COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB Inc



"Wind in the Hair" NEWSLETTER



March - June, 2025

A WORD (OR TWO) FROM OUR PRESIDENT.....

It is March already! Winter will be upon us before we know it. We certainly cannot complain about the weather at the moment though. It has been perfect for getting out and about in our cars and on our motorbikes. It would be nice to get some rain though, preferably at night so it doesn't spoil the days for us.



We have been spoilt with the number of events and car shows we could attend so far this year. The Colac Motorfest on 19th January at the Colac Showgrounds was a huge event. Although it was a really hot day it was definitely worth a visit. The Birregurra Motor Enthusiasts Club held their second annual Show 'n Shine on 15th February. Unfortunately, there was a bit of rain that day but there was a good turnout of vehicles. Our Club had some luck at this event with Bob Ethell winning the "Pre1960 truck class" for his 1925 Ford tray truck and Sally and I winning the "Best European" car with our 1958 Triumph TR3A.



The Heytesbury Show 'n Shine at Simpson last weekend was another great event attended by a number of our Club members. Some more good news here with Dallas and Heather taking out the "Best Car in Show" with their 1966 Mustang!

There are a couple more great events coming up before the end of the month. This weekend, Saturday, 8th and Sunday, 9th March, there is the Cobden Restoration Park Vintage Rally. Here there will be plenty of market stalls and displays over the two days as well as a vehicle display. It's sounding like a good weekend activity with plenty to see and do. The following weekend on Saturday. 15th March, the yearly Colac Kana Festival is taking place. A change of plans this year has meant that there is no parade down Murray Street to the Memorial Square. This year the Festival is being held at the Colac Showgrounds. I understand that a parade will still be conducted with vehicles and floats driving around the perimeter of the Showgrounds. Our Club has won the Best Club presentation on a number of occasions at Kana, so let's see if we can do it again this year!

Of course, don't forget our first Club General Meeting the day before Kana on Friday, 14th March at the Scout Hall. As usual, supper will be provided after the meeting and this is always a good time for members to catch up for a chat over a cake and coffee.

Lastly, unfortunately for the club, Glenn Shepherd has given notice that he is resigning from our Club Committee and Scrutineer position. Glenn has been a dedicated Committee member for many years. He has given countless hours of his own time over this period of which we are all extremely grateful. His knowledge, support and work for the Club has been outstanding. I wish to wholeheartedly thank Glenn on behalf of both myself, the Club Committee, our membership both past and current, for his dedication to the club over many years.

On that note that's all from me.

Take care everyone and hopefully see you all soon.

Ken (President)

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.

President: Ken Slingsby
Vice President: Vince Thorne
Secretary: Heather Petrie
Treasurer: David Stephens

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If you need a <u>permit renewal signed</u>, please 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.

President	Ken Slingsby
Vice President	Vince Thorne
Secretary, Newsletter, Public Officer	Heather Petrie (0408 401 562)
Treasurer	David Stephens
Runs Organisers	-
Assistant Runs Organisers	John Carroll, Claudia Morris (2025 mid-week runs)
Club Vehicle Registrar	Shirley Haslem
General Committee	Paul Constantinidis, Chris Minster,
	Dallas Petrie.
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	
Geoff O'Neill, Colac	52 31 3318	
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Geoff O'Neill, Colac	52 31 3318	
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Heather Petrie, Cobden	0408 401 562	



Keep up to date with club events via

Facebook go to....

Colac Collectable Car Club

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

phone the club Permit Scheme Officer 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.



CLUB MERCHANDISE AND GIFT IDEAS

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 regarding any merchandise you require.



The Birregurra car show was held on the 16th February, and I entered my 1925 Model TT Ford truck (TT meaning 'ton truck').

I have owned this truck for about 5 years. It was an unfinished project that I purchased from New South Wales, sight unseen. I first saw a photographs and a few videos, which made me interested in the purchase. I also own a Model T Ford Tourer that I fully restored, so I am familiar with Model T Fords, inside and out. After getting the truck delivered by a tilt tray company who also purchased another car from another purchaser from Melbourne, I started going over things that needed sorted and got it running properly with some repairs and adjustments. I was testing the TT around the farm lane ways with a top speed of 35 kms per hour. TT Fords have the same engine and front axle as a car; the truck has a heavier chassis and a worm drive differential. There are two options for differential ratios; with mine having the low ratio 2-speed differential. This was the ratio for carrying heavy loads; with the high-speed ratio it is 48 kms per hour.

