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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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Cover Car

Hi, my name is Max. I am happy to be a member of the Goldfields Car Club. Thought I might tell you a bit about myself. I am a Morris Mini K and I was born in 1971, I have a 1275 motor under my bonnet, with extractors. I am 4 on the floor and I zoom along on Mini Lite wheels. I have a white roof and my body is a lovely metallic green. I have had 3 families in my 54 years of life so far. I love my current family, my Mum Noellene and Dad John, and they love me. During the years of my life, I have had a few different things done to me by my families at the time of owning me, I even won a prize at the Euroa Classic Car Show. My second owner was a very nice lady who took me to work with her every day. She was in the Victorian police force and was in the Highway patrol, but she left me in the carpark with my friends each day and did her work on this guy that only had two wheels.

When I came home to Ballarat in October 2012, Mum, Dad and I had a bit of fun together getting to know one another. Then Dad decided I needed a going over so he pulled me totally apart and I mean totally. I had no motor in me, my seats were gone, my flooring out, fuel tanks gone, almost everything, and Dad stressed about all the wiring my previous owners had stuffed inside me. There I sat in the big shed with my brother zoomy MX5 for seven years, he got to go out, I didn't. Mum got mad with Dad and told him to put me back together. He got me a whole lot of new bits and pieces, and painted my motor, and put it back under my bonnet and I felt like a new little guy, It was so good to be back on the road again. One day while out cruising with Mum and Dad, a kangaroo jumped out in front of me, and I couldn't stop, and I hit her. My poor little bonnet was all smashed in and sticking up, we were all very sad. Dad tied my bonnet down with the belt off his pants, and we went home again. A guy called Michael was kind enough to fix my front up to new again, but this time it was decided not to paint the white bits on my bonnet and front. I think I look much better now. If that wasn't enough to happen to me, one day on a run to Donald with the Goldfields car club. After lunch Mum went to start me to head home, something went adrift, white smelly smoke was pouring out from under my dash; I was on fire!!! Panic, panic!!!! Two hours later I got picked up by this huge truck and taken to Central Electrics in Ballarat. Workers had to replace a thing called a loom in my motor. This is difficult to do in a little guy like me, but now I am better than ever. Fingers crossed that's the last problem I have. Mum and Dad want to freshen up the paintwork on the rest of my body, that will probably be in 2026, then I will really look spunky. I really enjoy the Goldfields Car Club events with Mum and Dad. Going out for coffee and runs to different places and making new friends. I hope you enjoy the story of my life so far and I hope there will be many more. Regards
Max the Mini K.



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 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.

President's Report

My Goldfields Car Club presidential term got off to a really fun start with our 27th birthday lunch celebration at the Royal Mail Hotel, Sebastopol on Sunday 27th July. Those who attended, which we confirmed prior at 39, would now know of my love of all things numbers, and several things you didn't previously know about the number 27! It was a lot of fun, and I even managed to stump some of our extremely knowledgeable car buffs with some quiz questions about 1998 model releases. I'm not sure I was as loud or commanding as our efficient waitress Em, though! She had just the right voice to be heard over a crowd.

After our delicious traditional Sunday Roast with all the trimmings – with an alternate drop of lamb or pork – we enjoyed sticky date pudding or banana fritters for dessert. But wait, there's more... (I've always wanted to

write that lol! 😊) Peter Smith and his delightful partner Mae had very kindly sourced our magnificent Thai Chiffon birthday cake, superbly decorated with the club's logo and iced to perfection with butter cream icing. As if that wasn't enough, Mae's friend and talented cake maker, OG Cakery who can be found on Facebook (under OG Kitchen), had created some beautifully flavoured Thai Chiffon Swiss roll style individual cakes, filled with a light and fluffy mousse to match the various sponge flavours: chocolate, coffee, blueberry and strawberry. Huge thanks to Peter and Mae for their generous donation. Peter Bond cut the cake and led us in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday. It was lovely to see him and Faye again, both looking very well. And not a morsel was leftover!

I look forward to relaxing with a cup of English Breakfast tea and a Biscoff biscuit, thanks to Frances, who had made some very pretty and creative 'party favours' for the women, which she handed out during the lunch.

