

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB Inc.

“Wind in the Hair”

NEWSLETTER

June - September, 2023



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi everyone:

I hope you are all well and enjoy reading the newsletter. As always, Heather has done an exceptional job researching and putting another newsletter together for us. Thanks Heather.

Unfortunately, it looks as though the winter weather is now upon us. It's cold, wet and windy outside. If you are like me and don't like taking your 'collectable' car or motor bike out in the rain (if you saw how much the Triumph's soft top leaks you would understand!), please don't think that you can't turn up to one of the Club's events. There is no rule to say you cannot turn up in your everyday driver. Yes, we do like seeing everyone's classic vehicle, but it is the catching up with friends that is the most enjoyable part.

The topic of trying to encourage more of our membership to turn up to our Club events is often spoken about at our committee meetings. We have a membership of approximately 250 members and it seems that only maybe 30 or so regularly get along to our events or runs. I am not naive, and realise that some just join our Club to obtain or maintain their vehicle's Club Permit and others are not able to join in due to the tyranny of work commitments, family, health and other life pressures. However, I suspect there may be a few who might just be hesitant to come along because they don't know anyone yet, are shy and are a bit apprehensive about turning up to mix with people they do not know. If this is the case I would like to encourage you to bite the bullet and join us. A vast majority of our members are a tremendously friendly bunch who I am sure will make you very welcome.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to please make sure that they take extra care on our roads over this winter period. The wet weather causes slippery conditions with road deterioration and new pot holes regularly appearing. There have been some horrific collisions on Victorian roads over the last few weeks.

Stay safe and catch up soon. Ken (President)

Highlights from the recent Winton Historic event – 27th & 28th May, 2023 – always an interesting weekend.



CLUB COMMITTEE & CONTACTS

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.

President	Ken Slingsby	
Vice President	Vince Thorne	
Secretary, Newsletter, Public Officer	Heather Petrie (0408401562)	
Treasurer	David Stephens	
Runs Organisers	Kate Shepherd, Warwick Eaton	
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Club Vehicle Registrar	Shirley Haslem	
General Committee	Chris Minster, Dallas Petrie, Glenn Shepherd	
AOMC Representative	Geoff O'Neill	
Federation Representative	Shane Perrott and Vince Thorne	
Club Safety Officers and Scrutineers for all NEW Permits:-		
Bernard Callahan, Colac	0419 871 591 – phone first to make a time to drop off the permit	
Geoff O'Neill, Colac	52 31 3318 – phone first to make a time to drop off the permit	
Glenn Shepherd, Colac	0499 095 878 – phone first to make a time to drop off the permit	
Permit Scheme Officers if you are RENEWING your Permit:-		
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Club members are reminded that when you need a permit renewed, you will need to phone to make a time to drop off the permit renewal. You will then be able to pick up the signed permit renewal the next day; or when it has been signed by our Club Safety Officers or Permit Scheme Officers.



COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC. 2023 – 2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are now due :-

- \$60 membership if paid between 1st June to 30th June, 2023 for members who receive their Newsletter via email;
- \$65 membership if paid between 1st June to 30th June, 2023 for members who receive their Newsletter via postage.

If you are paying directly into the Club's bank account, please remember to put your name and membership number so we know who has paid.



CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS

If you would like to order club merchandise, please contact Colac Collectable Car Club member Craig on 0400 103 108 or email: toby62c@hotmail.com

Craig can supply Polo shirts \$40, T-shirts (with your choice of print) \$30, Caps \$15, Bumper stickers \$3, Mugs \$10, Membership Name Badges \$8, Club metal grill badge \$25, plus more.

You can also 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.



WINNER OF THE COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB SPONSORED TROPHY AT THE MARCH '23 COLAC RSL SHOW 'N SHINE

*Congratulations to Anne Howard of Colac with her
1964 Karman Ghia.*

*Anne has owned the vehicle for 7 years.
Well done, Anne.*

NEW DISTRACTED DRIVER ROAD RULES as at 31st March, 2023



New road rules have been introduced regulating the use of a range of portable, mountable, wearable and inbuilt devices while driving a vehicle or riding a motorbike. The rules expand and clarify a number of rules already in place for mobile phones, and take effect on 31 March 2023.

