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The committee awards life membership to Club members in recognition of their contribution to, and support of, the Club. Life members are:

Peter Boyle	2003
Jack Weaver	1991
Nance Clark	1984

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CITROËNING

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Send your annual CH renewal form to PO Box 52, Balwyn, 3103. Please do the right thing and enclose a stamped, addressed envelope. If you do not have a Club Permit Handbook include \$5 and we will return one to you.

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CH permit applications must be accompanied by a RWC and \$5 to cover the cost of the Club Permit Handbook. The onus is on owners to demonstrate that their cars are safe. Feel free to consult our Permit Officers for advice regarding getting your car on the road, and keeping it going.

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DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of 'Front Drive' is Friday, February 4, 2011..

As you sit with this edition of 'Front Drive' in your hands you may not realise the momentous change that has occurred with the magazine.

Go on, if you have not done so yet, flick through it. Yes, 'Front Drive' now comes to you with eight pages of colour!

All the pages from 21 to 28, inclusive are in colour. This brings with it a change to the way some articles run in the magazine. In order to ensure that the centre spread can be devoted to a full double page image of a member's car and to maximize the benefits of the colour, articles will not always simply run on sequentially by page. Check Sue Bryant's article on the Paris Motor Show ~

it jumps from page 23 to 26 and then to 32. These page jumps are noted at the foot of each effected page. Naturally, I will keep this to a minimum, but ensuring we get the best colour pictures into the magazine is my primary goal.

Have you been receiving email updates from the Club? If not, it may be because we do not have your current email address. Check Sue Bryant's message on page 12.

Peter Boyd has written the first of our Member's Profile articles. Why not contact me [before I contact you] and volunteer to supply a couple of pictures and a few hundred words for the next edition of 'Front Drive'

Enjoy,
Leigh F Miles



A brand new year for CCOCA members has started. I feel CCOCA has had a most enjoyable calendar of events during 2010, and I marvel at how quickly another year has passed by. Like many people I usually have a list of things I want to achieve on my fleet of cars, and I managed to get a few things crossed off in 2010.

New 185x400 tyres for my Big Six was high on the list of things to do. A new set of 135x15 tyres for Helen's blue/cream Dolly were also long overdue. Both of these purchases were achieved with Rob Little's assistance, and the helpful folk at Longstone Tyres in the UK ~ who continue to help us keep our cars safe.

The 1954 2CV ripple bonnet van project had gone into recess over winter but this will now be a priority for me. The body has to be removed from the chassis and the chassis rebuilt. I have the second-hand motor and gearbox ready to fit, and with the body off the chassis I can begin the tedious job of cleaning, preparing and re-painting the ancient undercarriage. I was lucky enough to get this project from Leigh Mason from Albury a couple of years ago ~ he had owned it for about thirty years and it was at the bottom of a long list of projects for him. Leigh had been ill for many years but in 2010 he did see it sitting on it's chassis at Peter Boyle's and being

expertly welded back together.

Sadly Leigh passed away last month, and in 2010 we also lost our good friend Jeff Pamplin after a short illness. We then learnt that Steve Muir had died in WA ~ also after a long illness. This

is a very sad part of our club life and on behalf of all the members I have passed on my condolences to the families.

We have had quite a lot of new members during 2010, which is a very pleasing result; some Citroëns have been moving around interstate, and the standard of our treasures has been steadily rising. I think it is fair to say that Rob Little has been the driving force in the provision of spare parts, which fires up our members and keeps him busy. Thank you Rob for your superb effort over many years. Rob has indicated that he wishes to step down from the important Spare Parts role, and we are now seeking a replacement. Rob will be pleased to explain how his system works, and you do not need to be in a city to perform this crucial role. In fact you do not even need to be in Victoria, so now is the time for someone to step up and take over from Rob.

I have to retire this AGM, and our dedicated Treasurer, Ruth Pilens has also decided to pass the baton on to another CCOCA

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PREZ SEZ

member and this role is a very rewarding one to consider. We can only keep cCOCA strong if you, the members, are prepared to contribute when the time is ready. 2011 will be the year when you are needed to respond and

In Victoria, you will soon be able to run your Red Plate Permit Citroën on the new logbook system, which we understand starts at the end of February. This will mean that you will have either 45 or 90 days each year when you can use your Citroën, which ever suits you ~ not just club events. We

become involved ~ it is great being on committee and being part of making cCOCA strong and viable.

Events have been very well attended over 2010, and in 2011 the first six months is packed with activities. We recognise that you cannot always attend our events, so we are making a bigger effort to bring cCOCA to you when and if we can. We have recently run the luncheon for the Queensland members, and soon a similar event will be held in South Australia. We also hope to provide runs to country locations ~ so keep a look out for an event near you in 2011.

will trial some mid-week events for those of us lucky enough not to have to go to work every day. This new system will make your Citroën ownership much more enjoyable. We are seeking another Safety Officer to help with club responsibilities to administer the new system. Please give me a call if you think you would be able to undertake this important role.

