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| Rob Little | 2012 |
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| Ted Cross | 2012 |
| Peter Boyle | 2003 |
| Jack Weaver | 1991 |
| Nance Clark | 1984 |
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Welcome to the first edition of Volume 38 of 'Front Drive' and my first as acting editor. This is definitely not a role I want on a permanent basis but I have agreed to do it until such time as a new editor is found or President Pete, his last words of wisdom in that role.

Mike Neil has retired from his role on committee and as yet no one has offered to replace him, so volunteers will be sought!

Peter Sandow is continuing on

committee as a general committee person and is joined by Robert Belcourt. Ted Cross, Kay Belcourt and I

Kay Belcourt and I continue in our roles.

We also thank Bruce Springer for allowing himself to be volunteered as Web Wallah, taking over the role from Mark McKibbin who stepped into the role temporarily about four years ago. I understand Bruce has recently retired and now has a little more free time [that won't last]. We are technically without an editor however we are hopeful that on return from the grand tour Leigh will resume the role, in the mean time if anyone wants the job just let me know. Sue Bryant



All memberships were due for renewal on 2nd March and your renewal application was sent with the January edition of Front Drive. If you haven't renewed do it now or you will not receive the next edition of Front Drive. If you've lost your form please go to our website and print a new one.

PRETEND AD SO

Leigh Miles returns from his grand tour of Europe. As he tells me he is planning another such tour in 2015 there will again be a vacancy for this job, so if you have time and inclination please consider taking on the role, or indeed any other on committee.

As I am also currently Treasurer and membership Secretary I have only committed to preparing two editions of this publication and you will notice less content in this edition than usual and some differences in the production quality as I don't have either the software or more importantly the creative flair of Mr Miles.

The major focus for this edition is the recently held Annual General Meeting. Thus I have decided there will be no colour for this issue but it shall return in the next one.

For those of you who were unable to attend we now have a new President, Max Lewis who I would like to congratulate on his appointment. You will however notice that the Prez Sez has been written by retiring

This is my last Prez Sez. The AGM next Wednesday, 26 March will complete my third year, the constitutional limit for the position—it's a sound concept, it ensures new effervescence to rise and prohibits territorial possessiveness. It happens in clubs. I've appreciated the honour, darn hard to fit

everything in, but the committee structure in CCOCA is organised and supportive. The

positive experience leads one to want to remain on the committee—good fun and much to be done if the club is to remain effervescent and to continue to attract new effervescent members.

The last committee meeting was a good one. We set a Sunday arvo aside, kicking off at 11.30. Had our normal 'administrative' meeting then lead into our special Future Directions Workshop. The intention was simply to explore where the club was going! What is the future likely to hold—what will we look like in 5 years time. Great discussion bubbled.

To boil down the 4 hour session, we basically achieved two jumps forward. One we undertook a revealing SWOT analysis as follows, and secondly resolved to get feed back of the preferences and views of the membership via a questionnaire.

STRENGTHS

Red Plate Scheme in Vic; Loyal core membership; Spare Parts scheme; Great Library; Great Magazine; Good Club Shop

WEAKNESSES

Wide geographic membership spread; Shallow depth of interest; Ageing membership Narrow focus of interest; Poor monthly meetings Poor trade relationships;

OPPORTUNITIES

Better presence at classic car shows; Greater links with Citroen Australia; Website; Interstate Red Plate availability; Other social media~ Facebook Twitter; Monthly meeting venue; Motor racing/ rally information; Greater interaction with international Citroen Clubs

THREATS

Future tightening of the Vic Red Plate scheme; Committee involvement; Ageing membership A CCOCA Future Directions Questionnaire is presently being drafted for the new Committee's review and issuing—I hope it draws a creative and enthusiastic response. Just to conclude with some of my personal

PREZ SEZ

observations.

Clubs are very much a Boomer's thing, we understand collective collaboration and ownership. That probably came out somewhere from the Age of Aquarius. Does this consciousness make it difficult to draw members from the younger generation groupings?

Are the club interests therefore too shallow to attract younger people? What are the additional interests that will generate appeal, not just younger members but also encourage partners to join more enthusiastically.

