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CCCV GENERAL MEETINGS

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CCCV COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held monthly in locations decided each month.

CLUB BANKING DETAILS FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

AND PAYMENTS

BANK: Bendigo Bank - BSB: 633 000—ACCOUNT: 120 127 907

Club night—Pizza dinner—June 15th



Initially, it looked like this evening would have resulted in a lockout. Wolfgang was not coming due to a family birthday, and John Parsons had Michael Faulks key as he was making out of hour visits to document the library.

After some urgent phone calls, Wolfgang made a rush trip down to open up, and John Parsons arrived a little later. It was all good, and some 24 members enjoyed a wide choice of pizzas and a most convivial time together.



Ed.



Well folks, its official. We are more than half way through the year! Winter is normally a time for hibernating or hiding out in front of a fire with a hot chocolate however it feels like we've been just as busy as ever. We had more people at the July general meeting than I have seen for some time. It was great to see partners there as well as the usual suspects. It seems the idea of a group dinner really resonates with our members and brings them out of the woodwork. It was great to see some new members there as well one of whom is taking the plunge and restoring a CX. For a while now the CX has flown under the radar but there is a growing interest in them. People seem to have woken up to how good they really are and the fact they are more accessible than D series or even 2CVs now really helps. In a similar vein, talking to friend in other car clubs with a younger demographic there is a lot of interest in XMs and Xantias.

FRONT COVER

A mix of cars parked at Montague's Café Lysterfield Lake for a coffee break prior to heading to Cardinia Reservoir for the BATTLE of WARTERLOO.

Image: Brian James.

BACK COVER

Armed with his iPhone & speaker Dave Rogers declaring the BATTLE of WATERLOO.

Image: Ian Downie.

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Our recent Hills and History road trip organised by Nick Hutton gathered quite a crowd. The trip took in the sights of the Mornington Peninsula on their way to the historic McCrea Homestead followed by lunch in one of the club's usual haunts. Anyone familiar with chit-chat Tuesdays will know it well. July brings us to the Bastille Day celebrations which this year are taking place at the Waverly Golf Club. Booking is essential by this Friday the 7th July. Head to the club website for details. Plans for the August drive are coming along nicely, stay tuned for more info.

It is also time to start turning our thoughts towards the AGM which is now only 3 months away. The AGM pack will go out with the newsletter a bit closer but now is the time to consider if you'd like to join the committee. Every position is up for grabs so if one grabs you then send an email to the president's email address. There is quite a range from general committee members who organise and help with events to Treasurer, Events Secretary, Librarian, and President. The committee is the engine room of the club and should represent the whole membership. Have a think about it and come election night feel free to put your hand up.

Finally, I must put in an apology for the lateness of this month's newsletter. Our editor has been held up by yours truly who managed to lose track of what day it was and let July sneak up on me. Normal service will be resumed next month.

Michael Faulks.

President.

DISCLAIMER

This newsletter may contain articles with suggestions and advice for maintaining and modifying your car. It is your responsibility to ensure that any modifications or maintenance carried out on your vehicle conforms to all applicable safety and design laws and regulations and any stipulation made to your insurance company. The editors, authors, CCCV Inc. Committee and Members decline any responsibility for any transactions begun through contacts made in the CCCV.

CCCV NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE: Sunday night, after the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



NOTICE BOARD



Club password for the month: This has now been deleted and by simply logging on to the CCCV website: www.Citcarclubvic.org.au you can view all sections including the newsletter without having to remember a monthly password.

New Members . CCCV welcomes the new members to our family: Brian Watson, Caroline Hamilton and Louise McKenzie. We trust you will enjoy your membership and we look forward to seeing you at club meetings and monthly outings.

LHM OIL for members: The price of LHM oil is now \$18.00 per litre as at 10/11/21 (see p/35 for your closest rep) Unfortunately we have had to increase this charge because of rising purchase cost to the club. It is still well below retail price.

LDS OIL available at club rooms on club nights only at \$25.00 per litre.

Events Calendar

Draft Activities Program

2023

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Club nights now start at 7.30pm.

Monthly 1st- Chit-Chat Tuesday Chit-Chat Tuesdays will be at Laneway Espresso Café – next door to Dromana Hotel – from 10 am onwards. This is a low-key “DIY” event for likeminded Citroen owners to meet and chat. Contact: Warwick Spinaze 0407 016 719 **CCOCA & CCCV event for coffee & chat.**

Monthly BOY'S DAY OUT-Port Arlington Golf Club-
WHEN: The fourth Thursday each month and the third Thursday in December (See p/7) 10.30 am for 11.30 departure & leaving from 1/29 Everist Rd, Ocean Grove Industrial Estate. **CCOCA & CCCV event for coffee & chat.**

Jul	8-9	Bastille Day—Queen Victoria Market's Sheds C and D
	16	Bastille Day lunch CCCV-CCOCA
	20	Movie night—cinema details will be emailed out when we know which film will be going to see.
Aug	17	Speaker on Cylinder H-ds in Club Rooms
Sep	21	Pub meal
	24	DS Owners Tech Day Peter Moloney's Workshop
Oct	19	Club night—AGM
	22	French Car Festival –Patterson Reserve. Hawthorn.
Nov		Run—CJ Dennis gardens TBA

2024

Mar 22-25 **CITIN RELOCATED TO DEVONPORT TASMANIA**
<https://citcarclubvic.org.au/cit-in-2024/>

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Cit In booking details pages 12-13

Fortunately, we have been able to secure a new location at Devonport on the Tasmanian North West Coast and have booked the recently opened luxury Accor Novotel, situated on the banks of the scenic Mersey River opposite the East Devonport Spirit Ferry terminal. The previously advised dates of 22nd - 25th of March 2024 will still apply so your members will not need to change your Spirit of Tasmania bookings.

