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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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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

Hi everyone,

Apart from receiving some distressing news early this month we have enjoyed two excellent outings, the first was the outing to Maryborough.

Thanks to Frances and Chris guiding us to Maryborough and arranging lunch at the Bull & Mouth and to Marlene Stork who arranged for us to visit the Maffescioni collection. The variety was such that there were exhibits to suit everyone.

Then Faye arranged an outing to Maroona Museum and Ararat Car Club meet. What a wonderful day that this turned out to be.

Looking forward to another good month, Judy and Bill will be taking us to Elaine to visit a historical Cemetery and then on to Meredith for afternoon tea. Our Sunday run will be to the Five Flags Hotel at Campbells Creek for lunch. Wayne, June and myself have visited this venue and planned a morning tea stop at Daylesford.

July is coming around very quickly and our A.G.M. so put your thinking caps on to place nominations for the 2025 – 2026 term of office. Mike will have a supply of nomination forms available at the June meeting.

Peter

## Club Run Info Avenue of Honour Autumn Run

Twenty-five members and thirteen cars gathered at the Morshead Greyhound Parking.

We then started our engine's at 9:30am. Lead by Brian and Marg to weave our way through the various avenues of Honour in respect of our fallen soldiers.

First Avenue we drove through Ballarat starting at Remembrance drive. We then proceed to the Learmonth Avenue. Then onto Creswick Avenue and proceeding to Kingston Avenue of Honour. From Kingston we made our way to Daylesford Avenue of Honour. Then driving through Trentham Avenue of honour.

Where then proceeded to Trentham Reserve for a well-deserved morning tea. Some members went ahead to explore the market and shops in Trentham.

We all then made our way to the Pig and Whistle a little pub in the middle of nowhere. To enjoy fine conversation while enjoying a delicious lunch.

Thanks to Brian and Marg for a fantastic Sunday enjoyed by all.

Relieved the walls can't talk, considering how much time I spent here in my 30s. Lea Freeman

## Cover Car

1984 Sovereign XJ6 Jaguar purchased by Heather & Norm in 2017. The Jag has cream leather upholstery and Sage Metallic Green paint.

When Ford took over building Jags in 97 Caulfield Jag started buying XJ6s second-hand between 80-86 refurbishing them with reconditioned engine, new transmission, 4 sp overdrive auto th700, repainting, re-upholstered and sold them for \$20,000. Initial purchase price was \$80,000. The Jag in 2000 won its class at the Jaguar club concourse and in 2023 at the VCCC Begonia Rally it won Peoples Choice post 1975. The Jag has done 20,000ks since 2000 refurbishment. The Jag is a beautiful car to drive. Jaguars are now made in UK with an Indian ownership.

## Editor

This is my last newsletter as I am stepping down as Editor and wont be standing at the AGM.

July the newsletter will have the diary and June minutes.

I have taken the newsletter to a higher level and hope you have enjoyed it, many thanks to members who have supplied reports and photos.

Heather



## Coffee Run May 8th

10 Cars left Master Car Park for the Coffee Run, now a Lunch Run, to Maryborough. We were led away by Chris & Frances in their lovely

Austin Lancer for a pleasant drive to the Bull & Mouth Hotel in the main street of Maryborough. Here we were met by our club's Honorary Member Marleen Stork, who had arranged the visit to the Maffescioni's amazing collection.