A motoring club can be not only just about the Marque—We all know Citroen's origins were mechanically creative, innovative and stylish—do these characteristics flow through to the owners. Is the membership all about travelling across wild open land-scapes—visiting new places, charting new experiences—If so what are the activities that will appeal to both in a partnership? Cultural events other than car shows Galleries

Shows, events, performing arts cinema Walks, day, overnight, camping Are there other societies with which links can be forged?

Lets start thinking—where do we want to take CCOCA—It's a brilliant Club
Pete Sandow Prez
2011-2014

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Thank you to Peter Sandow, Kay Belcourt, Ted Cross, Max Lewis, Leigh Miles, Mike Neil and Lance Wearne for their contributions to this edition of Front Drive — Light!

A-TRACTIONS

Prez Sez

• APRIL COMMITTEE INSETTING G.CHEAP EDIT

WHEN: Wednesday, 16 April

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Check with the Secretary for

this month's venue.

COST: Cheap Eats
BRING: Refreshments
BOOKING: Preferred

CONTACT: Ted Cross, [03] 9819 2208

secreary@citroenclassic.org.au

CITIN 14 ~ RAWSON

WHEN: Fri, 18 April to Mon, 21 April WHERE: Rawson, East Gippsland

COST: \$220pp

BOOKING: Essential immediately CONTACT: John Wyers, [03] 9787 6280 Bookings for this event have officially closed but if you are interested please phone John Wyers to see if there are any vacancies.

CLUD MISSTING ~ CHEAT CATA

WHEN: Wednesday, 23 April

TIME: 7 for 7:30pm

WHERE: The Royston Hotel,

12 River St, Richmond

Mel 2H G5

COST: Entrée \$8 ~ \$20

Main \$20 ~ \$30

BRING: Your Wallet

BOOKING: Essential by Fri, 18th April CONTACT: Max Lewis, 0458 993 771

president@ctroenclassic.org.au

About time to return to The Royston, and enjoy their craft beers and generally 'better than most pubs' grub. Sample maybe an entrée of pan fried scallops given a Japanese twist with bonito or soy, then a main of baba-ganoush-smeared Morrocan chicken burger.

PHILLIP I/LAND ROGAINING CHAL-Langa

WHEN: Sunday, 27th April
TIME: 10:30 for 11:0am Start
WHERE: Philip Island Chocolate
Factory, 930 Phillip Island Road,

Newhaven VIC 3925 COST: Free

BRING: Photography device BOOKING: Preferred, by Fri, 18th April

CONTACT: Robert Belcourt

clubshop@citroenclassic.org.au

This is a joint event with Renault Car Club of Victoria.

Meeting 10:30 for an 11am start at the Chocolate Factory; 930 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven VIC 3925. We would suggest in teams of two or more, but you'll be able to participate regardless. Coffee is available there and cars can safely be left here until Lunch. Extra points for matching outfits.:).

Rogaining is a sport of navigation and route planning. You will need to provide photographic proof

you've been at

various checkpoints to gather points. Points are awarded differently for each destination harder to find or reach checkpoints award more points than those closer or easier to find. You will not be able to reach all checkpoints in the allotted time, so you'll need to be tactical about which points you choose to

• INAY INOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

WHEN: Sunday 11th May TIME: 10:00am (TBC) WHERE: Bayside Location

An e-mail will be sent once details are confirmed or contact Kay.

COST: Depends what you eat!

BRING: Your Wallet BOOKING: Essential CONTACT: Kay Belcourt

clubshop@citroenclassic.org.au

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COMMITTEE INSETTING & CHEAP

WHEN: Wednesday 21 May

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Check with the Secretary for

this month's venue.

COST: Cheap Eats
BRING: Refreshments
BOOKING: Preferred
CONTACT: Ted Cross,

[03] 9819 2208

secretary@citroenclassic.org.au

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WHEN: Fri 23, Sat 24 & Sun 25 May WHRE: Winton Raceway, Benalla DETAILS: www.historicwinton.org

CLUD INSSTING

WHEN: Wednesday, 28 May

TIME: 8:000pm

WHERE: Frog Hollows Reserve

Rooms,

Fordham Ave,

Camberwell, Mel 60 B3

COST: Free

BOOKING: Not Required

CONTACT:

activities@citroenclassic.org.au

CLUB INSETING

WHEN: Wednesday, 28 May

TIME: 8:000pm

WHERE: Frog Hollows Reserve

Rooms, Fordham Ave,

Camberwell, Mel 60 B3

COST: Free

BOOKING: Not Required

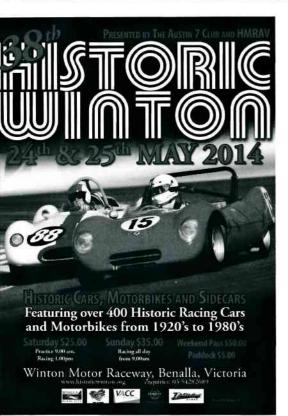
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OZTRACTION 14 ~ INURLOCH

WHEN: Fri 6th to Mon 9th June See details on page.

