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Newsletter of the Goldfields Car Club Inc.

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"American Chrome & Coffee"

12th Annual Gathering

Ballarat North Gardens Sunday 5th February 9.00 am to 3 pm

Coffee Cart on Site



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

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Meetings are held at 8pm on the third *Wednesday* of every month (except January) at the Lions' Den, rear of the Pinarc building at 222 Otway Street South, Ballarat.

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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.

Newsletter Contributions

Reports, articles and other items to be forwarded to the Editor <u>by no later than 5 pm on the first</u> <u>Thursday of each month</u> 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 next issue.)

Member Welfare News

Anyone wishing to inform the Club of the welfare of members, or arrangements for members should, in the first instance, <u>contact the acting secretary</u> who will arrange for distribution via the Goldfields Car Club email list. Timely notice would be appreciated.

"GCC Rules"

Goldfields Car Club operates under the updated Model Rules and our club By-laws, as revised from time to time. Jointly, these two documents are referred to as our "Club Rules".

A copy of the "Club Rules" has been provided to all members, either by email, or by mail for those without an email address. It is assumed members would electronically file and/or print these documents for future reference. However, please advise the secretary if you need the Club Rules to be re-emailed to you, or, alternatively request a printed copy from the secretary and it will be issued to you at the next general meeting.

At the AGM held on 5th December 2021, the structure of the Committee was updated, and an update was made to the club's membership rules - that in the future all members are required to attend 3 club events and 3 club meetings each financial year to maintain membership - unless extenuating circumstances apply.

A copy of the updated "Club rules" was distributed to all members on email, and a hard copy has been sent by mail to our 'non-email' members.

"GCC Uniform"

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

GCC's uniform includes:

Embroidery to be in Gold/Yellow thread

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

"GCC - Club Permit Renewal Process"

<u>Reminder to club-permitted vehicle owners:</u> please action your permit renewals asap after receiving them. Failure to renew your permit means automatic cancellation of that permit, and then a new permit application (including a Roadworthy Certificate) would be required.

Step 1: GCC Permit Officer – Ray Mason:

There are two ways to get your permit renewal signed:

i): Take your permit renewal form to the next club meeting for signing by the Permit Officer <u>before</u> the start of the meeting

OR

ii): 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.

Step 2: Vic Roads

Permits can be renewed using one of the methods below:

- 1. in person at VicRoads Customer Service Centres offices Covid rules apply
- 2. by mailing the renewal to VicRoads, GPO Box 1644, Melbourne 3001
- 3. by paying the renewal Online via your "myVicRoads account"

These renewal processes are described in detail on VicRoads' website. www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Event Organisers: you are required to send an attendance list to the Secretary, and to ask someone to email a report to the Editor for the Gazette Photos of events are welcome and should be forwarded direct to the Editor. February 2023 Sunday 5th American Chrome & Coffee - 12th Annual Gathering Organiser – John Smyth Ballarat North Gardens - 9.00 am to 3 pm Coffee Cart on Site Thursday 9th Coffee & Chat - Ballarat Golf Club **Organiser** – Trevor Parry Meet at venue - 1.30 pm onwards Wednesday 15th General Monthly Meeting at the Lions' Den 8 pm start. Please bring a plate of supper to share. Remember to take your plate home. Sunday 26th Club Run – Great Western - 36 Cemetery Road Great Western Vic 3374 Seppelt Winery & Underground Cellar Tour (Tour booked for 2.00 pm) Organiser – Trevor Parry Depart from Strides Greyhound Club Carpark, Rubicon Street, Redan Time: 10.00 am. **Coffee Stop - Beaufort** Lunch – Optional venues – Café or BYO Light lunch at Seppelt's "Drives Café" - for the Menu - see page 6 OR BYO Picnic Lunch, drinks etc to have in the Seppelt's picnic area

<u>March</u>

Wednesday 1st

Club Calendar

Kirks Reservoir - Twilight Run & Picnic Tea

Come and join your fellow members for our last twilight run for 2023 to Kirks Reservoir where we gather in the gardens. It's a great opportunity for our club-plated classics to have a run.

Arrival time is around 5 pm - BYO everything.

Access is by entering through the Kirks Reservoir Gates – Daylesford Road Brown Hill and the meeting place is about 150 meters into the park.

