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

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Members Rides

Gavan & Peta's 1956 Ford Victoria Coupe

GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 26th July 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.

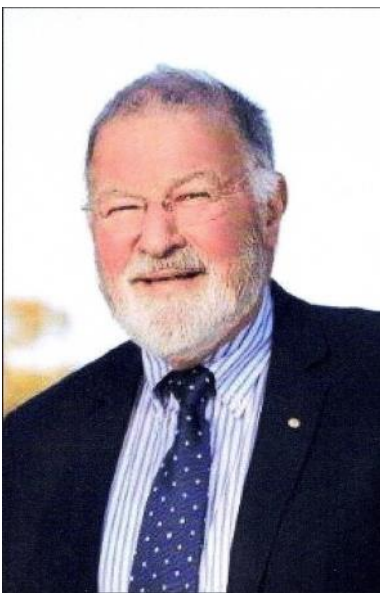


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL MEMBERS HAVING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

Julia Fhebey, Brett Murray & Paul Tabone

And a very Happy 70th Birthday to Jen Rodgers

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)



Right: John Gibbons (OAM) former member of WDCVC passed away 2nd June 2023. He served 3 years as Mayor, firstly with Shire of Werribee 1983-1985 then later with City of Werribee 1992-1993. He received OAM 2004 for service to local government, and to the community of Werribee.

The Club lost another of our members, William (Bill) Miller #310.

Bill joined club in 2013.

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are with the Miller family.



WDCVC Life Members

Gil Taylor (Dec)
John Agosta (Jnr)

Sandy Taylor (Dec)
Charmaine Agosta

Les Turner
Elio Massari

Thankyou

Bakers Delight Manor Lakes

Club's "Casual Sunday Morning" would like to thank Bakers Delight Manor Lakes and baker Chenny (John's stepson) for their kind donation of 4 dozen BBQ rolls (value \$28) for June CSM.

It was greatly appreciated.

Bakers
Delight
MANOR LAKES

CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES FOR 2023/2024 ARE NOW OVERDUE!



There are several members that have not yet paid their renewal fees.

If you have not paid but intend to remain a member of WDCVC you need to do so ASAP.

As per VicRoads Rules, if your membership is not current, Club needs to advise VicRoads of any Non-Financial members for them to action permit cancellation.

Payment can be made directly into Club's Bank see below for banking details, by **Bank@Post** available at Australian Post Office or with cash at July General Meeting Wednesday 26th

Bank Account details are:

Bank Great Southern Bank

BSB No. 814 282

A/c No. 10495827

A/c Name. Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.) Type in WDCVC

BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND MEMBERSHIP MUMBER AS REFERENCE.

Membership renewal form also needs to be completed and signed.

Email copy of receipt and completed Renewal Form to magoos_4@bigpond.com marked attention Jenny Matthews.

VICROADS CONTACTS and CLUB BANKING DETAILS

VicRoads Melbourne:

Switchboard 1800 816 727,

Club Permit Scheme (CPS): 9854 2674

Web Site: www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

W.D.C.V.C. CLUB BANKING DETAILS: (For Direct Deposits) GREAT SOUTHERN BANK: BSB# 814282 ACC# 10495827

ACC Name: Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club

The Star of the Show.....

You are right if you guessed that the red Ford F100 in the Channel 9 promo for "The Block" is one of ours. John Marks' '53 model features on the ad and is driven by leading actor Scott Cam.

It all happened after a phone call from a Geelong based agent who procures vehicles for various productions. The request was for a red Ford Mainline, but as the only example discovered was interstate, the priority changed to a red Ford ute of the era. It seems that Mainlines were rarely red. Have you ever seen one?

The promo (which is not an episode) depicts a younger Scott Cam (he wears a wig with his "young" makeup) calling on the construction and tenants at the cream brick houses in Hampton East, and set in the 1950's.

