Goldfields Gazette

Newsletter of the Goldfields Car Club Inc.

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Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of every month (except January at the Brown Hill Hall 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill

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

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Total Fire Ban Days

Any Club Event which falls on a day designated a " Catastrophic and or Total Fire Ban Day" declared in the Central Region of Victoria any club event WILL BE CANCELLED.

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Cover Photo

Canola crop at Mt Misery, on the route to Beaufort.

Cover Photo
Three Wise Men at Moorabool.

Please note could members please ask people for their consent before including them in any photos.

Uniform
Available at Impact Teamwear: 147 Learmonth St, Alfredton. Ph 5336 6769
www.impactteamwear.com.au

GCC's uniform includes
Embroidery to be gold/yellow thread

Ladies & Men's Polos
Black Beanies
Black Peak Caps
Stadium Jackets
Ladies & Men's Sleeveless Vests

Members should make direct contact with Impact Teamwear for pricing, and visit their outlet to try on garments, to place orders, to pay and to collect. A small deposit is payable on all embroidered items.

Newsletter Contributions
The success of the newsletter is dependent upon contributions from members. Please email me any items of interest!

Member Welfare News
Anyone wishing to inform the Club of a member's illness or welfare, please contact the secretary who will send a card.

CLUB CALENDAR
See end of Gazette

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES ON CALENDAR.
For club runs!!!!

Future runs will be organised on a month-to-month basis, so keep reading your emails!!!

Run Organisers Information

Members, please consider organising a Club Run or Coffee Run.

Contact any Program Team member with your proposed run/s.

Club runs are usually held on the last Sunday of each month (except January and December), starting at approx. 9.30-10.00 am, and generally include morning tea (BYO), and lunch – either BYO or at a venue. Coffee runs can be BYO or at venues depending on itinerary and/or destination.

Please include entry costs that apply to any venues being visited.

Coffee runs are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (February – December) with a 1-1.30 pm. departure time - this can vary depending on destination.

Runs usually depart from:
The School Bus Exchange / Strides Greyhound Club Carpark, Rubicon Street, Redan; or

the School Bus Exchange, Melbourne Road, Brown Hill; or
the former Master's carpark, 25-51 Learmonth Road Wendouree.

Itineraries/mud maps should be provided for participants on the day of the run (suggest 8+ copies). Attendance lists are to be completed for insurance purposes. Pre-printed member lists are available from the Secretary at our General Meetings and should be returned to the Secretary after the event.

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Club Permit Renewal Process

There are two ways to get your permit renewal signed:

Take your permit renewal form to the next club meeting for signing by the Permit Officer.
As soon as you receive your renewal notice, post it (together with a DL business size envelope - stamped and self-addressed) to the Permit Officer for signing and returning to you so that there will still be plenty of time for you to put it in to VicRoads.

Mailing address - Ray Mason - 22 Schroeders Rd - Haddon Vic 3351.

Permits can be renewed using one of the methods below:

In person at VicRoads Customer Service Centres offices – Covid rules apply.
By mailing the renewal to VicRoads, GPO Box 1644, Melbourne 3001.
By paying the renewal Online via your "myVicRoads account" see' website. www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

President's Report

There is not a President's Report this month.

REPORT – Coffee Run

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Lunch Run Thursday October 1st 2026

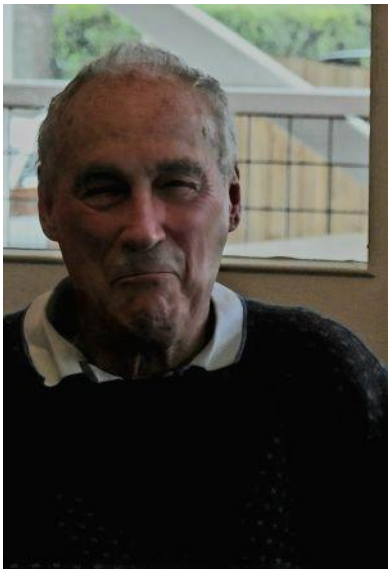
Under a threatening sky promising heavy rain around 13 cars with 27 occupants assembled at the East Bus Exchange to travel to the Blackwood Hotel via Ballan for lunch. Bill & Judy Loader were in charge and did a great job of running the event.

A mixture of classic and modern cars convoyed down the Western Highway to Ballan and then via the "Greendale–Ballan Rd". to Blackwood.

Passengers were elected to perform "pothole detection duties" with the best collection found on the Western Freeway near Gordon.

A good lunch was enjoyed together with good service and great company.

Thank you to Bill & Judy .
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REPORT – Club Run

Moorabool Gardens and Lodge
Saturday October 17th
On a sunny spring morning six cars and eleven members made there way to Moorabool Gardens and Lodge via the back roads of Glen Park, Beales Reservoir and Claretown.
Arriving at Moorabool with lush green grass which Frances wished she could take home.
We all had a look at the Lodge with history on all the walls and pine lining interior.
Many of us strolled along garden paths finding seating and great views.
When finding a shady tree to accommodate us all, we enjoyed our picnic lunches before heading home.













