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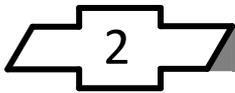
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55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria



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## *Membership*

**Full membership** to the 55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria requires that you own a Chevrolet vehicle (of any year or model) and attend three meetings or club outings before becoming a "Full Member".

**New membership fee** is \$85 - new members receive a club polo shirt, stubby cooler and car club sticker. Renewal fees are payable at the August meeting and are currently \$60 per year, for both metro and country.

**Associate Membership** is open to those who do not currently own a Chevrolet but would enjoy our Club and its activities.

## *Meetings*

First Wednesday of every month. (No meeting held in January) Starting time is 8:00 pm.

The Pines Learning Centre. 520 Blackburn Road, East Doncaster. Melways reference: 34 / D5

(The hall is directly behind the Pines Shopping Centre & The Pines Learning Centre is clearly sign posted)

## *Bank Details*

Bank, CBA, Branch, Clayton (Vic)

Account number: 10087066

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## *Club Address*

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# Presidents Report

## *G'day Members*

Well after a long, long time it looks like our meetings can resume next month, albeit limited to thirty people at this time. (With fingers crossed as international passengers are arriving back in Melbourne from April 8th – 3rd time lucky for hotel quarantine) David Desira has been working through the COVID-safe plan required by Manningham council to double the room capacity using the 2 square metre capacity density quotient (gotta love the terminology) and will setup the QR code, cleaning and signage requirements for compliance.

The Council also states that: - - In addition to the above, spot checks of the halls/venues will continue to ensure compliance. (Ed. - Bureaucracy at its best!) - Remember to stay home if you feel unwell and get tested if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

We will be using Room 14 (the adjoining room to our usual room) while the restrictions continue, this will increase the maximum number of people from twenty to thirty.

We would like to pass on our condolences to David, Virginia and family. Unfortunately David's mother passed away late last month, so he and his family are away at the moment. We will finalise the COVID-safe plan on his return and it will be great to hold the May meeting at the Pines centre, our first there since March last year!!

For all of us fun starved Chevy folk we have organised our almost "world famous" May Mystery Run. As we had to cancel last year's run we have expanded it to an overnight event in Ballarat, so come along and join in. See the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

Stay safe and healthy

*Cheers Steve*

# Meeting Minutes

Great news, we can finally have our first club meeting next month, refer to President report for details.



# Letters From The Editor

Hi everyone,

Our front cover, top photo features Steve Peterson 57 Chev. At the Camberra Chev. Nationals 1992.

Bottom photo features Steve 57 Chev. Towing Victor Bray to the starting line for the race, at the Nationals Calder Park 1990.

Thank you Steve, Peter and Jeff for your on going contribution to our news letter.

Drive carefully and stay safe.

Cheers

John

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# LOIS'S LINES

Thank You to those members who came along on our run to Kilcunda Hotel for lunch last month. It was a very enjoyable day. To sit around having a chat was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Our May Mystery Run will be organised for our weekend away in Ballarat. Some of us are taking our vans to spend a couple of extra days. See all details in the flyer

*Cheers Lois*



Lois Peterson  
55,56,57 Chev Car Club Of Vic  
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HASTINGS VIC 3915

Dear Lois,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Good Friday Appeal.

Funds raised by the Good Friday Appeal are used to purchase the latest medical equipment, fund innovative research and provide specialist training for staff at The Royal Children's Hospital.

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Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Cowan  
Executive Director, Good Friday Appeal

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**MAY MYSTERY RUN**  
**SATURDAY 22ND & SUNDAY 23RD**

**We will be staying at the multi award winning BIG4  
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Those arriving on Friday can join us at the nearby Red Lion Hotel for dinner around 6pm.

**Saturday:**

Breakfast (BYO)

**10:30 – 11:00am** - Observation Run will kick off. We should all be at our destination by noon where lunch is available for you to purchase. There is a cafe, bakery & hotel in town. The afternoon is free to explore the historic township.

**5pm** - Meet back at the Big4 function room for drinks (BYO) and pizza's (the club's shout).

**Sunday:**

Breakfast (BYO)

**10am** - Shop Tour at American Suspension. Morning tea provided.

Depart for home.



**Please let Lois or Steve know if you are coming and when you are planning on getting to Ballarat.**

**Lois - 0417 017 990 / Steve - 0417 017 990**

## Club Run To Kilcunda Hotel



We met up at Tooradin for the cruise down to Kilcunda, except Nick and Kaye who were already at the Powlett River with the vintage caravan crew. After leaving Tooradin we ran into a bit of rain, and the pre-covid rain-X on the ol' 57 just managed to repel most of it. Although it completely gave up on the way home and the wipers got their biggest workout for years. The rain had stopped by the time we got to Kilcunda and we lined up the cars across the road from the pub, they looked great with Bass Straight in the background. An acoustic duo accompanied us while we had lunch and some refreshments then we adjourned to the deck to enjoy the sunshine and a chat. All too soon it was time to go and after explaining to some "local" people the differences between our cars and how Dave's Nomad sits so low we headed for home. And as I said, not long after leaving Kilcunda the rain started again. Don't you love the cable wipers, note to self – buy some more rain-x! Thanks to all you stalwarts who came along to have a bit of fun and after the year from hell don't we need it!

See you all at the May Mystery Run



## Club Run To Kilcunda Hotel

They look good coming or going



Nick & Kaye met us at the pub

## Club Run To Kilcunda Hotel



Follow that man!



