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**Official Newsletter of the Werribee and District
Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)**

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Members Rides

Len & Carmen's HJ Holden Sedan

GENERAL MEETING 22nd March 2023 (7.30pm)

The Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)

Was formed in June 1991 to foster and advance interest in History, Restoration, Care and Preservation of Classic and Historic Motor Vehicles. It provides an avenue for sharing of information by owners of those vehicles. The Club is a not-for-profit organisation. We welcome as members all those interested in preservation of our motoring history.

Club regularly conducts events, monthly runs for its members and assists community organisations with attendance at community events, retirement homes, parades and car shows.

The Club's recently constructed Club Room caters for a range of activities such as Club gatherings, meetings and is often our starting point for runs.

Generally our members come from those who own vehicles over 25 years old, but this is not a prerequisite for membership, anyone is welcome.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

*Brian Gosney, Lyn Cook, John Marks, Charlie Cook,
Cloe Tabone, Joe Mallia, Brendon Vogan,*

And Happy 70th Birthday to Alf Schembri

If you would also like to receive a birthday shout out, email our editor Jenny (magoos_4@bigpond.com) advising birthday month for yourself and your better half)

GET WELL SOON!

Our best wishes to all members currently undergoing long term treatments

GET WELL WISHES ALSO TO ANY CLUB MEMBER WHO MAY CURRENTLY BE FEELING POORLY



WDCVC Life Members

Gil Taylor (Dec)
John Agosta (Jnr)

Sandy Taylor (Dec)
Charmaine Agosta

Les Turner
Elio Massari

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ACC Name: Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club

Newsletter Competition

Find the deliberate Mistake or out of place item placed in Monthly Newsletter by our Editor.

First 5 members who correctly identify ONE deliberate mistake or out of place item a Monthly Prize is a Large Mars Bar each.

To collect prize you must attend General Meeting same month Newsletter is released.

For results Editors word is final, no correspondence will be entered into, nor verbal arguments be listened too on the night.....Ha ha.



Typical Example only below.....

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| MARCH | | |
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| Club Members Selling Raffle Tickets at Tigers Club H/Crossing | Friday 3 rd | 6:30pm |
| COFFEE MORNING at <u>either</u> JOLLY MILLER Manor Lakes Shopping Centre or THE GARDEN FEAST Railway Ave (TBC) | Sunday 5 th | From 9:30am |
| Committee Meeting 7.30pm  | Monday 6 th | 7:30pm |
| Club Members Selling Raffle Tickets at Tigers Club H/Crossing | Friday 10 th | 6:30pm |



Pres Col will be judging at next meeting while I am



Social Secretary report:

We had a great turn out for our General meeting in January with our free sausage sizzle. We also had great weather to top it off. Februarys meeting also had a good turnout for our guess speaker from Beyond Blue with cakes and coffee on for supper. We continue with a pie night which will be at our April meeting, so make sure you all can make it on the 26 April. It's going to be a pie of a night....

Ladies' day at Peninsula hot springs is fast approaching. We had a good response, and the bus is now full for this fun day out.

Here's a few dates to put into your calendar.

- ◆ Club anniversary run 18th June and
- ◆ Presentation Dinner 19th August

I would like to thank everyone for their support and help.

Connie



Thanks very much for the card and best wishes for my recent surgery. It has all gone well and a good result.

Cheers, Charlie Cook

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Calendar of W.D.C.V.C's Upcoming Events



W.D.C.V.C Extends an Invitation to Members of any Registered Club to attend any run or event organized by our club.