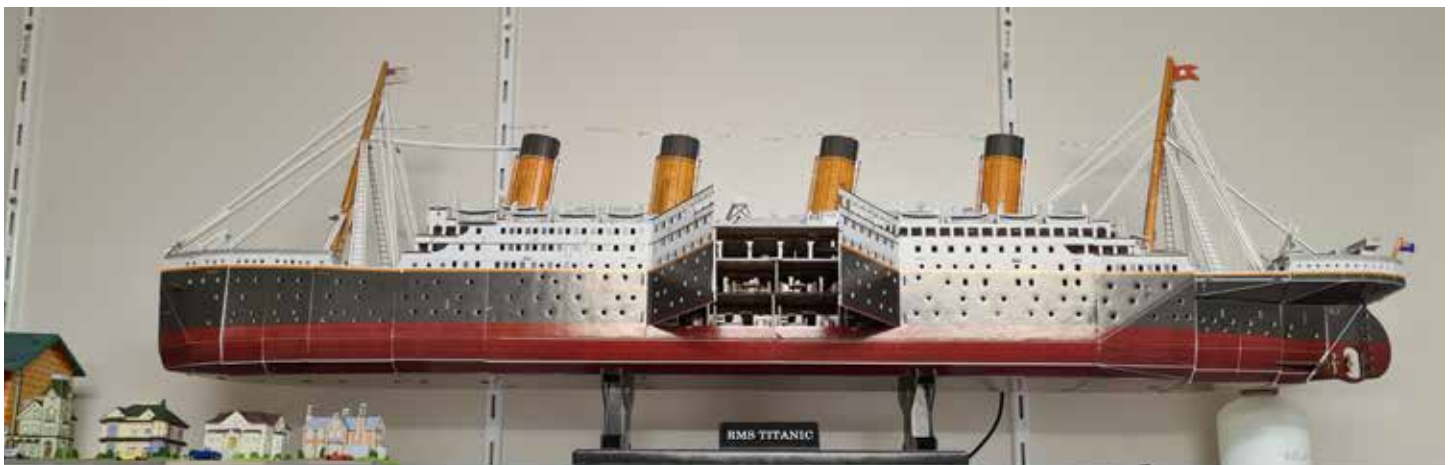
After a lovely lunch we headed off behind Marleen's FJ Holden for a short run to the Maffescioni's, where we were welcomed by Darrell & Val Maffescioni who told us the story of this incredible collection, the property even has an old rural school No 1042 Percy Dale which was transported to the property in one piece, which is fitted out with its period desks etc, just like it would have been in the day. The collection is in two parts — Val's (unbelievable doll collection), hundreds of dolls, many in prams, bassinets all beautifully dressed.

Then onto Darrell's sheds, cars, horse drawn vehicles, trucks, machinery, you name it, it was there! Really just too much to take in, something for everyone!

So, after a wonderful afternoon at Maryborough, we made our way home.

A big thanks to Frances for organizing the run and thanks to Marleen for taking us to see the unbelievable collection, for the 20 members who made the trip to Maryborough, it was a very enjoyable day.

John Dellaca









## Maroona Run

On the last Autumn Sunday morning of the year we met at the Doctor's car park in Learmonth Road.

Waynes' red thing

Chris' patina Valiant

Ray's beautiful EK

Gordons' Merc

Gerards' BMW

Peter's Merc

KJ's lovely Holden

Norm's Jag

Rod's Pug

We left at 9.30am for the Maroona Historic Centre. Well four of us left ....Norm's Jag had a tummy ache and spewed petrol everywhere.



We gathered at Beaufort for a water stop minus the Darwins who went home for another ride.

The rest of the drive was an uneventful meander and we met up with the Ararat Cars at Maroona. The Darwins did an amazing catchup in time to see the historic centre.

It was amazing. It was put together by a couple of prime movers in the town. Faye presented them with a well-researched framed collage..... which was really appreciated by the couple.

After a wander to the railway station and photos at the memorial we added our hamburgers and sausages to our hosts cold salad, bread, fruit salad and ice-cream, for a fantastic lunch.

A great day was had by all!

Ray.