People see the lever coming out the floor and think it's a gear lever, but it is actually the hi and low speed for the differential. The Model T Ford has a planetary gearbox with pedals hi and low speed. Press the pedal down is low and let it out it is high. The middle pedal is reverse and the right pedal is brakes which work on the transmission drum to start the engine. The park brake lever has two functions; one is all the way back to activate and the rear park brake shows, and the other function is neutral place. The park brake is in the middle and all the way forward to engage the clutch.

I have driven the truck quite a few times to Cressy Airfield and around the Beeac area, but to go to Birregurra was its first big trip. I allowed an extra hour to travel to Birregurra. I needed to drive a section of the Princes Highway. I was a bit concerned the day before but I didn't have any problems.



I won the pre-1960 truck class and I was very excited to win the prize and trophy. Bob Ethell.....



Congratulations Bob on your great win with your wonderfully restored 1925 Model TT Ford



Birregurra Motor Show - 2025 Category: - BEST TRUCK (pre 1960)







Chris & Malcolm's 1983 Nissan Skyline – another member's car on show at the Birregurra Motor Show.

www.cobdenvintagerally.com. **COBDEN ANNUAL** VINTAGE RALLY **E27N Fordson Event**

Celebrate 80 years since E27N was introduced in Australia We invite you to display your Tractor, any version/conversion, restored or rough.
We are aiming for 80 Tractors to celebrate 80 years Info: Adam 0448700099

LABOUR DAY WEEKEND 8TH & 9TH MARCH 2025 **10AM START DAILY**

- Exhibitors Welcome
 Stall Holders Welcome
 Camping Available
 Breakfast Saturday & Sunday
 Hot Food & Refreshments
 Kids Activities

ADMISSION **ADULTS \$15 UNDER 16 FREE**

Info Contact Brian Cockayne 0448711476 after 7pm.

NHMA Guidelines Apply Reg No.A0002350Y ABN 62 267 370476



BRIDGEWATER VINTAGE CARAVAN WEEKEND

The Bridgewater Annual Vintage Caravan Extravaganza celebrated its 10th anniversary in February this year.





Group members travel from local and interstate to attend each year.
Colac Collectable Car Club members
Jodie Hill and Dennis Elliot share some photos of the fun event.
Jodie and Dennis have attended seven out of the gatherings.

The event has theme nights with trivia and games at the local Hotel and a private 'garage sale' at their camp sites for each other, selling vintage wares.

There are up to 150 vans that attend, booking out the whole caravan park in Bridgewater.



Jodie and Dennis' 1956 Phoenix 'special' with their matching '55 Ford Fairlane 'Club Sedan' Coupe make the journey each year.



A RUN DOWN OF OUR RUNS

Beeac "Farmers Arms Hotel" coffee and cars – held on the first Sunday of each month, this run still proves popular with members. Giving cars a run and enjoying morning coffee with others; the club attracts a great turnout each first Sunday of the month to the Farmers Arms Hotel.

Gellibrand Hotel "End of Year" lunch – what a great turn out of members to the Gellibrand Hotel on Sunday, 15th December. Over 60 members attended; enjoyed a delicious three course meal and each member received a little 'gift' from the club. Thanks to all who attended.

Red Robin Café – these regular coffee afternoons; held on the third Sunday of the month provides a location for those who wish to meet up to the west of Colac. It's an easy drive down the highway for everyone and Claudia and John have done an amazing job keeping this date on our calendar. See you at the Red Robin Café next month – it's located in Camperdown, right on the highway.

Happy New Year – thanks to Chris and Malcolm for hosting yet another New Year's Eve get-together. Low numbers attended, but those who did attend enjoyed a social gathering to say farewell to the 2024 year and see in the 2025 year. And, already we are into the third month of the 2025 year.



