Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.



"Wind in the Hair"

NEWSLETTER June - August, 2022

From our President, Ken ...



Hi Everyone,

Winter has hit us with a vengeance! I'm thinking the wind we have been experiencing over the last few weeks has come directly from the South Pole! It certainly has felt like it. We have also had our fair share of rain lately too.

As always, our monthly Sunday morning Coffee 'n Cars morning tea at the Farmer's Arms Hotel, Beeac still remains our most popular outing. Some of our other runs have been a bit light on numbers and it would always be nice to get a few more members there. If you are like me and don't like taking your collectable car out in bad weather, please don't let that deter you. You certainly won't be frowned upon for arriving in your daily driver. It will just be good to see you there. Our General Meeting that took place on Friday, 18th March also had a good turnout of members and the supper of pizza and cakes organised by David and Annette were enjoyed by all. I'm sure I am not alone in saying it is great now to be able to catch up with people face to face.

I thought for a change I would share some photos of a project that Sally and I have had progressing slowly over the last five years. I hope I don't bore you too much......

We were keen on owning a split screen Kombi camper but they are not easy to find. After searching the internet for some time we ended up purchasing a German built 1965 microbus. At some point in its life the bus had been converted to an ambulance and then later a camper. She had then been left parked in the back of a shed for many years when we found her. She was slightly worse for wear; that's me being polite, but we were determined to bring her back to her former glory. Financially speaking this has proven to be a very dumb idea! Her motor and gear box were missing and the interior was stripped empty, bar a few very rusty bits and pieces that were well beyond repairable.

With me not being talented in the art of repairing body work, our new purchase was sent to a VW Kombi restoration specialist in Newcastle, NSW. I think the restoration guy was being polite when he rang me after she arrived at his workshop and said, "She's a bit rough, but not the worst I've seen." If you have a look at the photos she has undergone some major reconstruction work. The skill and meticulous detail this guy goes to is unbelievable. I can guarantee you there is not a spot of rust or body filler in her. Parts that cannot be purchased anymore he has hand made. We are really happy with his work. We purchased a 160hp 2276 cc engine from Rod Penrose Racing Motors which fitted in without a hitch and she purrs like a dream. To help her stop we have upgraded the old drum brakes to discs and added an oil cooler to the engine to stop any overheating problems during the summer months.

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I managed to get templates for the camper cabinetry design from the United Kingdom. That was a great help with cutting it all out and the timber work is now stained and looking a treat. The seats and upholstery are next, then windows, floor coverings, lights, bumper bars and roadworthy. All going well she'll be on the road by the end of the year... fingers crossed!



Looking forward to catching up with you all soon. Happy motoring and remember to take care on the wet and slippery roads.

> Stay safe. Ken, President

CLUB COMMITTEE & CONTACTS

| President | Ken Slingsby | | | |
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| Vice President | Vince Thorne | | | |
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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.

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 15th July, 2022

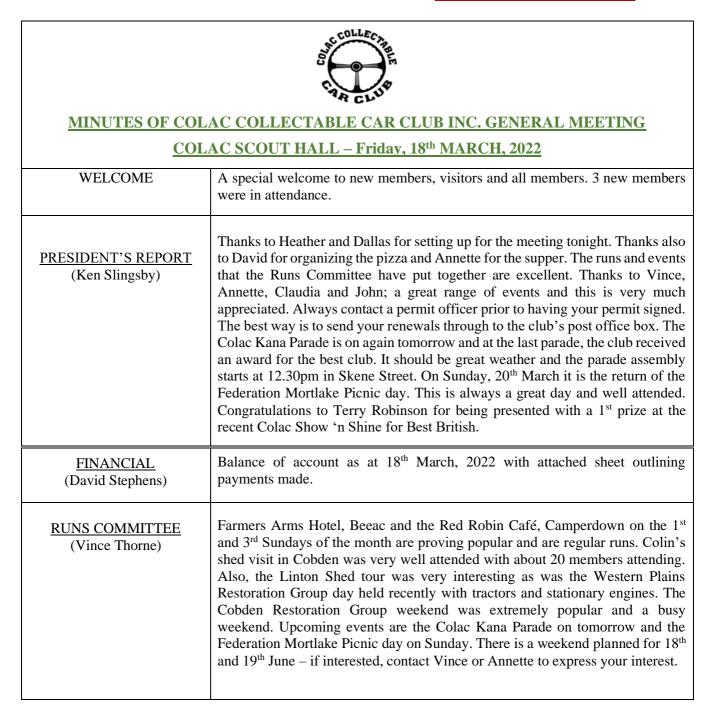




A nomination form for the Annual General Meeting is included with this Newsletter.