The rules reflect the significant increase of in-vehicle technologies and other technologies capable of distracting a driver and are designed to help keep people safe on our roads. The rules are expanded from mobile phones and visual display units to cover:

- **Portable devices** (unmounted mobile phones, tablets);
 - **Wearable devices** (smartwatches, wearable heads-up display);
 - **Inbuilt devices** (Information, navigation, and entertainment systems, heads-up display that is an inbuilt part of the vehicle);
 - **Mounted devices** (Heads-up display, tablet, mobile phone, media player etc if securely mounted in or on a vehicle); and
 - **Motorbike helmet devices.**
- Rules for L and P platers are different to those for fully licensed drivers – please refer to the VicRoads website: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au – new road rules 2023



1985 Ex-Australian Army Mack MC3 Six-Wheel-Drive Tipper Truck
673 cubic Inch (11 Litre) Maxidyne Engine (285 Horsepower)
Tare Weight: 11,570 kg
Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM): 29,500 kg
Owner: James Muntz "Ford River" Glen Aire

Mack 6x6 – The End of Four Decades of ADF Service

The Mack MC3 Six-Wheel-Drive (6x6) was the designated heavy rigid truck for the Australian Army for nearly 40 years; from its introduction in 1981 to its "end-of-life" phase out commencing in 2020 until the present day. Manufactured at the Mack Queensland factory, some design elements of the Mack MC3, such as the Chassis, 285hp Maxidyne Engine, Split Windscreen, Radiator Cowl, Cabin and Doors, were copied and/or modified from either the civilian R-Series Mack, including the "Flintstone" variant, or the Mack DM6116S Dump Truck & Prime Mover. Unique design features of the Mack MC3 specified by the Australian Army included a stretched chassis, vertical hydraulic-mounted spare tyre, keyless ignition, and rifle holders inside the cab.

The first Mack MC3 prototypes were constructed and tested by the Australian Army between 1978 and 1980, and subsequently 906 units were delivered to the Australian Army between 1981 and 1986. A further 19 Mack MC3 trucks were delivered in 1988. The entire Mack MC3 fleet was upgraded in the mid-1990's with the original "Camelback" suspension replaced by Mack's SA441W Air Suspension. The Mack MC3 is powered by a 673 cubic inch (11 litre) Maxidyne EM6 Engine generating 285 hp, coupled to the Maxitorque 5-speed "Crash Box" and 2-speed High and Low Transmission. The Mack MC3 electrical system is 24 Volt, but Engine Start, Throttle and Windscreen Wipers are all operated by compressed air.

The Mack MC3 operates in constant Six-Wheel-Drive mode and the vehicle can tackle a gradient of 50% and side slope of 50%. There were a total of 10 variants of the Mack MC3 supplied to the Australian Army, that being Artillery Tractor (for towing the M198 155mm Howitzer), Bitumous Distributor (6x4 Drivetrain), Bridge Carrier (Ribbon Bridge), Cargo Truck (with Hiab Crane), Concrete Agitator (5.5 m³), Fuel Tanker, Personnel Carrier (26 Troops), Tipper (8m³ or 18 Troops), Water Tanker, and Wrecker (64 Tow-Truck Units). Whilst there is some minor differences in weight and load capacity depending on the above variants, the Mack MC3 was specified with a Tare Weight of 11.57 Tonnes, a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of 29.5 Tonnes, and a Gross Combination Mass (GCM) of 54.8 Tonnes. Most Mack variants included a PTO-driven centrally-mounted underbody 10.6 Tonne winch with 60 metres of wire cable. The Mack MC3 Heavy-Rigid Truck (6x6) and Mercedes Unimog Medium-Rigid Truck (4x4) are being replaced by 3,744 military design-specific MAN Eight-Wheel-Drive (8x8) and Four-Wheel-Drive (4x4) trucks, 4,672 Cargo Modules and 2,512 trailers, at a total program procurement cost of \$4.8 Billion.

Information supplied by:-

James Muntz

NEVER RELEASED VA TORANA

Source:-

RETROAUTOS by **DAVIDBURRELL** - 01 MAY 2023

The VA Torana was supposed to be released in early 1977 and include a class leading five-door hatchback offering six cylinder and V8 engines. But it was axed.

The VA was in development during the early to mid-1970s, a time when General Motors Holden's (GMH) sales volume and market share were declining. It is a well-documented period of indecision about future products.

Back then, GMH's top management was largely focused on financial outcomes. When it came to new models, the design team was restricted to shapes that used as much carry over sheet metal as possible to keep costs low. As Dr John Wright succinctly summed it up in his book *Heart of the Lion*:

"At GMH, bureaucratic caution was undermining future prospects by denying the possibility of creative boldness; a stultifying era had settled in at Fishermen's Bend."

At the same time, General Motors (GM) was starting to awake to the significant cost saving benefits of sharing technology across its subsidiaries and developing cars which were designed centrally then sold globally—world cars.