The most attractive floral table cloth will receive the president's prize!

Thursday 9th



Lunch run – Wallace Hotel -741 Bungaree-Wallace Rd, Wallace VIC 3352

Organiser – Wayne Harrop

Meet at the Wallace Hotel - 11.30 am onwards

As we will join with car enthusiasts from the "Petrol Sniffers" group, it is requested that GCC members bring their classic vehicles.

Phone Wayne on 0448 230 947 with numbers attending for table bookings.

Wednesday 15 th	General Monthly Meeting at the Lions' Den 8 pm start.		
	Please bring a plate of supper to share.		
	Remember to take your plate home.		
Friday/Monday 17 th -:	20 th Club Weekend – Murtoa / Rupanyup - Victoria		
	2 nights/3 days OR for those who can - 3 nights/4 days		
	For further details, booking information, and contact info. see Page 6		
Sunday 26th	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (instead of Club Run)		
	Volunteers required for Roster – please contact Ray Mason on 0419 777 025		
April			
Thursday 13 th	Coffee run – details to be advised		
	Organiser – Pam & Gordon Roberts		
Wednesday 19 th	General Monthly Meeting at the Lions' Den 8 pm start.		
	Please bring a plate of supper to share.		
	Remember to take your plate home.		
Sunday 30th	Club Run – Colac		
	Organiser – Faye Parry		

Members, please consider organising a Coffee Run for any month between May 2023 – Dec 2023.

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

Coffee runs can be BYO or at venues depending on itinerary and/or destination

Planning a Coffee Run: -

Decide on your destination

Usually held on the **2nd Thursday** of each month (February – December) Usually with a 1 pm. departure time - this can vary depending on destination Usually (depending on the direction of the run) departing from:

- the School Bus Exchange / Strides Greyhound Club Carpark, Rubicon Street, Redan; or
- the School Bus Exchange, Melbourne Road, Brown Hill; or
- the former Masters carpark, 25-51 Learmonth Road Wendouree.

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

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.

Monthly Club Runs:

Members, please consider organising a Club Run for any month between May 2023 – Dec 2023.

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

These are <u>usually</u> held on the <u>last Sunday</u> 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.

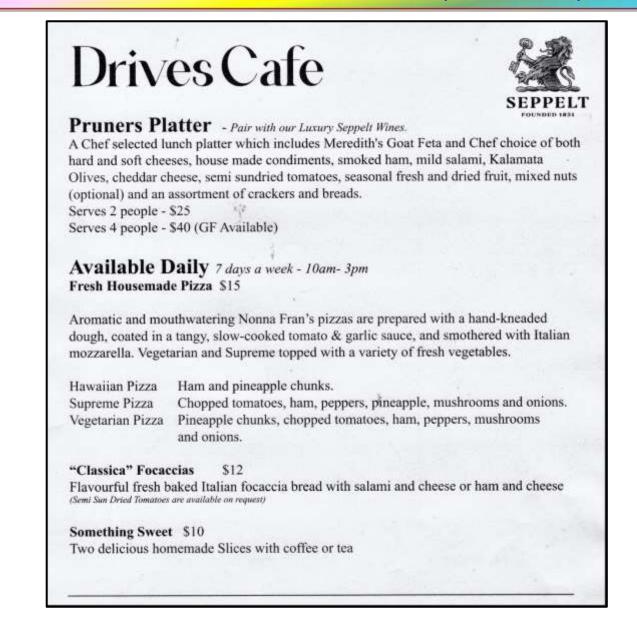
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All ideas welcome!!! ... perhaps even a plan or two for extended trips with overnight stays???

Seppelt's "Drives Café" Menu

Sunday 26th February 2023



Weekend Run to Murtoa - 17th, 18th & 19th March 2023

The weekend run covers three nights/four days, but members can opt for a two nights/three days run.

The weekend program will include two main attractions (at this stage)

Saturday 18th - morning: The Stick Shed with a Guide at 10 am

Saturday 18th - afternoon – activity to be confirmed

Sunday 19th - all day at Rupanyup - includes the Woods Museum - something for everyone

Depart: Friday: Depart from the former Masters carpark, 25-51 Learmonth Road Wendouree, at 10.00 am. Travel via Western Highway to Stawell, Glenorchy & Murtoa. **Lunch** – Stawell – BYO or McDonalds

Accommodation: - Book early

Murtoa Caravan Park: Sites only. No Cabins available. Ph: 0448 511 879

Railway Hotel: 6 En-suite Rooms On Hold for GCC @ \$120.00 per night including a Light Breakfast of Juice, Cereal, Toast, Tea or Coffee. To claim a room, ph 5385 2241 direct and confirm you are a GCC member.