CCCV Club Advice Line

Traction Avant	Ted	Cross	9819 2208	SM	Lee Scholte	0407 150 038
2CV	Dave	Rogers	0422229484	Xantia/Xsara	John Wyers	9787 6280
AX/Berlingo	Kirk	Kirkcaldy	9363 2464	XM & modern models		
GS/GSA	Andrew Smith		9755 2439		Salman Chaudhry	0410 040 505
ID/DS	Contact CCCV			C2/C3	Don Scutt	9807 8999
BX	John Wyers		9787 6280	C6	John Fedorko	0438 597384
CX/C5	Graeme McDonald		0409 134 836			

Forthcoming Club Events

July 8th-9th



Free event, prices may apply to some of the ticketed program.
Swap your beanie for a beret and come down to the iconic Queen Victoria Market's Sheds C & D this Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th July for the annual Bastille Day French Festival. Everyone's favourite celebration of all things French in Melbourne is back in 2023 with our most authentic feel yet in this new venue.

The Bastille Day French Festival of Melbourne will transport you to a classic wintry French town square and mark the start of the celebrations in the lead up to the French National Day. A winter market packed with local French-Australian businesses, mouth-watering French cuisine, dazzling artists and performers, a ticketed program filled with Les Lumières talks, Walking Tours and masterclasses, right in the heart of the city! All with the delicious scent of croissants floating through the air. We will also have our Online Program in full swing so if you can't join us in person, join us online for a range of live crosses to France, in conversations, musical delights and more! Join us in person or online, as the joie de vivre returns this July. À bientôt au Festival !

July 16th

CCCV - CCOCA

Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club - Rowville site

82 Bergins Road, Rowville Victoria 3178

ANNUAL BASTILLE DAY LUNCH

Booking
details on

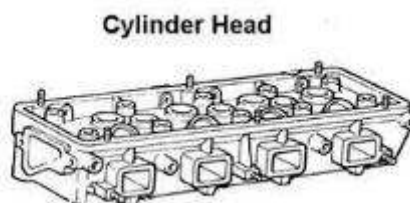


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August 17th

CLUB ROOMS

Speaker on
Cylinder
Heads





COME ALONG, ENJOY THE
FESTIVITIES AND CELEBRATE AT THE

BASTILLE DAY

LUNCHEON 2023

**Churchill-Waverley Golf and Bowls Club
Rowville Site**

82 Bergins Road Rowville Victoria 3178

WHEN: Sunday 16 July
TIME: 12.00pm for 12.30pm
COST: \$40.00 per head

Two course meal
Subsidised by your Club
Drinks at your own expense
Please wear your name tag

RSVP: Friday 7 July 2023



REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

**CCOCA
REGISTRATION**

**CCCV
REGISTRATION**

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FURTHER INFORMATION:
marg.towt@bigpond.com

PRE CIT-IN RUN 2024 - TRACTION 90yr BIRTHDAY RUN

Thursday, 14 March 2024 to Friday, 22 March 2024

PRE CIT-IN RUN 2024 - TRACTION 90yr BIRTHDAY RUN

HOSTS: Grahame & Anne Vaughan



- **PREAMBLE**

Welcome and please read carefully.

An anticlockwise trip around interesting parts of Tassie over 8 days finishing for the start of Cit-in 2024 in Devonport.

Ideally suited to Traction's and will celebrate the theme & 90th Birthday, so please drive yours!!

Other models all welcome.

Accommodation is **TIGHT** and will be first in best dressed, so book **ASAP**.

So, get together with your friends and share, **IF POSSIBLE**, as cheaper and helps with accommodation tightness.

Telephone or email the venues; if you look on Websites may appear "booked out" that is because it is being held for us.

You will need to Register with me to get updates [see later]

Apologies if I mislead you regarding the pre run detail when chatting before, but venue changes happened. So, recheck please.

Book & pay yourselves for all accommodation.

- **DAY 1 ULVERSTONE** (22kms from Ferry)

Thursday 14th March 2024

MEET at **ULVERSTONE BIG 4 CARAVAN PARK** (03) 64 252 624 Barbara or Katrina for Cabins/Camping/Van
57 Water Street ULVERSTONE



Alternative Accommodation

BEACHWAY MOTEL - Ken (03) 64 252 342 (about 100 metres from Caravan Park)

- **DAY 2 STRAHAN** (Drive 205km from Ulverstone)

Friday 15th March 2024

BIG 4 CARAVAN PARK - (03) 64 717 442 Jill or Ginny

10 Innes Steet, Strahan (Situating left on the way into Town)

- **DAY 3 STRAHAN**

Saturday 16th March 2024

At your leisure

N:B - APT Train will depart from both Strahan & Queenstown and both go halfway turnabout & return. Plenty to do otherwise.eg Gordon River Cruise both day & Twilight incl meals.

OPTION for Day 2 & 3 OR GOOD post Cit-in visit

Anne & I are **NOT** doing the option as accommodation is too tight for a large group.

Visit **CORINNA WILDERNESS LODGE** we love it!!

Check their website & make your own arrangements.

GO via Waratah on way to Strahan.

Stay 2 days & do the Pieman River Cruises (book ahead)/bush walks/camping grounds, so slower, gravel and paid ferry; return via Zeehan for views; so 290km this way to Bothwell.

- **DAY 4 BOTHWELL** (Drive 248km from Strahan)

Sunday 17th March

Travel to Bothwell (pop under 400)

Stay at **RATHO FARM** - Jo or Michael (03) 62 595 553)

2122 Highlands Lakes Road Bothwell (on edge of town, Miena side)

This is home to Southern Hemispheres first Golf Course and still going with 1830`s House and outbuildings now used as accommodation for Weddings; so, they are used to larger groups. Great rustic charm with many shared outbuildings recently renovated mostly each room with own ensuite and central area for shared meals/drinks etc. They have 7 overflow en-suite rooms upstairs in town [maybe 1-2kms away and local pub similar digs with some Air B & B`s shared cottages.