Please complete the nomination form if you are interested in taking on a position of the Committee.

If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting, please contact the Secretary on 0408 401 562 or email: colaccollectableQ@gmail.com



| MINUTES OF COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. GENERAL MEETING | | | | |
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| RED PLATE PERMIT AND AOMC (Geoff O'Neill) | Posting renewal notices to the club's post office box is the best way to have your renewal signed. There have been AOMC meetings via zoom. VicRoads metropolitan offices have been amalgamating and some offices are closing. Our club needs to attract new younger members as in 10 years-time our membership is going to be very old. The Colac Kana Parade and Mortlake picnic days are usually very well attended. The use of your permitted vehicle for work purposes is not allowed. Our club and its members are preserving the history of motoring; don't lose the focus. The Ballarat Swap Meet was very dusty but well attended. The Geelong Revival featured an electric vehicle which did some great times down the track and confirms that times are changing. Don't forget to try and get to Historic Winton in May – this is always a great event. | | | |
| FEDERATION OF VETERAN, VINTAGE & CLASSIC VEHICLE CLUB INC. (Vince Thorne/Shane Perrott) | Meetings throughout the past year have been via zoom and a lot of events have been cancelled. Mortlake Picnic is the first activity with the Golden Oldies tour coming up. The next Federation meeting will be held in Colac, with the Colac Collectable Car Club hosting the meeting. This will be a great opportunity to meet up with Federation representatives. Members are invited to stay for the meeting and meet the Federation executive. | | | |
| GENERAL BUSINESS: | Des Donovan asked why some coffee morning/afternoons had been given 'free' coffee. Contributions giving back to members was decided by the committee some time ago and would be done on a random basis. Craig Carroll gave an update on the health and well-being of Billy Bubb was who seriously injured in a motorcycle accident; the club providing support to Billy and his family with a financial contribution. Geelong Revival, which was held recently, is a great place for younger members to have a go at racing. No special requirements; turn up as it's a great way to compete in a motoring event. Shane Perrott passed on his thanks for the emails and newsletters being sent out by Heather, Secretary. These have kept members up to date with other clubs, and our club matters, especially through Covid quiet times. | | | |
| MEETING CLOSED | 8.15pm followed by pizza supper. | | | |

CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS

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

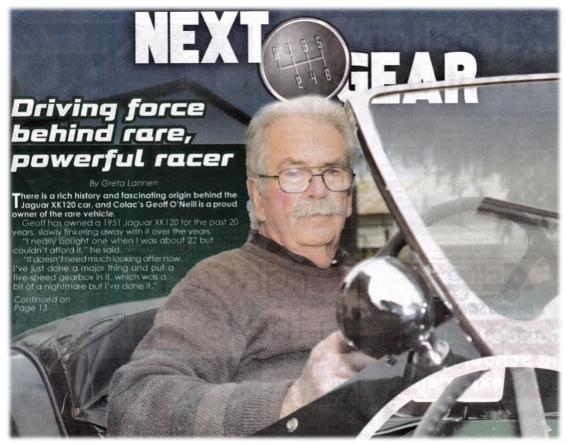
Polo shirts \$40, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$30, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Name Membership Badge \$8, Club metal grill badge \$25, plus more. Also available you can design your own vintage Clock with old oil company logo's, beer brands, soft drink logo etc.

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 Vic Roads Club Permit Scheme.





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Gutsy engine at heart of history





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Geoff said the shape and "gorgeous swooping lines" were the standauts of the Jaguar.
"The engine is fantastic. The engine in this basic situation ran for over 40 years in Jaguar cars," he soid.
"They didn't change the engine hardly at all over 40 years, they were so good."
The Jaguar, which has a 3.8-lifter engine, was originally black but is now British racing green.
"It needs some paint and body work now but to do that would spoil it a bit, it's a bit knocked around," Geoff said.
"It's been raced all over Australia, it's had a hiding, but it's got plenty of life in it yet.

