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### Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of every month (except January at the Lions' Den, rear of the Pinarc building at 222 Otway Street South, Ballarat.



GCC has been a member of the Association of Motoring Clubs since 1999

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**Remember meeting time will continue to be 7.30pm.**

## Newsletter Contributions

Reports, articles, and other items to be forwarded to the Editor by no later than 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Written contributions should be lodged in MS Word, and photos lodged in JPG format. (Late items will be included in the following issue.)

## Member Welfare News

Anyone wishing to inform the Club of a member's illness or welfare, please contact the secretary who will arrange for a card to be sent.

**CLUB CALENDAR See Page 8 & 9**

## Event Organisers

Please send an attendance list to the Secretary and ask someone to email a report to the Editor for the Gazette. Word format preferred.

## 1966 Jaguar S Type 3.8M

I grew around Rileys and Jaguars through an uncle, my father had Holdens provided by his business. I spent many Sundays with my uncle who had RMB, and Pathfinder Rileys. When they were no longer available he moved to Jaguars, first a Mark 1 sedan, then an S type - his brother had similar cars too. So I became passionate about Jaguars back in the 1960's, looking them up in the Age newspaper on Saturdays - although I couldn't afford one.

Before the days of freeways in Melbourne we visited relatives and friends all over Melbourne and I can remember my wife saying "I can't work out how to get around Melbourne because you go a different way each time and stop off at a used car lot so you can look at a Jaguar."

In 1985, I was making a regular (social) visit to a friend's car yard in Creswick Road when he said "I have something to show you". He took me into his work shed and there was a gleaming white S Type Jaguar with chrome wire wheels just like the one my Uncle's brother had which often drooled over.

He said he'd bought it for his wife but with armstrong steering and a heavy clutch I don't think it was well received.

Well after a two minute negotiation it was to be mine, although I had to share the cost of the roadworthy certificate. He later bought his wife an XJ6 Jag and we did a few weddings together with the pair.

Later a friend, Clark Chester, who had liked my car so much that he bought one and using my workshop manual and car as reference, restored it in time for his elder daughter's wedding using both Jags.

Later we teamed up with Neale Goad, obtained limited Taxi licenses (SV) on the cars and Driver's certificates for ourselves although I already had one courtesy of KJ, registered the business name "Ballarat Classic Jags" and with the 3 cars took brides to their weddings for over 20 years - legally.

I still have the car after 38 years.

Bruce Kerr - I have never owned a Holden or a Ford.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

February certainly was busy. Starting with the Burrumbeet picnic, a great location with perfect weather.

We had the American Chrome and Coffee. We saw beautiful cars displayed. Thanks David and John with their band of assistants.

The VCCC Begonia Run was attended by a good contingent of Goldfield Members.

Our Monthly meeting night was well attended, we discussed the American Chrome day and an Anzac Day Bunning's BBQ.

Finally, the Goldfields run to Banongill Homestead and Gardens was fantastic and amazing. And who would have thought that many tractors would fit in one shed. Well done Bill and Judy Loader.

...and to think the Program team have their fingers in all these pies.

Ray.

Mark the calendar - Anzac Day 25th April 2024, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle we will need assistance.



## Coffee Run at Ballarat Golf Club

At the Ballarat Golf Club, seventeen members enjoyed coffee and a chat looking out over the greens. A good social catchup with fellow members. Local venue preferred rather than driving older vehicles in the heat.

Hoping to see you all at the next one.

Trevor

Pics Trevor



## Vintage Time Travellers



Recently the editor had visitors, Ray & Margaret Griffin visit with their beautifully restored 1937 Pontiac and very original Don caravan. Members of Chaca & Dandenong Valley.





## American Chrome & Coffee



Please pass on our many thanks from American Chrome & Coffee to Goldfields Car Club for their magnificent job well done at our 2024 car show at the North Gardens Lake Wendouree.

Thanks to Goldfields everything went without a hitch and to thank Trevor for his photographic skills.

Our official count was 98 cars which is up by 34 cars from our last best count. This is a number which we wouldn't have been able to manage without the help of the crew from Goldfields.

For and on behalf of American Chrome & Coffee John Smyth



## Goldfields Run to Banongill Homestead and Gardens

We all assembled at Strides bus exchange. While waiting for the call to start our engines. We watched a Fire truck assessing the Hydraulics on the extension ladder. Which lead to members producing remarkably interesting scenarios.

