

COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB INC.



NEWSLETTER

"Wind in the Hair"

June - September, 2025



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT KEN.....

Hello everyone,

I hope that our Newsletter finds you all well and you were able to enjoy putting some miles / kilometres on your cars and bikes. We had a pretty good run with lots of fine sunny days, but we really needed the rain. Our farmers are desperate for it and have been doing it tough for some time. Let's hope the coming months are good for them.

There are a couple of important dates coming up. Our **Annual General Meeting** is coming up on **Friday, 18th July**, commencing at 7:30 pm at the Colac Scout Hall. As usual supper will be provided, so please take the time to come along, if you are free. Also, if you would like to take on one of our committee roles for the coming financial year, please fill out a nomination form. A form is attached to this Newsletter and was also sent out with your annual membership renewal notice. Remember all memberships should be paid by 30th June.

It has been good to see our runs being well attended lately. With the closure of the Red Robin Café in Camperdown, we had our first mid-month coffee with cars at the Cobden Miniature Railway. It's a great venue and we were very well looked after; and the scones, jam and cream were absolutely delicious! We will continue to have our third Sunday of the month catch up at Cobden, so make sure you jot this down in your calendar. Thanks to Claudia and John and Julie and Chris for organizing our mid-week runs and evening dinners.

To finish off, I just wanted to bring up something that we all should be cautious of. It is probably coming to that time of year when some of our cars and motor bikes may not be driven/ridden for a period of time. We had what I believe was a very close call with the battery in our motorhome which is fitted with a normal lead-acid battery. As we sometimes experience with our vehicles over winter, we hadn't used our motor home for a couple of months. When we were in the shed yesterday, Sally walked past our motorhome and noticed a strong rotten egg smell and when we opened the passenger door, the smell was a lot stronger. Standing by the door you could hear a bubbling sound coming from under the van. The battery for the motor home is under the passenger side floor. I felt the floor and it was warm. We took out the floor mat and opened the lid to the battery box. The box was full of steam. You could also see steam being purged from the side of the battery and hear the acid bubbling away inside.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT (Continued)

Concerned it might catch fire, or worse explode, we grabbed the fire extinguisher just in case. It seemed weird as nothing was running or switched on in the van. After disconnecting the battery, it was still bubbling away and steam was still coming out of the purge valve. Not wanting our motorhome to catch fire we covered the battery with a towel in case it exploded, and took it out of the van to an open area outside where it continued to vent for several hours. Of course, these things always happen on the weekends don't they. I will be contacting the auto electrician tomorrow!

In the meantime, I have done some Google research and found out that acid batteries can start boiling for a few different reasons:

- *If the battery is overcharged it can cause the electrolyte to heat up and boil.*
- *An internal short circuit caused by a manufacturing defect, physical damage or age-related degradation.*
- *A buildup of sulfate crystals on the internal plates.*
- *Deterioration of the internal components due to age.*
- *Low electrolyte level.*

Although there had been no signs of battery problems before this, the battery was possibly 6 to 7 years old, so I am thinking that age and a deterioration of the internal plates was possibly the cause. I will leave the exact diagnosis to the auto electrician and let you know.

My learning from this is to make sure I check the car or motorhome regularly even when we are not using it. If Sally hadn't noticed the smell when she walked past our motorhome it may well have been a different story!

That's all from me. See you soon and stay safe.

Ken (President)

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MOTOR SHOW**

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Club Permit Rules

If you don't follow club permit rules, you may be fined.

To keep your club permit, you must:

- be a member of an approved club or association. If you switch clubs, you can't have a gap longer than 14 days between your memberships.
- keep a log book of your trips
- make sure anyone driving the vehicle follows their licence conditions

Tell VicRoads if:

- your vehicle's details change (for example, vehicle colour, or garage address)
- your personal details change (address, name)
- you join a new club
- take the vehicle for an audit inspection if VicRoads asks you to
- if your vehicle has operating conditions:
- follow the conditions
- carry the certificate of approved operations in the vehicle.

Using a log book: Follow these rules to use your log book correctly.