November 17th Car Run Peppergreen Farm Bendigo

Peppergreen Farm supports people with a disability or those facing disadvantage with meaningful and substainable job and career opportunities.
There is a café, nursery and vegetable gardens onsite.
We have a farm tour booked for 11.30am.
Departing Doctor's carpark 9am sharp, B.Y.O morning tea at Newbridge.
Could we please have numbers by Monday November 14th for catering.
Contact Gerard 0419 348 697

Items of Interest

October 31st-1st Nov
Pt Nepean Heritage Motor show

November 5th
Stag Motor Show Meets Market
Stag Hotel Learmonth

November 8th
Skipton Spring Festival
Skipton Rec Reserve

November 8th
Castlemaine Classic
A historic/vintage/veteran vehicle display.
Western Reserve Castlemaine
10-3pm

November 14th
Trawalla Historic Sprint
See Flyer

November 14th-15th
Bendigo Swap Meet
Prince of Wales Showgrounds
Holmes Rd Bendigo

November 27th
Ballarat Rod Run

November 29th
Car Show Mt Egerton Rec Reserve

November 29th
All Holden/GM Day
Celebrating the 78th birthday of the 48-215 FX Holden
Bendigo Sandhurst Holden Club
Holmes Rd Bendigo

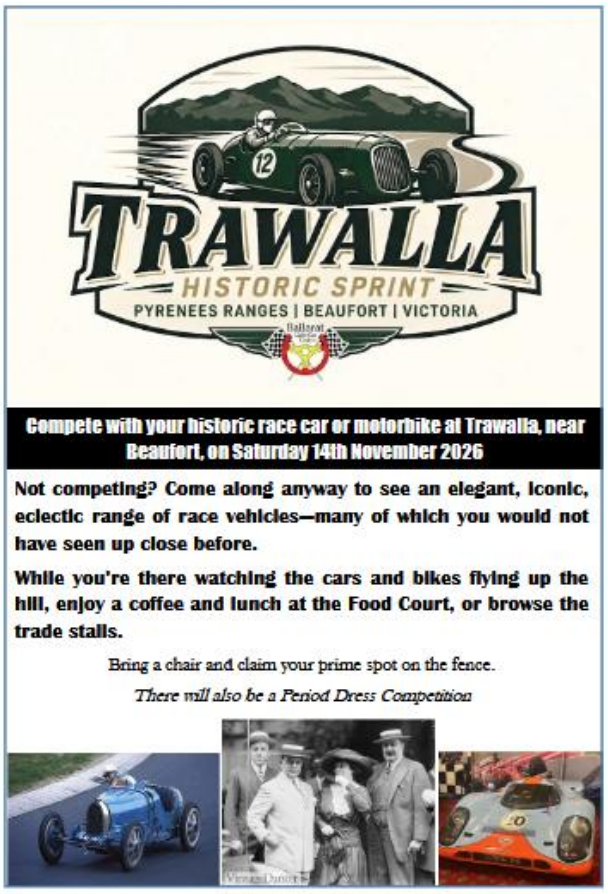
November 29th Springfest Ballarat
Show n Glow
Wendouree Parade

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Come along on **December 13th** at around **11.30 am** to the **Invermay Recreation reserve Hall,** where we will share a good old-fashioned **Christmas celebration.** Share the comradery with fellow members of our wonderful car club, and have some fun along the way.
The meal will be along the same lines as last year and is expected to commence about 12 noon. **MENU:** Choice of 2 roast meats and choice of 2 sweets.

COST: Will be subsidized by the club bringing the total cost to members down to $20. P.P. Please present the Treasurer with an envelope with your name and how many people written on the front, and twenty dollars cash for every person attending with you.
Guests and non-members will be required to pay the full amount of $35.00 per head for an entertaining day.
IMPORTANT: WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS FOR CATERING PURPOSES BY THE NEXT MEETING OR BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER.
We will be conducting a Kris Kringle gift giving this year, so please each bring a gift which should cost you very little or nothing. This is a good chance to re-gift that useless present from last year that has been hanging around the house. If you haven't any of those find some totally impractical, useless items from around the house. If all else fails a trip to the local op shop, or a humorous item would be great. My idea is to spend very little but have some fun being frugal & thrifty. Warning: Recipients of gifts may be required to model or demonstrate their chosen present.
DRESS CODE: OVERBOARD CHRISTMASSY

Bring your best Christmas joke



PROPOSED: AGENDA. TAG ALONG TOUR TO BALLARAT & SURROUNDS From 26/2/27 to 1/3/27

Friday Evening: (Depending on numbers) Welcome Meet & Greet at the caravan park. Nibbles provided –Your Dinner self-provided – Numerous take away outlets in the area along with pubs & restaurants. (Determine at a later date to eat together at the caravan park or go for a pub meal.)

SATURDAY MORNING: Leaving from Head Quarters to Scotsburn to view Andy Burns collection of very interesting museum quality cars and other fascinating historic stuff. No cost, morning tea provided as long as we bring the milk.