A-TRACTION



COMMITTEE MEETING & CHEAP VIA3

WHEN: Wednesday 18 June

TIME: 7:00pm

Check with the Secretary for WHERE:

this month's venue.

COST: Cheap Eats **BRING:** Refreshments BOOKING: Preferred

CONTACT: Ted Cross, [03] 9819 2208 secretary@citroenclassic.org.au

WINTER WARMIER DAY RUN ~ MADPIOGRAM

WHEN: Saturday, 21st June Details will be in the next edition of Front Drive, so keep the date free.

CLUB INSETING

WHEN: Wednesday, 25 June

TIME: TBA

WHERE: Visit to Alan Mance Citroen

Contact: Max Lewis

See next edition of Front Drive for more detail.

JULY

BAJTILLE DAY CELEDRATION

Saturday, 13th July When: Time: **Evening Event**

It's the time of year when the French Celebrate their national holiday, so we too will be celebrating. Put the date in your diary and details will be published in the next edition of Front Drive.























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This year as "Green Frog Tours" are unavailable to organize this annual event, "Brobel Tours" are bringing you the event. Whilst we appreciate that it may seem like a long 'trek' for

ASTRICTION 14 - INVERLOCAL

some folks we believe that the venue is pleasing enough to compensate. Brobel Tours have selected this venue as we felt the town suited the numbers we usually cater for a total of 40 people and the surrounding areas offer some very pleasant scenery and roads for our daily activities. Accommodation has been reserved at two motels on the main street of Inverloch ~ namely the Inverloch Central Motor Inn and Motel on A'Beckett ~ both offering good value. You will need to make your bookings

yourself and these rooms are only being held until the end of April. A Big

Four Park [in town] and the RACV Resort [5-6kms out of town] are also available but nothing has been reserved at these venues.

Visitors for the weekend will be greeted at the Community Hub ~ A'Beckett Street ~ from 2pm onwards. 'Goodie bags' and registration checkin will be carried out here.

WHAT'S ON?

7 Friday, 6 June

Activities commence this evening with dinner being booked at The Inverloch Pizza Place ~ just across the road from the Community Hub ~ 6:30pm for 7:00pm start. After partaking of your meal we can sir around and chat before returning to our motels ~ just a short walk - and retiring for the evening. An early start the next day is on the agenda so you will need to get your 'beauty sleep'.

Saturday 7th June

We will meet outside Motel on A'Beckett reasonably early and then drive to Korumburra. On the way we will have Part 1 of the non-obligatory Observation Run. 10am ~ 12 noon we join the historic South Gippsland Railway and take the train trip to either Leongatha or Nyora. At this stage the timetable for June is not available ~ but each destination has its merits. After our train trip we will have lunch in Korumburra [your own choice of eateries at your own cost as this is not included in the Rally fee], then head off on Part 2 of the Observation Run down to the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi.

Here we will have afternoon tea and a tour of the mine [part of your rally fee]. Return to your motels at your leisure. Saturday evening dinner will be a two course meal at 'The Old Dalyston Deli ~ a quaint old church building ~ in Dalyston just a short drive from Inverloch. Refreshments are to your account. Left to right:
The Old
Daylston
Deli ~ our
Saturday night
dinner venue.
A 1928 Chev
outside the
Post Office
at Mirboo
North.
Rolling stock
of the South
Gippsland
Railway.



Sunday 8th June

Today we will be heading off to Mirboo North, via Loch. Here we will visit a private motor vehicle collection. In Loch we will stop to have a peek at the

Inverloch and a 'rest-up' in readiness for the formal dinner which will be held at the Esplanade Ho-

Be sure to wear your 'finery' for the evening as you just may be awarded a prize! Note once again,

refreshments are to

your own account. Prize giving and chatter of interest will of course be part of the

evening activities.