All of this would impact the VA's fate, as it did with the delayed HJ and cancelled HV, WA and WB projects.

The original plan was for the VA to replace the LH/LX Torana. Development commenced in November 1973, five months before the LH was released. The range comprised a four-door sedan, three door hatchback coupe and the five-door hatchback. The launch was set for January, 1977. A mildly restyled VB model was scheduled for early 1980, followed by the VC in 1983.

Although the sedan and coupe would retain the existing LH/LX wheelbase of 101.8 inches/2586mm, the five-door hatchback was envisioned as a roomier car. Its wheelbase was set at 106 inches/2692mm. Rear seat leg room and load space would be the beneficiary of the stretch.

Indeed, the five door hatchback's dimensions approximated those that were originally proposed for the LH/LX by GMH designers. In the book series, *Design to Driveway*, Leo Pruneau, who led GMH's design efforts for many years, explained why the LH/LX ended up on its 101.8 inch/2586mm wheelbase.

"Detroit always considered length and wheelbase together. They looked at our plans and thought that a 105 inch/2667mm wheelbase would make the car too long. Now, we knew it would not be too long, because we would use very short overhangs, but we could not convince them. We ended up being told to use a 101.8 inch/2586mm wheelbase which robbed the design of rear seat room."



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RUNS CALENDAR

(JUNE – SEPTEMBER, 2023)

The Club will continue to subsidise some runs and activities as an incentive for members to attend an activity. 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 still require a booking or number attending, so please contact the organiser of the run. If you need information about any of the runs, please contact the Secretary: 0408 401 562. The listed events on the Runs Calendar are suggestions only and it would be great to see as many Colac Collectable Car Club members as possible, join in the activities as listed.

<u>Sunday, 4th June</u>	The year is passing too quickly. Another early morning run to Beac - Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beac. Meet up with other members from 10am for coffee and check out the garage nearby.
<u>Friday, 16th June</u>	General Meeting and the second meeting for 2023. Commencing 7.30pm. Colac Scout Hall – supper provided. Apologies – phone / message Heather ☎0408 401 562 or email colaccollectable@gmail.com
<u>Sunday, 18th June</u>	From 2pm meet at the Red Robin Café on Manifold Street, Camperdown for a coffee and a chat. Phone or text Claudia ☎ 0428 962 854 by Friday, 16 th June if you are coming.
<u>Wednesday, 21st June</u>	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, 16th June if you are coming.
<u>Friday, 30th June</u> <u>Have you renewed your membership?</u>	Last day for payment of Club Annual Memberships - if your club membership has lapsed, and not renewed within 30 days from 30 th June, 2023 you are in breach of the requirements of the Club Permit Scheme and you are not legally entitled to use your vehicle on the road. VicRoads will be notified on 31 st July, 2023 if your membership has been not been paid and your club permit could be cancelled. If you are not renewing your membership, please let the club know.
<u>Sunday, 2nd July</u>	Another month and another early morning run to Beac for our monthly Beac Coffee and Cars at the Farmers Arms Hotel , Main Street, Beac. Meet up with our members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. No need to book – just arrive around 10am.
<u>Thursday, 13th July</u>	Dinner date – tonight we head out to the Warrion Ti-Tree Hotel , located at 660 Coragulac-Beac Road, Warrion and enjoy a night out with members. Please be there by 6.30pm and to make a booking contact Chris by Friday, 7 th July. Phone or message Chris on ☎ 0417 133 860.
<u>Sunday, 16th July</u>	From 2pm meet at the Red Robin Café on Manifold Street, Camperdown for a coffee and a chat. Phone or text Claudia ☎ 0428 962 854 by Friday, 14 th July if you are coming.
<u>Wednesday, 19th July</u>	Meet at 1pm at the Birregurra Park , Birregurra Road. Bring your own lunch or buy something at one of the many take-away stores. Just rock up with your own chairs and enjoy an afternoon with other members.
<u>Friday, 21st July</u>	The Colac Collectable Car Club Inc. Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 7.30pm. This will be a pizza night AGM at the Colac Scout Hall, just down from the Colac Police Station in Queen Street. Apologies please text or phone Heather:- ☎ 0408 401 562 or email: colaccollectable@gmail.com All members are requested to attend.
<u>Friday, 28th July</u>	Head to Gellibrand for tonight's dinner date! The Gellibrand River Hotel at 20 Old Main Road, Gellibrand is tonight's destination for dinner. 6.30pm. Phone or text Chris: ☎ 0417 133 860 by Friday, 21 st July if you intend to dine at Gellibrand on Friday, 28 th July.
<u>Sunday, 6th August</u>	Another early morning run to Beac - Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel , Main Street, Beac. Meet up with other members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. Booking isn't necessary, just arrive around 10am.

