
New handbag to go with the shoes, slacks and cardigan	45.00
Dinner at restaurant with wife after asking her to economise	70.00
New clutch after teaching wife to drive vintage car	250.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife to release clutch slowly	70.00
Repairs to mudguard after wife's second driving lesson	290.00
Dinner at restaurant after shouting at wife to look where's she going	70.00
Speeding fine after wife drag raced young lad at the lights	135.00
Candlelight dinner at home – can no longer afford restaurant	5.00
Advertisement in weekend paper "Vintage Car For Sale"	14.00
Total	29,430.20
Proceeds from sale of vintage car due to downturn in the market	12,000.00
<b>Balance - outstanding loan added to mortgage payments</b>	<b>17,430.20</b>

Thanks to Club Member Glenn for forwarding this interesting information. Perhaps some of our members can relate to this.



## 2020 – 2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Notices for Annual Fees will be mailed to all members early April, 2020. Membership fees are:-  
**\$40.00** if you receive your correspondence by email and pay before 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020. (Early bird special)  
\$45.00 if you receive your correspondence by post and pay between 31<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.  
**\$60.00** if you receive your correspondence by email and pay before 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020. (Early bird special)  
\$65.00 if you receive your correspondence by mail and pay between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

*If you are paying directly into the Club's bank account, please remember to put your name and membership number.*

## **2020 CLUB CONTACTS**

### **Committee:**

- 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, Ted Price, Dallas Petrie, Glenn Shepherd
- Association of Motoring Clubs Inc Representative - Geoff O'Neill
- Federation of Veteran, Vintage & Classic Car Clubs Inc Representatives:-  
Shane Perrott and Vince Thorne

### **Club Safety Officers and Scrutineers for all new Permits:-**

Bernard Callahan; Colac      0419 871 591  
Geoff O'Neill; Colac      52 31 3318  
Glenn Shepherd; Colac      0499 095 878

### **Permit Scheme Officers if you are renewing your Permit:-**

Bernard Callahan, Colac - 0419 871591  
Les Claridge, Colac - 0437 752 839  
Geoff O'Neill, Colac - 52 31 3318  
Heather Petrie, Cobden - 0408 401 562  
Ted Price, Colac - 0417 165 271  
Glenn Shepherd, Colac - 0499 095 878  
Annette Thorne, Cobden - 0407 052 231 - Contact Annette at Cobden Tools & Trailers, Curdie  
Street, Cobden (Mon – Friday 9am - 5pm)

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

## **McDONALD'S ORIGIN STORY IS A MODERN TRAGEDY**

The story of McDonald's is a cautionary tale for trusting greedy businessmen. Richard and Maurice

McDonald founded the original McDonald's in 1940 in San Bernardino, California. In the 1950s, businessman Ray Kroc was fascinated by their assembly line-style burger production, as well as their use of only paper bags and wraps to serve their meals (most fast food joints still served food on ceramic plates).

Kroc expanded McDonald's exponentially, but ran into conflict with the McDonald's brothers when they refused to compromise on quality to cut costs. So, Kroc, contractually unable to make the final business decision in a building with the brothers' name on it, instead bought the land under the restaurants. Now he could call the shots, and McDonald's soon had frozen patties and powdered milkshakes. The McDonald brothers walked away with \$1 million each and Kroc went on to become worth \$600 million when he died in 1984 (that's \$1.4 billion today, adjusting for inflation).



# **LAKE PERTOBE WARRNAMBOOL**

**9th January, 2020**

Simoen and I travelled to Warrnambool for the Warrnambool Car Club's annual display at Lake Pertobe. A friend allowed us to park the Patrol and trailer at his place in West Warrnambool, then we proceeded with the Crossley to Lake Pertobe.

There was a good range of vehicles on display as well as stationary engines. The weather was kind which made the day pleasant. We grabbed a bit of lunch from the hamburger/sausage stall that the Warrnambool Car Club ran, with all proceeds going to a charity.

This is a good event if you are looking for something to do in January.