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Loch Food and Wine Festival and to show off our cars to the locals and tourists visiting the festival.

After viewing the cars in Mirboo North our hosts will provide us with a light lunch. From there we can go back into town for a visit to the local chocolate establishment or other shops of interest before heading off for another scenic drive back to

Monday 9th June

Breakfast is being served at Motel on A'Beckett between 7am and 9am and you have a choice of either a continental breakfast or a cooked breakfast of scrambled eggs and bacon.

After this, we will bid our goodbyes and hopefully reflect on anWHAT'S NEXT?

OzTraction.

PRICE??

policy.

First, you need to book your accommodation. Contact either motel [or your preferred accommodation in the area]. A holding booking has been made at these two motels, but rooms will only be held until the end of April. Be sure to mention that you are the Citroën group when you book. Both venues are offering us double rooms from \$140 per night.

other enjoyable and successful

A modest \$200 per person.

Check the booking form particu-

larly regarding the cancellation

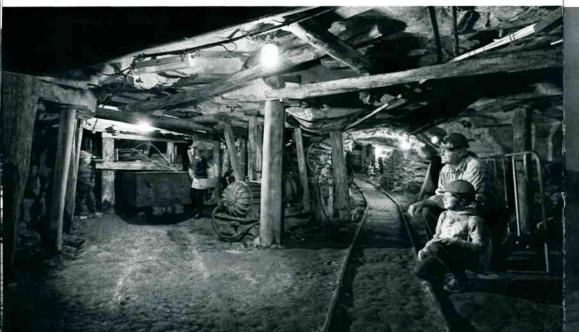
Notel on A'Beckett, Inverloch's newest motel is ideally located in the main street and

offers a choice of first class, superior comfort, spacious rooms including double, family, spa and disabled rooms all within walking distance of beach, shops and restaurants at a tariff to suit your budget. Motel on A'Beckett features all facilities you would expect from a leading motel.

- 12rooms ~ 9double including 2 disabled and 3 spacious family rooms

All rooms have LCD TVs. Some have DVDS Breakfast Room your choice of continental or cooked breakfast [Mon-Fri only]. BBQ Area with garden setting Indoor solar heated pool and spa area [pool not heated from June to end of September] Check the website for more information: http:// www.coastalstays.com/ motelonabeckert/#features

Left: The State Coal Mine at Wonthaggi. Below: One of the many coastal views that makes Inverloch a great destin ation, whatever the time of year.



Contact details: Mike and Fran Wainwick, 24-26A ABeckett St., Inverloch. [03] 5674 1311.

N Inverloch Central Motor Inn Check the website for more information: http://www.coastal-stays.com/ inverloch - centralmotorinn/

Contact details:
David and Lois, ABeckert St.,
Inverloch. [03] 5674

Then you need to complete the booking

form [you will find it on the reverse of the mailing slip that came with this edition of 'Front Drive: or download it from the Club's web site. Send the from to Brobel Tours, OzTraction'14 to arrive no later than Friday 9th May. Remember as well, bookings are strictly limited to 40 people. Once that limit is reached we will NOT be able to accept any further bookings ~ no ifs, no buts. Kay and Rob Belcourt

Oztraction 14 — Inugriági-

Below: The Captain's Lounge at the Esplanade Hotel. Looks like a great place for a pre-dinner drink on Sunday evening.

David and Lois and staff welcome you to Inverloch!
Our motel is situated at the top end of the main street ~ easy walking distance to all of Inverloch's fine restaurants, hotels and town beach.
Our rooms are air conditioned, modern, clean and spacious.
Most have private courtyards and gardens.
Breakfast Available.



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sitting down to prepare this report it did occur to me to copy last year's report, make a few updating changes, present it and see if anyone noticed. I hope everyone would.

It is quite a task to recall the many highlights throughout the year and put together

an exciting summary of all that is now past history. The French Car Festival was a great Concours of Excellence. Although the fruit salad mix was not to everyone's liking it was worth a try and forced upon you the great variety and diversity of the French Marque of motor engineering. Rather than tripping through all the individual club committee members and identifying all they have done I would prefer to announce a collective thanks on behalf of the membership for their effort and contribution. Regardless I must say thank you to Kay Belcourt for her great enthusiasm and retail creativity in bringing the club shop to life. If you haven't seen the display lately the intriguing merchandise has been known to trigger queues that's a first. The Citroen watches were a hit!