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"You've got to be in love with them, it's a romance. You can dress it up, but that's what it is.

"I'll often say to people 'as soon as you stop loving it, get rid of it', he said.

The Jaguar XK120 was the fastest production car in the world in 1948 and Geoff's wehicle has raced at Winton. Sandown, Geelong. Calder, Amaroo Park, and has a CAMs logbook.

Geoff, originally a mechanic, has always had a passion for cars and is a member of the Colac Collectable Car Club.
"I was supposed to be studying at the kitchen table and I never was, I was reading car magazines," he said.

Geoff told the Colac Herald about how the Jaguar XK120 came to be.

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William Lyons was Mr Jaguar," he said.

"During the Second World War, he, B"! Heynes and Wally Hassan designed this engine in their spare time.



"They completed the development of the twin overhead camshaft 3.4-lifre Jaguar six-cylinder engine.
"The engine was very successful in racing but also very tractable for road use, "At the end of the Second World War, England was on its knees, they were bankrupt, had nothing. They'd spent everything they had. Every bit of their energy went to not going under basically. "William had a passion to build a large saloon car with this engine that they designed, and they wanted to display it at the 1948 Earls Court Motor Show.

"The idea in the back of his head was we have no money, but the Yanks have

'we have no money, but the Yanks have got plenty, and we'll export them'. "They had the engine ready, but the car wasn't ready. It was only about three

or four months until the Earls Court Motor Show and he said 'let's build a sports car to put the engine in to show off the engine'," he said.

What was meant to be a showcase of the engine, led to thousands of inquiries about the Jaguar XIL20 model, and when and where people could get their hands on one.

Geoff said Americans were buying 20 at a time to sell from their dealerships. "The original cars were all aluminium on an ash frame, which was impractical to try and make them," Geoff said.

He said there were 200 of the aluminium models made, with 20 arriving in Australia.

"It was export or die for England. It's a fascinating story."

Colac Herald published a wonderful article recently on one of our long-time members, Geoff O'Neill. As you can see, Geoff has a real passion for the Jaguar, especially his XK120 as featured. Congratulations Geoff and thank you Colac

Herald on a very interesting article.





COMBINED CAR CLUB CAMPING AT LAKE BOLAC 18th to 24th MAY, 2022

Nerene, from the Vintage and Classic Car Club Ballarat organised a week of camping on the foreshore at Lake Bolac and invited several clubs from surrounding areas. John and I represented the Colac Collectable Car Club, arriving on Thursday. This followed our mid-week run the day before and we left after breakfast on Monday. There were 20 campers and on Sunday we had 12 visitors. There were 8 vintage rigs ranging from larger Viscounts to homemade tear drops. Most vans were towed by modern utes, with exceptions such as ourselves, Nerene's Nissan Skyline and Dennis and Sandy's Valiant Town and Country ute.

On the first day it was windy but after that, the weather was fantastic with crisp cold nights, foggy mornings then brilliant sunshine. The huge fire was the central gathering place for conversation and meals, with people cooking on the fire for Sunday lunch. Friday night the majority of the group had a meal at the Lake Bolac Hotel, which has a good variety of meals, all of which were reasonably priced and generous serves.

We met some lovely people and made a good connection to people who do vintage van runs, so will be going away with them on other occasions.



The Ballarat Vintage and Classic Car Club will be holding the camp-out again in October so we highly recommend this as it was a great time away......Claudia & John

A RUN-DOWN OF OUR RUNS!

Once again our Runs Committee provided a very interesting list of runs for the months March to June. Unfortunately some of these runs were not well attended. The monthly run out to coffee and cars at the Farmers Arms Beeac Hotel is still popular with a regular group making this a regular catch up.

The club was very well represented at the 62nd Colac Kana Parade and Festival on Saturday, 19th March. Many cars and a few motorcycles kept to the 4km speed limit down Murray Street and then parked in Memorial Square to join in the festivities. The Club was presented with the Judges Choice Award. Thanks to all members who made the effort to enter the Kana Parade.

