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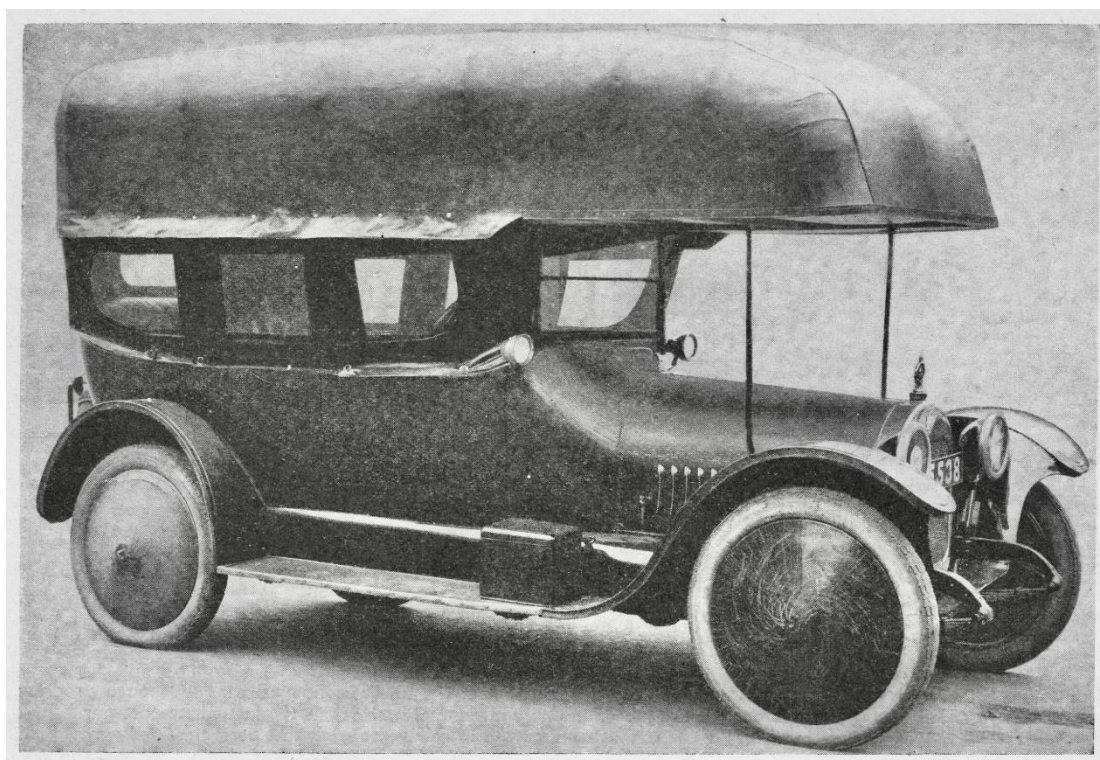


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Monthly Meetings

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

During the 1914 -18 war, many cars were modified. The car shown here, I understand, was a 6-cylinder Buick. The gas bag on the roof held about 100 cubic feet of coal gas - the energy equivalent to about 2.5L of petrol.

Brian Robertson

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.

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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.

May report.

Time sure does move quickly now days, it seems no time since I wrote the April report.

A couple of the program committee members have been doing some research to locate a suitable venue for our Birthday celebrations. We will have quotes for the meal and options for a venue to present for consideration at our next meeting.

On the twenty third and fourth of May Ballarat held their annual Heritage week end.

At our meeting prior to this week end Rod Jones arranged for Ben Wright, the President of the Sebastopol Historical Society to bring some of his treasures to display and to talk about factory day and the location of many of the factories that operated in Ballarat in the early 1900's.

At our June meeting I have invited a speaker whom I had heard speak at a Justice of the Peace dinner meeting. Different but very interesting. I hope you enjoy his talk.

The July meeting will be held at our new meeting venue, The Brown Hill Hall. July is our AGM meeting. I hope to see a big roll up of members at this meeting.

This month Gerard and Sally took us to the Dementia walk for a peasant stole through the park .and then to the Red Lion Hotel for afternoon tea. Trevor and Faye to lead us to Geelong to visit the old Paper Mill, this too was an enjoyable outing, making this a very interesting month's activity.

The members of the program committee thank all the members that contribute suggestions for activities, please keep them coming.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on the 24/06/26

Best regards Peter.

REPORT – Coffee Run

Coffee Run and Dementia Walk March 14th

On a sunny afternoon, six cars and eleven people met at the Golden Point Hotel car park.

As some drove passed us but then managed to find us in the car park, we drove a short distance to the Dementia Walk.

We took a leisurely walk discussing varied and wide topics.

We continued these discussions at the Red Lion Hotel, where we met three of our members. We enjoyed warm and cool drinks and some very large afternoon tea!!

Report: Sally.