| EVENT | Date | Time | Coordinator |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| MARCH | | | |
| Club General Meeting (Club Rooms) | Wednesday 22 nd | 7.30pm | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Casual Sunday Meeting, Cherry Street Car Park 9am-12pm | Sunday 26 th | From 9:00am | John 0407 546 235 |
| TRIAL POP UP Event. Last Friday before Daylights Saving ends. BYO FISH & CHIPS to Wyndham Park Werribee. Parking in Comden Street and Cottrell Street. F&C shops in Watton Street across road from Park Entrance near Wolf on Watton and near Racecourse Hotel. Meet in Park from 6:30 BYO chairs not many provided or just sit on the grass. | Friday 31st | From 6.30pm | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| APRIL | | | |
| Coffee Morning FEAST CAFÉ Railway Avenue Werribee. Meet at the Café from 9:30am | Sunday 2nd | From 9:30am | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Committee Meeting 7.30pm | Monday 3rd | 7:30pm | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Mid-WEEK Run—Destination MEREDITH HOTEL. Meet QB Café at 9:30am 61 Thames Blvd, Werribee CONTACT LES TO BOOK IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. | Wednesday 12th | 9.30am | Les Turner 0408 014 358 |
| Lawn Bowls and BYO BBQ Lunch at Werribee Bowls Club. Trophy on offer. Cost per head \$10 includes all equipment and use of BBQ. Bar is open and Tea and Coffee available | Sunday 16 th | 10:00am | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Club General Meeting (Club Rooms) FREE Pie Night | Wednesday 26th | 7.30pm | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Casual Sunday Meeting, Cherry Street Car Park 9am-12pm | Sunday 30 th | From 9:00am | John 0407 546 235 |
| MAY | | | |
| Ladies Day at Peninsula Hot Springs. Meet at Club Rooms - time to be confirmed. | Saturday 6th | All Day | Connie Mallia 0439 619 083 |
| Treasure Hunt and Cruise to Gisborne Market | Sunday 7th | 9.30am | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Committee Meeting at Colin's (One week later due to Colin being away on the 1st) | Monday 8th | 7.30pm | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Coffee Morning (Views Café) Meet at the Café from 9:30am | Sunday 14 th | From 9:30am | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Club General Meeting (Club Rooms) | Wednesday 24th | 7.30pm | Colin 0413 884 234 |
| Casual Sunday Meeting, Cherry Street Car Park 9am-12pm | Sunday 29th | From 9:00am | John 0407 546 235 |

The above events are in accordance with the WDCVC & Vic roads Club Permit Scheme. If you wish to use your red plate vehicle, a reminder that you will need to correctly fill in your red plate permit scheme log book and be a financial member. At the time of printing the above information was correct. The Committee may change the information at their discretion. Any changes will be published in the Newsletter / Website / Facebook.
Symbols of events are Club Runs in ***Bold***, and all other runs organised by Vic roads or other clubs will be in normal font.



WDCVC minutes of General Meeting held: 22nd February 2023

Chairman: Colin Pierce

Meeting opened: 07:32 pm

Meeting ended: 9:10PM

Visitors: Mark Thomas from Beyond Blue

Apologies: Denis O'Brien, Maria Turner, Barry Deller, Mitch Jones, Russell Thompson, Mick Galea, Tim Christie, Brian Cameron, Ian Cameron, Johan Santana, Elio Massari, Peter Kime, John Ryan, Mark Riley, Elio Massari.

Minutes of General meeting; 25th January 2023 **Moved & Accepted:** 1st Kerry 2nd Shaun **Comments/Questions:** Nil

Minutes read Carmel Calleja - Committee meeting 13th Feb 2023:

Moved & Accepted: 1st Leigh 2nd Werner **Comments/Questions:** nil

Correspondence: Auspost statements, bank statement and Dorothy of Werribee invoiced hard copy.

Visitor: Beyond Blue visitor Mark Thomas speaks: (verbal disclaimer was read before Mark spoke)

Mark is a volunteer speaker for Beyond Blue, a national organization that works to raise awareness about anxiety and depression, to reduce the associated stigma and encourage people to get help, Mark spoke about his personal experience. Please reach out to family, friends, or Beyond Blue EAP, the Beyond Blue support service or Lifeline on 13 11 14 if our need further support.

Treasurers Monthly Report Jenny Matthews:

Moved & Accepted: 1st Wayne 2nd David

Jenny read the report as of 31-01-23 and the December 2022 Christmas party, also the Christmas Supper meeting 2022

President's ramblings Colin Pierce: Club Members Selling Raffle Ticket at Tigers Club dates are:

Friday - 24th February, 3rd March, 10th March. It was suggested to wear your club polo shirt if you have one.