Our Activities Officer, Mike Neil is retiring from Committee. This committee work is really a two person sub-committee in its own right. Mike has placed great effort in creating a diverse range of interesting activities. It is a difficult task from which to draw satisfaction as our responses are often

scratchy and feed back is patchy. We appreciate the effort Mike has spent aiming to create interesting events. We wish him happy Citroening. As this is my third year as President, retirement is obligatory. A good system where

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there is constant refreshment with the appointment of a fresh face with matching ideas. I look forward to remain on the Committee and encourage other members to get involved in a surprisingly enjoyable diversion on whatever you have been doing for too long. Peter Sandow Prez

SECRETARY'S REPORT

My report will be fairly brief as my role was assumed during the club year. At the last AGM the position of Secretary was not filled and in accordance with the club's articles of association a position can be filled as a casual vacancy during the club year.

New Articles of Association were introduced during this year. A special thanks to Max Lewis and Leigh Miles for undertaking this task.

Part of my role is assisting members applying or renewing their classic plates under

their classic plates under CCOCA supervision. This is an ongoing duty and I ask you to send in the renewals with

enough time to get them processed and back to you. If I need to post it directly to Vicroads please provide a stamped addressed envelope and do not detach any part of the form. (I do not need the book sent to me and you need to sign the form be-

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follow up with them if necessary. CCOCA does not undertake to alert you if your renewal has not been received.

Ted Cross

TRED/URER/ REPORT.

The clubs finances are being presented on a slightly different basis this year in an endeavour to present only in-

fore I do). Obviously you need to be a financial member of the club when the renewal is presented. Also thank you to the Safety officers for their great work.

Finally I inadvertently failed to renew one of my permits recently. Anecdotally I have heard that Vicroads have sometimes missed posting your renewals so please make sure you diarize the date and come and expenses that relate to this year, so money for next years membership and activities has been excluded from the profit and loss report. We have had a small deficit this year but it has been a conscience choice to do so. We want to return some of our accumulated funds back to our membership and one of the ways we try to do that is with the colour pages of Front Drive. [Cont p.18]



Profit & Loss Statement 1st March 2013 through 28th February 2014

| 1st Warch 2015 through 28th F | ebruary 2014 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Income | |
| Membership Subs | 9,295.00 |
| General Activities | 250.00 |
| Oz Traction | 7,560.00 |
| Front Drive Advertising | 516.25 |
| Club Shop Sales | 3,570.85 |
| Spare Parts Sales | 19,268.11 |
| Tyre Sales | 490.72 |
| Spare Parts Freight | 975.35 |
| Spare Parts Fund Contribu- | 700.00 |
| tion | |
| Interest Income | 1,421.84 |
| Total Income | 44,048.12 |
| Expenses | |
| General Activities | 5,139.65 |
| OzTraction | 7,433.74 |
| 80th Anniversary Traction | 1,274.54 |
| Rally | |
| Front Drive Printing | 7,058.55 |
| Front Drive Postage | 1,837.96 |
| Front Drive Other Expenses | 62.12 |
| Postage | 60.00 |
| Mail Box & Redirection | 565.75 |
| Stationery | 230.97 |
| Insurance | 1,327.10 |
| Corporate Affairs Fees | 50.10 |
| AOMC Fees | 200.00 |
| Bank & Merchant Fees | 630.10 |
| Library Books | 375.04 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 433.99 |
| Club Shop Purchases | 1,355.37 |
| Spare Parts Purchased | 17,637.45 |
| Tyres Purchased | 490.72 |
| Spare Parts Postage & Freight | 1,304.15 |
| Total Expenses | 47,467.30 |
| Net Loss | -3,419.18 |
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Balance Sheet As of 28th February 2014

| Assets | |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| General Cheque Account | \$6,795.91 |
| Spare Parts Cheque Account | \$4,395.65 |
| ING Investment Account | \$45,688.79 |
| Trade Debtors | \$55.24 |
| Stock - Spare Parts | \$34,222.14 |
| Stock - Club Shop | \$1,939.33 |
| Total Assets | \$93,097.06 |
| Liabilities | |
| Trade Creditors | \$1,273.58 |
| Prepaid membership Subs | \$440.00 |
| Prepaid Event Receipts | \$3,420.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$5,133.58 |
| Net Assets | \$87,963.48 |
| Equity | |
| Retained Member Funds | \$91,382.66 |
| Current Earnings | (\$3.419.18) |
| Total Equity | \$87,963.48 |