The agent had put the request to Mark Reilly, who often provides or sources the required item, and Mark kindly mentioned the "Effie". Not being familiar with the goings on at The Block, my first question was: will it be useful as a manual driver. Oh yes, was the answer, the driver is mature aged and can easily handle that.

I provided a few photos, particularly with the tailboard down and showing a height comparison. Next was a personal visit at Werribee by the director and his assistant. After that a contract arrived, and subsequently a D/D to my bank for \$900.

Call out on location was 8:30-9:00am, and the Ford was the first to arrive, with the road marshals flocking around to admire and discuss. They were all classic-car tragnics. In due course we had 6 or 8 other cars. One of the best was a common old FB Holden sedan, but so perfect it jumped at you. Another was an International milk truck, which was brought down from Ballarat. Then a Ford Victoria with a stand-out duco combination of black and mauve. You will also see a two-tone Pontiac and a Twin Spinner ute. I can't remember the others, and I am still kicking myself for not taking the iPad to capture all the images.

The Ford is driven short distances by Scott, and some of the action features him punching out a document on an old typewriter set on the tailboard, hence the height issue. The Ford's gas pedal can be a bit sensitive, but Scott handled it well. I was told that he owns a few classic cars, some of rare and high value. A split rear-window Corvette Stingray was mentioned.

During the day I was glued to the action and chatting with the friendly cast and crew. The tenants were young men and women all magnificently presented for the era. I was never asked to get out of the way, and at lunchtime a great spread was served in the backyard. A large mobile coffee machine with attendant would serve you anytime at the raise of a pinky finger.

Action finished rather late, and arriving home I noticed a fake black and white number plate HPA157 still covering the red club plate on the front bumper. I remember a '56 Series 1 Landrover HOK396, my original '53 F100 GDK657, and a 1947 Ford Super-Deluxe sedan KW195. (Should have kept them all). The fake plate is now pride of place in the shed, as no-one called to claim it. Keep an eye on Channel 9 or check out The Block 2023 on-line?

Thanks Mark, an enjoyable and rewarding day.



LAST CHANCE



Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club
INVITES MEMBERS AND FAMILY TO CLUB'S 2022/23

Saturday 19th August 2023

6:00pm till 11:00pm

Venue: 'Chirnsides by the River'

Function Room is on 2nd Floor (Lift available)

Address: Chirnside Park 220 Watton Street Werribee

Cost: Members \$35:00/Head, Non-Members \$60/Head

We have round tables of 8 for you to make up, or take pot luck to be seated where there are openings.

Children under 16 FREE

Dress code: After 5 Attire

Event is a sit-down formal 3 Course Dinner

If you have special dietary requirement please advise Connie at time of booking tickets

- Music by Band (Frankie).
- Self-serve tea or coffee all night.
- All other Drinks available at bar prices.
- Door Prize forms part of your Ticket.
- Trophy and award presentations.
- Raffle tickets at \$2 each or 4 for \$5.
- Raffles (Total Prizes Value exceeds \$1,600) tickets drawn after presentation of Awards and Trophies.

Please book with Connie our Social Secretary at May/June general meetings or to c.m.62@hotmail.com or wdcvc@hotmail.com by June 30th 2023

All tickets must be fully paid by 19th July.

Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.)