*Shane and Simoen*



## **CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS**



Are you looking for Colac Collectable Club merchandise?  
Polo shirts (with Club logo) \$30, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$20, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Name Badge \$8, Club metal grill badge \$25, plus more.

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

# CROSSLEY'S IN COROWA

October, 2019

While I am a member of the Colac Collectable Car Club and go on club runs, we catch up with Crossley owners every two years. In October, 2019 we met in the river town of Corowa for the weekend. Crossley is a marque and there are not that many in Australia.

Here's a little bit of info about the Crossley:- Crossley Brothers were set up in 1867 by Francis and William Crossley when they bought an engineering business in Manchester city manufacturing pumps, presses and small steam engines. The Crossley cars were made from 1904 until 1938. They made lorries, buses and cars. Buses were continued to be made when they were taken over by AEC until the late 1950's. They adopted the early Christian symbol of the Coptic Cross as an emblem to use on their road vehicles. In early car sales they would not sell their lorries to brewery's as it was against their religion. William Lyons, who started Jaguar cars, did his apprenticeship at Crossley motors.

For our weekend in October, we had seven cars:- 1 from Adelaide, 1 from Wagga Wagga, 1 from Goulburn, 2 from Melbourne, 1 from Geelong and myself. Vehicles ranged from a 1918 to 1933.

On the Saturday, we did a run from Corowa to Wangaratta; to Devenish back through Yarrawonga to Corowa and enjoying lunch at the Devenish pub. This route took us past some of the Silo art which was well worth a visit.

Sunday was an easy day meeting up and a visit to Max Motors Corowa; a bit of a look at Rutherglen and a visit to the Corowa Federation museum. In 1893 the Corowa Conference was a break through, paving the way for Federation. Corowa is known as the birth place of Federation.

Yours in motoring,  
*Shane and Simoen*



**Devenish Pub**



**Checking the levels**



**Silo Art work**



A special thank you to club member Shane for providing so many great articles on events attended. This is very much appreciated by everyone.

## **BEFORE YOU LEAVE.....** **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK:-**

### **Tyres**

Older-style wheels and tyres can lose pressure much faster than modern ones, so it's always best to check them before embarking on a drive. It's also a good idea to keep a portable tyre pressure gauge and compressor in the car in case you need a top up on the road.

### **Cooling**

Ensure you pack some spare radiator fluid for your car. Nothing makes a cooling system work harder, especially in a rarely used older car, than being stuck in a holiday traffic jam on a roasting Summers day. Don't ever use plain water to top up the radiator, especially in an engine with alloy components.

### **Oil**

Oil can get old the moment you pour it out of the container. Even if your vehicle covers minimal distances, ensure you change the oil at least every 12 months. Older style oils don't adhere to engine internals like the modern ones do, so before you head out, let the motor wind over for a few revolutions to get the oil circulating before activating the choke and starting the engine. This will alleviate the wear that occurs with the choke chucking raw fuel into the cylinders, the motor turning at quite high revs and most of the oil still down in the sump.

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## **A great day was enjoyed at the annual Colac Collectable Car Club Inc "End of Year" function .....**



*Although the weather on the day was a bit overcast, we thank everyone who attended. A great turn-out.*

## **YAMAHA XS650 MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE**

This original and stock 1973 XS650 Yamaha has recently had work done to the motor.  
Suitable for restoration.  
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## AUSTRALIA DAY 2020 IN BEEAC



Australia Day this year for the club was at Beeac. An email from Heather stating that there would be a club display parked on the vacant land across from the pub and that the local primary school was doing snags, gave a small indication of what the day was to be like and this gave the club a great chance to get our vehicles out and about. After firing up the Crossley and travelling 50 km's, my son and I arrived at Beeac. There we people everywhere and for normally a quiet town, it was very busy. We parked our car with other club members on the grass. Luckily, we could park there as there was very little parking available on the street.