This we deliberately subsidise as we know our membership fee only just cover the costs before other expenses. Our annual Christmas event was also done at a loss, unfortunately this was mainly attended by Victorian based members. If members interstate want to also have such events just let your committee know and we will happily help to organise an event with you. The financial reports as presented at the AGM are reprinted here. If you have any questions please just let me

know and I shall do my best to answer them. Sue Bryant

INCOIDER JHIP SECRETARY

I have continued in the role of membership secretary. This role is largely one of unseen administration, but as I am now Treasurer I have cut out some of the work this year. Any prospective members who want information are sent a copy of Front Drive and a membership form. When new members join they are sent a welcome letter and the latest edition of Front Drive. I am also

responsible for keeping membership lists up to date for the Secretary and Spare Parts officer who must ensure people are club members before selling parts or signing Vic Roads Forms. The final part of my work is putting out lists for emails to the club membership, so if your email address

changes or you haven't given us one, please

send me an email and I shall make the changes.

This year we have welcomed 15 new members. The total membership for 2013/14 was 181, which includes five life members, a little down on the 208 we had the previous year. The members who have not rejoined have usually sold their cars.

ACTURITIES AND EURITS

The past year provided members with, I think, a good range of Activities, sometimes too many in a month, but I always tried for two things a month.

One thing I tried with mixed success was a weekday outing or coffee morning, appreciated by members not working. This was limited to my area, but I think anyone can organise this type of meeting in your area, just send the details to the Editor, the idea being to limit travel. The most memorable of these was the Archibald Prize run to the Mornington Peninsula Regional Galler-

The best attended Club Nights were those with good speakers, like Robert Nash's presentation on the Fisherman's Bend Aircraft Industry, and CEO, Holden Special Vehicles', Phil Harding's presentation. A wine tasting had the same result. However the Photo Competition night didn't raise enough interest to run it; three entries, two of whom were from the Com-

mittee! Cheap Eats as usual

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had a good turn out. We also had two successful Garage Crawls, Runs to Point Cook Air Museum, Yarra BBQ, The Steam Packet Hotel for Bastille Day, Studley Park Boat House, The Briars Homestead, while a couple of events were cancelled. As all will agree, the French car Festival was a great event of the year, I think the organisers achieved their goal of getting cars there that usually don't get

to shows, the variety was spec-

tacular.

Since joining the Committee two years ago when I half moved here, I've enjoyed the task of arranging Activities, a good way of getting acquainted with Melbourne and CCOCA members. However, I won't be standing for the post this year; I'm in the middle of completing the permanent move and purchasing a house further down the Peninsula. That and getting back to my cars will more than keep me busy. Mike Neil

EDITOR'S DEPORT

It is an odd feeling I have right now. I am typing this report for vou on March 12. It will be presented to you on March 26, but my partner, Philip, and I will have flown out of Australia

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for four months on March 14. But, to be honest, I have given so many of these reports over the years one runs out of things to say. Suffice it to say, therefore, that once again it has been my pleasure to produce another volume of 'Front Drive' for you. There are times when I feel inspired ~ the recent edition that focused on Citroën's new C4 Picasso was one such. I have to admit to a high degree of personal bias in that edition. We are leasing a C4 Picasso while we are in Europe, so in doing the research for the article I was at the same time discovering more about the car we will be driving for 3½months. Did I mention we are going away for four months? Other issues are more of a struggle to complete. The eternal cri du Coeur for material from you ~ the members ~ too often falls on deaf ears. As an aside, my pleas for material from the committee also sometimes falls on deaf ears, but I promised not to dwell on that.

I must again this year thank the publishers of 'Auto&Design' magazine in Italy and the 'Daily Telegraph' in the UK for continuing to allow us to reprint articles from their publications, without charge.

> I say this every year: 'Front Drive' is your magazine. If you did not find this year's

articles of sufficient interest... the pen in your hands provides the perfect answer.

Thank you for once again giving me the privilege of editing 'Front Drive' on your behalf. I can think of no other role in the Club that could provide me with the level of satisfaction of this position. Relentless. Leigh

SPARE PARTS REPORT.