REPORT – Club Run

Eighteen club members and guests were met on arrival by a Highton Rotary Club member, Mr Rod Morrison who gave us an in depth talk on the history of the mill (was also known as the Barwon Paper Mill) Established in the 1870s by Captain Andrew Volumn and was opened in 1878 on an escarpment overlooking Buckley Falls. It was one of the most advanced mills in the Southern Hemisphere using machinery imported from Scotland, also an 85foot water drop from a bluestone water race to power operations. When the river dried up three coal fired boilers were put into operations.

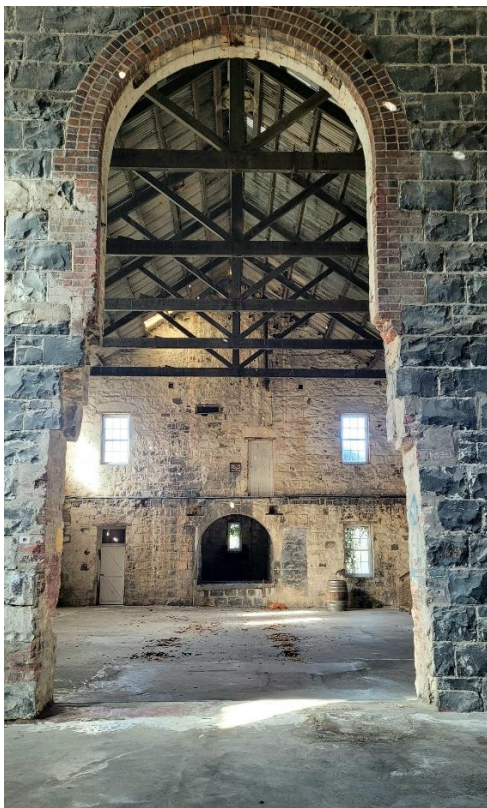
The mill produced bag grade paper from recycled materials like sails, rope, straw and old rags. The old rags had to have any buttons cut off, they were dumped on a ridge nearby now known as "Button Ridge".

The mill was later absorbed into the Australian Paper Mill (APM) before shutting down in 1923. During WW11 the site was secretly acquired by the Royal Australian Navy. Steel sea mines were manufactured at the Ford Motor Factory and shipped to the mill where a workforce (mainly women) loaded them with hundreds of kilograms of high explosives.

The complex now operates as a thriving lifestyle, hospitality and arts precinct.

Thanks Trevor for organising such an interesting outing

Happy motoring. Alan Sievers





Ladies Coffee Catch up

The Ladies Coffee catchup continues to take place each month.

This is an opportunity for a pleasant chat over a coffee at the Olive Grove each month.

To anyone who has not been for a while or perhaps a new experience for others, we would be pleased to have you join us.

Chris Bell and Marg Gavan.

Mini News!!!!

On an overcast Sunday 23 minis and 35 drivers gathered at the Toyota Motorsport Grounds in Werribee to take part in a practice day for the upcoming Mini Nationals in Hay. The participants ranged from 15 novices to the current Victorian Motorkhana State Champion. The day was split into 2 halves with plenty of opportunity to partake in multiple runs over the Motorkhana courses. For those people unfamiliar with the concept of Motorkhana, it usually consists of 5 or 6 set courses marked out by flags and is more about precision than speed. So, try not to hit a flag and make sure that you start and stop in the designated areas. This was a lesson I learnt the hard way; after turning off the traction control and disabling the ABS on Sally's BMW Mini I came into the stopping area a bit hard and managed to skid about 10 feet to far. Needless to say, I won't be quite so Gung-ho in Hay. Overall, it was a great day with many experienced drivers taking the time to show the beginners the best techniques to use.

Gerard Nagle



Items of Interest

JUNE 6th-7th

HAY MINI NATIONAL AT HAY!!!!!!

June 28th

Fridge Swap Meet Ballarat

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

October 25th

Show n Shine

Halls Gap Rec Reserve

November 5th

Stag Motor Show Meets Market

Stag Hotel Learmonth

November 29th

Car Show Mt Egerton Rec Reserve

Help wanted, people to organise club runs

Contact Wayne Harrop 0448 230 947



CALENDAR

June	Thurs 11 th	Coffee Run	Mitchel Park Depart Doctors Carpark Learmonth Rd @ 2.15pm	Rex Bridges
	Wednesday 17 th	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 28 th		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.	Peter Rogers 0408 171 829
	Wednesday 24 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
July	Coffee Run	Thursday 9 th	TBA	John and Nolleene Gleeson
	Wednesday 15 th	AGM	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm	Election of office bearers etc.

	Wednesday 22nd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 26th	Club/Birthday run	TBA	President
August	Early in Month	Coffee Run	Wombat Hill	Trevor and Faye Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 19th	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 26th	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	
	Wednesday 23rd	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 21st	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 28th	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 18th	Club Meeting	Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm	
	Late in Month	Club Run	Peppergreen Café Bendigo	Gerard and Sally Nagle 0419348697
	Wednesday 25th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
December			Christmas Lunch TBA	

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>