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Newsletter of the Goldfields Car Club Inc.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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

Club Calendar

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.

January 2023 Wednesday 18th

President's Picnic (in lieu of monthly meeting) Club gathering – 5 pm onwards Ballarat North Gardens, Lake Wendouree BYO picnic tea and drinks



The President will award a prize for the best themed table cloth!

Thursday 26th



Australia Day

BRUNCH at Garibaldi Hall 10 am. onwards



Our fabulous and very patriotic Australia Day includes flag raising, singing the anthem, games and puzzles. Members to bring plates, cutlery, glasses/cold drinks, nibbles, table/tablecloth/chairs, & slices/cakes to share Club provides fruit platters, fruit juices, bread, bacon, eggs, sausages, baked beans, tea, coffee, sugar, milk. Numbers required for catering purposes - please contact President Peter Rogers with your numbers. There will be a nominal charge for guests attending.

The best themed "Oz-Day" table will receive the president's prize!

February

Wednesday 1st

Twilight Run & Picnic Tea

Come and join your fellow members for our first twilight run for 2023 to Lake Burrumbeet where we gather near the old sheoak tree. 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 Burrumbeet Caravan Park on Memorial Drive and the meeting place is about 150 meters into the park. You will see the GCC cars on the grass overlooking the lake.

The President will award a prize for the best themed table cloth!

Thursday 9 th	Coffee & Chat - Ballarat Golf Club 1.30 pm onwards Meet at venue	
Wednesday 15th	General Monthly Meeting at the Lions' Den Please bring a plate of supper to share. Remember to take your plate home.	8 pm start.

Sunday 26th

Club Run – Great Western Seppelt Winery & Underground Cellar Tour Organiser – Trevor Parry Further details in future Gazettes

<u>March</u>

Wednesday 1st 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 9 th Wednesday 15 th	Lunch run – Wallace Hotel General Monthly Meeting	
Friday/Monday 17 th -20 th	Club Weekend away 2 nights/3 days OR for those who can - 3 nights/4 days See Page 6 for further details, booking information, and contact info.	
Sunday 26th	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (instead of Club Run) Volunteers required for Roster – please contact Ray Mason on 0419 777 025	

Members, please consider organising a Coffee Run for any month between Apr 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 Apr 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.

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.

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

Report - R&S Valiant 60th Anniversary Celebration November 2022

On Wednesday November 16th Chris & I drove our rustic "S" series Valiant on board the ferry to Sorrento so as to attend an event that we had been looking forward to for a considerable time, but which turned out to be the worst event I have ever encountered. So horrific was our ("no" my time) attending this event that I can remember very little about the whole time we were in Warragul with our S series Valiant.

I attended the first event which was the meet & greet evening held at the Warragul Trotting track (feeling very healthy) where cars from as far as Queensland and W.A. were lined up along the main straight of the track whilst we were being entertained and enjoying a BBQ meal. The weather was horrible to say the least and I don't think the trotting people were too happy having cars driving on their turf. Fortunately, we were a sensible bunch and there were not many burn outs as we left.

The next morning, I felt distinctly unwell but got up and faced the day which started at the local golf club (this is where I found out that there was a person the night before who had attended the evening with Covid). Today we ended up at Philip Island where there were some very quick motor bikes going around the race track. We got lost a couple of times along the way, but I felt so crook I was not concerned at all. I do have a memory of lunch at a flash hotel in Cowes where our 70 odd R & S vehicles were parked in a line outside the hotel; on display to the public.

My recollections of this weekend are very limited due to the fact I spent most of miserable days in bed in our very lovely top of the range motel room at Warragul.

I cannot remember the exact day we all drove to the wonderful old town of Walhalla. (I would love to take you all there). Even though I felt like POO I really enjoyed my time spent in this interesting little village. It was so easy to imagine of the times past at this place. It is a true authentic place of historic wonderment and told the story of times without modern pressures.