Tents/Vans are ok at Ratho Farm.

- **DAY 5 BOTHWELL**

Monday 18th March

Day at leisure Bothwell

N:B: Hobart about 1 hour away (76 kms) if you wish to do a day visit to Mona etc





• **DAY 6 ST HELENS** (Drive 207 km from Bothwell)

Tuesday 19th March

Travel to St Helens

Stay @ **NRMA Caravan Park** 18 St Helens Point Road St Helens

Now trades under **Tasman Holiday Parks** - sthelens@tasmanholidayparks.com

Phone (03) 63 762 332

Good Cabins/Tents /Vans/Restaurant

N:B: Will only hold until end of July, so book early but plenty of alternatives.

• **DAY 7 ST HELENS**

Wednesday 20th March

Day at leisure.

A local member will lead a scenic drive.

• **Day 8 BRIDPORT**

Thursday 21st March (Drive 120 km from St Helens)

Accommodation in smaller venues only

We will be at **Platypus Park Retreat 20 Ada Street Bridport**. Smaller some shared 70`s style but pleasant.

Contact Gina (03) 63 561 873

Alternative Accomodation:

Bridport Bay Inn Motel 79 Main Street, Bridport

(03) 63 561 238 Basic Accommodation, book early leanne@bridportbayinn.com.au held few months.

or share at

The Old Pier Apartments x6 x 2 Bedroom, good spot also has a 3-bedroom cottage 2 km away - Call Colleen 0400 352 369 holding for a few months.

N:B: Plenty of Air B & B

• **FRIDAY 22nd DEVONPORT** for Cit-in 2024 (drive 139 km from Bridport)

CONTACT DETAILS for Anne & self to Register for Pre Cit-in run.

Preference Email:

Please use **“Pre Cit”** as the **“subject Line”** so I actually notice them.

vaughan.grahame@gmail.com

If desperate..... Grahame 0412 593 075 Anne 0409 980 100

** I need you to please email me when you have booked with your email/mobile straight away; car and rego number when suits so I have some accurate idea who is coming to organise meals, routes etc.

Also, I will acknowledge your contact but note we are O/S 18th June for approx. 3 weeks.

Looking forward to the Event and Cit-in 2024

** POST CIT-IN note. F.Y.I. Launceston about 1 hour away and Hobart around 3 hours from Devonport and I hope your read all this and I will quiz!!

Grahame & Anne Vaughan



Cit-In Tasmania 2024

Dear Club Presidents and Secretaries.

As Chair of the Tasmanian Cit-In committee, I am e-mailing you all to advise that due to events beyond the Tas Cit-In Committee's control, we have had to make the uncomfortable decision to relocate the 2024 Tasmanian Cit-In event.

As you would all be aware, we recently presented the 2024 Tasmanian Cit-In event at Murray Bridge when the event was to be held at St Helens on the East Coast of Tasmania from the 22nd – 25 March 2024.

Fortunately, we have been able to secure **a new location at Devonport on the Tasmanian Northwest Coast and have booked the recently opened luxury Accor Novotel**, situated on the banks of the scenic Mersey River opposite the East Devonport Spirit Ferry terminal.

The previously advised **dates of 22nd -25th of March 2024 will still apply** so your members will not need to change your Spirit of Tasmania bookings.

The **Novotel** is centrally located in this small coastal city with the adjacent **Paranaple Centre** also booked to host our Saturday and Sunday evening dining activities and a nearby riverside park providing plenty of areas for a show and shine and relaxing early morning riverside walks to the Bluff lighthouse.

Novotel have reserved 70 rooms in their 180 room, complex starting from \$185.00 for Cit-In registrants. They will shortly provide us with a link which includes a booking code for your members to receive the discounted room rate. **(Do not book Novotel accommodation until the link is provided to ensure the discount applies).**

We also have the Nearby Gateway Motel offering availability of rooms within easy walking distance of the Paranaple function Centre and the Novotel.

Devonport offers a number of attractions, being the centre of Tasmania's Northwest Coast and gateway to the rich agricultural hinterland including Sheffield, Gunn's Plains and Cradle Mountain to the South. Mole Creek, Deloraine and Tamar wine region to the East and Penguin, Burnie, and Table Cape to the West.

We are aware approximately 50+ Cit-In participants have already booked accommodation at St Helens.

These bookings are fully refundable, and we encourage people to cancel their bookings at Panorama or other locations in St Helens and when advised rebook in Devonport at either the Novotel, Gateway Motel, or some of the other accommodation venues soon to be suggested with their links uploaded to our new website.

To assist us in notifying intending Cit-In attendees, would you please post this information on your various club websites.

We also ask where you have uploaded our previous St Helens brochure, please remove this to avoid further confusion.



We will soon have a new flyer uploaded to our website notifying all details of the relocated 2024 Cit-In event.

Graeme Vaughan will still run the popular Pre Cit-In 8-day tour commencing on the 14th of March and provide an interesting anti-clockwise tour of Tasmania, arriving at Devonport on Friday 22nd March 2024 ready to commence the Cit-In weekend festivities.

If you have any queries, please e-mail me on mikesgarage123@outlook.com or phone me on 0407 360 443. If you have any pre Cit-In run enquiries, please contact Graeme Vaughan vaughan.grahame@gmail.com or phone him on 0412 593 075.

