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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.



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May 3-4	Lake Goldsmith Steam & Vintage Rally
May 24-25	Winton Historic Racing
June 7-9	Echuca Steam & Horse Rally
Jun-29	Ballarat Road Rodders Swap The Fridge
Aug-31	Federation Picnic Marong
Oct-12	Bathurst
Oct 17-19	Moto GP Phillip Island
Oct 18-19	Bay to Birdwood SA
Nov 1-2	Lake Goldsmith Steam & Vintage Rally
Nov 15-16	Bendigo Swap
Nov-30	Ballarat Springfest

President's Report

With what is scheduled for this upcoming month's activities it should prove to be an interesting and entertaining time with the coffee run to Maryborough on the 8th. At the general meeting on the 21st Barry Bedggood will be the guest speaker who will talk about the future of the motor trade. Then on the 25th is our planned trip to Maroona. The guest speaker in June will be Mark Richmond completing this financial years guest speaker list.

Then comes July, the month of our AGM. It is time now for members to start thinking of candidates for the upcoming elections. Brian our Vice Chairman takes over the chair.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the fore mentioned planned activities.

President Peter.

Club Run Info

Faye Parry has arranged a trip to visit the Maroona Historic Centre and War Memorial.

Meet at the Doctors Medical Centre car park Learmonth Road Wendouree for a 9.30 am departure.

Maroona committee will be providing morning tea, coffee and slices on our arrival. They will also be supplying tea, coffee, bread and salads for lunch. G.C.C. will provide sausages and hamburgers for our members attending.

We will require firm numbers for our club members attending for catering purpose. B.Y.O. cold drinks and glasses.

Because Faye will be on holidays leading up to the event, ring me on 0408 171 829 for bookings. Bookings will close at the end of our May General meeting because the Maroona committee require numbers no later than the 23/05/2025.

A contribution toward the catering costs incurred by the Maroona committee of \$5.00 to be placed in an envelope with your name on it to be ready for collection on the day of departure.

Looking forward to a great day and seeing many of you there.

Peter Rogers



More Mortlake Picnic

Says 1935 Dodge with a well used trunk.

Federation Picnic at Mortlake

It always is a very pleasant day at the Federation picnic under the splendid trees at Mortlake. I thought there were not as many vehicles as the last time I attended, but the quality and selection were top notch. I have included just a few photos of the vehicles that I thought were first class and or otherwise of interest to me. Thanks, Wayne & June for getting us there a different way safely.

In my humble opinion an immaculate Auburn was the best car of the day. (Blue sedan). Also liked the 2 old gentlemen waiting to be admired. (or is it the Austin A40 Station wagon)

I can't help but admire old untouched cars or trucks, they have an air of mystery about them and invite the viewer to speculate on their history. Paint sometimes covers the true beauty of not only old cars but old houses as well. There were just the odd few of seemingly untouched cars at Mortlake and this Dodge was a beauty.

There was a varied selection represented at Mortlake, not too many of any particular breed, but the little Austin van was a winner with me, not that I am biased of course.

Frances



Ford Pilot and a "good" Jaguar XK150 sports roadster, thanks Frances for the images.

Coffee Run April 10

I had planned a run of about 34 km to the destination – two right turns and three left turns just to simplify things and make it easy.

When two o'clock start off time we had two groups, one with me awaiting instructions and another further down deep in conversation. Off we went down Strickland Parade, SEC Road, right into Warrenheip Rd and a wiggle to Navigators Road.

At Yendon we turned left and crossed the Geelong rail line and continued through Mt Egerton to Gordons at Gordon with some steep hills and a few twists along the way – real Mini roads!!. Many wind generators close to the road and as far as one could see.

The hosts at the café served fine coffee and homemade cakes and very efficiently I might add.

Kevin and Bernadette had some tales about their courting days dancing the nights away at the local hall. One can imagine them flitting around the dance floor to a quickstep and taking home many Belle of the Ball sashes. We are indeed fortunate to know these and other lovely people in our club.

Personally I can remember those days when we went to country dances and enjoyed magnificent creamed sponge suppers – the young ones of today wouldn't know what they missed. We were pointed out a table in a room at Gordons, once the hotel, where Bernadette's father, Bernie Ryan, would entertain with his mouth organ on Sunday evenings.

Thank you all for coming,

16 members in 9 cars

Bruce Kerr

Images: Pam Dellaca



Let's do lunch - Further details

Thursday 8th May

Fellow member Marleen Stork has very kindly organized a week day run for our Club members to view an extensive and diverse collection gathered over many years by a well known local automotive family the Maffescioni's. (Admittance free)

As well as an interesting visit on the day, I thought this will be the ideal opportunity to include a L.O.T. (Lunch on Thursday)

We will gather and leave from the Maryborough end of Masters car park at 11.00 am

In time to be seated for a 12.00 to 12.15 luncheon at the Bull & Mouth Hotel in the main street of Maryborough. (The menu includes seniors meals.)