Registration Number A0024084P ABN 575 840 445 12

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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
JULY			
Club General Meeting (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 26th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Casual Sunday Meeting, Cherry Street Car Park 9am-12pm	Sunday 30th	From 9:00am	John 0407 546 235
AUGUST			
Coffee Morning. The Views Restaurant Werribee South. Meet at Restaurant from 9:30am	Sunday 6th	From 9.30am	Colin 0413 884 234
Committee Meeting 7.30pm	Monday 7th	7:30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
MID-WEEK RUN & LUNCH to Mt Macedon Hotel 694 Mt Macedon Road. Meet 10am at BP Service station West- ern Highway Rockbank. Contact Les to book.	Wednesday 9th	10am	Les 0408 014 358
Club's Presentation Dinner. Chirnsides on the River Function Room. Werribee Football Ground Pavilion. Contact Connie to book your tickets \$35 Members \$60 Non Members	Saturday 19th	6pm	Connie 0439 619 083 Colin 0413 884 234
Club General Meeting and Club's AGM (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 23rd	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Casual Sunday Meeting, Cherry Street Car Park 9am-12pm	Sunday 27th	From 9:00am	John 0407 546 235
SEPTEMBER			
Committee Meeting 7.30pm	Monday 4th	7:30pm	Colin 0413 884 234
Coffee Morning. WYNDHAM CACHE CAFÉ. 243 K Rd, Werribee South. Meet at Restaurant from 9:30am	Sunday 10th	From 9.30am	Colin 0413 884 234
Club 3 Day Trip to Gippsland. Depart Werribee Friday 22nd. Staying at Moe Motel.	Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th	11.30am	Colin 0413 884 234
Casual Sunday Meeting, Cherry Street Car Park 9am-12pm	Sunday 24th	From 9:00am	John 0407 546 235
Club General Meeting (Club Rooms)	Wednesday 28th	7.30pm	Colin 0413 884 234

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.



Notice of Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club's Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.) will be held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at Club rooms Mossfiel Reserve Pavilion, Hoppers Crossing, following August monthly meeting.

Your Attendance at the meeting would be appreciated.

- Previous AGM meeting minutes presented
- Clubs Audit report presented.
- All committee positions declared vacant and open for election. A new committee to be voted in for club year 2023/2024.
- Please forward any general business to Club Secretary Carmel Calleja at (wdcvcsecretary@gmail.com) no later than 28th July 2023.
- A light supper will be provided at close of meeting.

kindest Regards

Colin Pierce

President

Werribee and District Collectable Vehicle Club (Inc.) W.D.C.V.C.

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President's Report



Hello fellow members,

Only 6 weeks to go before our Clubs' Presentation Dinner on Saturday 19th August.

Night is a culmination of our past year of activities and an excuse to get dressed up for a change instead of Club Polo shirts, that's just the guys, all our lovely partners usually excel themselves and any one of them would challenge any red carpet event.

I'm aware our Social Secretary has a few places remaining for the night so if you haven't booked and feel you wish to come please contact Connie via phone or E-Mail ASAP.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there for a good old knees up.

Club's AGM is slated for Wednesday 23rd August.

As per our Club's constitution all Committee positions fall vacant on the night and new committee voted in.

If any member wishes to dedicate a small amount of their time by sitting on Committee, they should contact Club Secretary (Carmel) or myself for a nomination form. It's not hard and there are many willing hands prepared to step up and help you through.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kerry Duke and his able sidekick Len Schutt for working on and extending our Club's Honour Board to extend its usable life for another 20 years.

If you check out latest round of adverts for upcoming series of **The Block** with Scott Cam front and center driving our member John's pride and joy, **'The Big Red Truck'**.

Congratulations John, Truck looks good.

Be safe and keep the shiny side up...

Col



Club's 32nd Anniversary Run 1991 - 2023

It was looking a bit hit and miss when we were heading to bed on Saturday night whether we would actually manage to have a successful run with 10mm heavy rain and hail falling, but we awoke to clear sunny skies albeit a chilly 7 degrees.

It didn't deter 47 of our members getting up, dusting off their pride and joy to meet up at our city's local landmark the Painted Water Tower. It was good to see Mick with his new pal "BOBBY" the **English Staffy Pup** come on his first Club Run, I'm sure Bobby will be well spoilt by Mick and also Linda over coming years. Also Wayne and Jen rocked up in their new acquisition 'A Jeep' it looked great in the sunlight, and front seats are heated so Jen felt she was better off sitting in the warmth for a bit longer.

Not really sufficient parking for all our members at the Tower but luckily being Sunday a few local businesses car parks was empty, so perfect for us.

