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We Thank Contributors for This Issue: Ellise Angel, Alan Doyle, Rosemary Richardson and Graeme Robb.

Forthcoming Events –

Wednesday May 25th – Annual General Meeting 7.30pm

Speaker: Norman Houghton OAM 'Centenarian Businesses of Colac'

Saturday June 25th – Visit to Camperdown Heritage Centre, 241 Manifold Street, Camperdown

Car Pool 1pm. Arrive Camperdown 1.40pm

Meeting and Main Street Walk 'hosted by Camperdown HS

Saturday July 23rd - Meeting 1.30pm

'A Members item or story of local interest'

Saturday August 27th - Meeting 1.30pm

A Note from the President-

We are often gifted books and memorabilia which on the surface seem to have little relevance to Colac and district, but sometimes on examination have invaluable local content.

The latest addition to our library 'Garlick and Stewart – Engineers & Surveyors, A History' is such a book.

Garlick and Stewart were responsible for the engineering which brought reticulated water to Colac, Lorne and Apollo Bay. They engineered the Sewerage Scheme for Colac in the 1920s, and its ongoing growth.

Charles Arthur Stewart, born in Colac in 1904, was the oldest son of the founder of local Stock and Station firm, Charles Stewart and Co. He studied engineering at the Gordon Institute in Geelong where E.T.M. Garlick, a highly regarded municipal engineer and surveyor also conducted lectures.

Shortly after, Arthur was employed by Mr Garlick in his newly established business as a consulting engineer and surveyor, responsible for many water and sewerage projects in Victoria. He travelled overseas, gaining new insights into the latest engineering developments and in 1935 was made a partner in the firm. He was also consulting engineer to the Town of Colac for 27 years until a full time engineer was appointed by the City Council in 1965.

This book has many stories and anecdotes from long-serving employees who worked on local projects. The front cover has a photo of Olangolah Water Storage Reservoir.

Members are welcome to borrow books from the library, provided all particulars are recorded in the Gifts and Loans book at the front desk.

What has been news in the Colac Herald ?

February 7, 2022 - Memories of a Champion. Local legend *Cliff Young*, born on 8.2.1922 will be remembered as a kind and gentle person on what would have been his 100th birthday. Cliff from Beech Forest became a household name in 1983 after winning the Westfield Sydney to Melbourne ultra-marathon at the age of 61 when he ran 886 kilometres in 5 days, 15 hours, and 4 minutes.

March 7- Workers keen for life in Colac. A contingent of nearly 50 workers from *Vanuatu* arrived in Colac shortly before Christmas and have helped fill a critical labour shortage at Australian Lamb Company that has followed the COVID pandemic. The workers can live and work in Colac under the Federal Government's Pacific Labour Scheme for up to 3 years. They have been provided with bikes, helmets and lights to get around.

March 7- Big Birthday Bash for Beechy. A beloved Otways railway line called the Beechy Line opened in March 1902 and helped develop agriculture in the region for 60 years and has just turned 120, with railway enthusiasts celebrating its history. When the rail happened there were a massive number of sawmills established to harvest timber, and potatoes grown on the ridge between Beech Forest and Lavers Hill. Passengers could also travel on the line.

March 9- Rescue Effort. Colac volunteers return from flood emergency role. Widespread flooding had inundated homes and businesses in northern New South Wales and was described as a war zone by Colac SES unit controller *Steve Tevelein* who was accompanied by *Jack Daniels*. Colac's *Maddi Kent* rallied the community to fill a truck of goods for flood-affected communities in NSW.

March 16- Library fosters garden gurus. A new seed library initiative has begun through Geelong Regional Libraries allowing local Library members to receive seeds of flowers, herbs and vegetables monthly to use in their own gardens to encourage sustainability.

March 18- Flood Mission. Colac donations fill 30 crates for NSW disaster relief. Almost a thousand community members, 50 local businesses, 30 large crates and 1 potato truck to make a difference.

March 18- State will take on the iconic Cape Otway Light station which is the country's oldest working lighthouse. *The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority* will take over management from July 1st and work with the *Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation* who have a registered Native Title Claim for this area. MP Richard Riordan and others are against the idea.