CitIn is fast approaching, so make your arrangements very soon if you want to join in. Details can be found elsewhere in this magazine. Let the summer roll on. Cheers Ted Cross, President.



Please note: if no bookings have been received for an Event, by the booking deadline, the Event will be automatically cancelled.

A-TRACTIONS

● JANUARY 2011
AUSTRALIA DAY
HISTORIC CAR DISPLAY
WHEN: Wednesday, 26 January

TIME: Participants: 10:00,
Spectators: 12:00pm
WHERE: Participants
Northland Shopping Centre
Spectators
Kings Domain Gardens,
Linlithgow Ave., Melbourne.



Australia
Day

Melway 2F J9
COST: Free
BOOKING: Spectators:
Not required
CONTACT: Max Lewis
[03] 9372 0921 [H]
04 5899 3771 [M]
activities@citroenclassic.org.au

This event is a real favourite with many cCOCA members. The Kings Domain Gardens will once again feature the famous Historic Vehicle display, with over 500 veteran, vintage and classic vehicles exhibited, free entertainment and activities, and scrumptious food stalls. Bring a picnic hamper, blanket and enjoy a leisurely day with other motor-ing enthusiasts.

CLUB MEETING
WHEN: Wednesday,
26 January
TIME: 6:30pm
WHERE: Yarra Bank Reserve.
Melways 44 K9.
COST: Free
BRING: The doings for a BBQ
BOOKING: Not required
CONTACT: Max Lewis
[03] 9372 0921 [H]
04 5899 3771 [M]
activities@citroenclassic.org.au

Yes folks it is Australia Day after all, but it is that Wednesday at the end of January when we historically have this get together so let's start with a song and salute!

Don't forget the mozzie & louie repellent and a copy of Advance Australia Fair.

Depending upon the direction from which you are coming the entrance to the reserve is off Creswick Street. Citroën signs will be displayed so you shouldn't get lost [w.t.e. of certain nomads!!]

● FEBRUARY
COMMITTEE MEETING & CHEAP EATS
WHEN: Wednesday, 16 February
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: Check with the Secretary for this month's venue
COST: Cheap eats
BRING: Refreshments
BOOKING: Preferred
CONTACT: Sue Bryant,
[03] 9885 3179
secretary@citroenclassic.org.au

CLUB MEETING: EVENING EXCURSION ~ THE FOX CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION
WHEN: Wednesday, 23 February
WHERE: Fox Classic Car Collection,
749 ~ 755 Collins Street,
[cnr Batman's Hill Dve],
Docklands, 3008
Melway 2E, H7
TIME: 5:00 to 8:00pm
COST: Adult ~ \$10.00
Concession ~ \$8.00
Child under 14 ~ \$5.00
BRING: Your appetite
BOOKING: Essential
by Friday, 25 February
CONTACT: Max Lewis

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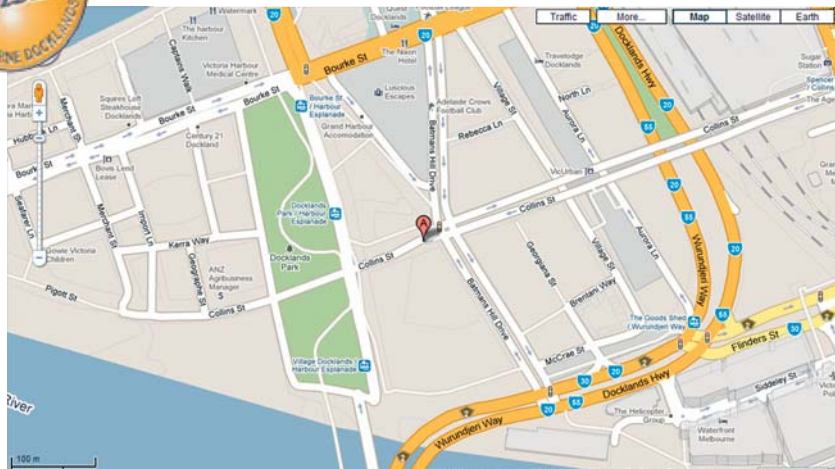
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The Fox Classic Car Collection includes more than 50 prestige vehicles collected over a 20 year

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period by trucking magnate Lindsay Fox. The collection includes Bentley, Ferrari, Jaguar, Porsche, Mercedes Benz and Rolls Royce. Booking is essential as Max will be arranging a Car Club Tour. Parking: There are approximately 40 vehicle parking spaces... first in best parked, however Max will endeavour to have spaces reserved. We have been advised that the entrance can be difficult to find ~ they share it with a building site, so do not be deterred by the plastic barriers and trucks! See the map below.

