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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 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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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.

Cover Photo

HAPPY EASTER

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 arrange for a card to be sent.

We wish Bruce Kerr, Gordon Roberts and Peter Rogers a speedy recovery.

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!!!!**

**Members please note:
Due to the fuel situation, there will not be any long-distance car
runs until further advised.**

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

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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.

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

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

Due to Jodie's resignation there is not a report.

REPORT – Twilight Picnic Tea

Annual Picnic Buninyong Gardens March 4th

On a very pleasant Wednesday afternoon, 13 members met at 5pm for a picnic. After a chat and a snack, we finished with cake, celebrating Wilma and Faye's birthdays. Some went for a walk. A very enjoyable gathering.

From Wayne.



REPORT – Coffee Run

March Coffee Run

This month's coffee run left from the Black Hill Bus Exchange. Stephen Kelly and Julie Wilson led the convoy of four cars with four other members following. We headed out Daylesford Rd turning right at the Pootilla roundabout before crisscrossing our way through Springbank Rd and Spargo Creek Rd to pass the Moorabool Reservoir. We then entered the Wombat State Forest passing the Spargo Creek Mineral Springs after which the road narrowed, and we really felt we were going 'bush'. This took us to the Ballan Daylesford Rd where we turned right into a straight run to Ballan. Our 'coffee' destination was the Elsie Rose Café and soon after arriving we were joined by four other members. The café has a broad selection of savoury and sweet treats; including gourmet pies and sausage rolls, frittatas and a variety of cakes, that satisfied all our individual tastes.

As we were a small group, we sat with the men up one end of the table and the ladies at the other and the room buzzed with great conversations.

Many thanks to Stephen and Julie for planning an interesting journey and to the other 8 members who attended.



REPORT – Club Run

Eynesbury Market

On a beautiful Sunday morning a variety of beautifully presented 6 colourful club members cars assembled at the Eastern Bus exchange. At 10.30am left East down the western highway to Bacchus Marsh. Through town to Exford and the Enysbury market. A good walk around the market and some had a lunch and others went to Mrs Peacock's restaurant at the homestead next door. A good turn up in difficult times. Had a great catch up and talk was the highlight of all these outings. Thanks to all that came.

Sorry forgot until it was too late for photos. So only a mention of the people and needing a

mental 🤔 recollection of their cars.

Peter and Mae - Blue GT Falcon

Gérard and Sally- Green 2 door Mazda

Wayne and June- Red Porshe

Peter and Fay - Silver 2 door Benz

Kevin and Bernadette- Silver Holden

Lyle- Dark 4 door Benz

Bill and Judy- Gold 2 door Benz

Herald Sun Article courtesy of Wayne

Like microwaving a steak. That's the petrolhead's defence for looming tide of electric machines that are faster and cheaper than traditional performance cars.

Sure, there are affordable battery-powered wonders that can beat iconic cars like the Porsche 911 GT3 in a drag race, but combustion -obsessed folk argue that flooring an electric sports car is like nuking a scotch fillet at maximum voltage.

There's not enough sizzle.

Regardless of whether that metaphor translates to reality, there can be no argument that the 911 GT3 asks more from its driver than most cars.

Equipped as standard with three pedals, this traditional sports car requires a degree of finesse to launch properly.

It's easy to stall and get it wrong.

And so, satisfying when you get it right.

There are six gears accessed through a wonderfully mechanical lever by your lefthand and the new digital tachometer runs to 10,000rpm with the redline recorded at a soaring 9000rpm. The 4.0-litre six under the rear wing of this guards red coupe a thing wonder, a free-spinning riot of fuel, air and spark that soars beyond the ceiling of just about every other engine on sale to deliver highs usually restricted to race cars.

There is no turbo or hybrid boost. And there is method to the barely controlled madness fixing away behind your hard-backed bucket seat. This robust and reliable engine is at the core of Porche's racing machines.

The relative simplicity of the GT3's hardware translates to a car that delivers consistently repeatable performance.

No, it's not the fastest thing going. The 240-odd km/h I saw at Sydney Motorsport Park was a staggering 50km/h shy of that reported by Lamborghini's Revuelto hybrid.

And it's nothing like as rapid as Porsche's Taycan Turbo GT.

But unlike hybrid rivals that serve up varying degrees of performance based on driving modes, states of battery charge and driving inputs such as steering wheel angle and throttle position, the GT3 returns exactly the same responses to your intention.

That consistency builds confidence. If the car is a rock-solid constant, then your driving becomes the variable- you can start to experiment with different lines, braking point and throttle applications, rather than worrying about whether the vehicle can do what you need it to.

That constant approach includes the engine, brakes and steering-all of which are extraordinarily satisfying to exploit.

The result is a car that inspires confidence like no other.

This year's model is slightly softer and more approachable than before-easier to live with on the road, and more forgiving on the track.

It's damn near perfect.

Even if it's not the fastest, most innovative or revolutionary machine on the road, the 911 GT3 is so much more satisfying than popping a steak in the microwave.

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Prestige David Mc Cowen

Items of Interest

April 10 -12th
Melbourne Motor Show
Melb Convention & Centre

April 11th
Horsham Swap Meet
Horsham Showgrounds

April 18th
Show n Shine Rokewood Hotel

April 19th
CMCC Cars Food and Wine
St Annes Winery Myrniong

May 9th
Geelong Bay City Swap Meet
Geelong Showgrounds
6.30am-2pm

JUNE 6th-8th
HAY MINI NATIONALS
HAY!!!!!!

June 14th
Classic and Retro Show 10-4pm
Trentham Gardens

*Help wanted, people to organise club runs
Contact Wayne Harrop 0448 230 947*



CALENDAR

April	<i>Thursday 9th</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>2pm meet at Woolshed on Western Hwy for a browse and coffee</i>	<i>Wayne Harrop 0448 230 947</i>
	<i>Wednesday 15th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Lion's Den 7.30pm</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 22nd</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>

	Sunday 26th	Club Run	TBC	
May	Thursday 14th	Coffee Run	Dementia walk and coffee Meet Ballarat East Bus Exchange 1pm	Gerard & Sally 0419 348 697
	Wednesday 20 th	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 27th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Thursday 28 th Please note change of date	Club Run	Fyansford Papermill Details To Be Confirmed	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
June	Thursday 11 th	Coffee Run	Mitchel Park Collection Details TBA	Rex Bridges 0403 696 285
	Wednesday 17 th	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 24th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
June	Weekend of 27 th	Club Weekend	Lets wander to Wodonga Catchup with Wodonga Car Club and enjoy climes Details TBA.	Francis & Chris 0417 129 373
July	Coffee Run	Thursday 9th	TBA	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 15 th	AGM	Lion's Den 7.30pm	Election of office bearers etc.
	Wednesday 22nd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 26th	Club/Birthday run	TBA	President
August				
	Wednesday 26th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
September				
	Wednesday 23rd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
October				

	<i>Wednesday 28th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
November	<i>Wednesday 25th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>