March 18- Colac tale is pure gold. A new book by *Alan Doyle* explores the early connection of gold prospector Lewis Lasseter's years living in Colac from 1890 to 1896 and is called "*LASSETER, A gold legend begins in Colac.*"

March 23- Lovely Lindenau, steeped in history. The Fulton Street home of *Helen Paatsch* is where her garden is on land first settled by her late husband Frank Paatsch's progenitor Joseph who arrived from Germany in 1855.

March 25- Local legend courts retirement. *Jim Ryan* started law at Melbourne University in 1958 and did his Law Articles in 1963 and came to work in Colac in 1966. He worked at Cunningham and Larkins, then with Michael Murray in 1972. Jim has served the community well including in sport and as a local councillor and as mayor 5 times, earning him a Queen's Birthday honour in 2014. Jim has now retired after more than 55 years, aged 84.

April 4- Visitor Centre showing no signs of opening. The centre has lost its sign and accreditation, with no sign of re-opening to incoming tourists yet. The council closed the centre in early 2021. Volunteers like *Brendan Stahl* are concerned that Colac's V. I. C. has not reopened, while Apollo Bay's Information centre has reopened.

April 8- Massive hospital bequest- 7-figure sum helps foundation. *Joan Honour* bequeathed the money to the Colac Area Health Foundation following her death aged 92 in December 2020. She had been born at Beeac to immigrant parents Ida and Aubrey, Joan helped on the family farm at North Cundare, survived the 1944 Cressy bushfires, took over the farm when her dad died in 1980 and was eventually a satisfied resident of Corangamarah in 2017.

April 25- Flags honour Colac's diggers. Colac Secondary students along with cemetery workers erected 1100 flags at the Colac Cemetery representing 1100 service people coinciding with Anzac Day.

April 29- Lake's best season in 20 years. *Colac Yacht Club* members have finished a full season on Lake Colac and are hoping for a wet winter.

May 2- Singing is a lifelong passion. At age 8 *Maurie Oates* joined the Australian Boys Choir. He moved to Colac in 1972 and joined the Colac Players, did a number of musicals, and joined the chorale in 1994. It was known then as the Barwon Sinfonietta and Chorale with strings, woodwind and brass instruments, then changed again to Colac Chorale and orchestra in 1995 and later just Colac Chorale. Maurie was president from 1998 up until this year but has left due to declining health.

May 2- Bat dispersal works begins tomorrow. Flying Foxes living in Colac Botanic Gardens can expect interrupted sleep as Colac Otway Shire resumes a program to "nudge" the bats from significant and heritage listed trees. The council has a Department of Environment, Land and Water licence to disperse thousands of grey-headed flying foxes that have been roosting in the gardens since 2016.

May 6- Global award for Anam Cara. Colac district hospice Anam Cara House has won an international honour for providing excellent respite and end-of life care as it marks 10 years since opening. Anam Cara founder *Diane Wright*

paid tribute to the workers as well as the executive management team-*Karen Eccles, Jodie Lemke and Naomi Letiteri* as well as the committee of management.

WHAT A WONDERFUL RESOURCE THE COLAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS:

Colac Sculpture Park:

City of Colac Victoria's 150th Anniversary Project Developed from an Idea by Cr D.M. Klutke. Project Advisor: David Wilson Dip Art Nat Gallery School TTC.

The Barongarook Creek Reserve Sculpture Park was officially opened by Cr Winsome M McCaughey, (City of Melbourne) on Sunday 26th May 1985.

The Sculpture Park Walk (which follows part of the Barongarook Creek) has a range of outdoor sculptures; most are a combination of metals in a simple form. The first sculpture at the Prince's Highway end of the walk is "Isaac's View" made from Cement Fondu.

The area of the Sculpture Park Walk has seen an increase in use following the relocation of the BBQs & Shelters to this part of Barongarook Creek. Foot traffic may further increase with completion of the adjacent pedestrian & cycle bridge over the creek.