Colin summarized the Federation meeting that he and Mick attended, overall, no changes to our club, changes to be expected in the next 30 years with CO2 and road usage tax to be introduced, fuel is expected to still be available.

Members only car show is now only \$5.00 per car, payable to club direct, visitors welcome however only club members can show their cars. BYO food, picnic table and chairs, coffee van onsite. Club is subsidizing the additional costs. A total of 14 Trophies categories are pre-1940, 1940-50, 1950-60, 1960-70, 1970-1980, 1980-1990, hotrods, motorbikes, commercial trucks-vehicle, Ute's. Entry via Geelong Road turn right. Start time 8:30am.

9th-12th June 2023 Hamilton Car club are having a "Welcome Back Tour", Colin/Russell finalizing all the details, so far round figures of costing \$480.00 motel, \$80 Club fee, \$30.00 dinner, \$10 x 2 morning tea, Lunch \$20.00, Dinner \$35.00, Russell will be organizing it all, information will be sent to club members as it comes available. Some people are leaving on the 8th June, make your own booking information already sent out.

As emailed on 18th Feb 2023, RACV Federation "North West Tour" are looking for expression of interest from 27th August to 1st September 2023, more information available on email. If enough people attend may be turned into a club tour.

On behalf of Federation a Peter Mac collection tin has been allocated to us, it will be on display/available for donations at the next general meetings. Will be available until May, thank you for all your donations.

Mid-week Club captain's report Les Turner: 12th April meeting at 9.30AM @ QB café then off to Meredith Hotel. QB Café may be considered for future club meetings, feedback required for those that attend. (check newsletter for more details)

Club captain's report John Marks: 25th February @ Wyndham Harbour Marina, Werribee South, approx. 4 hour stay, if you can stay until 3pm management will be appreciative, also if your car leaks oil please bring a drip tray. Approx 11 cars attending. All Ford Day returns to Eastern Park on March 19, 2023, if anyone interested in going to please let John know. John also read out the next three-month planner.

A special mention by Colin the trial pop up event on 31st March @ 6:30, (only if not raining), BYO chair and food if you like, or walk over to the ample food shops. (Newsletter has more info.)

Suddenly a 10% surcharge is being charged at Jolly Miller Cafe, a change of venue may need to be looked for, to be brought up at the next general meeting.

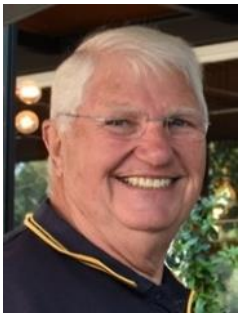
Social secretary's report Connie Mallia:

Ladies bus trip to peninsula spas penciled in for the 6th May 2023, see Connie if you would like to go.

General/New Business: Community First Aid (Certificate of attendance will be issued) the club will fund the event with a Min-10 Max-30, it will be arranged for a night time, information to follow. 26th February Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Classic Car & Bike Show.

Raffle Draw Winners: 1st Andrew Babbage 2nd Rose Ravaneschi 3rd David White

Club Secretary- Carmel Calleja



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone,

Our Club has had a very busy time since my last report.

Our Club was invited to attend and put on a display of our Club Cars at first race for 2023 of V8 Super Boats Racing at Wyndham Harbour. We had a good turnout of cars on Saturday to add a bit of glamour to the event. Thanks to John for coordinating our members appearance in their special vehicles. See full report elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Our member's only car show was held Sunday 12th March at B24 Liberator Bomber Museum. We managed a fine eclectic collection of display vehicles that attracted many members of the public to venture in to chat with the owners while perusing all the cars then heading into B24 museum to listen to history of the plane restoration and various amounts of WW2 equipment. The run up of a static plane engine was also well received.

Now we need to look to 2024 to see how we can replicate and make it even more successful with heaps more Club vehicles.

One special moment for one of our foundation members in January, Elio Massari was made a Life Member. This was well deserved as Elio is a stalwart of the Club and many members are eternally thankful for his mechanical experience and guidance over the past 33+ years. We all wish Elio all the very best and he remains an active member well into the future.

Remember we are trying something different a POP-UP BYO 'FISH and CHIPS' get together Friday Night 31st March, 6:30 at Wyndham Park on Werribee River, everyone welcome just stomp up, don't forget picnic tables and chairs and a drink.