- **Attach your club permit to the club log book.**
 - Complete a log book entry every time you drive the vehicle more than 100 metres from the car garage address. If you drive a vehicle multiple times in a day, only record the first use by the first driver.
 - If your trip spans before and after midnight, put an entry in your log book for each day.
 - Don't write log book entries for future journeys.
 - Only use as many entries as your permit allows. Once you use the entries up, you can't drive more than 100 metres from its garage address until you get another permit. For example, a 45-day club permit can only use the first 45 entries. You can get a second 45-day club permit and attach it to the log book.
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2025 – 2026 Colac Collectable Car Club Inc Annual membership renewals should be paid and finalised by Monday, 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.

Colac Collectable Car Club Inc will contact VicRoads on 31st July, 2025 if your membership has not been paid. All membership renewals were posted to all members (not emailed) in April/May, 2025.



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GETTING TO KNOW OUR COLAC COLLECTABLE CAR CLUB MEMBERS

Your Name: Joy
Do you have a nickname: No
Where were you born: Lorne
Where do you currently live: Elliminyt
Favourite holiday destination: Barossa Valley
Favourite road to travel on: Great Ocean Road
Your occupation: Self-employed floor and wall tiler
Can you cook: Yes, and enjoy entertaining
Favourite food: Italian
First car or bike: First car was a Datsun wagon
First car dent: Don't recall
Your everyday driver: I drive a Toyota Kluger
Favourite "toy" in the garage: Toyota Celica
How long have you been in the Club: 2 weeks



Welcome Joy and thank you for your contribution.

Your Name: Rodney
Do you have a nickname: Step
Where were you born: Eastbourne, UK
Where do you currently live: South Melbourne
Favourite holiday destination: Europe
Favourite road to travel on: Snowy Mountain Highway
Your occupation: Retired
Can you cook: Yes
Favourite food: Fish
Favourite drink: Beer
First car or bike: Mini Cooper
First car dent: Smashed gearbox driving over a curb
Your everyday driver: MB E53 AMG Coupe
Favourite "toy" in the garage: Porsche 996
Your dream vehicle: Aston Martin DB7
How long have you been in the Club: 20 years
Your favourite club event: Breakfast at the Beeac Pub
Ford vs Holden: Neither
Other passions you may have: Travel



Thank you, Rodney for your continued support of the Colac Collectable Car Club.



If you would like 'your story' published in the next club newsletter, send your details into the club via email:

colaccollectable@gmail.com

Adelaide to Darwin 1925 in a 19.6 Crossley

In May, 1925, three chaps set off from Adelaide heading to Darwin and returning to Adelaide via Queensland, Broken Hill, New South Wales to Adelaide. It is understood that the trip was taken to promote Crossley vehicles. The car used was a 1924 Crossley 19.6 model. Team members were George Hearn, Richard C. Ford (39 years old) and Erdley Glenarvon Forrester (33 years old). George Hearn came to Adelaide in 1924 to become the manager of AEC. Although AEC made and imported British lorries and cars, they also sold Crossley Cars.



The team left Adelaide on Thursday, 7th May arriving 5 hours later at Orroroo. This is where the Forrester and Ford families were from. From here they travelled north via Oodnadatta, Alice Springs and Katherine, arriving in Darwin on Thursday, 4th June. They spent a week in Darwin. Departing Darwin on the 11th June, they headed south to Newcastle Waters, then turning east across the Barkley Tablelands towards Queensland, through to Camooweal, Queensland. Heading southeast to Winton, Longreach, Charlieville, Cunnumulla and through the border gate south into New South Wales to Bourke. From Bourke southwest to Broken Hill and from Broken Hill to Burra South Australia. returning to Adelaide South Australia. They arrived back at the AEC premises in the afternoon of Friday, 26th June.

"We did make it. But just. The old bus creaked and groaned for the last 25 miles. Bitumen accentuated all noises," These were the comments from E G Forrest's notes on his photograph.