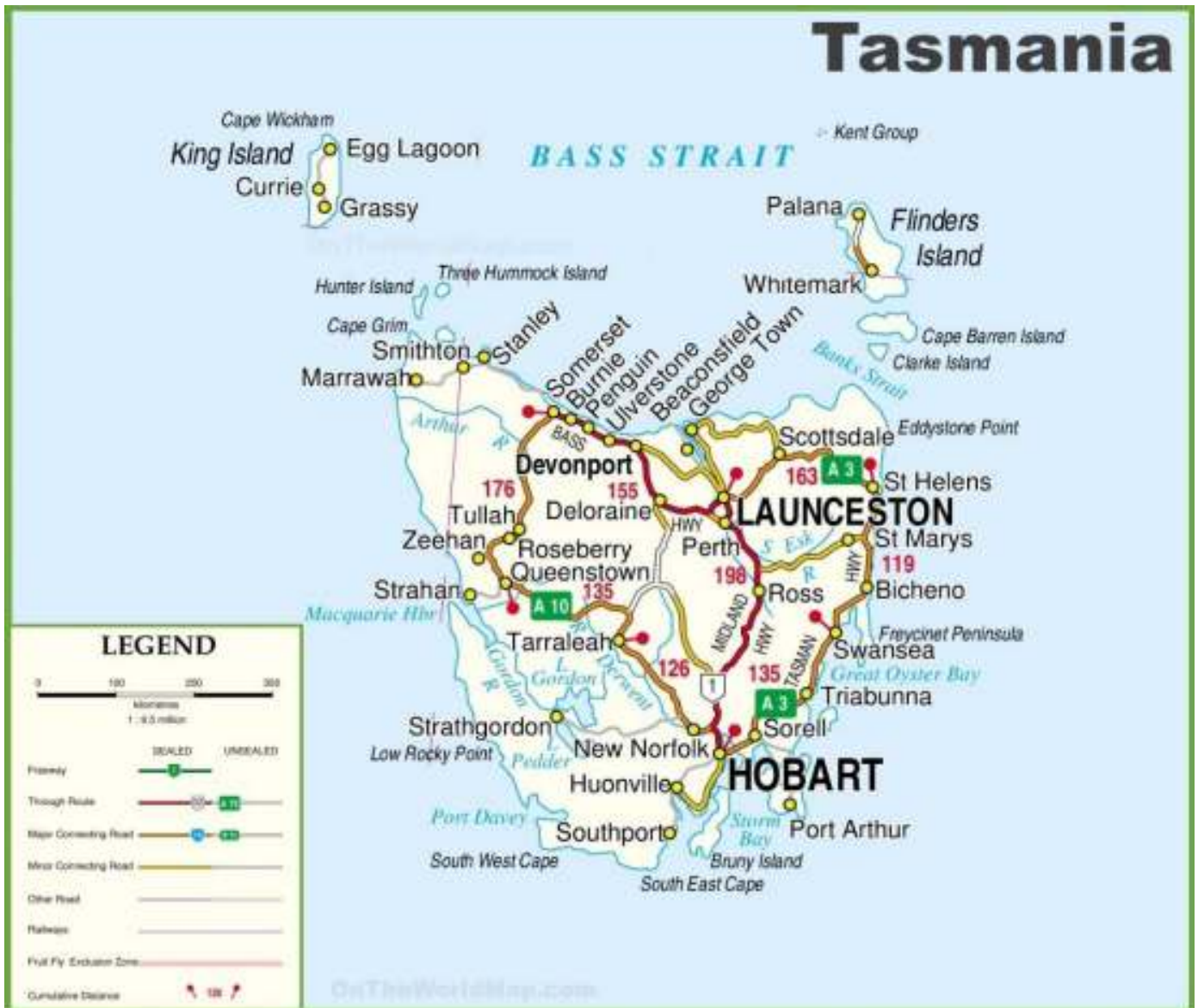
<https://citroentas.org/events/>

Regards.

Mike Barrett

President

Citroen Car Club Tas Inc.





Cit-in 2024

Devonport Tasmania



Invites you to Cit-in 2024
Devonport, Northern Tasmania

55 YEARS



Program of Events

Friday 22nd March 2024

Novotel Devonport
Registration: 2.00pm Onwards
Cocktail Function 4.00pm – 6.00pm
NB: Evening dining available at Mr. Good Guy Asian Restaurant & Bar (Onsite), or visit the local township for alternate places to Dine.

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Show and Shine by the Mersey River
Lunch Provided
Free afternoon to explore
Buffet Dinner – Paranapple Centre

Sunday 24th March 2024

Choice of Wine & Food Trails Tours
Observation Competition
Formal Dinner and Presentations – Paranapple Centre

Monday 25th March 2024

Farewell Breakfast

Welcome to Tasmania, the host state for Cit-in 2024 “Our Little Secret”

Devonport is a city on Tasmania North West Coast, where the Mersey River meets Bass Strait. By strolling along the coastal trail to The Bluff one can encounter Aboriginal rock carvings. Alternatively, relax on the beaches or install yourself in a charming park and enjoy the natural surroundings.

A ride on the Don River Railway steam train to Coles Beach is a nice way to entertain yourselves and see the sights along the eastern banks of the Don River.

On the waterfront, visit the The Bass Strait Maritime Centre to learn more about the intriguing maritime history of the city.

Immerse yourself in Tasmanian art at the Devonport Regional Gallery.

Learn about the traditional lifestyle of Tasmanian Aboriginal people at the Tiagarra Aboriginal Culture Centre and Museum, which displays petroglyphs and designs in rock. Along the waterfront you'll also find more galleries and craft shops.

Devonport's Historic Tall Ship Julie Burgess is a working wooden boat. A ship of significance to Australia's Maritime Heritage.

Enjoy a unique experience and embody the spirit of adventure on board the Julie Burgess as you sail out of the Mersey River and into the Bass Strait and get close to nature and admire the scenic beauty of the North West Coast.