When we arrived, another vintage car, an A-model Ford parked next to us. We introduced ourselves and had a chat. We ventured inside the pub and joined the tables of club members for a coffee; the tables kept growing as more members arrived. After a bit of a talk we then walked around Beeac. The Australia Day celebrations were to commence at 11am and to take place in the side street which was blocked off. The Colac band were playing, snags and hamburgers being cooked and sold by the local school and numerous stalls along the street. Speeches were delivered from local and State government officials, with the Australia Day ambassador being Steve Moneghetti. People were presented with their Australia Day awards and three people became Australian citizens. Grabbing a couple of snags we looked at a very interesting vintage bicycle display, which was located just up from the cars. There was a good range of cars on display from the club, ranging from a 1913 Veteran Humberette to the last of the V8 Falcons, and a vintage motor cycle.

Later in the afternoon Ean and Dorothy McDowell's property "Rosebank" was open for a visit and numerous club members enjoyed tea/coffee and scones. A good day enjoyed by all.

Yours in motoring,  
*Shane Perrott*



## MINI PARTS

If you are on the lookout for Mini parts, car enthusiast George has a selection of Mini parts available (to give away). Call George on 0425723789 for further details.

## CCCC WEBSITE

Club Minutes of Meetings, Events, Newsletters and all information associated with the Colac Collectable Car Club is available on the Club's website:- [www.colacccl.com.au](http://www.colacccl.com.au)

## COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. MEETING DATES

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all meetings have been postponed .....

- **Annual General Meeting (Annual General Meeting) – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July**
- **General Meeting – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**

All meetings are subject to change but at least one month's notice will be given to members if any changes to the above dates. Apologies – contact 0408 401 562

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS –JUNE & JULY, 2020

Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sunday morning – BEEAC FOR COFFEE.</b> Grab a coffee from the Farmer's Arms Hotel or bring your own and meet in the Beeac Park. Contact Heather on 0408 401 562 for further details. Maximum 20 members.
Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>MIDWEEK RUN TO GELLIBRAND STORE.</b> Call John or Claudia for details regarding meeting location and times - 0428 962 854. Maximum 20 members.
Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON TO CAMPERDOWN.</b> Meet in the Avenue between 2pm – 2.30pm near the Camperdown Bakery and we'll decide from there. Contact Annette 55 952040 or 0407 052 231. Remember 20 members maximum.
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sunday morning - BEEAC FOR COFFEE.</b> Grab a coffee from the Farmer's Arms Hotel or bring your own and meet in the Beeac Park. Contact Heather on 0408 401 562 for further details. Maximum 20 members.
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Postponed</b>
Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>MIDWEEK RUN TO LAKE EDGE CAFÉ,</b> Lake Purrumbete. Call John or Claudia for details regarding meeting location and times - 0428 962 854. Maximum 20 members.
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON – POMBO-MART</b> - an antique gift centre and café located in an iconic and historical shed along Princes Highway. Meet at the Pombo-mart at 2pm. Contact Annette 55 952040 or 0407 052 231 if you require further details. Maximum 20 members.

Members are asked to phone their attendance as the first 20 to call will be all that is allowed to attend our events, so please get in early. If you haven't phoned with your intention to come please DON'T just turn up as we are restricted under current COVID-19 restrictions.  
"Public and Outdoor gatherings can be held with a maximum of 20 people".

## CLUB PERMIT SCHEME REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

Members who have their vehicles on the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme are reminded that the Colac Collectable Car Club must maintain a **register** of club permit holders and their vehicles/motorcycles. VicRoads can request this register at any time and the Club must supply it to VicRoads within 14 days.

No vehicle should be **modified or altered** in any way after the original permit has been issued. It is also a requirement that the Club hold **dated photographs** of any vehicle or motorcycle under the Club Permit Scheme. These photographs are:-

- for cars and trucks - the front, driver's side, rear, driving position (side on with the driver's door open);
- for motorcycles - both sides and rear of the motorcycle.

Where possible, any identifiers such as chassis number and engine numbers should also be photographed. Once you have received your **permit plates** from Vic Roads, please immediately notify the Club of the permit number and return your photos.

**If you have any concerns regarding these VicRoads requirements, please contact a Club Committee member.**



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