Bring your appetite as once we have gasped



and gawked at the collection, our stomachs will send us off in the direction of an eatery if you so desire!

● MARCH H O T H A M H U L A B A L L O O

WHEN: Saturday 12 to
Monday, 14 March

LEAVE: 7:30am SHARP

FROM: Fountain Gate Shopping
Centre, just off the Princes
Highway, Fountain Gate

TO: Peninsula Ski Lodge,
Mt Hotham

COST: \$35pp per night

BRING: Food for the weekend,
refreshments, towels, sheets,
pillow cases, etc

ROADS: Bitumen and well
maintained gravel

BOOKING: Essential by
February 25

CONTACT: Peter Sandow,
04 1951 5302 [M]

p.sandow@fmsa.com.au

It has been, I think, a few years

since we have ventured into the Victorian High Country for the Labour Day long weekend. But, once again Peter Sandow has opened the lodge doors at Peninsula for the Club.

We will get away from the Fountain Gate Shopping Centre at 7:30am SHARP and stop for morning coffee in Bairnsdale, before embarking on the Alpine Way. Brilliant scenery and a great drive are promised for us.

Once on Hotham your time is your own – there are walks for the fitter in the group. But you can just sit and chat if you prefer.

The Lodge is blessed with great cooking facilities so you will be able to cook up a storm.

For any additional information, contact Peter and remember you MUST have confirmed your booking by February 25.

COMMITTEE MEETING & CHEAP EATS

WHEN: Wednesday, 16 March

TIME: 7:00pm

WHERE: Check with the
Secretary for this month's venue

COST: Cheap eats

BRING: Refreshments

BOOKING: Preferred

CONTACT: Sue Bryant,
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secretary@citraenclassic.org.au

CLUB MEETING ~ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, 23 March

TIME: 8:00pm

WHERE: Canterbury Sports
Ground Pavilion, cnr Chatham
& Guildford Rds., Canterbury.
Melway 46, F10

COST: Free

BOOKING: Not required

CONTACT: Sue Bryant,
[03] 9885 3179

secretary@citraenclassic.org.au

Yes, it is that time of the year again ~ the Annual General Meeting is rolling around again.

Every year the Committee exhorts you to come along to this important event, and every year we manage to have sufficient members attend to assure us of a quorum. Remember, if we do not get a quorum, we simply have to go through the whole thing again. So, please make the effort to come along.

VOLUNTEER!



Have you thought of standing for Committee? All Committee positions are 'up for grabs'. And with Ted standing down as president, we have gaps to fill! Nomination forms have been included with this magazine and must be returned to the Secretary seven [7] days prior to the AGM.

On a personal note from the Editor, being on the Committee is not an onerous job ~ Commit-

tee meetings occur once a month and are typically finished within an hour. Then it is out for a bite to eat and a chance to catch up on the social stuff. The Club can only continue to prosper if the members take up the challenge

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of making the Club what you want it to be.
VOTE!



Voting for the 2011/2012 Committee is a very important right you have as a member of CCOCA. So, come along and make sure you have your input. Or complete the 'Proxy Form' that is with this edition of 'Front Drive'. Proxy Forms must be in the hands of the Secretary at least seven [7] days prior to the AGM.

2011 RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR

WHEN: Saturday, 26 to
Friday, 1 April
WHERE: North eastern Victoria
FROM: RACV Noble Park
TO: Dandenong

COST: \$350pp, plus
accommodation
BOOKING: Essential,
by 28 February
FURTHER INFORMATION:
<http://www.abccc.com.au/FTF/index.php>

The RACV Fly the Flag 10th Anniversary Tour promises to be the best yet.



Following the success of the last nine tours of Victoria, RACV invites you to join this anniversary tour to celebrate this significant milestone and promote heritage motoring to the Victorian regional community. The tour will travel from Melbourne to Bendigo for an overnight stop and then to Swan Hill for two nights. We will then drive to Echuca for another two nights stop. We then travel on to Wangaratta for our last night on the tour, stopping at RACV Cobram Resort for a vehicle display and morning tea before continuing our drive into the Rutherglen wineries area and the historic town of Chiltern.

On the final day of our tour we travel to RACV Healesville Country Club for our presentation luncheon.

● APRIL TEDDIE'S TERRIFIC TOUR

WHEN: Monday, 18 to
Friday, 22 April 2011
FROM: Hawthorn, Melb
TO: Stanthorpe, Qld
COST: Free for the event
BRING: Morning tea and
lunch break food to share,
pre-dinner drinks and nibbles.
Camping gear if camping.
BOOKING: Essential, ASAP
CONTACT: Helen Cross
[03] 9819 2208 [H]
04 1935 6963
crossfam@ozemail.com.au

See page 14 for full details.