The walk with its 1.1km pathway is easy to access, whether walking, in a wheelchair/on a mobility scooter or for parents with prams & young children. The Park has become a popular place to meet, greet, play & relax.

This has created an increased appreciation of 'Isaac's View' and a wish by members of the community to see it and the rest of the sculptures restored.

To find a Photo of Isaac's View in its original state was not an easy task. This would have been impossible if not for The Colac Historical Society's collection of *Bela Bard-Brucker's* original negatives. Once the slides for the appropriate month and year were located, the expertise of members was then needed – their dedication and persistence and **voila** here was Isaac.

Thank you to the Colac & District Historical Society.

Rosemary Richardson

Photo from Colac Herald -
November 1989:

Victorian Governor Davis
McCaughey unveiling the statue

'Isaac's View'



FIFTY YEARS OF COLAC ST VINNIES

By Craig Pink

With 2022 tallying up 50 years of St Vincent de Paul in Colac, we take a bit of a look into its history - turns out they've traded at a few little-known locations.

A BRIEF HISTORY - The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 in Paris (France) as a voluntary organisation in the Catholic Church, where it started as a sanctification of its members by personal service to the poor. The Society was established in Australia in 1854 - partly in plight of the poor after the Victorian gold rush.

Colac's St Vincent de Paul store established base at 62 Bromfield St in early 1972. They soon outgrew these premises, having a new purpose-built store erected at 7 Rae St, opposite the City Council Offices. The new 7 Rae St premises was officially opened to much fanfare on an afternoon in late April 1974. More than 400 people, including many from Melbourne and other centres gathered for the official opening. Locals included President of the Society's Colac Store Committee Mr Mick McGannon, along with City of Colac mayor Mr G. Baudinette and wife.

The new store at 7 Rae St was blessed and opened by the Bishop of Ballarat Dr R. A. Mulkearns, who told the gathering of the Society's background and its development since its formation in France in 1833. He said centres throughout Victoria, such as the one in Colac, were a recent development, "although not foreign to the Society's aims." He went on to state that those who worked in the centre had to be careful about the motivation of their work. "They have to show a genuine concern for all those who come into the store" he said. President of the Society's Victorian State Store Board Mr Jim Carrol stated that the Society would prefer not to have such stores, "but they are a necessity", and that people seeking help did not usually approach the Society except through necessity.



ABOVE - March 1972 view of St Vincent de Paul's first premises in Colac at 62 Bromfield St. Most of Stewarts saleyards surrounded these premises, as well as their Real Estate building which is situated next door to the right, and still stands today. The Peoples Market had been established here since the early 1960s. After the saleyards shifted to Irrewarra in late 1979, John's Furniture was built on part of this site, which still stands - A to Z Traders occupy the old John's Furniture building today.



ABOVE - September 1979 view of St Vincent de Paul's 7 Rae St premises in Colac, opposite the City Council offices. This image appeared in The Colac Herald as part of a proposal to build a large supermarket complex, which the public mostly supported. Even at this early stage, a site in Dennis St opposite the Memorial Square had been proposed for St Vincent de Paul by the developers - also offering to build a new store to the Society's specifications. R. Ball & Son Produce Merchants building (est. 1888) can be seen at rear which fronted Bromfield St. The two storey brick government offices building with Gellibrand St frontage can also be seen at right in background, which still stands today. NOTE - the view to the left can be seen on rear page of Society newsletter November 2016 edition. (Both images - Bela Bard Brucker collection)

The St Vincent de Paul store traded well at its Rae St premises until mid-March 1980 when the saleyards and surrounding buildings on the block had to be demolished for the new Woolworths supermarket complex. Colac's St Vincent de Paul store shifted to temporary premises in Bromfield St next to The Central Mart, until a new purpose-built premises of very similar appearance was opened in the early 1980s at their current site at 41 Dennis St.

In later years the name was just simplified to "Vinnies", which still trades today on the same site at 41 Dennis St.

WHERE WE GOT PETROL Part three of a Series -

By Graeme Robb and Craig Pink

Continuing on from last issue, we travel westward from the Armstrong St corner of Murray St, and go west as far as the former Koala Motel site in the Stoney Rises at Pirron Yallock on the Princes Highway.