Points to note:

The Crossley was trimmed of all non-required equipment. Mudguards and windscreen were removed, the back seat removed, and a buckboard tub fitted. A mesh angled grill was fitted to the front to deflect grass seeds. Petrol supplies for the inland journey left Alice Springs by camel, 6 weeks before the team departed. British Imperial Oil Company supplied the petrol and Castrol supplied the oil. They carried 2 spare wheels, extra tyres, a 4-valve receiving wireless, carried 44 gallons of petrol, camping gear, guns for hunting and 12 inch canvas belting on iron supports to fit on the back wheels. An extra fuel tank was fitted. All up, they carried approx. 2 tons of gear. They were caught in many dry bogs. A new differential, front end and tyres were dispatched from Adelaide by railway to just south of Oodnadatta. They followed the railway to Oodnadatta. This is where the train line finished. (The train line reached Alice Springs in 1929 finally connecting to Darwin in February, 2004).

From Oodnadatta, the Crossley team followed the Telegraph line.

There was a train line from Katherine to Darwin. During some of their driving north of Katherine, they adopted a unique way to cross many creeks by driving the car onto the railway lines and used the rail bridges.

Adelaide to Darwin 1925 (Continued)

In 1925:

Population of Adelaide 43,000

Population of Alice Springs (then known as Stuart) 30 whites and 300 aboriginals

Population of Broken Hill approx 26,000 and population of Darwin approx 2,000 -2,500

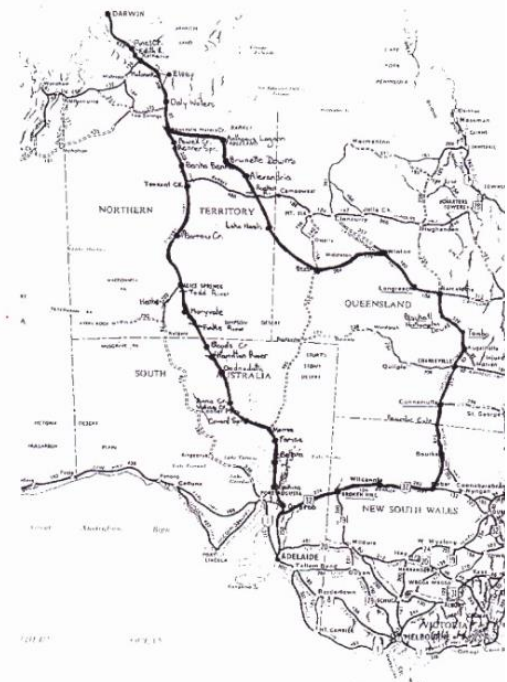
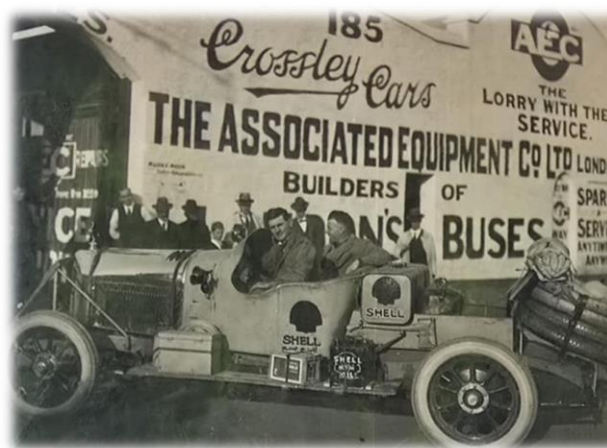
Approx 5,500 miles covered on no sealed roads.

Leaving Adelaide in May being autumn, their weather was approx. 18degrees (In 1925 this was the May average). On 7th May 2025 it was 24.1 degrees C. Heading north into the dry season temperatures would have been 31 to 36 degrees.

The team chose to travel from May to June to avoid the heat of summer and the wet season in the Northern Territory. They had a dry crossing, bothered only by dust, sand and spinifex until the last part of the journey through southwest Queensland and New South Wales when they encountered rain. Total trip - 50 days. E. G. Forrester passed away in 1967.

Many thanks for information, photos and permission from Mark Forrester, grandson of E.G. Forrester. Some information can be found at

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/58201725?searchTerm=crossley%20cars%20adelaide>



Thanks Shane for your contribution to our Newsletter !

Colac Collectable Car Club
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc for the
2024/2025 reporting year will be held on

Friday, 18th July, 2025

at the Colac Scout Hall (just down from the Colac Police Station).

