

## **Report our Colac Meeting from our new Vice President, Hans Kamphuis**

The General Meeting of the International Scouts Owners club was held at Colac Otway Caravan and Camping Park on Sunday, 20th March, 2022. It seems to be the trend members are booking in a few days early and making it a social gathering and enjoying each other's company. The park although a bit dated is going through an upgrade; nevertheless it was well appointed with clean facilities and the park hosts being most helpful. The sites were quite large with one long term member claiming more real state than most. It had large grass areas for us to gather, chat, relax and enjoy each other's company, albeit amongst a few roaming chooks.

This weekend was especially special as it also was **Elaine's birthday**, this occasion was celebrated with great ceremony being cake with candles and drinks all round, and of course the traditional happy birthday rendition.



Oh look! That man has set fire to that lovely lady's cake!

Elaine as always took all the fuss and well wishes in her stride while dealing with her own major health concerns which she managed to conceal from most of us. As this goes to press, we all should have received an update from Elaine confirming that the procedure was a complete success and she is now recovering at home.

It is not the intention of the writer to make this into a medical journal but Fred also had a medical scare resulting in Fred and Elaine leaving suddenly straight after the meeting on Sunday, it resulted at one stage of Elaine moving from the passenger seat to the driver's seat, with Fred undergoing test and scans at the Geelong Hospital. I am happy to report that all the tests found no reason for concern and that Fred just like his Scout has many more trips to look forward to.

The rural town of Colac put on a wonderful day of fun celebrating the 62nd Kana Festival. The theme for the 2022 parade was Heroes and Villains. Originally the festival was known as the Kanyana festival, an indigenous word which had the same meaning as Melbourne's Moomba Festival, "let's get together and have fun".

Under brilliant sunshine, with families lining the main streets to watch the colourful and vibrant parade this was certainly evident, not only by spectators but also those participating. There were superheroes and arch enemies mixed in with motoring



enthusiasts, marching bands, school floats with kids dressed in all sorts of costumes, emergency service, community groups, with so many diverse cultures and backgrounds enriched in the Colac area the parade was a colourful spectacle enjoyed by all.

Talking of Heroes and Villain's our very own **David and Glad** were participants in the parade in their beloved **blue and white 1976 long wheel base Traveler**, Glad was very much looking like the hero with her well-practiced enthusiastic wave to the crowd. The activities continued into the Memorial parkland with market stalls where David and Glad answered enquiries and also promoted the important part the International Scouts contributed to motoring industry development.



From top left, Dave and Glads Scout, colourful dancers, fore and aft Douglas, member of the disabled community

After the meeting on Sunday the majority enjoyed a lazy carefree day enjoying each other's company along with the chooks. A big thankyou to all that had a part in catching up at the **Kergunyah Caravan Park on Sunday, 22nd May 2022 at 11am.**  
**Cheers Hans**