Thanks for coming

## Peter Forbes Life of Cars

Like most of us, I've been into cars forever. Growing up in Brisbane, I remember being fascinated by Aussie muscle cars, reading car mags and trying to drive anything I could get my underage hands on (washing neighbours car was a good tactic).

At 15, I inherited my older siblings automatic Datsun 200B, not the best first car but something I could play around with and learn some basic car maintenance.



*If you laid down oil it could kinda do a burnout!*

My first real car was a 69 HT Wagon I bought off my brother which was a very nice car but being young and dumb I sold it to buy a HT Prem because I wanted a sedan. It was a bitsa car with a HK grill, GTS guards and bonnet, lots of rust running a 186/trimatic.



I paid \$600 for it but really should have stuck with the much better condition wagon. Being persistent I stuck with the Prem and did a rolling resto over the years as I moved from uni to working life.

In fact the Prem was my only car for 12 years with lots of work over that time - Wild Mulberry paint job (a Ford XB colour) running a crate motor 350, Turbo Turbo 400 and nine inch diff. I did a couple of Summernats trips and one trip to Brisbane.



After being parked outside in inner city Melbourne, rust was starting to come back and the car was getting a bit tired.

I'd always had a love for Tri-5 Chevs (influenced by a poster I've had since I was a kid and still hangs in my garage).

It was 2004 and I was newly married, no kids, no mortgage and I thought if I didn't buy a Chev now it would be a long time before I could justify one.

I bought my 57 4 door sedan down in Traralgon advertised in the trading post. An original Aussie delivered RHD 4 door, the car was resprayed in Hyundai Lobelia Purple in about 1999 by the owner in his garage - not a bad job and I haven't really touched body and paint since I've had it. From his telling, I think I'm about the 4th owner - the back doors shut like they are the original and the car had been pretty unmolested.

Over the last 17 years I've done heaps to it - swapped the mild 283 with my crate 350 from my HT, Turbo 700, Hopper stoppers big brake kit, power steering, air-con, central locking, digital dash, re-wired, Por15 and dynamat the interior. Most of that work was done by around 2007.

In 2015 Michael Kibblewhite redid the whole front end, sprayed the engine bay while the engine was rebuilt and a new exhaust system fitted. This transformed the driving, steering and handling whilst also giving some under bonnet bling (black is the new chrome!).

Recently I've put in a new RTX Dakota Digital dash and tidied up the wiring.



Being part of the club has been a big part of my life. I'd made amazing friends and had great times (most of which I remember). The club is what you put into it - over the years I've been president, built websites, helped with conventions, dinners and shows. Over the last couple of years, family and work commitments have kept me from being as involved but I hope to be more involved in the future.

I've always had a lot of help and advice from members but in particular Alan Smithson, Michael Kibblewhite, Michael Kendall, Tony Anastasio and Glenn Rulach have helped me out so a big thanks to these guys.

More recently I've added a 67 Mini Cooper S (the Bathurst killer) to the garage which is a great little buzz box, something completely different to the Chev. It also leaves some garage space for another classic, maybe an old Holden...



## SWANPOOL MOTOR FESTIVAL

The Swanpool Motor Festival was held at the Swanpool football oval on Saturday March 6th. So it was up early and give the 55 a tub and clean up, then the big journey of 25km out to Swanpool. I arrived there about 9.15am and there were already 75 entrants in front of me!!

Drove onto the footy oval and parked and instantly run into two of my cousins from out that way. After 10 minutes of the usual BS between us, it was time to find a coffee van, but seemed everybody else had the same idea with about 20 people already waiting in line, give that idea a miss.



*My old EH, I wish I still had it*

## SWANPOOL MOTOR FESTIVAL

Back to the oval for a wonder around and check out the number of cars, motorbikes, some trucks and a general assortment of vehicles already assembled. The weather was very kind to us nice sunny day and by 11.00am there were 390 entrants on the oval, it was choc-o-block.

The Benalla Aircraft Museum had 2 stationary airplane engines on display, one was a V12 Merlin, the other a 9 cylinder radial engine. When they started that up it was an orrsome sound, they then fired the Merlin up and what noise it made with 12 straight out exhausts.



## SWANPOOL MOTOR FESTIVAL

There were all sorts of car models and makes, but a couple really caught my eye, one was a HR Holden Premier stretch, never seen one before, evidently somebody had built it back in the 80's and the guy who owns it now has restored it.

Then surprise surprise I came across my old EH, I had not seen it for 19 years since I swapped it and quite a few thousand bucks for my 55. The Premier interior had all been redone in red, still had the 4 speed box in it, and was and still painted in the off white pearl I ,painted it in.

I also came across a true barn find 55 Chev, evidently it was found in a shed on a farm up in NSW. Running gear has been updated and 6 changed out for an 8.

I spoke to one of the organisers and they were blown away by the turn up of cars and spectators, it was a gold coin donation entry for spectators with the proceeds going to the local CFA. There was also a small swap meet on the outside of the oval which attracted some attention.

I spoke to one guy who snared a HJ Statesman front grill panel, grill, head lights and RH guard for \$200, bargain, no wonder he was grinning.

Jeff Wilson





## FOR SALE

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**Hats** - \$15



**Left:** Emblem

**Right:** Stubby Holder



**Below:** Ladies Shirt (cherry red and Mid Blue)



**Right and above:** Front and back Baseball Jacket



**Above:** Polo shirts (all members receive one when they first become members)

**Below:** Rugby Shirt



**Above:** Layer Jacket >New!



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