CITIN 2011 ~ STANTHORPE

WHEN: Friday, 22 to
Monday 25 April
WHERE: Stanthorpe, Qld
COST: Adults \$195pp
Children [5 to 12] \$100pp
plus accommodation
BOOKING: Essential
by January 31
REGISTRATION: Download
from www.citroenclub.org.

See page 19 for full details.

STEELEY'S ESCAPADE

WHEN: Monday, 25 April to
Sunday, 1 May
FROM: Stanthorpe, Qld
TO: Maleny, Qld
COST: Free for the event
BRING: Morning tea and
lunch break food to share,
pre-dinner drinks and nibbles.
Camping gear if camping.
BOOKING: Essential, ASAP
CONTACT: Ian Steele
[07] 5494 2539
justcits@gmail.com

See page 17 for full details.

CLUB MEETING ~ NOGIN, NATTER & NOSH

WHEN: Wednesday,
27 April
TIME: 7:00pm
WHERE: East Malvern RSL,
Stanley Grose Drive,
Melway 60 A12
COST: Mains from \$12
BOOKING: Preferred
CONTACT: Max Lewis
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activities@citroenclub.org.au

I have it on good authority from Sue and Leigh who often eat here that this watering hole is a good place to go, so bring yourselves and your good lassie or laddie as well as any further news on that restoration project, new or pending purchase of a Citroën and any hot goss you would like to share. Mains range from about \$12 to \$20.

IMPORTANT!

The Club is always keen to keep in contact with our members. 'Front Drive' is main method of keeping you, our members, up to date on anything and everything that is happening in the Classic Citroën world.

EMAIL CONTACT!

But, we also keep in touch by email. Unfortunately, not everyone keeps the Club up to date with their email address. Consequently, we regularly receive 'bounce-backs', indicating that an email address in our database is no longer valid.

We also believe that there are members who may not have sup-

plied their email address to the Club. Remember, just because a member of the Committee, for example, happens to have your email address, Privacy Law prevents that address being passed to the Club ~ you have to supply your email address directly to the Secretary for inclusion in the Club database.

So, if you are not receiving email updates from the Club, it might be because we do not have your correct email address.

If you wish to be added to the Club's email list, send an email to secretary@citroenclassic.org.au and I will add you to our database.

Sue Bryant ~ Secretary



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TEDDIE'S TERRIFIC TOUR 2011 ~
MELBOURNE TO STANTHORPE

Many people are showing interest in being part of CitIn 2011 at Stanthorpe, Queensland. Full tour information was included

pre-dinner drinks and dinners each evening.

There is no actual cost involved to be part of the group, but some extra excursions along the way will attract a modest amount of money.

Highlights include a Hot-Rod and custom building/restor-

ing factory, several collections of memorabilia at Conargo, a motor museum at Forbes, CSIRO radio telescope at Parkes, dinner and croquet under lights at the home of Bob and Jan Dircks ~ Bob is leading RAID 2012 so an unforgettable experience checking out his shed.

Also possible side-trips to Dangar Falls, Saumarez Homestead and The Home of The Beardies.

We will arrive in Stanthorpe

in the last edition of 'Front Drive', so this issue just shows you the highlights of this great extension to CitIn.

For those who will be traveling from the Southern parts of Australia, we are inviting you to join us on 'Teddie's Terrific Tour' to be held over 5 days/4 nights.

Each day is planned to be doing some interesting things and seeing new places, as well as cementing friendships over shared morning tea and lunch each day,



The famous radio telescope at Parkes is on the tour itinerary, of course.

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TEDDIE'S TERRIFIC TOUR



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ready for the start of the first event of CitIn Registration.

Interstate people from all states are most welcome to join us along the way.

You will need to book your own accommodation ~ we have

Overnight: Big 4 Caravan and Cabin Park 1800 641 207 or Apex Riverside Tourist Park [02] 6851 1929.

☞ DAY III: WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL ~ FORBES TO LAKE KEEPIT. Depart: Forbes 9:00am

Morning visit: CSIRO Parkes radio telescope

Afternoon visit:

Lake Keepit State Park
Dinner: at the home of Bob and Jan Dirks

Overnight: Lake Keepit State Park, [02] 6769 7605

☞ DAY IV: THURSDAY 21 APRIL ~ LAKE KEEPIT TO GLEN INNES. Depart: Lake Keepit 9:00am

Morning visit: explore Tamworth

Afternoon visit: Dangar Falls &/or Saumarez Homestead

Dinner: hopefully at 'The Land Of The Beardies History House' ~ to be confirmed,

Overnight: Glen Rest Tourist Park [02] 6732 2413 or Fossicker Caravan and Cabin Park [02] 6732 4246

☞ DAY V: FRIDAY 22 APRIL ~ GLEN INNES TO STANTHORPE.