AMOCO - Originally started by Bill and Ned Amezdroz, the business ended up operating from the North East corner of the highway frontage at the Rossmoyne Rd turn off. An old tandem axle tanker was bought to cart the fuel from the Corio refinery, and was originally more about buying cheaper fuel for the Amezdroz & Menzies truck fleet - also selling fuel for a small margin at the front of the depot with Princes Highway frontage.

The Amoco outlet was taken over by E. W. & J. L. Vagg, who also sold fuel as a direct delivery service to farms around the district. Around 1972 the business was taken on by Vic Wright, who traded for many years, also specialising in fuel deliveries to farms and rural areas. Vic Wright sold the Amoco outlet to Robert Leahy (c. later 1980s) who changed the Amoco fuel outlet to a BP. It operated until early 2017 when a break-in (ram raid) by a large stolen tractor with a front-end loader demolished the building beyond repair. Self-serve diesel was still available for a while, but the premises did not survive any type of rebuild, and ended up closing completely.



AT LEFT – The former Amoco premises around early 1990s as a BP outlet – Note the fuel price at 53.9 cents per litre for Super petrol and 53.7 for unleaded. In later years, as many other fuel outlets, this business also had hot take-away food to help compete for business under its BP name.

Image from Doug Kirkman collection.

GAINGERS - This Colac West location opened in 1962 as a purpose-built premises, with a Shell fuel outlet on the Princes Highway frontage. A Roadhouse with take away food and café-style eating, along with a large workshop and depot for Gainger's growing bus fleet was also included on the site. The Roadhouse/café and fuel outlet traded very well, but in the mid-1960s

Gainger's finances failed. The Roadhouse remained open under new management in late 1966. Noel King took over the buses, but would not lease the workshop or bus area of the Colac West premises. Noel King's operation of the former Gaingers' bus fleet eventually took on the "King's Coachlines" name and went on to trade for many many years at the well-known landmark on the Ross St corner site, which is now Christian's Bus Co.

Alan Provan bought the former Colac West Gainger's premises (from Shell) in 1973. Alan shifted his mechanical repair and second-hand truck sales business from 319 Murray St to the Colac West premises, but Alan did not carry on with the fuel outlet and café. Sometime after Noel king moved the bus fleet, Gordon Box leased the former Gainger's workshop area for his logging business before Alan Provan purchased the whole premises.

AT RIGHT – November 1966 view of the former Gainger's Colac West premises.

"PRINCES HIGHWAY ROADHOUSE" is written on the sign above the fuel bowers. November 1966 saw this under new management, the fuel sales and café continued operation. The former Gaingers workshop at rear still trades today under the Provan name for mechanical repairs. Walsh Electrical have recently refurbished, and now trade from this former Gaingers frontage of the Princes Highway premises.

(Image – Bela Bard Brucker collection)





AT LEFT – The XL service station with Princes Highway frontage at Colac West in February 1973, situated east of the David Lyness farm machinery business. Note the large advertising discount of 12.4 cents per gallon on fuel. Tyres and batteries were also sold at this time from the shed to the west (left) - this shed had been demolished by the early 1980s. Later, two more bays were added to the service station building, where mechanical repairs also helped with the survival of the business under several operators over its later years of operation. The shed at far left is part of David Lyness farm machinery business, which also still stands today under Greg Allen ownership. (Image - Bela Bard Brucker collection)

XL - Operated for many years by Alf Lewis, it had several operators and survived through the 1990s more on the mechanical repairs offered on site. Although extended, the building remains today, and is vacant.

B. R. TATE MOTOR REPAIRS – Bruce Tate established base as his own mechanical repair business premises in the early 1970s at Colac West, on the Princes Highway frontage as Tate Motor Repairs. This went on to include a BP petrol and diesel fuel outlet which catered more for transport owners with easy access off the main highway frontage. Bruce Tate sold the business in the later 1980s, the fuel sales did not continue with the new owners, but the bowzers did remain for their own fuel storage and use. After a fire destroyed the building under Greg Allen control, the building was deemed not able to be repaired, and was demolished. A new building was built on the premises - more on the eastern end, which was intended more for a machinery franchise/sales/repair premises. Some time after completion the large shed was converted to become a Liberty fuel outlet, which opened on the former site in 2017 and still operates today at 416 Princes Highway, Colac West.