<u>Wednesday, 16th August</u>	Lunch at The Flying Horse Hotel and Brewery , Princes Highway, Warrnambool followed by visit to vintage motorbikes at George Taylors Grassmere, 860 Hopkins Road. Please note the earlier time of 12.30 pm. Phone Claudia ☎0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming
<u>Friday, 18th August</u>	Over 30 Club members visited the Cobden Golf Club Bistro in April and enjoyed a wonderful meal so let's head back to Cobden for another scrumptious meal. The Bistro is on Neylon Street, Cobden which is the main thoroughfare in Cobden heading to Warrnambool. If you are wishing to dine with the club on this night, please contact Chris: text or phone: ☎ 0417 133 860 on or before Friday, 11 th August.
<u>Sunday, 20th August</u>	Our usual 3 rd Sunday of the month - meet at the Red Robin Café on Manifold Street, Camperdown at 2pm for a coffee and a chat. Phone or text Claudia ☎ 0428 962 854 by Friday, 18 th August if you are coming.
<u>Saturday, 26th August</u>	Here is a different run – this time a drive to Queenscliff . Depart Colac Information Centre at 10.30am and drive to Queenscliff for lunch. You can either BYO or buy take-away in Queenscliff. After lunch, board the Sorrento – Queenscliff ferry and arrive in Sorrento about an hour later for afternoon tea, enjoy a wander through the Sorrento shopping centre and back to the ferry for our return sail to Queenscliff. Once back at our cars in Queenscliff, we will grab a pizza at the Drysdale Village – this is booked for 6.30pm. Phone or text Chris: ☎ 0417 133 860 by Sunday, 20 th August if you intend to head to Queenscliff / Sorrento / Drysdale on the 26 th August. This should be a great day out!
<u>Friday, 1st September</u>	Wow! Where has the year gone? Tonight's dinner date is to the Mango Thai Restaurant on Murray Street, Colac. The Restaurant is renowned for its delicious curries, Thai salads, fish, stir fries, noodles, rice and not forgetting their extensive dessert range. Phone or text Chris: ☎ 0417 133 860 by Friday, 25 th August if you intend to dine at Mango Thai on Friday 1 st September.
<u>Sunday, 3rd September</u>	Yes, the first Sunday of another month and another early morning run to Beac - Beac Coffee and Cars Farmers Arms Hotel, Main Street, Beac. Meet up with our members for coffee and check out the garage nearby. No need to book, just arrive around 10am.
<u>Friday, 8th September</u>	Our third General Meeting for 2023. Commencing 7.30pm. Colac Scout Hall – supper provided. Apologies – phone / message Heather ☎ 0408 401 562 or email colaccollectable@gmail.com
<u>Weekend Getaway!</u> <u>16th & 17th September</u>	Expressions of interest are sought from members to enjoy a car club weekend away. Leaving early on Saturday morning and arriving home late afternoon on Sunday. Tour the Hamilton area, visit museums and sheds. Itinerary to be determined closer to the date. If interested in this weekend, please contact either Vince ☎ 0456 761 823 or Heather ☎ 0408 401 562
<u>Sunday, 17th September</u>	See you at the Red Robin Café Camperdown at 2.00 pm. Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by Friday, 15 th September if you are coming
<u>Wednesday, 20th September</u>	Join other members for lunch at The Snout Camperdown , 243 Manifold Street from 1.00 pm. Phone Claudia ☎ 0428 962 854 by Friday, 15 th September if you are coming.
<u>Friday, 29th September</u>	Visit Terang and enjoy festivities at the Colour Festival from 10am onwards. Cars are to be parked in Shadforth Street with entry from Baynes Street as High Street entrance will be closed. There will be a people's choice trophy for Vintage and Classic cars and for the same two classes of motorbikes. Contact Claudia 0428 962 854 for updates and entry process up to Wednesday, 27th September and after that and on the day to Ben on ☎ 0432 923 770.
<u>Friday, 6th October</u>	2023, is the club's 30th Anniversary and we'll be celebrating with a "Wind in the Hair" Run - pancakes provided by club. The final itinerary has not been set but scheduled to finish perhaps at Barwon reservoir for a Picnic Tea and Pancakes cooked on the barbeque and subsidised by the club. This activity will also be weather depending and more information in future newsletters.

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