Homes also available: See Murtoa Website.

Organiser: Lyle Jamieson. Lyle will need to know numbers to organise visits to attractions, etc, so if you want to be part of this adventure, please contact **Lyle on 0427 072 333**.

President's Picnic - Lake Wendouree



Australia Day Speech at Garibaldi

Good morning, everyone, what a wonderful day for a picnic. We are here today, the 26th of January 2023 to celebrate 235 years since Captain Arthur Phillips sailed into what is now known as Sydney Cove, and hoisted the British flag.

Never having to make an Australia Day speech before, and not knowing what to say I decided on a little bit of history about the day.

In the early 1800's, the date was called Foundation Day and was celebrated by politicians and business men of New South Wales with private dinners. Later it began to be called Anniversary Day.

In 1838 on the 50th anniversary of the settlement, official public celebrations were held for the first time.

In 1888 the first Anniversary Regatta was held in Sydney Harbour and is still held as the Australia Day Regatta. The oldest such sailing race in the World.

There were centenary celebrations throughout the continent in 1888.

In 1938, on the 150th anniversary, the day was proclaimed an official holiday.

In an effort to end the practice in some areas of celebrating the day on the closest Monday, agreement was reached in 1949 that the holiday would be observed on the actual date.

In 1988 January the 26th became a national public holiday.

Beginning in the 40's with increased immigration to Australia, the day became a time for naturalization ceremonies.

Today as we celebrate the birth of the greatest nation on earth, we could not wish for a better place to live.

My Country - by Dorothea Mackellar – a poem written in about 1904 says it all.

I love a sunburnt country, A land of sweeping plains, Of ragged mountain ranges, Of droughts and flooding rains;

I love her far horizons, I love her jewel-sea, Her beauty and her terror The wide brown land for me! God bless Australia and may we continue to celebrate this important day on the 26th of January every year, and may every baby born on this day in Victoria receive a silver spoon as tradition has been since 1954.

Once again thank you all for your attendance and may we enjoy many more such gatherings in the future.

President - Peter Rogers

President's Report

All I want to say in this month in my report is to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Australia Day picnic such a success. All that is needed for a good picnic is good food, good company, good weather and a great venue. We had the lot.

Once again thank you every one and may we and future generations continue to celebrate this important date as Australia Day on the 26th of January every year without change, leave it as it has been for the last 235 years.



President - Peter Rogers



Membership Attendance for Meetings & Events

After being advertised in the Gazette for a number of months prior to the 2021 AGM, the following Notice on Motion was unanimously passed at the AGM held on 5th December 2021, becoming GCC's newest by-law. It is re-printed here for the benefit of all members.

• All club members are required to attend 3 club events and 3 club meetings in each financial year, in order to maintain club membership - unless extenuating circumstances apply.

The new by-law extends the requirement of the previous by-law whereby only applicants applying for club membership needed to attend 3 Club events and 3 Club meetings prior to becoming members. All members are now required to attend 3 Club events and 3 Club meetings in each financial year.

However, Covid impacted the implementation of the new by-law, and attendances were not recorded. When covid restrictions were lifted, the Committee decided to implement the new by-law from 1st July 2022. Since then, attendances at meetings and events have been recorded monthly in the club's data-base, which show that 78% of GCC's member-base have attended some meetings and 82% have attended some events.

It is envisaged that members should, throughout each financial year, be able to attend at least 3 of the 11 scheduled meetings and 3 of the 25 scheduled events.

If you feel that an extenuating circumstance applies to you for part of a particular financial year, please ensure that you submit your request to the committee in writing for consideration as soon as possible after your circumstance becomes apparent.

The new by-law does not apply to attendances at additional functions and events such as the Swap Meeting, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, assisting at football matches and the Ballarat Cup, etc, although these are recorded for insurance purposes.

Report - Australia Day 2023

Thank you to the many members who with their preparation and time given made our celebration of Australia Day 2023 a fun social day.