ROSSMOYNE CORNER - Len and Merle Learey operated this premises on the corner of the Princes Highway and Rossmoyne road frontage as an Atlantic outlet for fuel, when in 1959, they started the adjoining caravan park.

A serious fire all but destroyed the workshop and part of the attached premises in mid-1968, but was rebuilt and traded again, with various tenants in its later years of operation as a Shell fuel outlet. Len and Merle Learey finally retired in 2003 and sold the caravan park which still operates today. The service station building had several occupiers up to, and through the 1980s and beyond. The building remains today, but is in a very deserted state.

KOALA MOTEL - Opening around 1957, it was built by Len Millman with owner Stan Swayne supervising. The original setup had a Roadhouse style service station, takeaway food, café style eating, motel (originally with 4 rooms) - (the fourth motel in Victoria – the first motel between Melbourne and Mt Gambier), a zoo, also a caravan park which was soon removed to allow for more parking and recreation room. Stan also established play equipment, including a merry go round made by Ian Swayne. The zoo comprised of a range of animals - including at times - birds, emus, koalas, monkeys, porcupines, etc. – Stan would just go along the Hawkes Nest Road to bag another koala whenever needed. He always said the koalas were the big attraction for him to build there. Stan worked on the theory of the cars he had counted passing the highway frontage - he estimated that even if 10% stopped, his venture would be successful. After about 5 years of operation Stan and Dulcie Swayne put in a manager, then later sold it. Over its years of operation the Koala Motel had three sets of owners - it closed in early 2003 when new owners found insurance, among other costs prohibitive. An arson attack in 2004 damaged the premises beyond repair - it had been demolished by 2006.

AT RIGHT – The Koala Motel in April 1961, showing a Mobil fuel outlet with 5 fuel bowzers, not forgetting the “REGAL” ice cream sign, Red Telephone Box - the large weighing scales are also at the front door entrance - they were there for many, many years. (image – Bela Bard Brucker collection)



A later series will look at fuel outlets in Colac and surrounding rural areas. (Thanks also to references from Norman Houghton).

The butchers of 55 Gellibrand Street, Colac.

55 Gellibrand Street, Colac - GPS reference: 38°20'20.7"S 143°35'13.0"E

By Alan Doyle – April 2022

Trading for 73 years, with only two changes of ownership – stands a small butcher shop. Overlooking the western side of Memorial Square stands, the shop originally traded as E. W. Hurst butcher for its first 53 years, followed by Hickey's Central Meats in 2002.

Eric William Hurst, Master Butcher opened his shop in 1949, shortly after the WW2 meat rationing requirements ended. Prior to this, housewives were issued with coupons and had to accept whatever cut was offered. The Colac Abattoirs were responsible for the distribution of meat to butchers, and home deliveries were banned.

Being a new lone operator, Hurst grew his cliental for three years, to finally could put on a new employee - Len Evans.

With a weekly pay of £2, 5 shillings and sixpence, the pair worked together as a team for many years to come. The business became locally known as Hurst's Butcher Shop, conducting home deliveries by carting their fresh meat to customers and carve it up on the spot. To keep blowflies away from the meat on display, fresh eucalyptus branches were hung in the shop, as refrigeration came in later years.

Working from 3am to 5pm, the pair prepared the meat and conducted sales, with a common day of carving the beef and sheep carcasses. By the 1960's, as new modern butcher shop equipment improved, Hurst's competed for trade against an estimated 15 butcher shops. The larger supermarket chains which came to Colac made competition against these local operators harder, and by 1999 Colac would only had five privately run butcher shops in town – with Hurst's being one of them.