SATURDAY LUNCH; Self provided. Buninyong is a good stop with a bakery, Chinese, F & C, and an abundance of Coffee shops. Saturday arvo, Free to please yourself as long as we leave headquarters about (4.30pm/5.00 pm?) to travel to our next inspection to see the VW man who has a fascinating collection of everything VW. (You will be amazed to know what contribution VW has made to the automotive/industrial world.) It is here we will enjoy some entertainment and a home cooked evening meal including sweets. Estimated cost for meal is about I about $35.00. Bring your own drinks & glass

SUNDAY Morning Visit Ballarat Tramway Museum for a tour of the museum, morning tea and a tram ride around part of Lake Wendouree. Cost is $15.00 p.p.(Seniors cheaper)

Just down the road from the Tram museum are the Ballarat botanic gardens where hopefully the Begonias will be on exhibit, also I hope the Prime Ministers walk will not be too vandalised to view. The national monument for Prisoners of War memorial of all Australian prisoners is located just a little further down the track, and is well worth viewing and paying our respects to Australians that willingly went off to war.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON. Visit an impressive collection of antique motor bikes and some inspiring cars. To stay with the motor bike theme, we then attend the shed of a Vintage motor bike restorer & repairer who has some interesting stuff happening.

SUNDAY NIGHT: Suggest a pub meal at the Red Lion Hotel (walking distance)

MONDAY MORNNING (Chris & I will provide) a Pancake breakfast at the caravan park with help from willing volunteers. **(Just in case) BRING ALONG YOUR OWN CHAIRS, CUPS, PLATES & CUTTLERY TO ALL EXCURSIONS ON THIS TRIP**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE STAYING ON Depending on the number interested, we will inspect a diverse collection of trucks & working equipment.

We recommend that participants of the "Tour" make the trip away worthwhile and see Sovereign Hill (need almost the entire day here) but well worth the cost! Kyral Castle at Warrenheip is entertaining, and the very historical town of Clunes is still much the same as in the Gold rush days. Also, up the road from Clunes is Maryborough another historical town with a famous Railway station. All the above itinerary is, and probably will be changed, however this will be the basis for the weekend we are proposing. We know you lot are happy to "go with the flow" and the recommended Caravan Park is NRMA Ballarat Holiday Park. Web/ ballarat@nrmaparks.com.au mention you are part of the Tag Along tour, but I recon a phone number is best, and that is (03)5330-8000 Address is 108 Clayton St. Golden Point. (Which is really Ballarat) 3350.(This agenda is open to change, and probably will be, this list is not to be depended on!!! But the final product will be very similar)

Frances Phone is 0448 464 500 or Chris is 0417 129 373 E-Mail cfobeirne1@bigpond.com

Help wanted, people to organise club runs

Contact Wayne Harrop 0448 230 947



CALENDAR

October				
	October 1st	*Coffee Run*	*Coffee Run/Lunch Run* *Blackwood Hotel* *Leave East Bus Exchange 1030am*	*Bill and Judy Loader* *0428 519 231* *0418 519 231*
	Saturday 17th	*Club Run*	*Moorabool Gardens and Lodge Open Day* *Leave East Bus Exchange 10.30am* *B.Y.O Morning Tea, Lunch table, chairs sunscreen or wet weather gear!*	*Gerard and Sally* *0419 348 697*
	Wednesday 21st	*Club Meeting*	*Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm* *375 Humffray St Nth* *Brown Hill*	
	Wednesday 28th	*Ladie's Coffee catchup*	*Olive Grove Sturt St*	*Chris Bell 0400 099 532* *Marg Gavan* *0408 334 926*
November	8/11	*Car Run Skipton Springfest*	*Depart Dog Track Time 9am depart For Skipton Football Oval*	
	Thursday 17th	*Club Run*	*Peppergreen Farm. Community Café and Nursery. Bendigo. Depart Doctors car park 9am. BYO Morning tea at Newbridge*	*Gerard and Sally Nagle* *0419348697*
	Wednesday 18th	*Club Meeting*	*Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm* *375 Humffray St Nth* *Brown Hill*	
	Wednesday 25th	*Ladie's Coffee catchup*	*Olive Grove Sturt St*	*Chris Bell 0400 099 532* *Marg Gavan* *0408 334 926*
December				

	Sunday 13th		*Christmas Lunch TBA* *Invermay Rec Reserve*	
2027				
January				
	Wednesday 20th	*Presidents Picnic*	*Lake WendoureeDetails TBA*	*President*
	Tuesday 26th	*Australia Day*	*Clarendon Reserve Details TBA*	
February				
	Wednesday 3rd	*Burrumbeet Picnic*	*Meet at Burrumbeet caravan Park Reserve Time to be advised*	
	Wednesday 17th	*Club Meeting*	*Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm* *375 Humffray St Nth* *Brown Hill*	
	Wednesday 25th	*Ladie's Coffee catchup*	*Olive Grove Sturt St*	*Chris Bell 0400 099 532* *Marg Gavan* *0408 334 926*
	February 26th – March 1st		*Wodonga Car Club Ballarat visit* *See Attached Information*	*Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373*
	Wednesday 10th	*Buninyong Picnic*	*Details TBA*	
	Sunday 21st	*Federation Picnic*	*Details TBA*	