Depart: Glen Innes 9:30am, Morning visit: Tenterfield.

We then arrive at Stanthorpe between 1pm and 2pm, ready for the first event of CitIn ~ registration.

Helen & Ted Cross ☞

TEDDIE'S TERRIFIC TOUR

recommended Cabin/Caravan Parks, phone numbers supplied.

If you are interested in being part of the tour group, please contact the organising crew ~ Ted and Helen Cross ~ crossfam@ozemail.com.au, [03] 9819 2208 [AH] or on mobile: Ted 04 0059 2208 or Helen 04 1935 6963.

☞ DAY I: MONDAY 18 APRIL ~ MELBOURNE TO DENILQUIN. Depart: Hawthorn 9:15am
Lunch: Echuca

Afternoon visit: Southern Rod ~ hot-rod and custom builder

Dinner: Denilquin RSL

Overnight: Denilquin Riverside Caravan and Cabin Park [03] 5881 1284

☞ DAY II: TUESDAY 19 APRIL ~ DENILQUIN TO FORBES.

Depart: Denilquin 9:00am

Morning visit: Clancy's of Conargo

Lunch: West Wyalong

Afternoon visit: McFeeters Motor Museum, Forbes

Dinner: Forbes Services Memorial Club

I've been and done the reccy, it is a really good drive and covers quite a bit of territory. There are a few stretches that seem like they go on forever, then to arrive at a new destination, all worth it!

It was over-cast the entire time I was away, some days it

rained constantly and the first few days were bloody cold also. The upside of this of course is that there was water everywhere, all weirs and dams are full. This was on top of record rains only 3 or 4 months ago. The upside of ALL this is that the country should be looking at its best when we travel it next year. The real upside of this is that the water is destined for the Murray.

I have booked accommodation, actually in one area I booked two separate venues, not knowing how many people will be needing it, so PLEASE advise ASAP if you are coming and need accommodation, so I can advise accordingly.

For a couple of breakfasts and a few lunches we will have to fend for ourselves, no problems, I prefer to actually, as you know what ya eating.

The only dirt road I was worried about, as the sealed alternative is far longer, is now almost all bitumen leaving only about 8kms. of dirt that even bitumen-only drivers could be

tempted to use.

A winery tour has been arranged, as has a look over the Citroën collection at Gayndah, and a quick look at a small 'red-claw' yabbies farm. We stay at

STEELEY'S ESCAPADE

a few old interesting pubs and cross the Upper Brisbane River 39 times in as many kilometres, several of which are forded. I have even found a French chef at a vineyard who is supposed to serve up the goods good, I think all will enjoy the drive. So please advise ASAP by email if possible if you are coming and also your preferred accommodation needs.

My email is justcits@gmail.com phone [07] 5494 2539

Keep 'em up n pumping, Steeley.

UPDATE

As some of you are aware there will be an après CitIn drive around Southern Central Queensland. This drive will last approximately 7 days and cover about 1,800km. Helen Cross came up with the idea and asked me if I would like to set out some sort of course. It is quite enjoyable setting these types of events as it gets me out in the Safari, camping in the back and finding new roads. I have come up with the following plan.

**FINAL
REMINDER!**

☞ DAYS I & II: MONDAY 25 APRIL, TUESDAY 26 APRIL
After the normal au revoir formalities, head for St. George and spend two nights in the area, two reasons, it will al-

Onto Murgon and stay at one of the best caravan parks I've seen.

☞ DAY VII: SUNDAY 1 MAY
The last day, we take a serious forestry road, don't panic I've taken the Club along it before, to a small French restaurant for late lunch, then

home to my place in Maleny. There will always be an alternative bitumen road if you don't want to go on the dirt.

I will be booking accommodation at the various spots in the near future, normally they will hold these bookings until a month or two before the date, it will be up to you to confirm your bookings. Names and phone numbers will be advised later.

Citroëns only will be allowed unless you are travelling in a camper van or the like or have a good excuse not to be in your Citroën.

Let me or Helen Cross know if you plan on coming, what accommodation you need [plenty of camping available] and if you are likely to want dinner at the pubs.

Most lunches and breakfasts will be up to each other.

Looking forward to the first wave of feedback.

My email is justcits@gmail.com phone [07] 5494 2539

Keep 'em up n pumping,
Steeley. ☞

Easter 2011: Friday 22 April ~ Monday 25 April, The Stanthorpe CitIn.

In 2011, the Annual CitIn will be hosted by the Queensland Citroën Club and we are glad to invite you all to join us at Stanthorpe.

Remember the dates: Easter 2011, Friday 22 April ~ Monday 25 April.

There is no restriction on attendance, so all are welcome.