We also had a very pleasant ride on the small gauge railway travelling along a very important at the time creek with actual running water. All in all, a really wonderful day for the healthy and not so healthy.

Both Chris & I missed the important dinner on the Saturday evening and we were at this stage getting anxious to returning to the west side of Port Phillip Bay. We had lost our return ticket for the Ferry across the bay to Queenscliff, but they accepted the paperwork we possessed and across we went, but unable to stay because of the rotten disease we had, so headed straight home to the Durham where I could settle into my own bed and feel as crook as I needed to, with no pressure to be anywhere that I didn't feel like being.

Report & Photo: Frances O'Beirne

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

Depart: Friday: time and place to be decided. Travel via Western Hi-Way: to Stawell Glenorchy & Murtoa.

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 Report

Hi everyone, by the time you receive this report Christmas and Boxing Day will have passed.

Dot and I hope you all had an enjoyable time. Coming up to the Festive Season, we were thinking of those who were in isolation.

Hopefully everybody will be fit and well again by the time the President's Picnic and Australia Day Celebrations are due.

Due to a number of our members being down with Covid and all reports were that the disease was rampant in Ballarat, I chose to cancel the December meeting after consultation and weighing up the benefit of holding it against the risk of more members becoming ill – especially so close to Christmas.

Dot and I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Trevor and his team have some very excellent outings planned for our enjoyment.

2023 looks like it will be a very good club year.

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 - Coffee Run

A gathering of about ten cars at the Greyhound Club carpark set the scene for an enjoyable afternoon. The leaders for the day were Christine Walker and Merv Key so after the usual meet and chat we headed off west on Whitelaw Avenue.

The initial aim was to dodge the road works at the Delacombe shopping centre roundabout on Smythes Road – this was achieved by heading west to Wiltshire Lane then onto Greenhalges Road. After two kilometres we followed through to Smythes Road and on to Smythesdale.

Here we were to visit a new car themed junkatique but it was found to only open on weekends. A stroll through a nearby "antique" store satisfied the need. We were then pointed in the direction of Haddon with the destination being the cafe at Avalon Nursery where we enjoyed a cuppa and cake.

I took home some seedlings which one day might give my garden some colour – so far they are happy with their new home and are standing upright – hopefully will produce some flowers when the sun comes out.



<u>Report</u>: Bruce Kerr – 1951 Morris Minor tourer. <u>Photos</u>: June Harrop





8th December 2022







Vale - Patsy Wall

14th December 2022

Eulogy

To: Ron, Shelley (Patsy's daughter), Mark and Suzy (Patsy's brother and sister in law.)

On behalf of the President and Members of the GCC, we express our sad feelings of the loss of your very dear Patsy and our very dear friend and club member.

We care deeply that you are travelling the painful path of her loss and our thoughts are with you.

Be mindful that we are here to do anything at all to support you anyway we can.

Patsy and Ron joined the GCC in December 2013 and actively contributed to club activities until health issues prevented this.



When the time is right for you Ron we will be delighted to see you return and enjoying club activities.

Chris and myself plus other GCC members first met Patsy and Ron through participating in the annual RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR and from that a wonderful friendship grew.

For most of us it would never have occurred that the purchase of our first CLUB PLATE VEHICLE was indeed the first step on the long path of incredible friendships and the making of lifelong friends.

GCC will have the fondest memories of our very dear Patsy.

Eulogy offered at Patsy's funeral service by Stuart Bell on behalf of GCC

How you can lose your driver licence without being aware you've lost it!

This is a true story! (more stories on this topic can be found on the internet)

My friend has been under the care of various medical specialists over the past few years, and has undergone various surgeries, stress tests, etc., some of which were reportable to VicRds who required regular review reports to be sent to them. The specialists complied - emailing reviews to VicRds after his appointments, and all seemed OK ... UNTIL a recent road-side Police check in December 2022.