Sausages sizzling, bacon crisping, baked beans in the pot, and egg in the hole (along with plenty of fruit and fruit juices to help keep us healthy) were ready to eat at 10.00am and enjoyed by all.

We then had our traditional Australia Day ceremony including the raising of the Australian Flag led by John Dellaca and singing the anthem with everyone participating – making it a very special day.

Then the fun began – with Francis O'Beirne, and Peter & Fay Bond in charge.

Q&A, and Guess the Age game {under strict rules}

Our Bocce tournament began, which certainly showed who had the skills [or luck] - lots of teams competing and finally getting to the final.

Winners of events Julie Wilson Norm Darwin Noni Robinson

Lots of minor prizes throughout the day added to the fun.

We did have a Birthday Boy, Peter our president - thanks to Francis for the cake and candles.

I'm sure our group of 40 members enjoyed the day and appreciated the thought behind another wonderful day.

Report: Pam & John Dellaca

Australia Day Photos: Pam Dellaca











Twilight Run - Burrumbeet

1st February 2023







Photos supplied by Bruce Kerr Trevor Parry

















Thankyou

On 27th January, Bill Loader forwarded a message advising that he was "a bit ill the last month, but is at home now and poking around. His thyroid was playing up so he has had it removed; and he is now on the mend."

He and Judy would like to pass on their heartfelt thanks for the cards, phone calls and text messages sent while in hospital. "It meant so much. We are looking forward to catching up with you all soon".

Sincerely, Bill and Judy Loader

Australia Day (cont)





Australia's 2023 Phillip Island Classic - 'Festival of Motorsport'

Australia's 2023 Phillip Island Classic-'Festival of Motorsport' will host six spectacular Formula 1 Classic Cars from Europe

The 2023 Phillip Island Classic – Festival of Motorsport will host a number of spectacular historic F1 cars from Europe along with nine international drivers competing at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit on 10 – 12 March.

Regarded as the largest historic motor race in the Southern Hemisphere, the Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motor Sport' is renowned for attracting some of the finest historic race cars in the world and this year will certainly not disappoint local and international fans.

The 1974 **SurteesTS16/02** was designed and built by the legendary John Surtees, raced in Argentinian, British, South African, Spanish, Belgian, Swedish, Monaco and French Grand Prix's over the 1974/1975 seasons. Now owned by Marc Devis a prolific-historic racer and a regular participant in the Master Racing Legends for 1966-1985 F1 cars, the Surtees TS16 car has continued to be raced in historic events in Britain and Europe. Drivers of the TS16/02 included Derek Bell, Jose Dolhem, Jean-Pierre Jabouille, Leo Kinnunen, Helmut Koinigg, Jochen Mass, Carlos Pace, Dieter Quester and John Watson. Carlos Pace placed the Surtees TS16 in the points once in 1974 but left the team in mid-season, John Watson finished well in three Non-Championship F1 races.

Of particular Australian significance is the 1977 **Shadow DN8** of James Constable, a Formula One car of the Shadow Team during the 1976, 1977 and 1978 Formula One season. Driven by 1980 World Champion Alan Jones, Jones finished in the points in Monaco and Belgium and won the 1977 Austrian Grand Prix. Jones finished third in Italy and fourth in Canada and Japan for 22 points and 7th in the Drivers' Championship standings that year. Drivers of the Shadow DN8 over this period also included Jean-Pierre Jarier, Alan Jones, Arturo Merzario, Jackie Oliver, Riccardo Patrese, Tom Pryce, Clay Regazzoni and Renzo Zorzi. Good placings saw the team placed 7th on the 1977 Constructors Championship table.

Racing at Phillip Island will also be the **Tyrrell 012** in the original Benetton sponsored livery as

driven by Michele Alboreto in 1983. Designed by Maurice Phillippe and Brian Lisles the chassis was used by the factory team between the 1983 Dutch Grand Prix and the 1985 Australian Grand Prix. Now owned by Ian Simmonds in the UK, Chassis 012-1 is recorded as having contested nine Formula 1 World Championships over this period and has raced in the historic Masters in the UK and Europe over the last ten years.

Drivers included Michele Alboreto, Stefan Bellof, Martin Brundle, Stefan Johansson, Danny Sullivan.