We have been fortunate in securing the Stanthorpe Showgrounds at the edge of the town, for the full period, which includes use of a very large Pavilion/Exhibition Centre; large enough for static displays, space for all Clubs' Shops, as well as space for dining. There will be static displays of interesting historical Citroëns.

Stanthorpe is a popular Tourist area and you will need to book early.

PROGRAMME

☞ Friday 22 April. Welcome and Register at the Pavilion, from 3pm onwards. A light meal will be provided that evening.

☞ Saturday 23 April. That morning, the traditional Showing of our Citroëns will be on the adjacent Showground Arena. Lunch will be offered on site, by a local organisation, to raise funding for their Club's activities. Following lunch is the Motorkhana, at the

Showgrounds, or a wine appreciation talk will be offered if arrangements are successful, followed by Dinner in the Exhibition Centre.

☞ Sunday 24 April. An Observation Run has been organ-

STEELEY'S ESCAPADE

low us to wind down a bit after the CitIn and there is a bit to see in the area. It is the furthest west we will be going.

☞ DAY III: WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL

Go east for a bit then north to Miles, we will pass a museum with heaps of old war machinery for those interested, and stay at a place where the accommodation is in old bunkers which were used as ammunition store rooms during the war. No I'm not a war history freak.

☞ DAY IV: THURSDAY 28 APRIL

We go further north through Taroom and stay overnight at an old pub near Theodore, stopping for lunch at a national park on the way.

☞ DAY V: FRIDAY 29 APRIL

This is a short day so we can have a look at the Hay Ezzy Huth Citroën collection in Gayndah where we stay overnight.

☞ DAY VI: SATURDAY 30 APRIL

CITIN '11 ~ QLD



granite belt
wine country

ised, taking in the sights of the area, with lunch at a popular winery. The balance of the afternoon will be free time, just to circulate, rest, or perhaps a winery visit. The Formal Dinner is again at the Exhibition Centre and awards announced.

☞ Monday 25 April. A farewell breakfast at the Showgrounds, timed around the dawn Anzac Day service.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the cccq

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website: www.citroenclub.org.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Bookings must close 31 January, 2011.

Cost: Adults \$195pp. Children [between the ages of 5 and

The deal as explained to all proprietors: registrations will close on 31st January.

♦ High Street Motor Inn

[07] 4681 1533

♦ Top of the Town Tourist Park

[07] 4681 4888

♦ Murray Gardens

[07] 4681 4121

♦ Granite Court

[07] 4681 1811

Motel

♦ The Vines Motel

[07] 4681 3844

♦ Apple and Grape [07] 4681 1288

♦ Commercial Hotel

[07] 4681 2244

♦ Boulevard Motel [07] 4681 1777

Make your accommodation selection and book directly with the venue.



CITIN '11 ~ QLD

12 at the time of CitIn] \$100pp. Single day registration is available at \$100pp per day.

ACCOMMODATION

A block booking has been made at the following accommodation houses in Stanthorpe but get in early so as not to be disappointed.

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PETER BOYD'S LIGHT 15



In what I hope is the first in a series of articles, Queensland-based cCOCA member Peter Boyd talks about his cars and how he became involved in the marque we all hold so dear. If no one 'volunteers' to write for

country during the French era which ended in 1954 after Dien Bien Phu. I was immediately attracted to the styling of these vehicles and vowed one day to own one. At that time I was unaware that they had been sold in Australia. One interesting feature of the Vietnam

Traction story is

that the nurses at the Australian military hospital in Vung Tau drove a Traction painted in pink. I understand that army engineers obtained this vehicle for the girls and painted it for them. [It was affectionately known as the 'Pink Panther'. Ed.]

Upon my return to Australia I met Jenni and we eventually were married and began raising

a family. I had never forgotten the Traction, however the economics of family life dictated that our cars were mainly boring old Holdens and Fords. After I retired from the Air Force we relocated to our property at Mapleton, the children finished school and my thoughts again turned to Citroëns. I became friends with the late Bob Keyte and he encouraged me to look for a Traction. Bob had owned a couple of Tractions in Melbourne during the '60s and '70s and was a real enthusiast.

After some searching in the early '90s I bought a restoration project from Dave Slawson. This car was a Light 15 and had been owned by the post master in Bluff on the south island of New Zealand. I found this project very challenging without another car for comparison. I decided to buy a complete running car to use as a template. Fortunately at that time Leon Rose was selling his beautiful gun metal grey Light 15 with a factory fitted sunroof and I was able to purchase it. As a wise person once said 'IF YOU BUY MORE THAN ONE CITROËN ~ THEY BREED'. Boy is this so true as I can attest we now have TEN! I re-painted and reupholstered the grey car and did a lot of mechanical work. This car won a couple of People's Choice awards at Queensland French car days. Recently I reluctantly decided to sell this car to cCOCA member Bob Lachal.