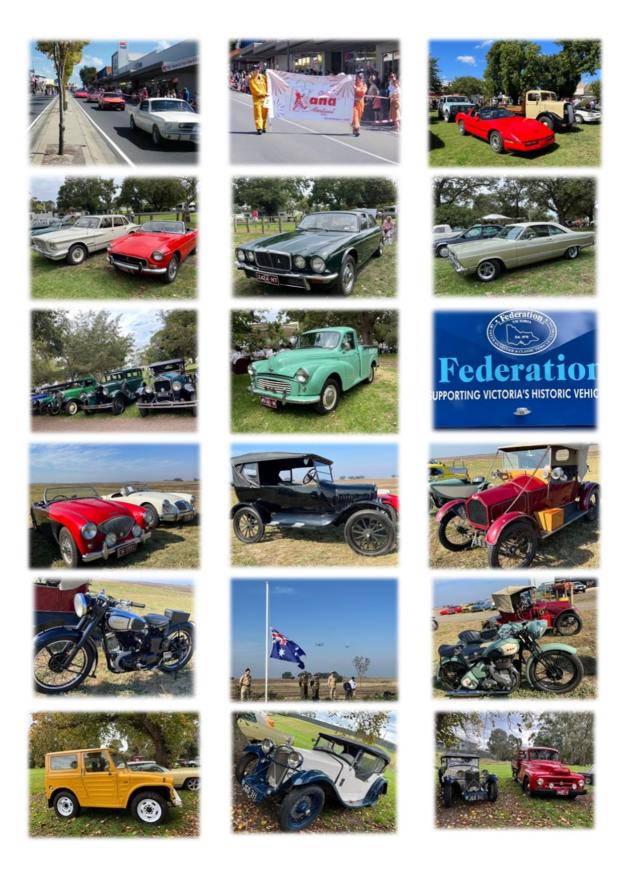
The Federation "Picnic Day" in Mortlake, conducted by the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc, was extremely well attended and this was a fantastic get-together with members catching up after not being able to have the Picnic Day in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. There were approximately 100 entries from all over the district. A couple of members cruised to Port Campbell for a fish 'n chip lunch by the foreshore. The coastal town of Port Campbell is slowly getting back to normal, as we noticed more tourists this time than we did on our last run.

Our night time dinners are once again proving popular and at the Ball and Chain Hotel, Simpson we had three tables of members enjoying a delicious meal. Being a Friday night, the Hotel was busy and the hospitality from the owners of the hotel, very welcoming. The Sunday run on the third Sunday of the month to the Red Robin Café, Camperdown has proven to be a 'hit and miss' afternoon with just a few members attending. If you can think of a more central, or more convenient place to have our regular catch-up afternoons, please let us know.

On Saturday, 14th May our club catered for and hosted the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. meeting. This was the first face-to-face meeting for the Federation after many months of Zoom meetings, and was extremely well attended. Delegates from all over the State of Victoria, as well as one delegate travelling from the Northern Territory attended. Thanks to those members who helped with the catering for the meeting, providing soup and sandwiches for lunch as well as afternoon tea. Thanks also to those Colac Car Club members who attended the lunch and joined in on the meeting. Once again our Club was supported by the 3rd 4th Colac Scout Group - special thanks to the scout group for their hospitality and catering. Congratulations to our club member Colin for winning the car of the day award with his Riley (featured on the next page).

PHOTO GALLERY OF OUR RUNS!

Below are some of the events the club has participated in over the past few months.....



WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING!

Many of our club members participate in motoring events and there has been articles featured in our Newsletter relating to HQ Racing Victoria where Ben Riches has successfully completed.

In April, another member Nigel Petrie competed in the World Time Attack Challenge at Sydney Motorsport Park. Nigel modified his Nissan S13 drift car to enter the Open Class and had a very successful weekend. Torrential rain was forecast for the weekend but the weather remained fine and the event went ahead without a hitch. Nigel had a few mechanical gremlins on Friday night during time trials but after a trip to a local mechanics workshop, he quickly made up a replacement part and finished the event. Nigel is used to making up bits and pieces in his line of engineering work with www.engineeredtoslide.com

Following on from competing at Sydney's World Time Attack, Nigel then attended the 2022 Motorex event at the Melbourne Showgrounds, late April, and competed in a demonstration drift competition. MotorEx is the largest and most prestigious car show of its kind in Australia. Each year MotorEx attracts Australia's best custom and modified cars, which travel from all over the country to create an amazing visual spectacle of colour, chrome and individual style. Drifting certainly added to the event, with a lively demonstration by local and interstate drivers.