During the difficult drought of 1967, sourcing produce was always a challenge and Eric Hurst along with fellow Colac butcher Keith Hanson purchased a stock of lambs from King Island. They shipped them to Apollo Bay and then trucked them to Colac. Their lambs would also be purchased from the Melbourne's Newmarket saleyards when stock became scarce.

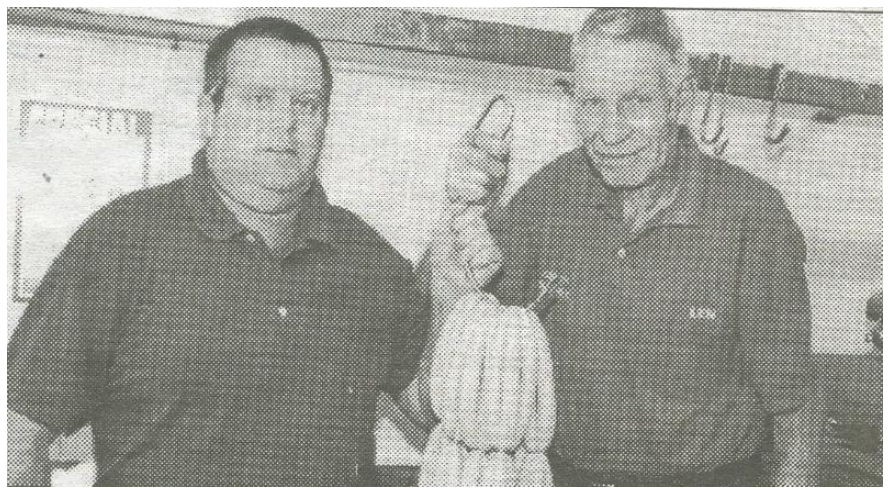
Eric Hurst and Len Evans continued as a team. After 15 years of working together, as part of his long service leave, Len received a small amount of property and partnership in the business, becoming E. W. Hurst & Co. Butchers. Bevan Skinner was employed in 1963 and the same agreement was given to Bevan, becoming a partner in the business in 1979, after 15 years' service. Len Evans ran the shop for over 50 years and retired around 2000, leaving Bevan to continue.

Bevan Skinner died in January 2002, which resulted in the working business coming up for sale. Len Evans came out of retirement to run the shop, until the shop was sold.

Michael (*Mick*) and Sharon Hickey bought the business and took over the shop on Friday the 1st March 2002, trading as Hickey's Central Meats. Mick started his butchering apprenticeship with Colac's Bi Lo Supermarket in 1987 and became the meat department's manager in 1996. From 2001, he began working for his brother-in-law Michael Murnane, of Murnane Country Fresh Meats in Colac West.



Hickey's Central Meats
55 Gellibrand Street, Colac.
Author photo, May 2021



E. W. Hurst & Co. - Bevan Skinner & Len Evans
Colac Herald, 15th January 1999

The Hickeys have continued to grow the family business and now include online shopping and delivery, continually trading for twenty years.

Timeline Summary of Butchers – 55 Gellibrand Street, Colac:

- 1949** - Eric William Hurst, Master Butcher - Begins trading as E. W. Hurst butcher.
- 1952** - New butcher employee Len Evans arrives.
- 1963** - New butcher employee Bevan Skinners arrives.
- 1967** - Len Evans begins partnership with Eric Hurst and become E. W. Hurst & Co. butchers.
- 1979** - Bevan Skinner begins partnership with E. W. Hurst & Co. butchers.
- 2002** - Bevan Skinner dies and butcher shop changes hands. Becomes Hickey's Central Meats, with Mick and Sharon Hickey.
- 2022-** Continuing.



Family Butcher E. W. Hurst & Co.
with Ford XB Falcon delivery panel van – 1992
Doug Kirkman collection H04 - CDHS



Mick Hickey & Len Evans
Colac Herald, 6th March 2002, page 9



Hickey's Central Meats advert.
Colac Herald,
15th November 2021, page 3



Sharon Hickey
Colac Herald, 21st July 2021

CDHS archives have been accessed for this article, with thanks to Sharon Hickey for her time in sharing her family's butchering history.

(Full bibliography can be supplied upon request).