After a bit of chat and warming up in the sun we gathered to receive instructions for Cruise and Lunch location. To assist us, everyone received a couple of sheets of instruction 'just in case we became lost'.

Our Club cars looked resplendent travelling in convoy at around 85 KPH along Princes highway to Geelong.

It was a short pleasant 50 minute drive in the sun to Newcomb's AMAZING MILL MARKETS, lucky we managed to fluke sufficient parking for Club and other cars.

Group meandered throughout the stalls selecting trinkets, wall art, jewellery to purchase, no one actually required a trailer, but John Ryan was eyeing off one of the huge brass bells on sale (About 500kg) for his front door, lucky for him Liz spotted him looking and said "no John". Mark Reilly was offering to transport it for him as he brought along his recently completed purple F100.

Many opted only for a cuppa and snack in the Café and sitting wondering who was buying what.

Around 12:30 we all returned to our respective chariots to drive a short distance to Peninsula Hotel located virtually across the highway from Mill Markets.

Hotel arranged for us to have a separate room alongside main dining room and close to the bar.

Everyone lined up to place their food orders, get a drink and return to table for a chat while waiting for their meals.

After lunch anniversary cake was brought out, a couple of speeches from some of our foundation members who once again were on hand, Les #3, Charlie #24, Tim #48 and Alex #97 plus one of our later members Daniel #464 ably supported by his 3 children.

The ladies were then invited to help with actually cutting and serving the cake.

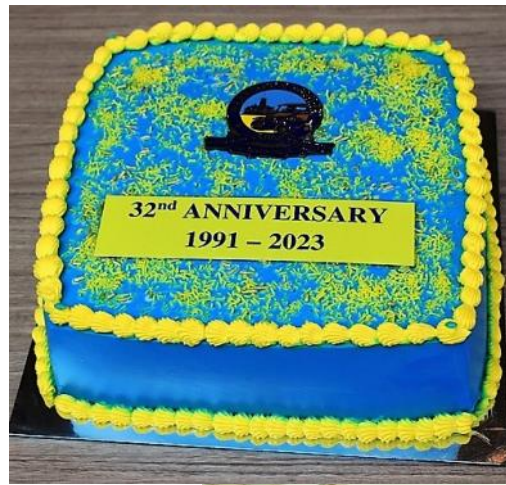
Little did we know Blue Icing covering the cake was filled with a food colouring, causing members tongues and lips to turn Blue.

Unfortunately our ladies fared worse as their fingers became Blue from serving the rest of us, sorry ladies we'll do better next time.

All good things come to an end and it was soon time to head off, mostly heading home.

Thank you to everyone for your help to make the day special.





NAME	VEHICLE	NAME	VEHICLE
Colin and Shirley	1984 WB Statesman	Lindsay Coghill	1983 VH Commodore
Colin Harris	1934 Ford Tudor	Kerry and Janet and Guest Carmel	1977 HZ Kingswood
Wayne and Jen	"New Toy" A Jeep	Tony and Connie	Corvette
Mick and Linda	Modern	Les and Lorraine	Modern
Mark Reilly	F100	Lyn and Charlie	1954 FJ Holden
Heather O'Brien		Alex and Margaret	Modern
John and Elizabeth	Modern	Len and Carmen	HJ GTS Monaro
Rob Bradley	Triumph Stag	Connie and Ronnie	Monaro
Brian and Joan	Modern	Rod and Jenny	95 Holden Statesman 'Petal'
Peter and Pat	Mercedes Benz	Rose Ravaneschi	
Daniel, Amanda and children	1986 Nissan Pintara	Tim Christie and Debbie Gercovich	
Dennis and Josie	Modern	Tess Borg	Modern
Katie Galea		Graham Collis	Jensen

Back in business, CSM June 25th 2023.

After the cancellation of our May show due to rain, there was doubt. The forecast said a little rain, but mostly after lunch. However, the brave members and crew had to cop a bleak and windy morning.