Our Risk Management Policy is coming along nicely thanks to the efficiency of Gerard, Stuart and Norm and will be presented to the members soon.

I thank you all for your kind wishes and congratulations on my appointment and I will do my best to carry out my duties competently, with professionalism and a dash of pizazz!

Thank you, Jodie 😊

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.

Code Red Fire Rating Days

Any Club Event which falls on a day designated Code Red is automatically cancelled.

Organisers of events may cancel on a Total Fire Ban Day if they consider it appropriate.

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.

REPORT – Club Run

June Coffee Run – To the Elaine Cemetery & Rustic Ram Café

The June Coffee Run - Saw 10 Cars

Leave Strides car park, lead away by Bill & Jody Loader's , beautiful 1959 220S Mercedes Benz.

We travelled through Sebastopol, Buninyong, onto the "Midlands Highway", turning off at Horsehill Road where we made our way to the "Elaine Cemetery".

What a surprise this cemetery is. It's a public cemetery but it is mainly graves from the Serbian community, and what beautiful graves they are, and no doubt very expensive as well.

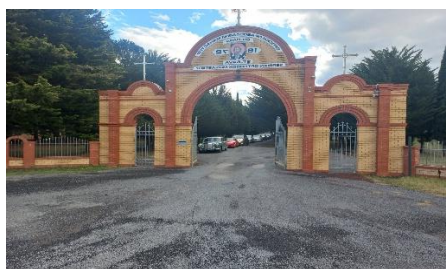
There is only two cemeteries like this in Australia for the Serbian Orthodox religion, and it is only a short distance from the Serbian Orthodox Monastery at Elaine, who have purchased extra land so the cemetery can expand over the next period of time.

We were given a wonderful talk about the history of the cemetery (by the man in charge) and we just wandered around, amazed by the whole thing. Who would have thought a cemetery could be so interesting. Then we were off to Meredith! First though, a quick stop at the monastery for a photo, finally arriving at Rustic Ram Café, for a pleasant afternoon tea and a good chat.

A big thank you to Judy & Bill.

John D

Photos by Wayne Harrop



Lunch run to Five Flags Hotel Castlemaine

29th June Sunday. 2025
Goldfields Car Club Run...

7 cars with 13 members and guest Tim Vo, left Ballarat East Bus Exchange and headed for Daylesford. We stopped for Morning Tea and toilet break, at the lovely Three Lost Children's Memorial Park, & luckily the sun shone through the clouds.

Footnote: Two cairns said that "On the 13th of June 1867, three young local children wandered off and sadly their bodies were found at Musk Creek on the 14th of September 1867".

We then made our way to the 5 Flags Hotel at Campbell's Creek. After enjoying a delicious meal, good company, in pleasant surroundings, members, about 2ish, made their own way home.

Thanks to President Peter Rogers:- June and Wayne



Coffee Run to Learmonth

11 members and 1 guest (4apologies) started our run from strides, heading west to Learmonth, encountering some heavy rain on the way. We headed to Haddon/Windermere Road, turning right into Remembrance drive. Beautiful drive to Weatherboard Road, then onto Learmonth. Water was still obvious in the lake, despite drought weather. We enjoyed a good drive, good company, good drink and tucker. Thanks to those who could attend, hope you enjoyed yourselves. Report from Wayne & June



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

Happy Birthday

Birthday Lunch

Our birthday Lunch was held the Royal Mail Hotel in Sebastopol on Sunday July 27th. The lady in charge called our attention and explained the fare for the meal – roast lamb or pork with vegetables and served alternatively followed by a sweet of sticky date pudding or banana fritter both served with ice-cream. I thought the meal and particularly the service was very good, a great choice of venue.

With the meal out of the way the Matre’d called attention again for President Jody to speak. Jody welcomed us then gave an interesting talk – she had researched significant events that had occurred on July 27th. Peter Bond was called to cut the cake which was the served up by Mae. Peter Smith and Mae provided the beautifully decorated cake in Goldfields colours. The cake was complimented by 4 different flavours of a scroll styled cake and baked by a friend of Mae’ who operates on Facebook trading as OG Cakery.





