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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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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi All,

It's good to see the members becoming financial.

I couldn't go to Dunolly. But I did go to Bright, the amber ales were very tasty at my Sons Birthday Dinner.

Norm's talk on Arthur Bishop was very informative, we have many very intelligent inventors in Aus.

The Christmas Lunch at Invermay is sorted. You must declare your desire to go if that is what you want. Don't forget to dig out that curiosity and bring it on Wed 18th Oct, for the show 'n' tell night at the next meeting.

Happy Motoring

Your Pres. Ray.

Remember meeting time will continue to be 7.30pm.

Cover Car

1929 Chrysler 65, A little bit of history on this vehicle.

The original owner of the Chrysler was Thomas Mellington from Jeparit. He left it at Bill Mellington's farm 4 miles north of Rainbow before he died. It was then left to a niece – Mrs Pat Miatke. It was then purchased by Alfred "Roy" Thomas in 1960. It had been stored in a shed with the front under cover and the back out in the elements. Roy and his wife were running the Post Office at Kenmore (between Rainbow and Beulah) The car was stored in the old stables at the Kenmore primary school. When the business was sold in 1973 the car was moved to a shed in Rainbow. Roy and Francis then bought a house in Horsham, restoration started in 1990, it was completed in 1993. When Alfred "Roy" passed away in 2011 it was held in trust by his daughter. It was then sold to Peter Fitzgerald in March 2012.

Pam and I bought the Chrysler from the Fitzgerald's in March 2018. We have extensive photographs of its restoration. Some technical points – It is a 6 Cylinder 23.43 H.P. 195.6 cu in. The Body was built by Smith & Waddington of Sydney. It is Known as" Alfred" and the 65 is supposed to be the speed it will do; a slightly larger engine model was known as the 75. We continue to call it "Alfred", we have had a few teething problems but hope they are sorted and the last few runs he has behaved, and we hope this continues.

Pam & Gordon.

Newsletter Contributions

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

Member Welfare News

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

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.

October

Thursday 12th

Coffee Run

Espresso Depot 315 Learmonth Rd Buninyong.
Short run-down F/way to an interesting collection.
Return via a convoluted circuit for coffee at Espresso Depot 315 Learmonth Rd Buninyong arriving approx 3.00 pm. Brian Gavan
Depart from the School Bus Exchange, Melbourne Road, Brown Hill 1. pm.

Wednesday 18th

General Monthly Meeting at the Lions' Den – 7.30pm start.

Show & Tell after the meeting of an item of your choice and talk for 5 min.
Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Wednesday 25th

Girls Coffee and Catch-Up

The coffee morning is held on the Wednesday after the club meeting at 10.00am at the Olive Grove Sturt St Ballarat. Olive Grove has been booked till November for this event.
This is not an official Goldfields event.

Sunday 29th

Club Run

For our October Club Run we will be travelling to the Stawell/Pomonal area. Stawell has a rich history, much of it based on gold mining.

We will explore the history of the more noteworthy mines. A groundbreaking project was the design and construction of a water supply scheme from 1873 to 1881 by John D'Alton. Water was diverted from Fyans Creek via a tunnel through the Mt. William Range, then by a cast iron pipeline to storages on Big Hill Stawell. With some upgrades this system still provides Stawell's water. It can be seen we will be able to fill in a day and have plenty left for many trips to come.

We will depart from Strides Car Park at 9.00 am travelling through scenic country, BYO everything.

Looking forward to your company, Michelle & Rod Jones

November

Thursday 9th

Coffee Run – Darwin's more information to come.

Wednesday 15th

General Monthly Meeting at the Lions' Den – 7.30pm start.

December

Sunday 10th

Christmas Lunch at Invermay Sports club.

Time - 12 pm, Bar open.

Lunch - Roast lamb, turkey and ham, roast potato pumpkin and carrots, cauliflower and cheese, peas, gravy and condiments.

Individual plum pudding and fresh fruit salad with the choice of cream custard or ice cream.

Tea and coffee station.

Cost - Full price \$33 per head. Club subsidy. \$18 per head

Members - \$15. Guests to pay full price.

List on table next two meetings for names, and envelopes for your payment

Queries...Trevor 0408580523

Run Organisers Information

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

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.

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.

REPORTS

Waubra Coffee Run

Twenty-five members attended today's coffee run. Lovely Spring Day for a country drive through very green and yellow fields of Canola, with a backdrop of wind turbines. Coffee, cake and chat made for a good social day at the newly renovated Springs Hotel at Waubra.



Club Run to Dunolly

What a beautiful day Mr Weatherman turned on for the Alvah gallery run on Sunday 24th September.

14 cars and approximately 24 people turned up at the Brown Hill bus exchange to start the day. Trevor called everyone together to give a rundown on the day's proceedings, and because of the many rough spots on a lot of the backroads, decided we would go straight up the highway through Maryborough onto our destination Dunolly. Start your engines was the call, and off we go. As I said it's such a lovely day and as we travelled through the towns of Clunes and Maryborough, the paddocks looked magic with the colours of rich green mixed with the vibrant colour of the yellow canola.