That said, we had a good attendance of members, mostly arriving with a classic auto, and a few “moderns” to boot. Also an interesting turnout by the visitors kept the show lively.

All the crew were back on deck, some after returning from an Asian sojourn to three countries. Linda G and Heather agreed to man (woman?) the BBQ trailer, and Lindsay, John K, John R, Tony G (with Connie), Wayne R, the two Brians, Rose R, Colin H and yours truly JM all arrived to set up the show. Rod Matthews took the photos and Jenny looked good and warm in her new hand-knit cardigan.

We had supplies left over from the cancelled May effort, and Bakers Delight in Manor Lakes donated 4 dozen BBQ rolls, helping to keep costs down.

Interesting member cars included Yves Schieseck WB Statesman, Mick Galea rare Tickford Falcon GT, Gary Kennedy Ford “A” Model, Rob Bradley Triumph Stag (with recently reconditioned V8 motor, done by Rob himself with a little help), David Williams with his EK Wagon, which looked great after a polish, Daniel with the '86 Pintara and Ray Hill's very neat '90 bright yellow 250cc Suzuki bike which is said to be a sought-after model.

Visitors showed a '61 Buick Electra (Tony Mallia, cousin of Ronnie), a delightful little '64 Hillman Imp with its slanty 4 cylinder donkey stowed away at the rear (Peter Skinner), an '04 modified Statesman on Queensland plates (Simon Ryan), a late model Sandman (Dave Boxshall), a pair of Mustangs which arrived together (Mike and Fred), a Citroen (Sam Albergo), and a '69 Hillman Hunter sedan, successfully bid for at Shannons, (Stuart Elliott). The Imp is now quite rare, and Peter has built 2 goers from three he owns.

Convenor John's '53 F100 refused to start (battery and/or starter), so his '03 Range Rover TD6 made a windbreak for the cooking crew, as well as looking good? It can go on the Red Plate scheme in five years. (The F100 is 12 volt but runs a 6 volt starter; a 12 volt starter to suit is around \$600. Maybe....)

Its hard to believe that the CSM is 6 years old and is still gathering strength. Thanks to the crew and all who attended.





Mid-Week Run 14th June to St Leonards Hotel

We walked out front door this morning from our nice warm house and were welcomed with a leaded sky and weather bureau saying "take an umbrella" when we departed for our Mid-Week Run.

Obviously poor forecast prevented a very few members from bringing out their pride and joy.

Les arranged to again meet at QB Café for morning tea. Some members opted for hot raisin toast or muffins to consume with their Coffee.

Wasn't too long before Café was full of seated members, luckily we were too early for regular customers and Bianca and her staff ensured we were well catered for and no one needed to wait long for service.

Around 11:00 Les called his flock together for a drivers meeting and outlined everything to look forward to over the day.

After Les's detailed instructions we moved off to our cars, and wouldn't you know, it began raining, not too heavy but a few ladies were heard to say to their respective driver to hurry up and open the car, my hair's getting wet. Luckily the rain was short lived and later in the day it turned bright and mostly sunny.

Our convoy of cars with Les leading moved out from Café carpark onto Thames Boulevard where after about 20 meters half our convoy came to a screaming halt.

It appears one of our members whose name shall remain confidential stopped behind a car he thought was in our convoy, only to find after a few minutes it wasn't one of ours but someone who had parked.

This was soon rectified by letting this errant member know to follow us and we were once again on the road.

A couple of members opted to meet along the way so we soon had all members together and cruised without further incident to St Leonards Hotel located on Bellarine Peninsular across Bay from Melbourne where we were looking forward to lunch.

The publican allowed our cars to be parked in front of his Hotel on grass area, where we were able to have a good show of our Club Vehicles for public to view when driving or walking past.

Lunch orders quickly placed with kitchen staff doing double time as meals quickly arrived at our table.