Then the call came to start our engines and off we went on the back roads to Skipton. Passing Mount Emu on the way. We arrived at Bluestone Bubble and Banter Coffee shop. Where we all enjoyed a Coffee and Cake and catching up with each other. Our members also went to the local Op Shop coming away with very impressive bargains.

After a refreshing Morning Tea. We all gathered again and proceeded to our destination Banongill Homestead and Gardens. Along the way we encountered a very brave sheep who decided to play chicken with our cars. I can report that no injuries to the Sheep or cars occurred. Where a border Collie just chilling outside his home waiting for his family, as he watched the procession of cars passing by.

We travelled down the 5k gravel road. Greeted by our host Dan Bingham. Who gave a presentation of the history of Banongill Homestead and Gardens and his passion and knowledge of John Deer tractors and also sharing his collection of John Deer tractors.

Then just short distance we all setup our tables and chairs, greeted by our Hosts Jill and Dan Bingham. For a very enjoyable and relaxing Picnic lunch with each other company under shade of the Gum Trees.

After lunch we all went to explore at own leisure the Magnificent Gardens of Banongill Homestead Gardens and Emu Creek. Departing at own pace. We all had a wonderful day with the Sunny Weather. Thank you to our hosts Judy and Bill Loader for arranging the Car Run to Banongill Homestead and Gardens.

Leeanne Freeman

Pics Trevor







<b>2024</b>	<b>GOLDFIELDS CAR CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>			<i>Events &amp; details subject to change</i>
<b>Feb</b>	Thursday 1	Twilight Run	Burrumbeet Picnic BYO Everything Meet at Caravan Park Memorial Drive 5pm	
	Thursday 8	Coffee & Chat	Ballarat Golf Club Meet at Venue 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Sunday 11	American Chrome	Lake Wendouree North Gardens 10am - 4pm	John Smyth 0418 399 339
	Wednesday 21	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 25	Club Run	Farm Tour BYO Everything, plus Picnic Lunch. Meeting at Strides at 9.15am, coffee stop at Skipton.	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231
	Wednesday 28	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
<b>Mar</b>	Wednesday 6	Twilight Run	Buninyong Gardens BYO Everything Meet at Gardens 5pm	
	Thursday 14	Lunch Run	Glenlyon General Store Depart Ballarat East School Bus Exchange 11am	Gary & Judyth Armstrong 0427243643
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Saturday 23	Club Run	Eddington Sprints BYO Lunch Depart Ballarat East Bus Exchange 9.30am	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 27	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
<b>Apr</b>	Thursday 11	Coffee Run	Mystery Run Depart from Ballarat East Bus Exchange at 1.30pm	Bruce Kerr 0438 394 026
	Wednesday 17	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 24	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Thursday 25	Anzac Day	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 1-4pm	Ray Mason 0419 777 025
	Sunday 28	Club Run	Mt Mitchell Estate BYO Picnic LunchTour \$15p.p. Devonshire Tea \$15p.p.	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231
<b>May</b>	Thursday 9	Coffee Run	Shed Tour (local) & Coffee Meet at Ballarat East School Bus Exchange 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 15	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 22	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 26	Club Run	Bolac Pub Lunch Meet at Strides Greyhound Carpark 11am	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231
<b>Jun</b>	Thursday 13	Coffee Run	Mystery Run	Wayne & June Harrop 0448 230 947
	Wednesday 19	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 26	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 30	Club Run	Halls Gap Zoo Meet at Strides Greyhound Car Park	Wayne & June Harrop 0448 230 947



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<b>Jul</b>	Thursday 11	Coffee & Chat	Lilly's at Eureka Meet at Venue 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 17	Club AGM	Lion's Den 7.30pm Election Night	
	Wednesday 24	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 28	Club Run	Maryborough BIRTHDAY RUN & LUNCH	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
<b>Aug</b>	Thursday 8	Coffee Run	Mystery Run	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 21	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Thursday or Friday 22 or 23	<b>CLUB WEEKEND</b>	<b>TOCUMWAL 3 night trip</b>	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 28	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
<b>Sept</b>	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	Tulips Lambley Nursery & Gardens Ascot Coffee at Clunes	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 25	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 29	Club Run	Daffodils Kyneton	Steve Kelly & Julie Wilson 0435 428 915 0400 126 870
<b>Oct</b>	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Wednesday 16	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 23	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Saturday/Sunday 26/27	Club Run/Weekend	Dunolly Gold Festival Weekend (Free camping available at the Oval)	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
<b>Nov</b>	Thursday 14	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Sunday 17	Club Run	Moonambel Patina Breakdown	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 27	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
<b>Dec</b>	Sunday 8	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	