Devonport is a great hub for exploring the North West Coast and there's plenty to discover in the city itself as well. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful views and take advantage of the proximity of some of Tasmania's most popular destinations.

Once you visit, you'll understand why, we promise, you'll want to come back. Again. And again.



Registration

Forthcoming on our website www.citroentas.org
Details of costs etc to be advised.

Cancellation policy

The committee will make every endeavour to refund monies to people who submit a request. Each case will be considered individually.

Accommodation

Novotel Devonport

Novotel Devonport is Devonport's premium 4-star hotel boasting an unrivalled location in the heart of the city. With city, park and water views, it is perfectly positioned within easy reach of shops, restaurants and the Spirit of Tasmania terminal. Relaxed, family friendly and welcoming. Home to the Spirit of Tasmania and known for its reserves, cycling, walking tracks, recreational facilities, beaches & rivers Devonport makes a great base for your holiday to Tasmania with ease of access to explore the North Coast and neighbouring towns.

Novotel Devonport

Contact details:

2 Best St Corner of Rooke & Best St
Devonport, Tasmania, Australia 7310
Click [HERE](#) to book your accommodation now at Novotel Devonport

**Securing accommodation is your responsibility

See link below

Alternative Accommodation

A selection of alternative accommodation options, including motels, B&Bs and Caravan Parks, will be publicised on our Website www.citroentas.org forthcoming.

Reach one's destination. Come on board.

Spirit of Tasmania

www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

** Securing travel is your responsibility, sailing bookings are limited so don't miss out on this great adventure. Book now !!!!!

Contacts & further information

A Pre Cit-in run has been organised for 2024 and will finish in Devonport for the start of Cit-in 2024.

More details are on our website.

www.citroentas.org

Michael Barrett - President
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mikesgarage123@outlook.com

Grahame Vaughan – Pre Cit-in Co-Ordinator
0412 593 075
vaughan.grahame@gmail.com

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JOIN THE CCCT.



Use this link to book accommodation:

<https://www.idem.events/r/citroen-car-club>



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ROAD 2023



All images: Bruno Tonizzo.



Timber Citroen 2CV sells for almost \$340,000, sets new model record

Would you pay Porsche 911 money for a car originally created for French peasants, and made from apple, pear and cherry trees?

Jordan Mulach 11 June 2023



The iconic **Citroen 2CV** divides opinion between those who love it and those hate it.

Those in favour of the quirky French machine argue it liberated the masses in a country which was recovering from the war, while some believe it merely succeeded to meet its brief of replacing the horse-drawn cart by being able to carry two people, a sack of potatoes and casks of alcohol.

However, hopefully everyone can agree that the person who spent a record amount on a [Citroen 2CV](#) made of wood is a few twigs short of a full branch.

At a [Ronillac](#) auction in Tours, France last week, French museum owner Jean-Paul Favand spent €210,800 – including auction fees – on this timber 2CV.

Converted to Australian currency, that's almost \$340,000 – around the same amount it would cost to buy a new Porsche 911 Carrera S.





The final price is reported to be €40,000 (\$AU64,350) more than the previous price record for a Citroen 2CV, though its understood the most recent record-holder was a more conventional example.

According to the auction listing, work on the wooden 2CV started in 2011 using the chassis of a Dyane and the 602cc engine from a 3CV (an Argentina-only special edition).

The car's creator, cabinetmaker Michel Robillard, spent approximately 5000 hours on its construction, using a mix of cherry, pear and apple trees to create a 2CV-shaped wooden body and interior.



As a nod to the original 2CV – which was produced between 1948 and 1990 – a fabric roof is also fitted to this example.

While it is not able to be road registered – as if you would – its French owner runs 'Musée des arts forains', which translates to fairground arts museum in English.

To date, the 2CV's four-door 'saloon' and van variants remain as Citroen's best-selling vehicle, with more than five million examples sold throughout its 32-year production run.



https://www.drive.com.au/news/wooden-citroen-2cv-auction-price-record/?utm_campaign=syndication&utm_source=smh.com.au&utm_content=article_1&utm_medium=partner





BATTLE of WATERLOO

Our June run was a result of an invitation from the BMC Leyland Car Club to join them for a picnic lunch and get together at Cardinia Lake. Even though the day was nippy, the sun came out and it proved to be a most enjoyable run. Dave Rogers threw down the challenge as demonstrated by his appropriate dress and shoulder injury. As we were all finishing lunch, the clouds were darkening in the west, so it was then considered prudent to pack up and head for home before we were caught in the deluge.



Image above supplied by Barb Towt and extensive additional photojournalism by our man of the day: Ian Downie.