As meals arrived it was noted how quiet it became as we ate lunch, but soon after chatter quickly started up again to a level that I'm sure publican was happy to have us in a separate room.

A few stopped off in Portarlington on way home to pick up from local Bakery one of their Award Winning Vanilla Slices.

All had a great time, thanks to Les and Lorraine for once again putting on a good enjoyable Mid-Week Run.





Hotel opened in 1858

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Colin and Shirley	1984 Statesman Deville	Les and Lorraine	Modern
Charlie and Lyn	1954 FJ Holden	Margaret Pengelly	Modern
Russell and Judy	Celica	Tony and Connie	Modern
Werner and Betty	Modern	Brian and Joan	Modern
Lindsay Coghill	1983 VH Commodore	Derek Weston and Bernadette Brogan	Jaguar
Jenny Matthews		Kerry and Lorraine	Modern
Suzanne Virian (Visitor)		Len and Carmen	HJ Monaro
Peter and Pat	E190 Mercedes Benz	Gavin and Peta	1956 Fairlane Crown Victoria
John Hansford	Jaguar (Sovereign)		

President's Run & Treasure Hunt - July 2nd 2023

It was a cold overcast morning on July 2nd, but still many brave club members assembled at the McDonald's car park in Manor Lakes in a mix of club and modern vehicles for the revised President's Run to Gisborne. Lindsay brought out his latest addition, a very nice looking XJ6 Jaguar. In the passenger seat was Russell Thompson, his Navigator/Mechanic in case of break downs, so someone could push (Lindsay's words). Along with a coffee, the agenda for the day was outlined by Colin, with clip boards and questionnaires handed out to all the willing participants. A few members would be meeting us there.

Now it was off and away to the markets in Gisborne, to be followed by lunch at Castello's Victorian Tavern around 1pm.

Once at the markets, the hunting continued with several people with clipboards in their hands looking for remaining clues and answers, whilst others were quite happy spending some hard earned cash at the many stalls that were on display.

Following this about 12-30 it was time to cross the road to the Tavern for lunch, which presented an excellent menu, along with excellent service.

After lunch the fun started... Colin going through the answers to all the questions which brought groans of despair, challenges, etc which was hilarious. The winner will be announced at next year's Presentation Night (2024) with a trophy being presented to them, so make sure to attend because it could be you.

About 3pm it was time to go, and all members headed off after another excellent day out.

Brian Gosney #442





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Colin and Shirley	1984 WB Statesman	Brian Daly	1994 Ford Courier
Russell Thompson	Lindsays New XJ6 Jaguar	Trevor and Wassana	Monaro
Lindsay Coghill		Rob and Annette	BMW 325i
Colin Harris	1934 Ford Tudor	Les and Lorraine	Modern
Braeden Harris	1973 Chevy NOVA	Connie and Ronnie	Modern
Tess Borg	Modern	Jenny and Rod	1966 Ford Mustang
Katie Galea		Rose Ravaneschi	
Dennis and Josie		Carmen and Len	Modern
Brian and Joan	Modern	John and Karen	Modern
Tony and Connie	Modern	Dani Jones	

Article of Interest sent in by Brian Gosney
 Herald Sun 17th June 2023 by Susie O'Brien

Holden on to history can now set you back \$50k

Ted Bullpitt from Kingswood Country once famously said: "You don't drive a Kingswood, you make love to it. That's why nuns only drive Toranas".

Such classic vehicles live on thanks to car lovers like New Zealander Andre Hawke.

Andre, 39, was given his family's poo-brown 1978 HZ Holden Kingswood five-litre 308 V8 by his dad more than 20 years ago.

But the young lad had his sights set elsewhere – a Nissan Skyline – and sold it in 2001 for \$2500.

Fast-forward 22 years and Andre found the Kingswood's manual and decided to track the car's owner down. He ended up buying the car back (pictured) for \$50,000 knowing it was probably "the worst investment you could ever make".