On arrival at Dunolly the Main Street is alive with people visiting the many stalls of a Sunday Market. We grabbed a bargain of a cricket bat for the very special price of \$2 for our grandsons to be occupied with when we are on babysitting duty, which lately I might add is quite often. We don't have to go out to the Alvah gallery for our picnic lunch until about 12.30 pm so with a bit of time to kill, we join some fellow members for a coffee and a bit of banter in one of the cafes in town.

On arrival at the galley, which is just a little way out of town, we pull our chairs under the shade of some of the many trees on the property and enjoy our picnic lunch with the rest of the group. Then we venture into the gallery which is made up of a few buildings beside our host John Mohr's home.

John is obviously a very talented man he has 48 pieces of art on his price list ranging from miniatures at \$49 to a piece called “Wild seas of the Fjords of Norway “for \$2,000. His other talent is restoring old cars.

John keeps everyone’s attention when he starts talking about the 1929 Oakland he has restored which you can purchase for \$35,000 and the 1928 Essex Tourer at \$24,000 with parts or \$45,000 fully restored. It’s fascinating to hear his stories of his family’s interest with cars. John continues to entertain us with stories of the land and history of the area of Dunolly, it soon becomes obvious he has had a working life in education.

After a while everyone said their goodbyes and started heading off to return home.

I start up Max (our mini), he stalls, I turn the key again, nothing, and then there is white smoke pouring out of the dash. I panic, John (my husband) grabs the keys, drops them, then opens the boot where the battery is and turns the kill switch to the battery, smoke starts to ease. THANK GOODNESS!!!

I thought little Max was going to go Poof!!! We call the RACV as Max is going nowhere.

After about an hour wait, a tilt tray arrives and Max, John and I are taken home by Riley a lovely young man from Parsons in Castlemaine We arrive home after our adventuresome day at 7 pm. Max updatehe will be ok after a bit of work.

Thank you to Faye and Trevor for organising such a lovely run and day out. See you all next time
Noelleen



Pics Trevor & Peter Bond

MY NEW UP-TO-DATE VEHICLE

Now let me show you my dear fellow car club members of the ideal car for us.

It suits the current criteria of not using fossil fuel, but still being very eligible to be registered as a very old car. (Well certainly over 25 years)

It is the brand that most people would not dismiss as being an inferior piece of machinery. I would say “yes” immediately if given the good fortune to be offered one. However, if I were lucky enough for this to happen; finance may be the only problem, but let’s pretend that I won Tattsлото. Yes, my readers, this is a Porch Electric vehicle, and isn’t it elegant?



Just imagine backing up to one of those new fangle re-charging stations driving a vehicle such as this one. Oh! It would be just delightful and probably entertaining as well.

I am not sure how well the “Air Bags” have been fitted for safety purposes in this vehicle, but hey, if there is an accident there is air aplenty to be had considering the free airy exposure this car affords.

Frances

Upcoming other events

Ballarat Engine & Machinery Preservation Society



Open Day
on 22nd October.
10.00am – 2.00pm
Entry is free.



Anyone with any interest in old engines, farm or industrial machinery, cars, tractors or even trucks should come along and say hello. You can have a sausage and a cuppa, have a look through our inside displays and have a chat about anything along these lines that you are interested in. BEMPS is very keen to attract new members. So, if you or someone you know would like to get involved, please come out to our clubrooms between about 10.00 am and 2.00 pm on October 22nd and make yourself known.



BAY TO BIRDWOOD Sunday 22nd October 2023

Registrations are filling fast, just 100 Post 1950 places and 200 pre-1950 places left.
Register at: [Bay to Birdwood Registration](#) | [Bay To Birdwood \(history.sa.gov.au\)](#)

SHANNONS AMERICAN MOTORING SHOW Sunday 19th November 2023

Event Central at Caribbean Park, Ferntree Gully

If you own or are passionate about American vehicles, please note the date for this event.

More information concerning entry arrangements, prices etc will be available shortly.

For further details contact the office on 0428 596 975.

Uniform

Available at Impact Teamwear: 147 Learmonth St, Alfredton. Ph 5336 6769

www.impactteamwear.com.au

GCC's uniform includes Ladies & Men's Polo, Black Beanies, Black Peak Caps
Stadium Jackets, Ladies & Men's Sleeveless Vests

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.

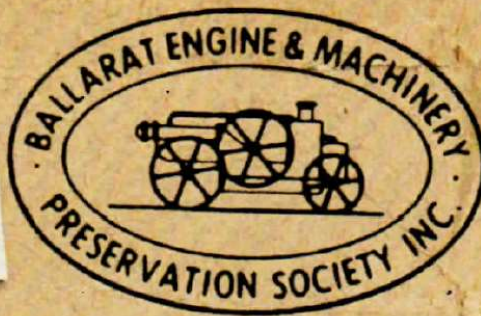
Mailing address - Ray Mason - 22 Schroeders Rd - Haddon Vic 3351.

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



Ballarat Engine and Machinery Preservation Society Inc.

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- Local History • Repairing Mechanical Items
- Antique Farm Machinery • Old Cars • Old Trucks
- Old Tractors • Old Motorcycles • Old Bicycles
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Do you...

- Own an old engine or would love to get one?
- Want the chance to participate at rallies & vintage machinery shows?

if yes... You might like to join our society

Have a chat about membership with
President **Ben** 0411 189 520 or
Secretary **Rod** 03 5342 4521



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