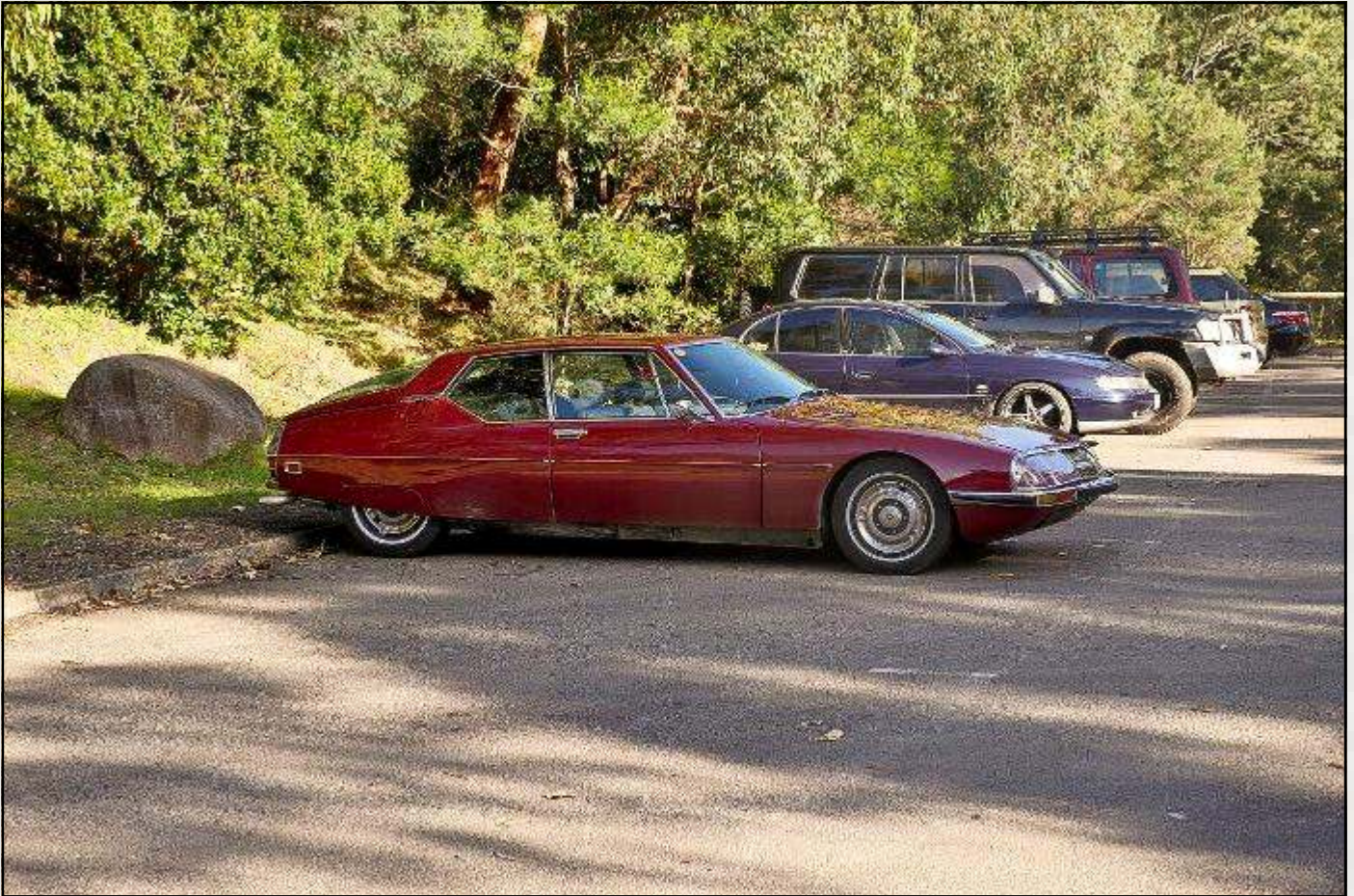
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SM WORK



As you can see from Tony's photos yesterday we held a SM. The problem was the cam chains on the Neil's SM as it had a concern with the cam chain. An interesting challenge was that on this RHD conversion to move the cam cover without first removing the coolant components, so the system needed to be bled, so the job took about 2 hours.

After adjusting both cam chains this SM's engine sounded smooth.

WORKSHOP



workshop , a very productive and fun day. One task sched-
ning loud sound at 1000rpm. Also we checked the main
erted SM we could not, due to insufficient clearance,
nection pipe and the clutch master cylinder. This also meant
ars longer then on a LHD.

smooth....job done☐☐.

Lee Scholte.

“MY IMPOSSIBLE DEUX CHEVAUX” or “HOW I TURNED A CITROËN 2 CHEVAUX VAPEUR (2CV/2 Steam Horses) INTO A 4 CHEVAUX VAPEUR (2CV4/4 Steam Horses)”

This is a true story, it really is, asserts its author, architect Dennis Carter. Read on

We are now a rare few. We the worshippers of the great André Citroën and his invented phenomenon, that most humble automobile with the greatest soul and connector of human souls, the wondrous ‘Deux Chevaux’, the ‘2CV’.

I, as a schoolboy, fell in love. Instantly. When looking out of the classroom window one day in a state of, not unusual, somnambulant boredom, this fawn, motorised, perambulator caught my eye. Yesterday it was, only 67 years ago. In class, at the same time every day, my attention was diverted from whatever lesson I was supposed to be undertaking to this small, fawn, metal and fabric, ‘snail’ that crept up the road.

My obsession grew. Until ... there came one Saturday morning, when ploughing through the pages of ‘cars for sale’ in ‘The Age’, I spotted it...

‘Citroen 2CV for sale. Excellent...One hundred pounds’.

I asked my Dad if I could borrow Mum’s car and ‘have a look’. Never had a Hillman Californian travelled so fast from Doncaster to Commonwealth Motors in A’Beckett Street, Melbourne. On arrival at the dealership I raced upstairs and there it was! And I was first there, and said “I’ll take it”. The salesman said “I’ll give you one hour to produce the money”.

The Hillman travelled even faster, if that were possible, on the return journey to Doncaster. Fortunately, Dad had one hundred pounds and I drove back to A’Beckett Street, breaking all previous speed records, only to be confronted by a queue of perspiring architecture students..., “a minute to go” said the salesman, as the queue, in recognition of a familiar face, well, dispersed. I had my 2CV. Overjoyed, I drove home to Doncaster, no doubt rather more slowly than my journey in, not only because I was driving a ‘tin snail’, but also because I was in a dazed dream.

Did I look after it? No, I thrashed it. Around corners flat out, door handles nearly touching the ground. Drive shafts popping out. Once, carrying a passenger just out of prison flat out ‘round a corner, he cried out, “fxxk, I’d rather be back behind bars than go ‘round a corner with you, let me out!”