I'm pleased to see our Ladies are well on the way to arranging their Special Day out at Peninsula Hot Springs Spa in May. Have fun girls.

Finally, I hope everyone has a very enjoyable Easter Break, but please be careful on our roads if you are heading off on holiday with friends and family.



Prez

Top of the Harbour..... Boat Racing 25/02.

There's a line in a song from the musical Bye Bye Birdie: "Fancy clothes and motorboat racing, Cadillacs all shining and new", which almost encapsulated the action on Saturday Feb 25th at Wyndham Harbour. Actually that's not quite right, most were dressed informally. Some of the "Cadillacs" were also a little older.

The boat crews appeared in flameproof suits and lifejackets, and the car owners all wore their Club golf shirts. Harbour admin had their own uniforms and the spectators dressed for a warm day.

Club had a solid turn-out; with appropriate spacing we nicely filled the length of the promenade forecourt at the Harbour, 15 classy examples including at least 3 visitor cars. (see sidebar).

A modified '39 Chev sedan and a C3100 ute circa 1951 came from mates of Mark Reilly. Ex member Wayne Hopkins arrived with his '57 Chev sedan, very spiffy as usual. Wayne left the club as he was struggling to attend, but he's still on-side.

We assembled at 10:00am for a promised 4 hours, and right at the last an all-green Holden HK G T with the inlet gear protruding through the bonnet rolled in. One of ours? Just after that a shower of rain dampened things considerably, and there was a mass exodus.

The boat race may have taken second fiddle to the cars, but a few competitors docked near the forecourt for a closer inspection. While racing, the noise and the "rooster tails" of water let you know that the competition was "on". Spectators on the outer wall had a better view.

Members had a good day chatting with their fellow members in the relaxed, warm but not too hot conditions. Thanks to all who attended, and also to Matt and the harbour crew for their invitation, assistance and good humour.



| Name | Car | Name | Car |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Phil Sapurmas and co | 58 Dodge Custom Royal | Col Harris | 34 Ford Hot Rod |
| John Marks | 53 Ford F100 | Neil Jensen | 52 Ford Twin Spinner |
| Wayne Rodgers | Datsun 240Z | Mark Reilly | Ford Crown Victoria |
| Brian Daly and Co | Ford Courier Ute | Martin Morris | MGB |
| Alf Schembri | 52 Cadillac | Charlie Cook | FJ Holden |
| Ronnie and Connie Mallia | Holden Monaro | John and Evelyn Agosta | Pontiac Convertible |
| Werner Bernhardt | HX Holden Premier | ?? | green HK G T Holden |
| ?? | 39 Chev modified sedan | Wayne Hopkins | 57 Chev sedan |
| ?? | 51 Chev C3100 ute | | |



A Slow Start... C&M Feb 26th 2023.

Considering that some of the members had a day out at our Boat Race display at Wyndham Harbour the day prior, and that the Hobson's Bay Men's shed was conducting their annual Show-N-Shine at Altona, we still had a decent attendance at Cherry Street.

It kicked off a bit slow, but soon the rows of fine machinery, members and visitors were filling. Although it's expected this time of the year, the weather was like Baby Bear's porridge, not too hot and not too cold. A few drops fell after lunch, just to remind us of the omnipotence of the weather gods.

The crew were already assembled when the infrastructure truck arrived at 8:15. Then a snappy bright red Mercedes convertible rolled in. Is it a bird? is it a plane? No, just Mark and Heather in his latest acquisition. Not quite our Mark, just something to break the monopoly of the U S of A in his factory.

Visitors brought a fine selection, but then many moved on to Altona. (At least we got a look) Some more spectacular examples: Roland Wade- '55 Mainline ute. Shane McNair '39 Pontiac. Branco Marcina NSU Prinz. Gerald Bartel '55 Thunderbird. Paul Bezzina '36 Cadillac. Warren Berry R/T Charger. Glen Newman rare GTP Falcon. Unknown '62 Chevelle. Some good ones of ours: Mark Reilly '83 Merc Convertible. John Ryan '48 Ford ute. Chris Lloyd '76 Charger. John Agosta Snr Pontiac. Rob Bradley Triumph TR4. Frank and Rita Mustang and Beetle. Wayne and Jen Rodgers '91 BMW E30. Denis O'Brien '65 Studebaker Lark.