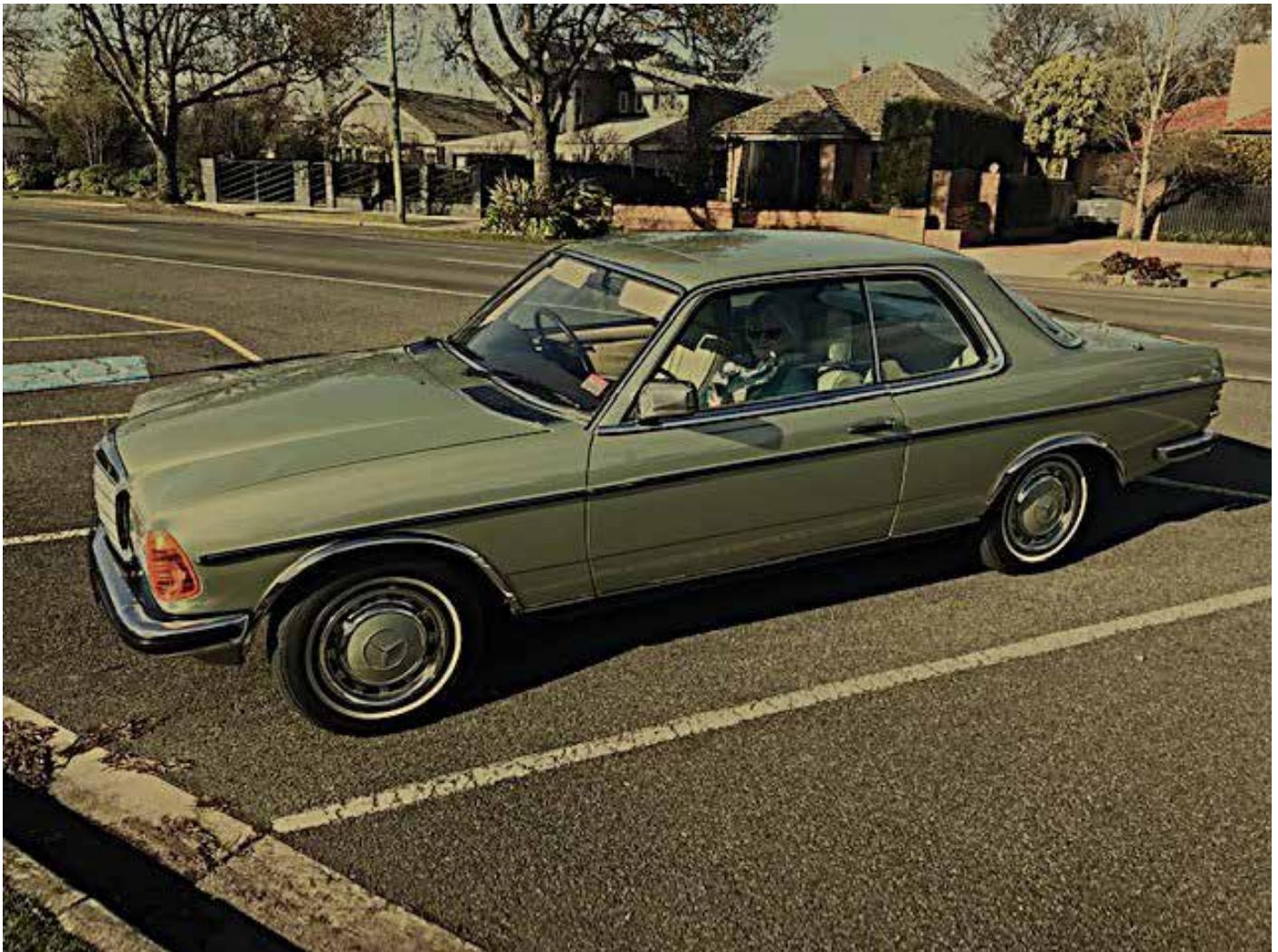






<b>Jun</b>	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	Meet at Strides car park 1pm Thursday 12th June. Travel to Elaine cemetery for a look. Then to Merideth Steel Art to have afternoon tea. Regards Bill and Judy Loader 😊	Bill & Judy Loader 0428519231
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 25	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 29	Club Run	Five Flags Hotel at Campbells Creek for Lunch, meet at the East bus exchange for a 10.00 am departure. We will be stopping at the Lost Children's Memorial Park Daylesford for a toilet break and morning tea. BYO morning tea.	For bookings ring Wayne on 0448 230 947 or Peter on 0408 171 829 with numbers please We have to let the Pub know a week prior.

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2025	GOLDFIELDS CAR CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS			Events & details subject to change
<b>Jul</b>	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	Mystery run finishing at the Learmonth Café for afternoon tea. Meet at the Greyhound track car park for a 1.30 PM start.	Contact Wayne or June on 0448 230 947 with numbers please so they can tell the café for catering requirements.
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 27	Club Run	Birthday Party Lunch	
<b>Aug</b>	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Wednesday 31	Club Run		
<b>Sept</b>	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		
<b>Oct</b>	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		
<b>Nov</b>	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		
<b>Dec</b>	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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