I was not kind to that car. But the dear thing took my ill-treatment with a smile.

My friend Terry Fahey and I had camped close by Fred Fry’s hut – accommodation for humans and horses - and Helen Schuster’s place on the Howqua River. Helen Schuster lived contentedly alone in the Valley for many years providing supplies – vegetables and fruit - and accommodation for those hardy anglers game to venture, one way or another, to this remote location. Further along the Valley groups of fly-fishermen built honourable shacks. King Charles spent some weeks in the Valley at ‘Timbertop’ the Geelong Grammar school camp site for the ‘making of the man’. That was in 1966, a few years after Terry’s and my visit.

Terry, dear friend who lived to the end to die from ‘Hodgkinson’s Disease’ in 1966, aged 23.

His, Terry’s, or my 2CV had got us into the Valley by skilful manipulation, including the final rough, steep descent, down a dirt track, bouncing and weaving down and down to find ourselves, ever so proud, riverside. We drank beer, moseyed around, caught trout, and played guitar, met hospitable Helen Shuster. Fred was away with horses and riders. We walked in King Charles footsteps, but I don’t recall seeing him, though he was possibly nearby in the ‘Timbertop’ camp of Geelong Grammar, who knows? Until time caught up with us and we had to depart. In short, with me steering and pushing slipping and sliding outside the Deux Chevaux with a brick on the accelerator and with Terry perched in the engine housing with a foot on each of the horizontal cylinders – and a broken engine mounting. But we got out and we got home.

What a car!

But that is a diversion.

The real story is this.

As you can gather, we got to know our 2CV’s. To the extent that one day I had an idea. At that time, there were two 2CV’s, one had an engine capacity of 375 cc and a manual gear box, the next model had a 425 cc engine driving the front wheels via a constant velocity centrifugal clutch – I think that’s correct. I liked the manual and I figured that if I could mate the 425 cc engine with the manual gearbox, I would have a most definitely superior 2CV. And so, on the gravelled area behind my house, I removed engine and gear box and engine and centrifugal clutch and got to work.

Not so long after, I started up the 425 cc manual and feeling rather proud, drove into Citro Motors in Smith Street, Fitzroy, to show Bruno Metzger my piece of work.

(Ed.’s note: as older CCCV members will likely recall, Bruno Metzger was the founder, along with Giulio Tombolata, of the business that eventually became Citro Motors).

“Impossible” asserted Bruno. ”C’est impossible.”

“Drive it” I said.

Bruno did and came back shaking his head. “Impossible, but you have done it”.

Telegrams went backward and forwards between Paris and Fitzroy, climaxing with a telegram to Bruno from André Citroën himself. André asserting the impossibility until eventually admitting that I had achieved an engineering feat that no-one anywhere in in whole world had managed.

How did I do it? No idea, but I did and I felt quite proud of myself. And I still do...

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Sales and Wants

Free – Citroën BX and Xantia rolling bodies

06/23

Member Robert Fatchen has two rolling body Citroëns which he is happy to give away to any CCCV member, or members, who want them. Robert comments that he bought them as project cars, but now realises that he is never going to do anything with them.

The first vehicle is an auto BX. Robert comments that this car had an attempted weld to the dash. Interior is good. Body is rusted in the usual places.

The second vehicle is a Xantia which has no key. The previous owner had lost it, but suggested the vehicle was going. The previous owner had bought it for parts so some of the electric switches are missing. Robert says that he bought it for panels, but subsequently the Xantia he already owned was written off in an argument with a kangaroo.

Some photos of the vehicles follow.



The vehicles can be viewed at and collected from East Trentham. If not taken away the vehicles will be crushed.

If interested in either of these vehicles **call Robert on 0418 205 138**. Robert notes that he is often working out of mobile 'phone range so if no answer leave a message, or text him.



HELP

07/23

Member Brian Watson is seeking help with an issue with his Series 1 C5 wagon.

Brian writes. "I am very much enjoying owning my C5 wagon (almost as good as my Xantia!). The only disappointment with the car is when I went to test the cruise control I changed radio stations, so, at this point I realised there was no cruise control. Would it be possible to retrofit a genuine C5 cruise control? I assume the cruise control functions are performed by the computer, so in theory I need to fit the cruise control stalk and connect it into the wiring system. Am I being over optimistic? Has anyone attempted this? Any information would be appreciated".

If any member can assist Brian with this issue, please call (03) 9008 6124 or e-mail him at:

brian@desktop-eda.com.au

For sale – 2012 Citroën C5 touring wagon

04/23

Member Richard Ward has for sale:

- 2012 Citroën C5 touring wagon.
- VIN—VF7RWRHHAAL510301.
- second owner.
- service history available.
- everything in excellent condition.
- odometer — 116,500 km.
- registered until September 2023
- two keys
- asking price—\$10,500.

May be viewed at Fingal or South Melbourne.

If interested call or text Richard on 0417 316 060.



For sale – 2013 Citroën C5 Exclusive Sedan

12/2022

Michael Pearce has a 2013 C5 Exclusive sedan for sale. His description of the vehicle is as follows:

- VIN: VF7RD5FVADL501719
- 77,000 km
- 4 cylinder turbo-charged petrol engine, 6 speed automatic transmission
- sun-roof and leather upholstery
- very good condition and drives well
- small damage to rear passenger arm-rest
- location – South Melbourne
- asking price \$15,650 ONO

If you are interested in this vehicle contact Michael on 0411 265 409



For Sale 2014 Citroën C5

Exclusive sedan

03/23

- 2litre turbo diesel automatic for sale. Reg no. AAZ 414
- Vin no. VF7RDRHHADL520765
- Engine no. 10DYZD4055701
- I'm its only owner and I purchased it new from Bayford Citroen in January 2014.
- Colour is black with black leather interior, sun roof, air suspension, tinted windows, satnav, towbar and 19" Adriatique factory alloys, new Continental tyres, windscreen and battery and 11 months registration.
- Travelled 123,000 kms with fully stamped service book from Paris Motors since new and all maintenance invoices on file.
- A strong reliable car in good condition with RWC.
- Asking price \$12,500

Location Camberwell

If interested, please 'phone John Hutchins on 0408 344 866.