Nice to see Phil Darburn, Jeff Cauchi, Tracey Whitfield, Brett Murray and of course all our members, who always arrive and support. Hard working crew were Rose, John Ryan, the two Brians, Mark and Heather, Lindsay, Tony and Connie, Rod and Jenny, Peter L. and any I missed. Thanks to all.





Club Run to Visit Doug's Fine Carriage Collection at Guildford.

Sunday 12th February.

This Run was a little different as we were visiting a collection that has taken owners over 128 years to assemble.

Members began gathering at our normal meeting location Jolly Miller Café for our early morning Coffee fix to get our blood flowing. Little did we know, but Café implemented a 10% surcharge for weekend and 15% for holiday trading. A few of our members were a little taken back, and it didn't matter if it was cash or card, so we might be more circumspect when we next attend on a weekend.

After finishing Coffee, a few members ordered their Coffee to go, we gathered outside for a short drivers briefing to ensure everyone was on same page and knew basic route to follow despite members travelling in convoy.

Cruise took members on a pleasant drive through Bacchus Marsh and onto the Western Highway. Everyone managed to stay together and was conscious of maintaining speed members' club cars were comfortable in maintaining.

Club cars did elicit some thumbs up from a few passing motorists, or maybe they were just grateful our convoy was not hindering traffic flow through Pentland Hills.

Once we turned onto Daylesford Road as always it's a nice drive, mostly still green with scattering of paddocks sun scorched a lovey hue of light brown where crops were recently harvested. The day turned out to coincide with Daylesford's Market held at Daylesford Train Station, duly noted for future Club event. We only had one hiccup losing a couple of cars that missed turn off to Strangways on outskirts of Guildford, but wasn't too bad and they were soon back with our flock.

On arrival owners directed us to drive to rear of farm to their bull pens where there was sufficient parking.

As members entered museum building that housed Doug and Kerry's collection everyone's faces took on a look of awe as interior was more like walking into a beautiful old homestead filled with a wonderful collection of antique furniture, including billiard table in its own room.

After talking with family of the 128 year property Doug, Kerry and their son Cal, we were informed they would be moving from their big house into this building as main house is having a major renovation. It would have been very easy for any of our ladies attending to move in immediately without a second thought. One of our ladies offered to come and live there as the cleaner, with tongue in cheek her offer was accepted. We were then further amazed to walk through another door into part of building that housed their collections of original horse drawn carriages, wonderful parts of old Hotels on display including original Bar with a general store shelving.

Liz sat at piano to play some fine music that we thought she was actually playing until we realised it was actually a Piano-la Kerry had turned on.

After walking around inspecting carriages from around the world and availing ourselves of Cup of Tea/Coffee with Scones Jam and Cream Doug and Kerry provided, we asked Doug to fill our group in on history of their collection and farm.

We collected from members a \$5/Head donation and handed it to Doug and Kerry for their chosen charity MS Society of Australia.

By time we finished at collection our tummies were rumbling, so we headed off to Guildford Hotel about 5 minutes down the road. Hotel had arranged for us to be allocated tables under spreading coolabah tree, where we soon had lunch orders placed and cold drinks in hand to chat what we had seen at amazing carriage collection.

After lunch Brett wanted to have images of his FX Holden in front of Old Guildford General store across the road from Hotel that had been used by Holden to photograph Holden's for sales brochures and posters.