In the collection of the Australian War Memorial there are at least two photos of the 'Pink Panther', in the company of nurses from the military hospital at Vung Tau. You can find more information at <http://centurion-mbt-two.synthasite.com/page-19.php>



PETER BOYD

the next edition... you can expect an email from me requesting your participation. GRIN.

Leigh F Miles

My love affair with the Citroën marque began when I served in Vietnam in the late 1960s. There were still many Tractions being used as taxis and also private cars. These cars had been introduced to the



I bought a 1954 Light 15 from Les Vidler and completely restored it and painted it black. I also fitted an ID motor and four-speed box together with Austin 1800 [Landcrab] driveshafts and disc brakes. This car drives beau-

maculate 1999 XM Exclusive is our special outing car.

My current restorations are a 1971 DS21 injected 5-speed painted in a beautiful burgundy colour [Citroën of course]. I am about two thirds through this task and hope to complete it next year. A 1954 Big 15 awaits resto-

ration however it may have to compete with my garden for time. Finally I would like to say that through the world of Citroëns we have met so many wonderful friends both here in Australia and throughout the World. I have never for one moment regretted my love affair with Citroëns.

Peter Boyd



PETER BOYD

tifully and I do not think that I will ever sell it. A 1974 D Special purchased from the Hayezzy-huth's was painted and remains a proud part of the fleet. Jenni has her beloved Daisy, a blue 1973 2CV which she drives regularly to her craft group outings. Other more modern Citroëns we own are a Xantia and a C5. An im-



Peter and Jenni's other love is their splendid garden. As part of the recent Brisbane ccoca outing the group visited their magnificent garden.

VALE LEIGH MASON

It is with deep regret that we advise of the passing of fellow Citroënist Leigh Mason of Albury, after a long battle with Cancer.

Leigh along with his wife Annette and daughter Melissa attended many of the early Citlins.

Leigh had a particular interest in the rear drives, namely 5CVs of which they had two.

Leigh was a gentle man and one of that rare breed of can-do people and will be sadly missed by all those who knew him.

Peter Boyle and the Committee of ccoca



VALE STEVE MUIR

12.9.54 ~ 19.11.10

One of the nicer sides of being the spare parts officer is meeting and getting to know more members from near and far. So it was with Steve Muir who was residing in Evandale, Tasmania when he first contacted me some years ago. Steve was suffering from cancer at that time but his passion was to get his IIBL back on the road. At times before and after his regular treatments there would be a long pause in work but the 2010 Citlin at Launceston was to be his catalyst, he was determined to have the car on the road for the event, as well he and his wife Gayle were active members on the planning committee.

His determination shone through as I had the pleasure of taking the car for a drive with Steve over the Easter weekend. By this time the decision had been made to sell in Tasmania and move to Perth where Gayle would be closer to her family and grandchildren. I visited Steve and Gayle in late September, while in WA and was so pleased I did as the look on Steve's face when he saw us was priceless. Steve passed away shortly after on the 19 November.

I have since found out that Steve followed the Buddhist way of life and his other passions were fishing and tending his vegetable plot, originally from NZ Steve was one of the nicest people one could meet and left a gentle mark on everyone.

Rob Little and the Committee of ccoca

Jeffrey Gordon Pamplin
27/10/1943 ~ 19/9/2010

Jeff, a long standing member of cCOCA died on 19 September 2010 at the age of 66 from a brain tumour after a relatively short

the car and it was still nowhere near ready.

However I could not work on the car all the time so here I was at a committee meeting of cCOCA and here was Jeff sitting opposite and I had not given any thought to whether I should have a co-driver.

Now there are advantages

with not having a co-driver

- ✂ You do not have to share your stuff.
- ✂ You get to bring a lot more stuff because you have more room and less weight.
- ✂ and the big one... You may not get on with them.

But even I can get sick of talking to myself and I would probably get lost without a navigator and there was Jeff sitting opposite me so I ask him 'Hey Jeff do you want to be my co-driver?' I did not need to say co-driver for what as by this time all everyone was talking about was the Raid

Now at that point Jeff was about 60, he had worked for the Public Service for a fairly long time and he had obviously knocked back leaving at the magic 53 and $\frac{7}{8}$ or whatever it is; he had stayed on but as it happened not for much longer.

As he replied 'Yeah I'll go, I'll retire tomorrow', then he gave me that look and said 'they've been trying to get rid of me for years!' I think he was just staying on to annoy them.

To cut a long story short.

- ✂ Jeff did resign the next day.
- ✂ The car was finished in time.
- ✂ Jeff was great company confirming that decisions made in haste are not always bad ones.
- ✂ Jeff drove the Traction with the appropriate amount of verve and managed to nurse it home with a broken driveshaft.
- ✂ Luckily the CD player in the Traction did not work so I did not have to listen to Jeff's Gregorian Chants.
- ✂ Ditto for Jeff; he did not have to listen to my sad '70s music.
- ✂ We had a great time.