Lake Bullen Merri – this Friday night BBQ was extremely well attended. Lots of Camperdown/Cobden/Terang and Colac members attended. The night was warm, boats were using the lake and members enjoyed a quiet gettogether catching up.

Colac Motorfest – this was the second year the Motorfest had been held at the Colac Showgrounds. Members met at the Colac Visitors Information Centre and convoyed to the showgrounds. There were over 15 cars on show from our club; the day was very warm but the show didn't disappoint. A great day with many cars, trucks, motorbikes and a magnificent 'elite hall' with some interesting cars and bikes on show. Keep the 2026 dates free -17^{th} and 18^{th} January.

Lake Colac Gardens – another Friday night get-together with over 16 attending. The night was warm and although it was the start of the January long weekend, it was a great turn-out. Many bought along fish 'chips, while others opted for the usual BBQ. Lots of chatter with members enjoying the serene surrounds of the Botanical Gardens.

Lismore Coffee 'n Cars – this get-together commenced late 2024 and has steadily been increasing in numbers. At the February get-together members convoyed to Scarsdale to attended the Scarsdale Show 'n Shine. This was a great way to attend two events on the one day and from all reports the Scarsdale event was extremely well attended with cars and bikes lining every part of the town.

Birregurra Park – another well attended Friday night BBQ get-together and a great way to end the week. Approximately 14 members attended and the night was beautiful and warm. The club even had visitors attending in their new Corvette – visitors are always welcome.

Lake Purrumbete Caravan Park – the club has been extremely fortunate to have beautiful weather for all of its Friday night runs. This time to Lake Purrumbete with over 25 members attending. Campers and fishing boats had to dodge our group as they arrived at the park but weren't upset that we took up the roadway leading into the park. Some brought along fish and chips, others had a BBQ and others pre-purchased pizza from Camperdown.

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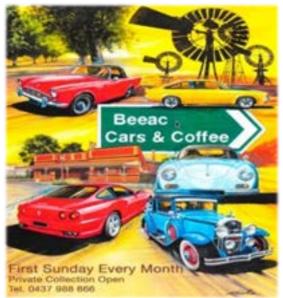
Timboon Hotel – as an additional activity, Claudia and John organised a mid-week run to the Timboon Hotel. Once again, we had a large number attend. The hotel served a scrumptious meal; it was great to catch up with members and as you can see from the Runs Calendar in this Newsletter, Claudia and John (as well as Julie and Chris) have organised a few mid-week and Friday night activities for the Club.

Heytesbury Show Car Show 'n Shine – this event has been growing over the years and this year there were many cars on display (and a good representation from the Colac Collectable Car Club). Many of our club entrants were winners and received a medallion, ribbon and prize money for their efforts. This is a relaxed family day; lots of show activity but also a great place to showcase the many wonderful cars that we have in the club.



Thanks everyone for their input into our Runs (both attending and organising)









Remember, everything you need to know about the club is available on the club's website...... https://colacccc.com.au









RUNS CALENDAR – MARCH - JUNE, 2025

Date	Where	Who to contact
Saturday, 8 th March & Sunday, 9 th 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. https://swdrg.org.au	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you need further details.
Friday, 14 th March	Colac Collectable Car Club "General Meeting" the first for the 2025 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. Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend. RSVP by Monday, 10 th March, 2025.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Saturday, 15 th March	The Colac Collectable Car Club has been a long-time participant of the Colac Kana Festival and the 2025 event is going to be a little different. The 2025 theme for Colac Kana Festival is set to pay homage to its new location, while also honouring traditional features of Kana. 'A Country Fair' will be the festival's theme for 2025, held at the Colac Showgrounds on Saturday March 15. Cowboys, flannels, balloons, hayridesthe possibilities are endless. Keep up to date with details of the 2025 Kana Parade facebook.com/pages/Colac-Kana-Festival/274625496904	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday, 16 th March	Our regular catch up west of Colac – meet at the Red Robin Café , Manifold Street, Camperdown at 2.00 pm.	Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
Friday, 21st March	W.I.T.H. run to Beeac BBQ area , Main Street. Beeac. BYO picnic or BBQ. Leave Colac Visitor Information Centre at 6.00pm.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday, 30 th March	Lismore Coffee 'n cars at the Golf Club. This activity started in 2024 and is held on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great way to spend a casual Sunday morning! Lismore is just 50 minutes from Colac and 30 minutes from Camperdown. Enjoy good coffee, good company and park your collectable car/motorbike with others between 10am and 12noon.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Friday, 4 th April	Who would have thought, A Tram in Cororooke and our club has booked a night at the Stage Bistro for a scrumptious dinner. The old W Class Tram was built in the 1930's; spending its life rattling up and down the Brunswick line and is now our dinner destination for one of our Friday night dinner nights at the Red Rock Regional Theatre and Gallery, 520 Corangamite Lake Rd, Cororooke. Arrive 6pm for 6.30pm dinner.	Bookings are essential so please contact Chris 0417 133 860 on or before Monday 31st March to book.