We will be expected to arrive by our hosts at about 1.30 pm. Or thereabouts.

Looking forward to seeing you Thursday morning 8th May at 11 am

Cheers Chris, Marleen & Frances 0448 464 500.

Club Run to Trentham Pig & Whistle

It was meant to be fine but by the time we reached Daylesford the drizzle had set in and only got worse the closer to Trentham we traveled. Heather and I had a breakfast engagement so were well behind. Reached The Pig & Whistle Pub and no ones there.

Seems they ended up in a Trentham cafe and stayed, the planned visit to the Trentham market-abandoned due to the drizzle, couldn't blame them.

The lunch was much anticipated as had been told about the Pig & Whistle for many years but never making it. We were not disappointed.

Twenty four members enjoyed a great meal, went into the misty, foggy, drizzly car park to get some pics. Nothing to photograph. Chris had already taken the Falcon ute home and everything else was modern. Excepting being a couple of Jags and you have seen'em before. Norm



BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

The Deniliquin Ute Muster

The type of weekend vehicle we own generally predicts the type and make of vehicle we are most interested in. For example, if I see a magazine article about BMW's I will leave reading it until I have read the other article about Austin Lancers. We all have special interest in different types of cars and things and activities that can be enjoyed driving them.

My once upon a time ambition after attending the Chrysler's by the Murray and Winton Historic car races was to drive an old race car. An ambition that has now disappeared due to the inconvenience of old age. (Or should I say the incontinence of old age)

My early years were spent being a member of the local Young Farmers Club. The type of vehicle the boy's drove was particularly important; it generally was a utility, mainly a Holden but Valiants were popular too. Since these early days driving a utility has markedly changed, and the best place to encounter this is The Deniliquin Ute Muster held every year in early October.

It was my recent visit to the Beaufort car & truck show that prompted me to write this piece as there was typical examples of what I am prattling on about. The chaps and girls that own these vehicles seem to have no regard at all for the duco or paint work of these generally V8 otherwise well-kept utilities.

Now this is not exactly the type of vehicle that I would drive down Sturt Street on Saturday morning

There were a few of these B & S Utes at the show with very proud owners. May be if I were 18 again I would see the beauty of these vehicles, but unfortunately with age and experience they no longer attract me. The event was a car and TRUCK show, and this old well used Mac truck showed it had been around for many years.

Frances



2025		GOLDFIELDS CAR CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS		Events & details subject to change
	Sunday 23	Club Run	Moorabool Reservoir Picnic at Moorabool Meet at Ballarat East bus exchange 11.30 BYO everything BBQ and shelter and toilet available. Note gas BBQ works well. Plenty of shade.	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 26	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Mar	Wednesday 5	Twilight Run	Buninyong Gardens BYO Everything Meet at Gardens 5pm	
	Thursday 13	Lunch Run	Shezza's 50s Diner Old Melb Rd Ballan. Meet East Ballarat Bus Exchange to leave at 11.30am sharp. Run approx 34k. Back roads.	Steve Kelly & Julie Wilson 0400 126 870
	Wednesday 19	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 30	Club Run	Federation Picnic Mortlake	Picnic Lunch - BYO everything
	Wednesday 26	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Apr	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	Meet at Ballarat East Bus stop at 2pm for a mystery coffee run.	Bruce Kerr 0438 394 026
	Wednesday 16	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 23	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 27	Club Run	Avenue Tour Run - Meet at Greyhound Track carpark 9.00 for 9.30 start. Morning Tea Trentham Railway Market BYO. Lunch at Pig & Whistle Hotel Trentham East. Numbers by 24th April to Brian & Margaret Gavan. 0408334933	Brian & Margaret Gavan
May	Thursday 8	Lets do Lunch	Old Masters car park Learmonth Rd at 11.am Lunch at Bull & Mouth Hotel Maryborough PLEASE TELL FRANCES IF YOU ARE COMING FOR LUNCH	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0448 464 500
	Wednesday 21	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 28	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 25	Club Run	Maroona Museum & Ararat cars Meet old Masters car park 9.30am	Peter 0408 171 829
Jun	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	TBA	Bill & Judy Loader
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 25	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 29	Club Run	Campbells Creek & Pub Lunch at Five Flags Hotel	

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Jul	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	Lilly's @ Eureka	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 16	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm AGM	
	Wednesday 23	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 27	Club Run	Birthday Party Lunch	
Aug	Thursday 14	Coffee Run		
	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/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Wednesday 31	Club Run		
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/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	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/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	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/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	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	



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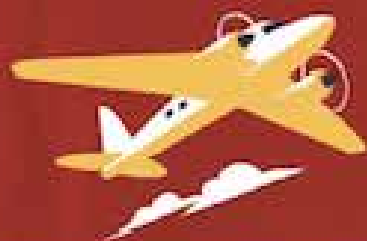
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