“Old Resident’s Critique of “Izaak” – Colac Herald 31st August 1888”

This article was in reference to Izaak’s column “The History of Colac – Chapter X – WESTERN RAILWAY EXTENSION - THE GEELONG TO COLAC LINE”, printed in The Colac Herald on 17th August 1888, page 3.

THE HISORY OF COLAC (TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD)

Sir – Your contributor “Izaak” furnishes a very clear, and condensed, and generally accurate account of all the ups and downs that attended the Colac line whilst it trembled in the balance, and no soul could tell whether, at the time we were to have the black or green line, or no line at all. One or two inaccuracies have got in, nevertheless. It is scarcely correct to say that all the Melbourne journals supported the line to Colac, for the leading journal pooh-poohed the affair on several occasions. Railways were not knocked out of hand then as now, because we had neither the contractors nor the plant in the colony at the time, and, consequently, if railways were constructed at all, it was considered “the correct thing” by Melbourne people that they should run into and go out of Melbourne, which the Colac line did not do. One of the greatest obstacles to the line was the report of the Chief Engineer, Mr. Higginbotham, to the Government, in which he went dead against the line to Colac, on the grounds that all the country from Warrnambool to Camperdown could be supplied with goods from Melbourne by steamer at a rate with which the railway could not compete. Whilst the matter was being thus debated, it was

suggested by an old resident, that a “good letter,” as he called it, one dealing with the objections raised and bringing the advantages prominently forward, might have a favourable effect. Two of us accordingly began at such a letter one night at 9 o’clock and finished it only when we got into the small hours. We took every care to let all concerned know that whilst all goldfield townships were only poor places of to-day and yesterday, Colac was, on the contrary, a place of to-day and forever, and that generally whenever Colac was mentioned, the letters A.P. followed after, which Mr. Sam Slick interprets as meaning “Airthly Paradise.” The letter filled about a column and a-half in the *Geelong Advertiser*, and was signed “Progress,” and was at any rate extensively read, and, one may hope, inwardly digested. It is a comforting reflection that whilst in some cases the railways have wiped out townships by the dozen, and led to all sorts of changes of position in the case of townships depending on thee through traffic on the metalled roads, we have suffered no such damage, but are all “alive and kicking,” the railway notwithstanding.

Yours & c.,

OLD RESIDENT.

Colac, August 28th, 1888.

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Submitted: Alan Doyle – September 2018



CRAIG'S CONUNDRUM

LAST ISSUE ANSWER - ABOVE - (Left) - Building Colac's Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) outlet in early 1990s, (Right) - The original street view before the outside eating area was added at front. KFC still trade today here on the former site of Parr & Spencer, (later Spencer Taylor). The rear access area from Connor St where the used car sales also ended up is today occupied by the Corangamite St Medical Clinic.

AT LEFT - Can you pick where this August 1963 image was taken ?
If you really need a clue - It really could be a Fordson tractor trying to push a rocket ?

ANSWER NEXT ISSUE

COLAC AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROSTER 2022 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Please Note: This roster is subject to any relevant COVID-19 restrictions or isolations

Month	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
June 2022	2 nd D. Missen 9 th L. Spence 16 th G. Splatt 23 rd J. Knight 30 th R. Missen	3 rd C. Pink 10 th G. Bray 17 th E. Angel 24 th M. Saddlier	5 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan 12 th G. Knox 18 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan 26 th H. Paatsch
July 2022	7 th D. Missen 14 th L. Spence 21 st G. Splatt 28 th J. Knight	1 st C. Pink 8 th G. Bray 15 th E. Angel 22 nd M. Saddlier 29 th R. Missen	3 rd R. Osborne/N. Ryan 10 th G. Knox 17 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan 24 th H. Paatsch 31 st ?
August 2022	4 th D. Missen 11 th L. Spence 18 th G. Splatt 25 th J. Knight	5 th C. Pink 12 th G. Bray 19 th E. Angel 26 th M. Saddlier	7 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan 14 th G. Knox 21 st R. Osborne/N. Ryan 28 th H. Paatsch