The **Ensign N179** of Paul Tattersall participated in 11 Formula One World Championship events during the 1979 season starting its career at the South African GP event. This was Baldwin's last Ensign and was partly funded by Teddy Yip. who is well known for bringing Alan Jones into prominence. Its monocoque and rocker arm suspension were conventional however the radiators built into the scuttle and extending down to the cone proved ineffective and the car was rebuilt with conventional radiators in the side pods. The Ensign Team had only limited sponsorship from Theodore Racing of Hong Kong for most of the season and raced under the team's own Ensign logos until the last two races when sponsorship came from Rainbow Jeans of USA. The Ensign N179 had three drivers, over the 1979 season, Derek Daly, Patrick Gaillard and Marc Surer with Gaillard achieving its best result at the British Grand Prix with 13th overall.

Towards the end of the season the team was sponsored by Rainbow Jeans and after the USA Grand Prix the car remained in the USA until 1993 when it returned to the United Kingdom. Rebuilt in 2016/17 to the specifications and colour scheme in which it appeared in the Monaco Grand Prix, the car has raced regularly around the world in the FIA Masters F1 Championship.

The **Lotus 81** of Steve Boultbee-Brooks was built around a basic sheet aluminium structure derived from the Lotus 80 and a mid-season replacement monocoque led to the Lotus 81B designation. Driver Elio de Angelis scored a second and third early in the season along with other encouraging performances. Other drivers during the season included subsequent World Champions Mario Andretti and Nigel Mansell. Former test driver Mansell was given a first GP drive in the first 81B in Austria and performed well despite considerable problems. The Lotus 81 continued racing over a number of years in different colours often racing without nose fins which made it look even more stubbie.

The sixth international F1 car racing at Phillip Island is the **Hesketh 308-1** of regular visitor James Hagan. This was the car that gave World Champion James Hunt, racing at Silverstone International Trophy in 1974, his first overall race victory in a Formula One car. The car made a total of 12 race starts, 9 of which were Grand Prix starts between James Hunt, Alan Jones and Harald Ertl between 1974 and 1975. Drivers included Guy Edwards, Harald Ertl, James Hunt, Alan Jones, Brett Lunger, Torsten Palm, Alex Ribeiro and Rolf Stommelen.

In 1975 the car was run in the 'B' form appearing with both rubber cone suspension and normal coil springs. That year James Hunt won the Dutch Grand Prix, was second in three GPs and scored 28 of his 33 championship points.

The six international cars will be competing against some of Australia's top drivers including Guido Belgiorno-Nettis in the 1985 Ferrari 156/85, Ian Buddery in the 1986 March 86C, Ian Ross in the 1985 Lola THL1-F1 plus two other F1 cars not previously raced here, Formula 5000's and Formula Holden's in a grid of 40 cars.

With some of the largest crowds expected the Phillip Island Classic–'Festival of Motorsport' will be held at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit over the long weekend of 10 - 12 March 2023 with one-, two- and three-day tickets available at the gate.

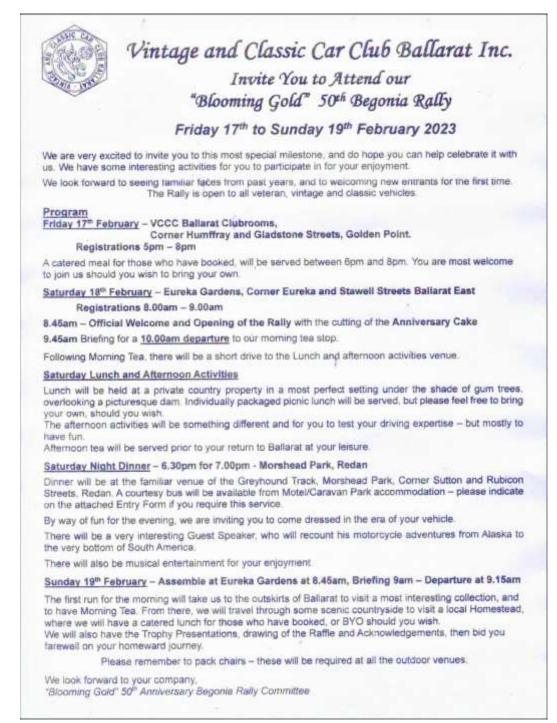
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Upcoming events – February, March, May 2023





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