FREE

05/23

Chris Wilson, not a member of CCCV, has a pair of near new roof racks to fit a BX, which he has no use for and will give to any CCCV member who wants them.

The roof racks are located in Montmorency and if you would like to have them call Chris on:

0407 541 390, or e-mail him at:

wilwis@bigpond.com.

New 2CV Rocker Cover Gaskets:

For those 2CV owners who may be about to replace the rocker cover gaskets, consider using the new soft pliable rubber gaskets from Burton Car Parts. When compared to the standard gaskets, the new gaskets are much easier to remove, much easier to clean and much easier to fit. They can be reused multiple times and do not require adhesive. The gaskets have Burton part number A1.5319.

See the short YouTube video at [Burton 2CV Parts - Rocker Cover Gasket 2CV](#) comparing the standard gasket and the new gasket.

Graeme Dennes

04/23

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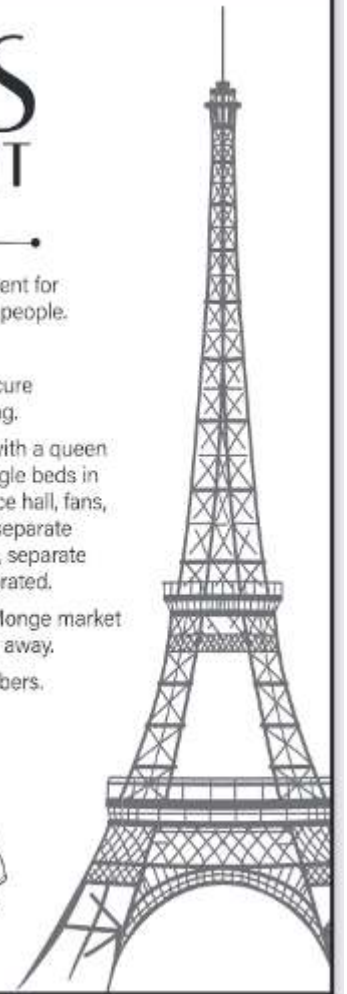
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03/23

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Ring: Rod Gleeson and mobile number is 0418 359 662.

I know these parts are rare but a member may have spare parts squirreled away.



Sales and Wants

Wanted– assistance

07/23

Member Phillip (Phil) Royce is seeking a part and advice in relation to a 1961 ID19 that he is restoring. The part that he is seeking is a set of the stainless steel rear indicator assembly, or, at least, a right hand side "TRUMPET". The advice that Phil is looking for is in relation to substituting LHS fluid with LHM. He states that he is hoping to avoid having to completely remove the current system in order to affect the substitution and is seeking advice on this from any member with experience.

If any member can assist Phil on either, or both, of these items he asks that they contact him by e-mail in the first instance as, due to spam and scams, he is wary of answering calls from unknown numbers. Phil's e-mail address is phillip@wetareas.com.au.

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Wanted Citroen DS21 1967 to 1969 Dash 06/23

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David Sutcliffe

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Sales and Wants

For sale 1986 Citroën 2CV Dolly

07/23

Member Nerida Firman has a 1986 Citroën 2CV Dolly for sale. Nerida writes “we have owned this wonderful, lovingly cared for, vehicle since it was passed down to me by my late father 12 years ago. She, this 2CV, holds great sentimental value to us, but with 2 small kids and 2 dogs we are just not getting to enjoy her as often as we’d like. Therefore, we have decided it’s time to see her go to a new home who will love her as much as we do. She is in great condition, has only done 66,305 miles, and there have been no faults/problems that we know of. She is currently on Club plates (not transferable) and we have had her serviced over the years.” Specific information is as follows:

- Make – Citroën
- Year – 1986
- Model – 2CV Dolly
- VIN – VF7AZKA00KA248141
- Odometer – 66,305 miles
- Exterior colour – two tone blue
- Interior colour – grey
- Vehicle condition – very Good
- Location – Bendigo
- Selling price – \$29,850

If interested contact Nerida on mobile ‘phone 0418 637 432, or e-mail neridafirman@gmail.com.



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FREE.....

Lou Citroen (not a member of CCCV, but yes that is his real name!) has contacted the Club to advise that he has the parts in the list following that came from a C5 Estate that he bought new in 2004 and owned until 2019:

- water pump;
- tensioner pulleys;
- cam belt;

original Citroen coolant and a small quantity of suspension fluid.

Lou comments that they are all in very good condition, but that the belt is from a routine changeover so probably not a good idea to re-use in an engine. You can view photographs of the parts by clicking [here](#).

These parts are free to anyone who wants them. If you are interested in any of these parts you should contact Lou direct to sort out with him how to get them to you. Lou's contact details are:

phone - 0411 715 139

e-mail - citroen@optusnet.com.au

For Sale – tyres and rims for Citroen DS

02/ 2023

4x tyres and rims for a DS – see detail in photographs following.

Asking price \$35.00 each/\$140.00 for the four.

If interested contact Graeme Thompson on mobile 0412 823 119,
or e-mail gpthompson@vicbar.com.au



Wanted to buy C3 Pluriel- in any condition

07/23

.Club member John Froehlich is seeking to buy a C3 Pluriel in any condition, but preferably a complete car.

If you can assist John with a purchase, please contact him by email at froehlichjohn42@gmail.com or phone 0490 004 342.



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