**Goldfields Car Club Inc.**

**General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024. 7.30pm.**

**At the Lions Den, 22 Otway Street Ballarat.**

**Minutes**

President Ray Mason opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

There were no Guests present.

**Apologies:** Russell Muller, Lyall Jamieson, Julie Wilson, Judy Armstrong, Pam Roberts, Pam Dellaca, Gerard Nagle, Faye Parry, Michelle Jones, Russell Nichols, Beth Smith, Avis Mason, Tanya Attwell, Brian & Margaret Gavin, Leeanne Pitman, June Harrop.

Apologies were accepted on a motion moved by Norm Darwin, Seconded Wayne Harrop, and Carried.

**The minutes of the Previous General Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023.**

The minutes of the previous General Meeting were moved as a correct record by Heather Darwin, Seconded by Gary Armstrong and Carried.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**Outgoing.** Email Bunnings re Anzac Day sausage sizzle, (See General Business)

**Incoming.** Bunnings re registration for Mobile Payments 2024 Anzac Day Sausage sizzles. (See General Business)

**Incoming.** Email from AOMC re Insurance options.

**Incoming.** Email from American Chrome. Thank You.

Correspondence was received on the Motion by Mike Robins, Seconded by David Polson, Carried.

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** AOMC Insurance option, Stuart Bell discussed the idea of having all interested car clubs on one insurance arrangement and will follow up and report back at a later date.

**Reports:**

**Treasurers Report,** Stuart Bell presented the finance report:

Opening Bank Balance	\$2,413.86
Income	\$1,512.00
Expenses	\$ 371.70
Closing Bank Balance	\$3,554.16
Term Deposit	\$21,123.28
Total Club Funds	\$24,677.44

Finance Report received on motion moved by Stuart Bell, Seconded Frances O'Beirne, Carried.

**Permit Officers Report.** All Good. Nothing further to report.

**Editors Report:** All Good from Heather.

**Property Officers Report:** Wayne Harrop. All Good. Nothing further to report.



**Program Team report:** Trevor Parry reported on all the successful activities in the past month, including American Chrome as well as tours, and Lunch's. Upcoming events to be encouraged are: Bill & Judy's Tractor collection farm tour and coffee at Skipton approx. 20 indicated they would attend. 23/3/24 Saturday Eddington Sprints Bus exchange 9.30. Both these should be great days.

Motion to receive the reports was moved by Colin Menz, seconded by Judy Loader, Carried.

**General Business.**

It was proposed that we accept the Bunning's invitation for Goldfields Car Club to use the Bunnings on line purchase system for sausage sizzle, to cater for those that no longer carry cash. David Polson volunteered to work with Bunnings to establish the system. Moved David Polson, Seconded Norm Darwin, Carried.

Begonia Rally Report from Norm Darwin, recent event had 98 entrants over 3 days highly commended and recommended for club members next year.

Light entertainment was provided to end the formal meeting by Trevor Parry.

**Next Meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:30pm.**



Jaguar Press images of the 'S' Type





## **Ballarat Veterans Assistance Centre**

**Supporting the TRI Service Veteran Community**

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**The Ballarat Veterans Assistance Centre (BVAC) was established to assist all veterans and currently serving members of Australian Defence Force (ADF) and allied forces and their families.**

**The BVAC is located at 41 Barkly St, Ballarat East. We open 10am to 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday every week.**

**If the flag is flying, there will be someone there to talk with. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat. If we are closed, call the number on of this flyer and someone will answer. Or send us an email.**

**All veterans are welcome to our fortnightly sausage sizzles held 5pm to 7pm the Friday of DVA pension pay week. Weather may effect this event so drop us a line to confirm.**

Money raised at the Anzac Day Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will go to the Veterans Assistant Centre.



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