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Car Club Inc.

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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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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello members!

This is your President speaking. It is with an elevated feeling of self-importance that I write to you all. I knew when I obtained that lovely Buick, that my life was going ahead in leaps and bounds. I get to preside over the Birthday Lunch at Wallace and make available a sizeable discount for the ever-faithful Goldfield's members to enjoy a great lunch for a pittance.

In all seriousness I wish for all members to embrace this coming year and have a load of fun and comradeship, driving your pride and joy and seeing the sights with your loved ones and friends.

Yours in Motoring
Ray Mason, President

Cover Car

The Buick was manufactured in USA but was assembled by Holden in Australia. The engine is a 257cu in 6-cylinder OHV 80.5hp with a 3-speed manual transmission (crash box). This vehicle was basically a rural – farm car for its first 30 years in WA and NSW and was restored twice, once in the 80s and again the early 2000.

Ray is the eighth owner and purchased it from Colin in Brisbane earlier this year. He drove it with a friend from Brisbane to Ballarat with no dramas. Ray enjoys getting out to rallies etc as often as he can.

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.

August

Thursday 10th

Coffee Run – Historic township of Clunes

Organisers – Fay & Peter Bond

Depart from the School Bus Exchange, Melbourne Road, Brown Hill 1.00 pm. for a leisurely run through green countryside to Café 52 – Main Street Clunes

Wednesday 16th

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

Please bring a plate of supper to share.

Wednesday 23rd

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 27th

Club Run – Roraima Nursery & Gardens – 20 Swan Street Lara

Organisers – Frances & Chris O'Beirne (Ph: Frances 0448 465 500)

Depart from the School Bus Exchange, Strides Greyhound Club Carpark, Rubicon Street, Redan 9.00 am.

Coffee available to purchase on-site.

Our Run this month is to Roraima Nursery at Lara. Roraima is not so much a nursery, but a very pleasant environment to look upon old and rusty steel which was once used in local manufacturing when there was such a thing as Australian made. The owner of this large nursery has a very quirky way to present unusual plants. Along with lots of succulents, Australian, and imported species he presents to us a most uncommon display garden for visitors to view at their leisure. As coffee is available on sight, we will have morning tea when we arrive prior to walking around this interesting place.

I have booked lunch for us at Millars on the banks of Hovel's Creek, a licensed café/restaurant as I found the local pub OK but not good enough for US.

I am sure you will find this run a very pleasant day out for all of us, and I look forward to seeing you at 9.00 a.m. at our meeting point the dog track. (Please let me know of your intention so as I can organise luncheon seating)

Frances & Chris O'B



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.

Annual Membership Fees 1ST July – 30TH June 2024

The amount of the GCC annual subscription is determined at the Annual General Meeting for the following financial year. The AGM is scheduled for 19th July 2023.

Annual Membership Fees are due and payable within one calendar month of the AGM.

Given the financial position of the club it can be expected that the current level of payment will be unchanged:

Annual Membership - Family \$50 - Single \$45

Payment can be paid via any one of the following methods:

In cash or by cheque to the treasurer at the next meeting

By cheque mailed to the Club's postal address:

The Treasurer Goldfields Car Club
PO Box 2039 Bakery Hill 3354

Direct into the Club's bank account:

Account Name: Goldfields Car Club

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633108

Account Number: 108616640

Reference on the deposit form: Your Initials and Surname

Should any assistance be required please contact Club Treasurer Stuart Bell.

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

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REPORT – Birthday Run

25th Birthday lunch – Wallace Hotel

Despite earlier forecasts the day dawned with plenty of sunshine but still a chill prevailed. Some 61 members were booked however the winter chills resulted in four apologising as they were suffering indeterminate lurgies and thus indisposed, they saw good sense in not sharing their malady around.

It was great to see two members chauffeured from the long-term sick list attend, Leeanne and Ron, we hope you are well enough to be back with us on a more regular basis.

The Wallace Hotel tables were decorated by Marian McHenry and Geoff Merritt, using recycled wine bottles and some clever electronics all sitting on mirrors that provided a festive atmosphere.

A birthday is never complete without a cake and thanks to Faye and her niece (Lilly's Café) a large, decorated cake was baked and iced with the club logo. Pam had the pleasure of cutting the cake as No.2 member.

Well done Peter and Trevor for organising the lunch and of course the Wallace Hotel staff for a great service and meal. Norm D.



Pam, Peter and cake



Having your cake and eating it too

Pics Trevor and Stuart



NEW MEMBERS



John & Noellene Gleeson's NB Mazda MX-5



Lea Freeman's FE Hyundai Sonata Classique

AOMC survey

As per my alert at the last club meeting the AOMC, together with some other State level peak bodies have Foundation (AMHF) in conducting a National survey to gain valuable data on the economic value of the enthusiast movement in Australia. This data can be used to demonstrate to the Government and other key stakeholders the value of our clubs and the enthusiast vehicle movement to the Australian economy and also the associated social benefit through travel and events.

We are respectfully asking that you circulate the link to your members and encourage them to [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.] participate. As stated earlier there is no obligation for club members to participate and it is totally voluntary, however the more data the greater the representation and credibility of the survey data and therefore the *chance for our movement to have a voice with key stakeholders*.