This was the beginning of Raider Jeff as soon after the Raid Jeff had bought a 2CV and was instantly in demand doing Raid Rekkys, post Raids, invitation only Raids, plus the 2008 Raid and I believe Jeff even went on one of Luigi's [Peter Boyle] famous fishing trips up north where he managed to fall out of the tinny into crocodile infested waters. During this time Jeff also travelled extensively in the out of Australia with his partner Kay.

We will all miss his dry humour, that sardonic smile and gentleness that was Jeff Pamplin.
Mark McKibbin ✂

Jeff and Kay, as many of us will remember him ~ a glass of good red and plate of good food.



VALE JEFF PAMPLIN

illness. I have only known Jeff for the last 10 years or so, although I know he was a civil engineer with the Country Roads Board and latter with the Housing Commission [or whatever it is now called] where he wrote programs in the 4D database language for his beloved Apple computer.

Rather than going into a life story that I know precious little about, I would like to relate a short story about Jeff and it begins back in 2004 about 6 weeks out from the start of the 2CV Raid.

Now for those who do not know what a Raid is: it is an Adventure, a Motoring Adventure, in modern times usually in small Citroën Cars and usually where only 4WDs go; in fact if there is a smooth bit of tarmac with a corrugated rutted road going the same way we will be on the rutted one.

Anyway back to the story, it is 2004 about 6 weeks out and I was still putting my car together and a certain amount of hysteria was setting in as I seemed to be doing nothing else but work on

CCOCA has hosted the first interstate meeting ~ a meal for members in Sunny Queensland on Sunday 7 November 2010.

We arrived at Melbourne's Tullamarine Airport at 1:45pm,

Up bright and early on Sunday morning ~ an early morning walk for the energetic people [just me and the birds], then home for breaky and a bit more chatting.

Teddie and Brian spent quite a while ooh-ing and aah-ing over Brian's collection of Citroëns ~

1940 [Oct '39 build] Light 15 Grande Luxe, 1951 11BL, 1978 GS Pallas and a 1981 Series 1 Visa Club.

The GS and the Visa belong to their son Nathan, however they live in one of Brian's garages.

We then set off for Flaxton, which is close to Montville, Maleny, Nambour and Mapleton, located in the mountains behind the Sunshine Coast.

Quite a contingent of Citroën

Enthusiasts was waiting to greet us as we arrived ~ old friends and new ~ 29 of us in total, and after much hugging, kissing and hand shaking we all moved in to Le Relais Bressan French Restaurant, and selected our meals from the menu ~ a bit of a difficult choice as everything sounded delicious.

The group was somewhat noisy ~ lots of ground to cover, and hear all the news and events over the past several months and in some cases a couple of years.

The food lived up to all expectations ~ French cooking was superb, service terrific, speeches very short ~ all in all an extremely successful day.

Several cars then headed to view 'Jardin Vermont' the garden of Jenni and Peter Boyd, who live a few kilometres from the restaurant ~ Peter has transformed

one and a half acres of dirt into a Formal French Garden with a tribute to Claude Monet. [To read a little from Peter himself, and see pictures of both his car and their garden, see the centre spread and page 28. Ed.]

I could have happily spent at least half a day wandering around the garden and taking it all in, however we had a deadline to meet ~ our plane to catch for our return trip to Melbourne.

Quick farewells ~ we should be catching up with most of the group at CitIn at Stanthorpe next April ~ then Brian and Esther very kindly drove us back to Brisbane airport for our flight back to Melbourne ~ again delayed, we arrived in Melbourne after midnight, and home to Hawthorn close to 1am, tired but very happy.

Helen Cross

✂

CCOCA IN QUEENSLAND

ready for our 3:10pm flight, only to find it was somewhat delayed ~ we finally took off at 5pm.

Brian and Esther Wade met us at Brisbane airport in their Citroën C4, and drove us to their very comfortable and welcoming home at Eagleby, a suburb that is about halfway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Dinner was wonderful ~ lamb shanks cooked expertly by Esther, fruit salad, much laughter and talking, before heading to bed.

Left to right: Peter and Madeline Huth, Pam Ezzy, Ian Steele, Helen McCulloch, Lynne and Lincoln McPhee, Peter and Jenni Boyd and Les Hay



Left to right: Eleanor and Lance Werne, Dillys and David Bradbury, Nathan Wade, Wayne Hyke, Grahame and Anne Vaughan, Allen and Ruth Maze



Left to right: Esther and Brian Wade, Chris, Andrew and Annette Maluish, Helen and Ted Cross, David and Bronwyn Hancox



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