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by supper provided by the Club.

All members are requested to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Secretary, Heather
Petrie (0408 401 562) or email: colaccollectable@gmail.com

OFFICE BEARER NOMINATION FORM

All positions are declared vacant and if you wish to nominate for a position for the 2025/2026 year, please
complete the Nomination Form below;

Sign and complete the form with your signature, the nominator and seconder signature (each of whom
should be current financial members of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc).

The Club's Executive is made up of:

*	President	*	Vice President
*	Secretary	*	Treasurer
*	Runs Organiser	*	Club Vehicle Registrar
*	Newsletter Editor	*	Club Safety / Permit Scheme Officer
*	AOMC Representative	*	General Committee Member
*	Federation Representative	*	General Committee Member

NOMINATION FORM

I, (Member Name) being a financial member of the Colac
Collectable Car Club Inc, wish to nominate (Member Name), for the
position of (insert position) for 2025/2026 Committee.

Print name:

Nominated by (Signature)

Print name:

Seconded by (Signature)

(Please note both nominator and seconder must be current financial members of Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.)

I accept the above nomination

(Signature of person being Nominated)

Dated / / 2025

**This completed form should be returned to the
Secretary, Colac Collectable Car Club Inc.
PO Box 346, Colac. 3250
by Monday, 14th July, 2025**

RENEWING YOUR PERMIT

If you need a permit renewal signed, 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.

2024/2025 CLUB COMMITTEE:-

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
Permit Scheme Officers if you are RENEWING your Permit:-	
Bernard Callahan, Colac	0419 871 591
Geoff O'Neill, Colac	52 31 3318
Tracie Carroll, Colac	0409 853 354
Annette Thorne, Cobden	0407 052 231
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.



For Sale

Holden shop manual FJ series sight damage
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Good condition
\$30 pickup only Phone: 0429 955714

CLUB ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS!

The Labour Day weekend in March saw another highly successful **Cobden Restoration Park Vintage Rally**. Several members displayed their vehicles or tractors and the weekend was well attended by many club members. Once again, the auction held on Saturday morning was a hive of activity with many items selling at bargain prices.



Our usual third week of the month catch-up was held at the Red Robin Café, Camperdown and unfortunately the café has ceased trading. The Club had a great number of members attend. As a replacement, coffee catch-ups will now be held at the Cobden Miniature Railway from 2pm. Contact Colin (see Runs Calendar) if you require further information.



Our club dinner nights have been extremely well attended and thanks to member Chris for organising these. Our night at Cororooke was a wonderful night with delicious food and great company. Keep an eye on dinner nights in the Runs Calendar, and remember to always book early – contact Chris (see Runs Calendar).



Thanks to member Paul for initiating our member speakers at the **March Meeting**. A great night with automotive short talks from Bern, Malcolm and Paul – along with photos of their auto interests.



Although it was a slightly damp day, this didn't deter our members from venturing out to the Cressy Aerodrome for the ANZAC Day commemorations. The committee organise a commemorative service at midday, live music, Tiger Moth flights, historical displays, food and drinks. Don't miss the day in 2026.

The 125th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally with this year's theme "The Perfect Living Museum" was also attended by some of our members. As always, a great weekend with lots of things to see.



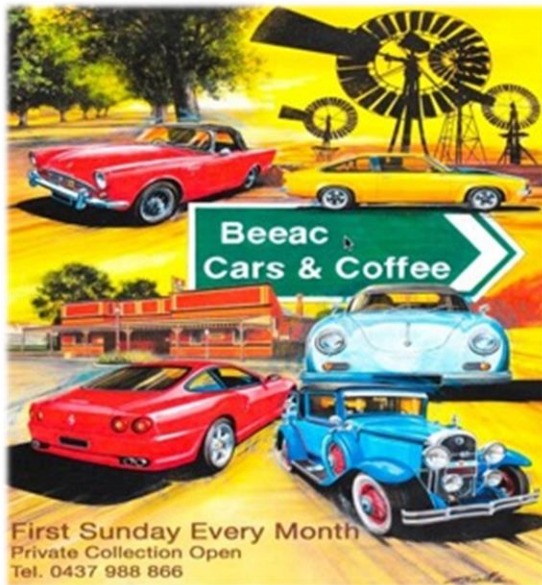
CLUB MERCHANDISE and GIFTS

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 or email regarding any merchandise you require.