Sunday, 6 th April	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, 6 th April	Geelong's premier event – the All Ford Day. The city of Geelong and the Ford Motor Company have been inextricably linked for nearly a century, with the establishment of Ford Australia in Geelong in 1925. Geelong's proud continued relationship with Ford, makes the city the perfect place to celebrate the company's incredible lineup of classic and modern vehicles. There will be over 1,500 vehicles on display, from the Model T to the Mustang and everything in between, all in Geelong's beautiful Eastern Park.	Contact details https://allfordday.org.au admin@allfordday.org.au
Sunday, 6 th April	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.
Wednesday, 16 th April	Mid-week Run – This month we'll take a run to Koroit and join in on a music session at the Commercial Hotel. This was a great venue last year and attended by a lot of our members. A sing-a-long, meal and catch up. What more would you want	Let Claudia know via text 0428 962 854 by Friday, 11 th April.
Sunday, 20 th April	Our regular catch up west of Colac – meet at the Red Robin Café , Manifold Street, Camperdown at 2.00 pm.	Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
Friday, 25 th April	ANZAC Day celebrations at Cressy Aerodrome. Gates open at 10am. Service at 12 noon, Tiger Moth commemorative flights available, BBQ and catering available, historical and collectable vehicles on display, plus historic memorabilia. A great day out and is always strongly supported by the Colac Collectable Car Club. https://www.cressyaerodrome.com.au/events	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you need directions to the Cressy Aerodrome.
Sunday, 27 th April	Lismore Coffee 'n cars at the Golf Club - held on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great way to spend a casual Sunday morning! Lismore is just 50 minutes from Colac and 30 minutes from Camperdown. Enjoy good coffee, good company and park your collectable car/motorbike with others between 10am and 12noon.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Saturday, 3 rd May and Sunday, 4 th May	"The Perfect Living Museum" The association's 38 Acre site - located at 1234 Carngham Lake Goldsmith Road Lake Goldsmith - whilst being home to one of the largest gatherings of historic machinery in Australia, also hosts visiting enthusiast groups, including car, truck, tractor and stationary engine clubs bringing an ever-changing variety of exciting and unusual exhibits to the rally. https://www.lakegoldsmithsteamrally.org.au	See advert in Newsletter for all details.