The survey should take 10 - 15 minutes and is totally voluntary for each club member. *It is totally anonymous - no individual identifying details are required to be entered other than your club's name and postcode and the questions are very generic. The survey is being conducted on the Survey Monkey platform by the economics advisory firm, The Mercurius Group under contract to the AMHF.*

The survey link has been emailed out based on publicly available contact details advised on your club's website or social media pages. In case you have not received the survey directly, the link to the survey is below. *Norm Darwin*

[Australian Motor Heritage Foundation \(AMHF\) Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com)

Upcoming other events

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.

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 \(history.sa.gov.au\)](http://history.sa.gov.au)

EUROA SHOW & SHINE

Sunday October 1st 2023

8.00am to 3.30pm



Presented by **Strathbogie** SHIRE COUNCIL

Show Vehicles \$10
For Hire \$20

Show Bikes \$5
Including Picnic

General Public \$5
Kids Free

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1st, 2023 8am to 3:30pm
MUCH MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER CAR AND BIKE SHOW!

Over 40 trophies • Unique and exceptional cars from all eras • Bikes • Tractors

Live Music | Food Stalls | Craft Market
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Special Screening "Wide Open Road"

Trophy Presentation at 1.30pm

PLASTIC BOTTLE FREE EVENT ONE PARTICIPANT ONLY

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SHEPPARTON SWAP MEET

Sunday Sept 10, 2023

SHEPPARTON SHOWGROUNDS,
HIGH ST, SHEPPARTON
(MIDLAND HWY A300)

6m x 6m OUTDOOR SITES \$20

ENTRY \$5 (Children under 14 free)

Gates open at 6.30am for stall holders.
General public 7.30am.

No alcohol. No camping. No dogs allowed.
Lunch and refreshments available.
Parts Pick-up service available.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: to USSB 633-000, Acct 1366-25676, Acct name: GVMVDC
Reference to be "swap" and your name. Please advise Kris by phone.
MAIL: Send stamped self-addressed envelope and booking fee to:
Shepparton Swap Meet, P.O. Box 1206, Shepparton, 3632
CHEQUE: Please make cheques payable to GVMVDC Inc.
www.gvmvdc.com.au/GVMssp.html

For further information contact:
Lloyd or Kristine Healey on 0458-294 351

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Featuring:

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11th & 12th November 2023

Entry Prices:

- Saturday Only \$15
- Sunday Only \$5
- Children 15 and under Free
- (if accompanied by an adult)

Gates Open to the Public:

- Saturday 6am
- Sunday 7am
- Stalls Open 7am

www.bendigonationalswapmeet.com.au
Site Bookings 0427 441 560
General Enquiries 0434 720 922
info@bendigonationalswapmeet.com.au

75th ANNIVERSARY

National Holden 48-215 (FX)
75th Anniversary Celebration
Sunday 26 November 2023

TRAFALGAR HOLDEN MUSEUM

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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

Praise The Lord

Oh, praise the lord for Google maps
It has saved us many directional mishaps.
Mr. Google has many times saved our
wedded bliss
Because of the direction and turn we didn't
miss

At various times we have animated
discussion
Regarding the drivers hard of hearing
consideration
He says what and he says what again
I say be careful, as I hear the whistle of a
train

At roundabouts now there is sometimes a
problem
I say beware it's a great big Kenworth up our
bottom
But no heed is taken by him at all, just fly on
through as most cars do
Take your chances, Russian roulette, trust
your luck and blithely continue

It is every other driver that is at fault,
senselessness these days is not rare
We witness acts of idiocy, foolishness, and
silliness everywhere
Younger people think it can't happen to them,
so why sit behind this dinosaur
Driven by an old fart wearing a hat, foot to the
floor, just enjoying his Sunday tour

To them you have no right to take up room
driving in your motor car
They come up behind you fast and sit on you
tail finally wishing you far
Once they have passed, they just stay in
front, so as to be a pest
Quite often ruining momentum to negotiate
this incline and the next

Anon – via Frances

Men Are Just Happier People

Your last name stays put.
The garage is all yours.
Wedding plans take care of themselves.
Chocolate is just another snack.
You can never be pregnant.
Car mechanics tell you the truth.
The world is your urinal.
You never have to drive to another petrol
station toilet because this one is just too yuk.
You don't have to stop and think of which way
to turn a nut on a bolt.
Wrinkles add character.
People never stare at your chest when you're
talking to them.
New shoes don't cut, blister or mangle your
feet.
One mood all the time.
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds
flat.
You know stuff about tanks and engines.
A ten-day holiday requires only one suitcase.
You can open all your own jars.
You get extra credit for the slightest act of
thoughtfulness.
Your underwear is £5 for a three-pack.
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.
We are hungry for anything at any time and
have no issue with choosing what to eat.
You are unable to see wrinkles in your
clothes.
Everything on your face stays its original
colour.
The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe
decades.
You only have to shave your face and neck.
You can play with toys all your life.
One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one
colour for all seasons.
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs
look.
You can 'do' your nails with a pocketknife.
You have freedom of choice concerning
growing a moustache.
You can do Christmas shopping for 25
relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.
No wonder men are happier.

Anon – via Facebook