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

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RUNS CALENDAR

June – September, 2025

Date	Where.....	Who to contact.....
Wednesday, 18th June	Mid-week Run – lunch at Timboon Berry World Thai. Lunch at Timboon Berry World on Wednesday, 18 th 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, 13 th June if you are coming.
Friday, 20th June	Our dinner nights continue and tonight we head to Cobden to the Cobden Golf Club's " Bistro on Neylon ". The club has many members residing to the west of Colac and activities are always well attended. For a delicious bistro style meal and catch up with other members, book now!	Contact Chris 0417 133 860 for bookings and please book before Monday, 16 th June.
Sunday, 29th June	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.
Monday, 30th June	All membership renewal payments should be finalised. If not paid by 30 th June, you are legally not permitted to drive a club permitted vehicle/motorcycle. For further information on the Club Permit Scheme – consult the VicRoads / Transport Vic website.....:- https://transport.vic.gov.au/Road-rules-and-safety/Permits/Club-permits	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 if you have any questions regarding your membership renewal.
Friday, 18th July	Keep this date free..... The Annual General Meeting of the Colac Collectable Car Club Inc for the 2024/2025 reporting year will be held on Friday, 18th July, 2025 at the Colac Scout Hall. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by supper provided by the Club. All members are requested to attend the Annual General Meeting.	If you are unable to attend, please contact the Secretary, Heather Petrie (0408 401 562) or email: colaccollectable@gmail.com
Sunday, 20th July	Our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2.00 pm. Located just off Grayland Street, Cobden. The trains will be running and you can also enjoy a game of mini-golf.	Phone Colin 0438 173 050 for further details. No need to book, just turn up.
Sunday, 3rd August	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, 17th August	Our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2.00 pm. Located just off Grayland Street, Cobden. The trains will be running and you can also enjoy a game of mini-golf.	Phone Colin 0438 173 050 for further details. No need to book, just turn up.
Wednesday, 20th August	Mid-week run to Rokewood Hotel , 75 Ferrar's Street, Rokewood – meet at the Hotel at 12noon and enjoy a casual hotel lunch. All bookings must be made by Wednesday, 6 th August so we can advise the hotel on numbers. This was well attended a few years ago – let's see a lot of members catching up again.	Please contact Claudia if you require further details. Phone 0428 962 854 .

Sunday, 31st August	Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs Inc. “Marong Picnic” Celebrating 80 Years of Fordson E27N Tractors. Malone Park, Marong Victoria (near Bendigo). Free Entry for all Federation Club Members. Vehicles over 25+ years old - Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, Tractors, Stationery Engines etc. Onsite Catering.	Enquiries: Neil Athorn 0408 033 839
Sunday, 7th September	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, 12th September	Colac Collectable Car Club “General Meeting” the last meeting 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, 8 th September, 2025.	Contact Heather 0408 401 562 for further details.
Sunday, 21st September	Our third Sunday of the month get-together at the Cobden Miniature Railway Tearooms from 2.00 pm. Located just off Grayland Street, Cobden. The trains will be running and you can also enjoy a game of mini-golf.	Phone Colin 0438 173 050 for further details. No need to book, just turn up.
Sunday, 5th October	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.

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



AOMC Launches Apprentice and Business Support Grants

The **Association of Motoring Clubs Inc (AOMC)** recognises the importance of trades and specialist suppliers that enable the historic and enthusiast movement to maintain our club and enthusiast vehicles. We have an amount in our budget for support of apprentices and businesses dedicated to this area.

Apprentice Support Grant 2025 - 3 x \$500 Grants are now available

The Main Criteria and full details are available on the application form – **click on apply now**

Available to apprentices working in businesses that support the historic and enthusiast movement in Victoria. Apprentices must be undertaking work that support the historic and enthusiast movement. Apprentices must be enrolled in an apprenticeship program supported by the business in Victoria.

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**Enjoy your day and
see you next time!**

**The next newsletter will be published in
September; submit your article before 1st
September, 2025.**