We were also alerted about a collection of old 1930's Australian Built Pontiac, Chevrolets and Buicks scattered around in a local paddock for us to stop off and take a look at. A few members who stopped off were amazed that someone could leave so many almost complete cars in a paddock to basically rust away, some you might think only need a bit of oil, petrol, compressor to pump up tires and battery to start them to drive onto a trailer and take home for a full restoration.

| NAME | VEHICLE | NAME | VEHICLE |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Colin and Shirley | 1984 Statesman Deville | Lindsay Coghill | 1983 VH Commodore |
| Brian and Luke | 1994 Ford Courier | Mick Graham | Modern |
| Gavin and Peta | XB GT Ford | Colin and Braeden | 1973 Chevy Nova |
| John and Liz | Modern | Russell and Judy | Celica |
| Neil and Vicki | Ford Twin Spinner Coupe | Barry Deller | 1966 Thunderbird |
| Wayne and Jen | 1991 E30 BMW | John Hansford | XJ6 Jaguar |
| Rod and Jenny | Holden Statesman | Mick and Linda | GT Ford |
| Daniel and Sharyn | Modern | Graham Collis | Jensen Interceptor |
| Brett and Julia | FX Holden | Chris Hawker | |





Estia Health Aged Care Visit - March 2nd 2023

A wonderful and pleasurable afternoon was had by all at the Estia Health Aged Care Home on March 2, with 4 members attending and displaying their cars to a very receptive audience of about 30 residents.

John Ryan was unfortunately called away prior to the event to attend to his duties as a fireman in the local area, but the show went on.

The nursing staff were fantastic, and assisted residents in and out of cars, beeping horns, and provided car songs and music to match the theme of the afternoon.

A married couple in their nineties took a liking to Brian's car and were keen to take it for a drive. Thanks again to Lindsay, Brian, Russell, Mick, for attending and John for organising the afternoon.



Shipwreck stories of our bay:

Going, going, gone ... Vin Maskell reports there are almost 200 sunken ships in the waters of Port Phillip Bay.

When the party hire boat the Maheno (Above) sank near the mouth of the Yarra River 13th December 2007 two weeks before Christmas, it joined a long list of vessels that have come to grief in the not-so-benign waters of Port Phillip Bay, not far from the beaches that Melbourneans flock to over summer. Heritage Victoria estimates there are 130 shipwrecks in the bay, with a further 50 at the narrow Port Phillip Heads between Point Lonsdale and Point Nepean. In the bay itself, these include the 19th-century warship HMVS Cerberus, an 1890s wooden pleasure yacht, cargo boats and passenger ferries.



Five people died when the steel steamer the Kakariki collided with another steamer, the Caradale, off Williamstown at 11pm on January 29, 1937. The Kakariki sank within minutes and later salvage operations were hampered by the vessel being stuck in four metres of mud.

Eventually, like many other wrecks, the boat was blown up, but diver Peter Taylor, a member of the Maritime Archaeology Association of Victoria, has found some remains: parts of the mast, the bridge and the bow.

Mr Taylor has been fascinated by local shipwrecks for more than 30 years, ever since he came across parts of the Albert William while diving just off the Williamstown back beach.

The Albert William, built in 1863, hit a reef at Point Gellibrand in 1955 while on its way from Melbourne to Geelong with a cargo of wool.

"You can still dive and see parts of the Albert William," Mr Taylor says. "You can make out parts like the clipper bow, the anchor chain and a few fittings. You can recognise it as having once been a boat.

"Every wreck has a human story to tell, and while no lives were lost when the Albert William went down, its sinking meant that the family that lived on the boat no longer had a home."

One of Mr Taylor's fondest shipwreck stories is that of the Henrietta, built in 1918. Having sailed around the world and in many treacherous seas, the Henrietta, a cod-fishing boat from the US, sank off Point Cook in 1940.

A few months later, its skipper died in a plane crash at Parkes, NSW. That same weekend, a storm broke up the Henrietta. The skipper's ashes, and later his wife's, were scattered nearby. The Henrietta remained undisturbed until 1967, when an abalone diver located the wreck. All that's left now is the boat's name board, which adorns the entrance to a museum in Altona, and a 90-tonne pile of pig-iron ballast in three metres of water, 400 metres offshore.

The best-known Melbourne shipwreck is the HMVS Cerberus, off Black Rock. The 1870 warship is clearly visible in Half Moon Bay. It is also dangerous and out of bounds to the public. Scuttled in 1926 to form a breakwater, the wreck has been deteriorating rapidly since 1993.

Heritage Victoria's Cassandra Philippou says the Cerberus is a shipwreck protected zone and "could suffer a third catastrophic collapse at any time".