It is still with enthusiasm in my position as Spare Parts Officer that I take this opportunity to deliver the spare parts annual report for 2013-2014. Firstly let me say that the role is not a burden and is rather a joy. I still work full time and am able to fit this activity in without feeling compelled. To the committee I watch from afar and marvel that none of you seem to have private lives?

To Sue as past secretary and now treasurer a big thank you for making the parts position so easy. Sue has made the daily/monthly financial reporting part of the position a non-event. For those members who are not aware I presently

copy the Treasurer in on all sales, which not only increases transparency but also negates the need to send monthly reports however insignificant they may be. The tracking of parts from my point has also been simplified and after some very patient tutoring from friends and colleagues I have managed to convert all the parts into an Excel spread sheet which allows tracking of stock and value of parts. Needless to say this system is only as accurate as the information that is entered but I am working on that as well. Since my last report which was up to and inclusive of 13 March 2013 the value of parts sold to members stands at an unaudited total of \$20,120.06 inspite of the weakening of the Australian dollar and an increase in prices from suppliers albeit insignificant. A more noticeable increase has been from Australia Post, which unfortunately is beyond our control. Figures although important rather indicates to me that the service being provided is definitely worthwhile and is actively accessed by members and that restoration of Tractions is alive and well!! As can be expected purchases put the sales figures in perspective with outlays in the region of \$12,850 or 8,761 euro. At the time of writing there is an outstanding unpaid amount of approximately \$1553.13 depending on postage costs and our account balance with R. Koffijberg is 642 euro with the latest order vet to be deducted from that

amount. Calculations tell me total stock value stand at \$32,104.00 (unaudited) I trust this gives the committee and members an overall insight into the parts activities over the past year. Financially the parts department is in a healthy place and hopefully I will be able to do a stocktake this year and deliver an accurate update on stock held. In closing I would like to remind members that it is still our belief that we offer a valuable service and should the part you order not be 100% correct it can be returned obviously if still in original unused order. You won't receive that kind of service elsewhere. After all that's what your club is all about! Kind Regards

CLUD SHOP REPORT

Lance Wearne.

When asked to present a Club Shop Report I feel the only comment I would make is that. I believe it has been a successful year for Club Shop with a quite a number of new items being added to the range. New stock will be purchased in the near future - namely clothing (polo shirts and vests) and wine/ drinking glasses to mention a few. The French Car Festival was a particularly successful day with sales exceeding \$800. If anyone has any suggestions for things to sell in Club Shop

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The past 12 months has been a busy time with book purchases for the library and as well getting all the books onto the website. As yet this is not available but with a guiding electronic

well this year the club spent some of your funds on a book case more like a trinkets cabinet but none the less very appropriate] and here I must thank Peter Boyle for his help as Peter trawls the op shops and the like for the

best bargains. The committee has allowed me once again to purchase more titles this coming year

and if there are any title that you may like to see on our bookshelf, please do not hesitate to get in touch. There will be later on a night put aside dedicated to the library where I will bring ALL the titles along for a book fest like no other.....see you then. In the meantime, happy browsing.

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hand all will be revealed. A bevy of new titles were purchased this year and they will be displayed tonight along with others. I am waiting for a particular book to be made available through my best source, The Book Depositry,."Maserati ~ The Citroen Years" but to date there's no copy available at the price I am prepared to pay. As

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> Due to limited amounts of accommodation and other factors the run will be

limited to 20 cars.

Max Lewis.



a great 10 days BOOKING: Essential by June 1 CONTACT: Robin and Suzanne Smith [03] 59841280 info@alaplage.com.au It will be very similar in nature to the 75th anniversary run organ-

ised in 2009 by Brian Wade and



The Itinerary:

Day 1: Friday 10 October

Gundagai.

Meet and Greet, in the evening, at the Gundagai services club a meal will be served and directions given. Accommodation: The Gundagai

Motel

Ph [02] 6944 1066 Len and Debbie

Gundagai Tourist Par

Ph [02] 6944 4440

Rachel

Saturday 11 October Day 2: Gundagai to Jerilderie. 275km. Breakfast at the 'Dog on the Tucker Box' then to Jerilderie via Iunee and Narrandera.