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

Peter continues to leave his mark after 40 generous years

After being 'conned into it', the 88-year-old Justice of the Peace is showing no signs of slowing down

Adam Spencer

COULD you imagine being woken up by police officers banging on your door at 2am for you to sign a search warrant?

What about jailing a customer of yours who was in trouble with the police?

Well, that's exactly what Ballarat's Peter Rogers has had to do in his 40 years as a Justice of the Peace (JP).

"I still sign 'Peter W Rogers' as I have done every year," he said.

It's a job that requires patience, fun, care and a good hand for signing documents.

For four decades, Mr Rogers has done just that, volunteering his own time to help the community and police.

He has used his signature to verify thousands of legal documents as a JP for the public at the Ballarat Police Station - anything from divorce papers to statutory declarations and affidavits, to certifying copies of documents.

"It's a community service, plus it's an interest. I'm nearly 89, so it gives me something to do," Mr Rogers said, reflecting on his time.

"I got conned into it 40 years ago. I had to go up to the police station, and they swore me in up there."

He said a lot has changed over the years, including the type of work a JP does.

"When I first was a JP for the first number of years, we used to do the bails and remands and all of that," Mr Rogers said.

"Then they brought in a system with the bail justices. At that time, my wife was pretty sick and I did half of the training, and I never ever finished it, so I never became a bail justice. You'd have to go (to the police station), and there would be the person who was being charged. You had to listen to the police story and listen to his story and make up your mind whether you're going to put him in jail or bail him."

Mr Rogers worked at Peter Amor Motors as a service manager when he first became

a JP in 1985 - this proved to be an interesting combination. "I had to lock up one of my customers one night. He never came back to the workshop," he laughed.

Mr Rogers said signing off search warrants was also a regular duty, even at ridiculous hours. "You'd often have police pull up at 2am or 3am, bang on the door and tell you what happened," he said.

"With these search warrants, the justices were the safety net between the police and 'I want to search (someone's) house'. Ninety-nine per cent of the ones that I ever signed were because of drugs.

"They'd call you down (to the police station) if you're doing a remand, but search warrants, quite often they'd come to the house."

Signing off on search warrants and bailing or jailing offenders is no longer a part of the role of a Justice of the Peace, among a number of big changes over the years.

"When I became a JP, they gave me a book about that thick, about that square," Mr Rogers said as he used his hands to demonstrate just how big the book was. Now ... we have fairly regular training sessions."

He said a typical day for a JP at the Ballarat Police Station involved getting in early, before doing up to 150 signatures in a shift, which usually lasts for a couple of hours, before another comes in.

"We do about a thousand signatures a week between the lot of us, that's 4000 a month," Mr Rogers said.

"We're here for about 35 hours a week, so that's equivalent to one person for the police. They don't have to do it ... they can be doing real work."

He said JPs assist a range of people with different needs.

"The divorce ones are the funny ones. You'll get three scenarios. You'll get them come in, one at a time - they're easy. You get them both in together and they'll be laughing...or you'll get both come in together and they'll be like a cat and dog fighting."



Justice of the Peace Peter Rogers retired from full-time work in 2002, but has continued to give up his time as a JP. Pictures by Kate Healy



Harry Gibcus JP and Peter Rogers JP have been working with each other for 20 years at the Ballarat Police Station.



CALENDAR

Aug	Thursday 14	Coffee Run	Ballarat Golf Club 2pm meet at venue.	Wayne 0448 230 947
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm.	
	Wednesday 27	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 31	Club Run	Scenic drive to Avoca Hotel for lunch. Departing the old Master's carpark 10.30am.	Gerard 0419 348 697 Number's needed by Monday August 25 th .
Sept	Thursday 11	Coffee Run		
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
-	Sunday 28	Club Run		
Oct	Thursday 9	Coffee Run		
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 26	Club Run		
Nov	Thursday 13	Coffee Run		
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 30	Club Run		
Dec	Sunday 7	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 11	Coffee Run		
	Wednesday 17	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	