"Heritage Victoria is happy to provide location details for people to access most shipwreck sites," says Ms Philippou, a maritime archaeologist. "There are only a few sites in Victoria that are only accessible by permit, and this is usually to give those sites added protection as they are fragile and very significant."

Shipwreck stories of our bay: continued

Experienced divers may be able to find traces of the Isis, a yacht that sank off Frankston in 1940, and the Uralba, a wooden steamer, eight kilometres off Carrum.

Closer to the city there's the J7 submarine in Sandringham and an unknown wreck a few hundred metres off Point Ormond at Elwood. Just west of Port Melbourne's Station Pier are remains of what might be the Nairana, a Bass Strait ferry steamer that had a million passengers in its lifetime.

Built in Scotland in 1917, the Nairana was originally a sea-plane carrier. Before it lost its moorings during a storm in February 1951 and blew ashore, it had been laid up at anchor at Port Melbourne for three years.

Mr Taylor is confident "the bits and pieces of steel" on the shore of the Garden City beach is the Nairana, but Heritage Victoria is yet to confirm the identity of the remains.

Ms Philippou points out that the remains of shipwrecks are not necessarily romantic, or even easy to recognise. "Many old boats were scuttled or dumped at places such as what is now the Jawbone Marine Sanctuary off Williamstown. All you might find there, in two or three metres of water, are straight lines among the reef, suggesting archaeological rather than natural features."

Mr Taylor peels away some of the romance, too, when he notes that cargo vessels were the equivalent of today's semi-trailers. But instead of being carted off to wrecker's yards, many boats just rotted on the bed of the bay.

Nowadays, sunken boats are more likely to be re-floated and salvaged, such as the Maheno.

And while Mr Taylor and his colleagues at the Maritime Archaeology Association of Victoria have found many remains of old boats, some wrecks prove to be elusive. For 20 years Mr Taylor has been looking for the Thames, a steamer that was run ashore in rough weather at Altona in February 1852, a decision that saved the lives of its passengers.

The sea still has many secrets.



All items will be advertised for 2 months. To roll your ad over for extra two months please contact Jenny (magoos_4@bigpond.com or 0422699361). Please remember to advise when your ad is no longer needed so it can be removed from the next edition of the newsletter.

WANTED: Gavan Giles would like to locate a BSA Bantam Motorcycle or parts to suit.

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Contact Gavan on 0409 253 095 please leave message if he is not quick enough to pick up

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Sons of Manor - March 5th 2023

Jenny and I arrived at Sons Of Manor Cafe at Manor Lakes around 9am and by 9.30 a steady flow of members had started to roll in. In no time there was 19 of us.

Coffees and breakfast were ordered, after all, that was what we were there for.

Afterwards there was some musical chairs as members moved around catching up and enjoying each others company which is what it is all about.

Not many club cars in the car park including us, it would have taken me longer to fill in the log book as we only live a couple minutes away, Colin Harris in his 1934 Ford, Mick Graham in his 1979 Holden One Tonner, Gary and Emmy Kennedy in their Model A Ford and Brian and Joan Gosney in their Vauxhall were very easily seen in the car park. Unfortunately Lindsay's normally reliable VH Commodore was a no show. A water leak in the radiator kept it in the shed for the day.

Around 11 our time was up. The waiters had to get ready for lunch time customers so it was time to bid each other farewell and head off.

A big thankyou to all members for coming along for a great morning out.

Rod Matthews #400

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|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
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| Colin Harris | 34 Ford Tudor | John and Linda | Modern |
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| Helen Taylor | Modern | Greg Grist | Modern |
| Margaret Pengelly | | Brian and Joan | Vauxhall |
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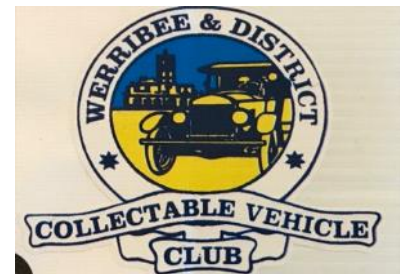
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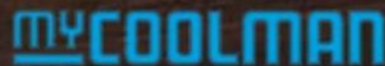
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