Accommodation:

Ierilderie Motel and Caravan Park

Ph [03] 5886 1366 Michael and Tracey Ierilderie Motor Inn

Ph [03] 5886 1360

Fay and David

Day 3: Sunday 12 October

Jerilderie to Barham. 175km via

Deniliquin. Accommodation

Barham Caravan and Tourist

Park

Ph [03] 5453 2553



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Kay and Greg Club Motor Inn Barham Ph [03] 5453 2822

Kaye

Day 4: Monday 13 October Barham to Mildura 305km via Kerang, Swanhill and Robinvale.

Accommodation [2nights]

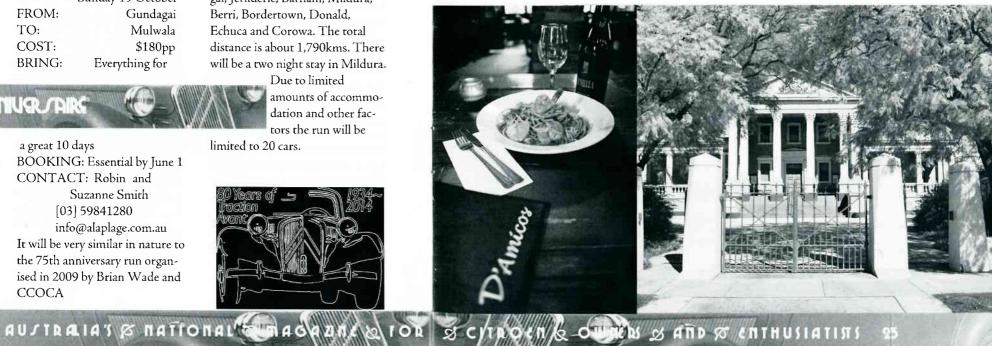
Mildura Deakin Holiday Park:

Ph [03] 5023 0486

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Day 5: Tuesday 14 October

Mildura.



A free day to explore the area. Dinner in the evening at the Rendezvous Restaurant.
Day 6: Wednesday 15 October Mildura to Berri 164km via Renmark.
Accommodation

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Berri Riverside Caravan Park
Ph [08] 8582 3723
Lorraine or Kay
Day 7: Thursday 16 October
Berri to Bordertown 262km via
Loxton and Pinnaroo
Accommodation
Bordertown Sundowner Motel
Ph [08] 8752 1444
Bindon and Jackie
Bordertown Caravan Park
Ph [08] 8752 1752 [basic cabins]

Day 8: Friday 17 October Bordertown to Donald 230km via Nhill, Jeparit, and Warracknabeal Accommodation Donald Motor Lodge Ph [03] 5497 1700 Kelvin & Kate or Jodie

Donald Riverside Motel Ph [03] 5497 1488 Jenni

Donald Caravan Park
Ph [03] 5497 1764
Maurie and Nancy [basic cabins]
Day 9: Saturday 18 October
Donald to Echuca 201km via
Charlton, and Boort
Accommodation
Yarraby Holiday Park
Ph 1800 222 052 or
[03] 5482 1533
Trish or Michelle
Day 10: Sunday 19 October
Echuca to Corowa 180km via Bar-

mah, Cobram and Mulwala Accommodation Greenacres Motel Ph [02] 6033 2288 Haydn and Janene Ball Park Caravan Park Ph [02] 6033 1426 Farewell dinner tonight at D'Amicos Restaurant, Corowa All participants MUST book your own accommodation directly with the provider. Some places are holding places for us but some are not, still mention the Citroën run. It is essential that you book ASAP as some can be very busy and booked out well in advance. Nothing is being held after June 1. Most of the recommended accommodation have units with multiple bedrooms some two or three so if you wish to share ask when book-All of the caravan parks have

camping available. Some have offered discounts so mention you are with the Citroën classic car 80th Anniversary run when booking. At all the overnight stops there are other types of accommodation if you wish to source that. The entry fee is \$180 per person. WHAT IS INCLUDED? Triday evening meet and greet two course meal Saturday morning breakfast Tuesday evening Mid rally dinner Sunday evening farewell din-Please address all enquiries and post registration form to: Robin Smith, 1 Watson Road, Sorrento, Victoria 3943 Ph [03] 5984 1280 Mob 04 2783 9972

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Left: The art gallery in Mildura. Below: The famous Grand Hotel in Mildura.





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