



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 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

Hay Mini National's Street Parade – What A Weekend!!!

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

Wishing Wilma Bridges a speedy recovery.

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 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.

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

Vice Presidents report.

June Report

July will be an important month for the Gold Fields Carclub. We move to our new venue at the Brown Hill Hall Humffray Street.

The members who carried out the inspection before the club decided on this venue were very impressed with the facilities. We do hope you all are as happy with the arrangements as did the inspection team.

July is also our Annual General Meeting. I would like to see a full attendance at this meeting as we will need to fill a couple of important positions.

Then at the end of the month, we celebrate our 28th Birthday. There will be further information pertaining to this event further along in this Gazette. I do hope we get a full attendance at this event.

On the 28th we enjoyed a day's outing to Bealiba. See Phill's trip report for full details.

President Peter

REPORT – Coffee Run

11/6/26 Goldfields Car Club

On a sunny Thursday afternoon, 16 members met at the Doctor's carpark. We made our way to a warehouse complex in Mitchell Park. We were met by our host Bill Russell. He gave us a very informative history of Wolseley Cars and the cars in his collection.

Bill had tea, coffee, cake and hot party pies and sausage rolls for us to enjoy. A great host.

This was a great visit and our thanks to Rex for organising the event.

Report Wayne – Program Team.



REPORT – Club Run

On a brisk Sunday morning, a good mixture of red plates and moderns, left on an incident free journey for morning tea at Avoca under some magnificent gum trees, with many members basking in the sunshine to warm their extremities. After a picturesque drive through surrounding farmland, we arrived at Mr McClellands place at Bealiba, where we were welcomed by freshly cut lawn to park and invited to inspect the "kindergarten", his collection of restored small tractors. Farm-alls, Fergie's and Fiats appear to be his favoured varieties. Onto the neat workshop where another 'grey' was receiving some attention after attending the trek at Wentworth and had failed to proceed. Across the road, to a larger shed, with larger versions of Internationals, Massey Fergusons and Fiats, amongst some other makes to add a bit of variety.

Lunch at the park in Bealiba, along side and array of churches whose patronage appeared to have diminished. Across the street, another shed with some more grey and Massey Fergusons in various states of completion. Amazing how many you can squeeze in when you need to.

Further along to Dunolly Golf Course for a show and shine by the local car club. I think we might have missed the peak hour but there were still a few very nice vehicles to have a look at.

A very pleasant Sunday with great weather and company. Thanks to all the members who organised this run for us to enjoy.

Cheers Phil.



Mini News!!!!

HAY- WHAT A WEEKEND AT THE AUSTRALIAN MINI NATIONALS

Hay came alive on the Kings Birthday long weekend with a street parade of over one hundred mini's, B&S Utes and Classic Cars travel thru the main street.

Saturday night consisted of a dirt paddock with flood lights and mini's navigating a very tight bending race. With categories from 12 years to senior citizens, and plenty of mini's zooming. The night finished with a fireworks display.

Sunday was the main Motorkhana with every colour Mini and Moke going as fast as possible over six separate courses. With a car full of Hay red dust, we finished the weekend with presentations and the Victorian Mini Club coming third.

Report Sally.



Items of Interest

September 13th
Carz & Coffee Maryborough
Celebration of 55 years Charger in Australia
40 Park Rd Maryborough

September 20th
 Stag Motor Show Meets Market
 Stag Hotel Learmonth

September 26th
 Show n Shine
 High St Terang

October 11th
 Colac Swap Meet/Car show& collectibles Market
 Colac Racecourse

October 25th
 Show n Shine
 Halls Gap Rec Reserve

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

November 5th
 Stag Motor Show Meets Market
 Stag Hotel Learmonth

November 14th-15th
 Bendigo Swap Meet

November 29th
 Car Show Mt Egerton Rec Reserve

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



CALENDAR

June	<i>Thurs 11th</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Mitchel Park Depart Doctors Carpark Learmonth Rd @ 2.15pm</i>	<i>Rex Bridges</i>
	<i>Wednesday 17th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Lion's Den 7.30pm</i>	
	<i>Sunday 28th</i>		<i>Bealiba Car Run Meet at Doctor's Carpark 9am B.Y.O Morning tea Avoca B.Y.O Lunch Bealiba Park Return via Dunolly which may include car collection.</i>	<i>Peter Rogers 0408 171 829</i>
	<i>Wednesday 24th</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>
July	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Thursday 9th</i>	<i>Coffee/Lunch Run 11.15am Strides Greyhound Carpark for 11.30 start. Thru The Gate Café Smythesdale.</i>	<i>John and Nolleene Gleeson 0499 549 210</i>

	Wednesday 15 th	AGM	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill	Election of office bearers etc.
	Wednesday 22 nd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 26 th	Club/Birthday run	Meagher's Hotel 194 Victoria Street Ballarat East 12noon \$35 per person Money in envelope to Treasurer no later than July 17 th .	President
August	Early in Month	Coffee Run	Wombat Hill	Trevor and Faye Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 19 th	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill	
	Wednesday 26 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 30 th	Federation Picnic	Marong Leave Masters Carpark 9.30am	Leader to be decided
September	Thursday 10 th	Coffee Run	Greenhouse Café	Gerard and Sally Nagle 0419348697
	Wednesday 16 th	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill	
	Wednesday 23 rd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Late in Month	Club Run	Buninyong Winery and Collection	Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373
October				
	Early in Month	Coffee Run	Coffee Run Myrniong Hotel	Bill and Judy Loader 0428 519 231
	Saturday 17 th	Club Run	Avoca Cup	Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 21 st	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill	
	Wednesday 28 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
November	Early in Month	Coffee Run	Rokewood Hotel	Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 18 th	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill	
	Late in Month	Club Run	Peppergreen Farm. Community Café and Nursery. Bendigo	Gerard and Sally Nagle 0419348697

	<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>
December			<i>Christmas Lunch TBA</i>	
2027				
	<i>February 27 – 28th</i>		<i>Wodonga Car Club Ballarat visit</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>
	<i>Late April</i>		<i>Lake Fyans Campout Details TBA</i>	<i>Details TBA</i>