Sunday, 4 th May	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, 9 th May	Another dinner night and this time the club heads to the Gellibrand River Hotel , 20 Old Main Road, Gellibrand. The club enjoyed their End of Year Function at the Gellibrand Hotel in 2024 and this time the club have booked a Friday night dinner. Arrive 6.30pm and enjoy another wonderful meal and get-together with other members.	Contact Chris 0417 133 860 for bookings and please book before Monday, 5 th May.
Sunday, 18 th May	Let's celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day at our regular catch up west of Colac – meet at the Red Robin Café , Manifold Street, Camperdown at 2.00 pm.	Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
Saturday, 24 th May and Sunday, 25 th May	2025 sees the 48 th Historic Winton event and is Australia's largest and most popular historic motor race meeting. Enjoy a weekend of non-stop racing featuring historic car races from the 1920s to the 1980s as well as a huge array of veteran, vintage, rare and unusual vehicles on display. Historic Winton has grown into an iconic city meets country occasion, one of the biggest sporting and heritage events in regional Victoria. Each year, Historic Winton is different with so much to see and do, both on and off the track. At Historic Winton, expect to see the unexpected. https://www.historicwinton.org	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details. HISTORIC®
Sunday, 25 th May	Lismore Coffee 'n cars at the Golf Club - held on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great way to spend a casual Sunday morning! Lismore is just 50 minutes from Colac and 30 minutes from Camperdown. Enjoy good coffee, good company and park your collectable car/motorbike with others between 10am and 12noon.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Tuesday, 27th May	Colac Collectable Car Club "Committee Meeting". Contact a committee member if you would like any issue discussed!	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday, 1st June	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, 13 th June	Colac Collectable Car Club "General Meeting" the first for the 2025 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. Email: colaccollectable@gmail.com or text 0408 401 562 if you are not able to attend. RSVP by Monday, 9 th June, 2025.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday, 15 th June	Our regular catch up west of Colac – meet at the Red Robin Café , Manifold Street, Camperdown at 2.00 pm.	Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday before if you are coming.
Wednesday, 18 th June	Mid-week Run – lunch at Timboon Berry World Thai. Lunch at Timboon Berry World on Wednesday, 18th June. If you are going to be free that day, please come along and enjoy a scrummy authentic Thai meal and casual chat with other members. Reservations required · Has outdoor seating · Serves vegan dishes. https://www.berryworld.com.au/thai-restaurant	Phone Claudia 0428 962 854 by the Friday, 13th June if you are coming.

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Friday, 20th	Our dinner nights continue and tonight we head to Cobden	Contact Chris
June	to the Cobden Golf Club's "Bistro on Neylon".	0417 133 860 for bookings
	The club have many members located to the west of Colac	and please book before
	and activities are always well attended. For a delicious	Monday, 16th June.
	bistro style meal and catch up with other members, book now!	Bistro
Sunday, 29th	Lismore Coffee 'n cars at the Golf Club - held on the	
June	last Sunday of each month. This is a great way to spend a	
	casual Sunday morning! Lismore is just 50 minutes from	Contact Heather
	Colac and 30 minutes from Camperdown. Enjoy good	0408 401 562 for further
	coffee, good company and park your collectable	details.
	car/motorbike with others between 10am and 12noon.	
Monday, 30 th	All membership renewal payments to be made.	
June	If not paid by 30 th June, you are legally not permitted to	Contact Heather if you have
	drive a club permitted vehicle/motorcycle. For further	any questions regarding
	information on the Club Permit Scheme – consult the	your membership renewal.
	VicRoads / Transport Vic website:-	
	https://transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-	Phone:-0408 401 562
	safety/Permits/Club-permits	
Friday, 18th	Keep the date free	
July	The Annual General Meeting of the Colac Collectable	
	Car Club Inc for the 2024/2025 reporting year will be held	If you are unable to attend,
	on Friday, 18th July, 2025 at the Colac Scout Hall.	please contact the Secretary,
	The meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by	Heather Petrie (0408 401
	supper provided by the Club. All members are requested	562) or email:
	to attend.	colaccollectable@gmail.com

If you are curious about what 'W.I.T.H.' means – it is a WIND IN THE HAIR run.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc annual membership renewals will be sent out in the next couple of months.

Your 2025 membership should be paid and finalised by 30th June, 2025.

Please remember that to use your vehicle on the Club Permit Scheme with VicRoads, vehicle owners must be current financial members of a car club authorised by VicRoads. If your club membership has lapsed, and not renewed within 30 days from 30th June, 2025 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 31st July, 2025 if your membership has not been paid. Please remember, your membership renewal will be posted to all members (not emailed) and you should receive them during April/May.

"Early bird renewals" are payable from 1st May to 31st May.

All other payments must be paid by 30th June, 2025. If you do not receive your renewal in the mail, contact the club asap.

All details available from Heather - 0408 401 562

Nb. If you have changed your postal address etc since renewals were last sent out, please contact the club immediately.

Enjoy your day and see you next time!