Once again, on Good Friday, an extraordinary and rare collection of cars and memorabilia was open to the public. Lincoln Land, near Hall's Gap is a Royal Children's "Good Friday" Hospital fundraiser. Unfortunately this may be the last time this world-class private museum is being open to the public, so for those who did visit, they were treated to a wonderful day.





Another important day on the calendar is the Cressy Aerodrome ANZAC Day ceremony and fly-over in Tiger Moth "Millie". The ANZAC Day service took place at midday and there was another wonderful display of memorabilia organised by members of the Wartime Living History Association. Thanks to all those club members who attended.







WHAT ELSE HAS BEEN HAPPENING (Continued)!

The world has changed over the past few years, but one thing remains the same and that is Historic Winton held at the Winton Raceway near Benalla. This event is an extremely well-run event, assisted by the Austin 7 Club and the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria. One of our members, Len, delights in displaying his Austin 7 and this year his "Chummy" was featured in the main pavilion with other Austin vehicles as part of the 100 years of Austin celebration. Historic Winton is Australia's largest all-historic motor race meeting with non-stop bike and car racing. There are over 400 entries ranging from the 1920's to the 1980's. There are always some interesting cars and bikes on show in the display area, as well as a wonderful parade of motorcycles, buses and all makes and models of vehicles.

It was great to see so many club members make the trip and if you have never been to Winton Historics, there's always next year.

Here are just a few photos to share with you......



























NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc will be held on

Friday, 15th July, 2022

7.30pm at the Colac Scout Hall. All members are requested to attend. Apologies 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 position for the 2022 2023 year, please complete the Nomination Form below;
- Sign and complete the form with your signature, the nominator and seconder signature (each of whom should be current financial members of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc).
- This completed form should be returned to the Secretary, Colac Collectable Car Club Inc. PO Box 346, Colac. 3250 by Monday, 11th July, 2022.

2022 - 2023 Colac Collectable Car Club Inc Executive

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE OF COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC.

| I, | Name), being a | financial member of the Colac Collectable |
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| Car Club Inc, wish to nominate | | (Name), for the position of |
| (insert | position) for 20 | 22 - 2023. |
| Nominated by | (Signature) | Print name: |
| • | ` • · | Print name: |
| I accept the above n | omination | |
| | (Signature | of person being Nominated) |
| | | Date / / |

RUNS CALENDAR (JUNE / JULY, 2022)

The Club 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 most venues require a booking, so please contact the organiser of the run, if you are attending. Runs after July will be organised by the new Runs Committee.

| Wednesday | 15th 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. | RSVP is essential to Claudia on 0428 962 854 by Friday, 10th June if you are coming as catering needs to be organised. |
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| 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. |
| Friday | 1 st July | 6.30pm | Dinner at Thompson's Hotel, Curdie Street, Cobden. | RSVP to Annette 0407 052 231 by Wednesday, 29 th June if attending. |
| Sunday | 3 rd July | 10am | Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. | No bookings required. |
| Friday | 15 th July | 7.30pm | Colac Collectable Car Club "Annual General Meeting" – Colac Scout Hall, supper provided. See Nomination Form in this Newsletter. | If you cannot attend the Club's AGM, please contact Heather 0408 401562 and leave a message. |
| Sunday | 17 th July | 2pm | Red Robin Café, Manifold Street, Camperdown for afternoon tea. | No bookings required. |
| Wednesday | 20 th July | 1pm | Lunch at Lake Edge Café Purrumbete. Colac members may want to meet at the Visitor Centre at 12.15pm and come as a group. | Contact Claudia no later than 14 th July if you are planning on going, so we can advise the numbers 0428 962 854 |
| Friday | 22 nd July | 6.30pm | Dinner at East Hotel, Dalton Street, Colac | RSVP to Chris Minster 0417 133 860 4 days before if you are attending. |
| Sunday | 7 th August | 10am | Beeac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beeac. | No bookings required. |

If you are interested in a mid-week run to **Barwon Park Mansion** in September (with a 1-hour tour starting at 12noon), please contact Claudia on 0428 962 854. Members can enjoy a BYO picnic in the grounds of the Mansion or back in Winchelsea.

Barwon Park Mansion - 105 Inverleigh Road, Winchelsea

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Chevrolet through the years!