His story, told this week by the New Zealand Herald, has gone viral. Imagine buying your old car back for 20 times what you sold it for. It could only happen to a Kingswood.

As Hawke explains: "It's more than just a car. It's the feeling you get when you're in it and the memories that flood back."

What would the younger generation make of such a financially reckless act?

These days, cars – whether they are drivable or not – aren't seen as beloved members of the family to be lovingly passed down.

Susie O'Brien



They're mere utilities getting us from A to B.

Maybe it's just because I drive a ten-year-old Ford Territory.

But it's hard to imagine feeling the same attachment to a modern car like a seven-seater Kia Carnival or a Hyundai Santa Fe.

I certainly wouldn't pay 20 times more to buy back my first car.

It was a 15-year-old Audi Fox so crappy it broke down just about every time I drove it. I had to routinely build in time for the RACV to arrive when I went out with friends.

My father was kind enough to buy the car for me and my sister and paid handsomely for the biggest lemon on the second-hand car lot.

There are still a few Audi Foxes around – Frank from SA is selling a 1978 model for \$10,000 on one car sales site. Someone needs to tell him he's dreamin'.

My dad's first new car was a sexy red two-door Monaro HK with black upholstery and a 186 engine. He bought it in 1968 for \$4000, and it

could go 95 miles an hour on dirt roads.

The Monaro muscle car was billed as "Australia's first sports machine ... without the fancy foreign price tag".

Remember the old Monaro ads? "Man seeks excitement by instinct. Monaro supplies it by design. Beneath the beauty lurks the beast," one said.

"It's out to drive you wild," said another. "Monaro – make him show you."

My dad's next car was a white HQ Kingswood, which he bought in the early 1970s. I still remember the caramel-coloured vinyl seats that got so hot we'd have to sit on towels and the metal seat belt buckles that heated up like branding irons in the sun.

The Kingswood always got us home safely – whether it was across the Nullarbor or just a few streets away after a party; sometimes with

my dad balancing on the bonnet trying not to spill his last beer of the night.

Back then, the Kingswood was billed as the "car that drives as well as it looks".

Things got even sexier by 1974 when Holden released the Sandman, its panel van for surfies which was promoted as an "escape machine".

"Move me, Sandman," said the ad. The car wasn't the only thing that was moving, trust me.

It's telling that the type of Monaro that my dad had in the late 1960s are still for sale, and some of the most powerful versions now sell for more than \$200,000. And classic Kingswoods from the 1970s, even those which have done 350,000km, are going for \$30,000.

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And the Monaro – the "machine to light your fire".

And the Sandman, which was "equipped for action".

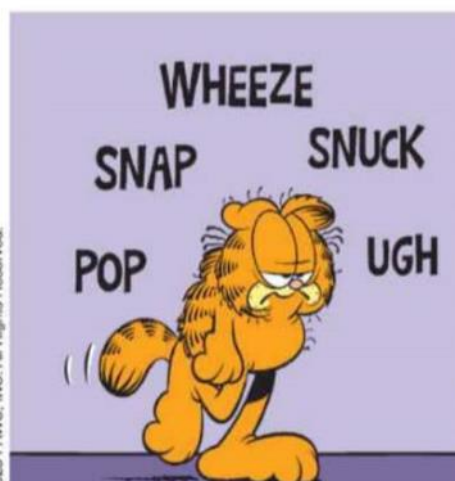
If Andre wants to keep going, I know a Nissan Skyline 2001 he could pay big bucks for ...

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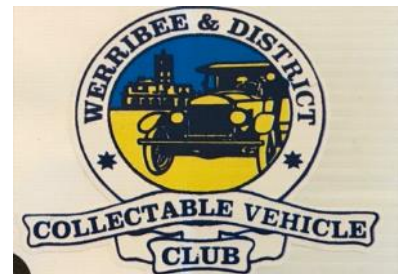
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