At 68 years of age and without losing a single demerit point in his 50 years of driving, he was booked for **UNLICENCED** driving. The police check revealed that VicRds had **SUSPENDED** his licence on 7th July 2021, (2^{.5} years ago) claiming that they had not received a copy of his medical review due in May 2021.

On following this up, my friend's specialists say they emailed it ... VicRds say they never received it ... with VicRds advising that it was the driver's responsibility to ensure that VicRds received the reviews.

He is a farmer living out of town. He cannot drive any vehicle on public roads to his outlying paddocks to attend his stock until he attends court – facing the likelihood of a hefty fine, being barred from driving for a period of time and maybe having to re-sit the driver licence test if it is cancelled by the court.

But that's not all - when his wife drove "their" car to work a day or two later, she was pulled over following a police Number-Plate Recognition check, questioned and underwent additional road-side tests ... all because the NPR check showed that the vehicle was registered to an unlicensed driver.

To safe-guard your licence, ask your medico's / others to copy you into any emails they send to regulatory bodies on your behalf, then PRINT and FILE your copies for future reference (as computers/ phones can fail when you least expect it). If you complete paper forms, copy them before sending to them to VicRds by registered mail, or if you hand deliver them, ask for a receipt.

Upcoming events – January, February, March 2023





Vintage and Classic Car Club Ballarat Inc. Invite You to Attend our "Blooming Gold" 50th Begonia Rally

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th February 2023

We are very excited to invite you to this most special milestone, and do hope you can help celebrate it with us. We have some interesting activities for you to participate in for your enjoyment.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces from past years, and to welcoming new entrants for the first time. The Rally is open to all veteran, vintage and classic vehicles.

Program

Friday 17th February - VCCC Ballarat Clubrooms,

Corner Humffray and Gladstone Streets, Golden Point.

Registrations 5pm - 8pm

A catered meal for those who have booked, will be served between 6pm and 8pm. You are most welcome to join us should you wish to bring your own.

Saturday 18th February – Eureka Gardens, Corner Eureka and Stawell Streets Ballarat East

Registrations 8.00am - 9.00am

8.45am - Official Welcome and Opening of the Rally with the cutting of the Anniversary Cake

9.45am Briefing for a 10.00am departure to our morning tea stop.

Following Morning Tea, there will be a short drive to the Lunch and afternoon activities venue.

Saturday Lunch and Afternoon Activities

Lunch will be held at a private country property in a most perfect setting under the shade of gum trees, overlooking a picturesque dam. Individually packaged picnic lunch will be served, but please feel free to bring your own, should you wish.

The afternoon activities will be something different and for you to test your driving expertise - but mostly to have fun.

Afternoon tea will be served prior to your return to Ballarat at your leisure.

Saturday Night Dinner - 6.30pm for 7.00pm - Morshead Park, Redan

Dinner will be at the familiar venue of the Greyhound Track, Morshead Park, Corner Sutton and Rubicon Streets, Redan. A courtesy bus will be available from Motel/Caravan Park accommodation – please indicate on the attached Entry Form if you require this service.

By way of fun for the evening, we are inviting you to come dressed in the era of your vehicle.

There will be a very interesting Guest Speaker, who will recount his motorcycle adventures from Alaska to the very bottom of South America.

There will also be musical entertainment for your enjoyment.

Sunday 19th February - Assemble at Eureka Gardens at 8.45am, Briefing 9am - Departure at 9.15am

The first run for the morning will take us to the outskirts of Ballarat to visit a most interesting collection, and to have Morning Tea. From there, we will travel through some scenic countryside to visit a local Homestead, where we will have a catered lunch for those who have booked, or BYO should you wish.

We will also have the Trophy Presentations, drawing of the Raffle and Acknowledgements, then bid you farewell on your homeward journey.

Please remember to pack chairs - these will be required at all the outdoor venues.

We look forward to your company, "Blooming Gold" 50th Anniversary Begonia Rally Committee

GCC members: For "Conditions of Entry" / "Entry Form" contact GCC Editor



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