



Goldfields Gazette

Newsletter of the Goldfields 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 Brown Hill Hall 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill)



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

Courtesy of Frances.

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

Thinking of Wilma and Rex.

Wishing Heather 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.

Please note could members please ask people for their consent before including them in any photos.

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

I am sorry that this month's report is a short one but very serious one.

As everyone will be aware Tim, our elect Secretary has moved to Warracknabeal to take up a position there leaving us without a secretary.

The committee meet on the 24/08/2026 to discuss our options. A number of potential candidates were suggested. Judy Loader and I made contact with these prospective candidates without success.

Leanne our assistant secretary is happy to still look after the correspondence from the Consumer Affairs, the Insurance and other items needing special attention, but due her commitments she can not be available at all meetings.

The committee will be meeting again on 10/09/2026 to see if we can get a member to fill the roll as a minute taker. The other option we have is to have at least four volunteers to take in turns at taking the minutes.

As you all will be aware the rules of the Consumer Affairs a club must have a secretary or it has to disband.

THIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN. If all else fails the committee will have no other option but to use some of our reserve funds and hire a paid minute take each meeting.

Please give this subject some serious thought prior to the next meeting where it will be discussed at length.

Pres. Peter

REPORT – Coffee Run

Rick Thege Collection

In the afternoon of Wednesday 12 August, around 20 Goldfields members were fortunate to be invited to visit the significant local collection of Ballarat identity, Rick Thege. The club was joined on the day by a small group of enthusiasts from the Coffee and Chrome group.

Located in a warehouse in central Ballarat, the display represented around half of Rick's impressive, and ever expanding, collection. And that doesn't include the trucks and buses – but that's a visit for another time!

Members were welcomed by member Daryl Meek, who introduced Rick and gave a quick history of the collection and some of the stories surrounding the cars. Members were then invited to take a close-up look and encouraged to ask any questions as they wandered through.

The vehicles on display reflect Rick's eclectic tastes with a significant leaning towards pre-1919 veterans and significant European manufacturers. Condition varied from concours to tried and true vehicles that have been owned for 40 years. It is important to note that all the 30 or so cars displayed are in use.

Some highlights included the 1903 Carlton Rear Entry Tonneau, the magnificent 1938 Alvis Speed 25, 1954 Bentley R Series Saloon and 1958 Jaguar XK150. Then there was the 1966 Mini Cooper S, the ex-Marlene Stork 1962 Valiant S Series, a superb 1938 LaSalle Opera Coupe, 1926 Vauxhall 23/60 and the 1949 Bristol 400, just to name a few!

All were overshadowed, however, by the imposing and spectacular 1912 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost.

Following the tour, President Peter presented Rick with a token of the club's appreciation. Members were then invited to head around to the Rebellion Café at the Eureka Centre to partake in coffee, cake and conversation.

The visit was enjoyed by all and is another example of "you never know what's behind the door down the road."



Left to Right:

1903 Carlton, 1911 Napier, 1912 Daimler, 1923 Rolls-Royce, 1954 Jaguar MkV, 1966 Mini Cooper

REPORT – Club Run

Federation Picnic Marong

On Sunday 30th August, 11 members in seven cars left the Doctors carpark in Learmonth road at 8.45am.

We travelled via Creswick, Allendale, Smeaton, Newstead, Maldon to Marong, dodging potholes along the way. On arrival we joined other cars lined up around the oval. A full house.

The weather was perfect, sunny and no wind.

After a picnic lunch and a circuit of the oval to inspect a broad array of cars we headed home at our own pace. We enjoyed ice-cream and coffee at Maldon on the way home.

Thanks, Bruce, for leading a great run.

Wayne.





Items of Interest

September 5th
Annual Vintage Machinery Event
Bellarine Vintage Group
45 Curlewis Rd

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

September 26th
Show n Shine
High St Terang

October 11th
Colac Swap Meet/Car show& collectibles Market
Colac Racecourse

October 25th
Show n Shine
Halls Gap Rec Reserve

October 31st-1st Nov
Pt Nepean Heritage Motor show

November 5th
Stag Motor Show Meets Market
Stag Hotel Learmonth

November 8th
Skipton Spring Festival
Skipton Rec Reserve

November 8th
Castlemaine Classic
A historic/vintage/veteran vehicle display.
Western Reserve Castlemaine
10-3pm

September 13th
British & Euro Cars & Coffee
9.30-12 noon
Classic British & European Cars on display.
A joint promotion between MG Club
Ballarat & Region with Mr Brakes
4 Endeavor Way Alfredton

November 14th
Trawalla Historic Sprint
See Flyer

November 14th-15th
Bendigo Swap Meet
Prince of Wales Showgrounds
Holmes Rd Bendigo

November 27th
Ballarat Rod Run

November 29th
Car Show Mt Egerton Rec Reserve



Compete with your historic race car or motorbike at Trawalla, near Beaufort, on Saturday 14th November 2026

Not competing? Come along anyway to see an elegant, iconic, eclectic range of race vehicles—many of which you would not have seen up close before.

While you're there watching the cars and bikes flying up the hill, enjoy a coffee and lunch at the Food Court, or browse the trade stalls.

Bring a chair and claim your prime spot on the fence.

There will also be a Period Dress Competition



For Sale

1993 VP Commodore. 235537 K's.
In good condition for its age \$6500.00 with RWC.
Reg FBE 956,
VIN 6H8VPK19HPL621266
Eng Number VH1301137

Phone Bernadette Nagle 0417 039522



Help wanted, people to organise club runs
Contact Wayne Harrop 0448 230 947



CALENDAR

August	<i>Early in Month</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Meet at Strides Greyhound Carpark for 1.30 start to Rick Thege collection.</i>	<i>Daryl Meek</i>
	<i>Wednesday 19th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 26th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
	<i>Sunday 30th</i>	<i>Federation Picnic</i>	<i>Marong Leave Masters Carpark 8.45am.</i>	<i>Bruce Kerr</i>
September	<i>Thursday 10th</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Beaufort Church Gallery Christmas Shop and Café. Leave Doctor's carpark 11am. Lunch \$24 Choise of Roast vegie Quiche and Salad or Toasted han,cheese mustard on Turkish bread with salad, includes tea/coffee. Gluten free Frittata and salad. Numbers attending required by Tuesday 8th September.</i>	<i>Gerard and Sally Nagle 0419348697</i>
	<i>Wednesday 16th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Sunday 20th</i>	<i>Club Rub</i>	<i>Learmonth Car Show Leave Strides Carpark 11am Picnic lunch or purchase lunch from Food vans. Market on site and band. Rotary BBQ available.</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>
	<i>Wednesday 23rd</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
October				
	<i>October 1st</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Coffee Run/Lunch Run Blackwood Hotel Leave East Bus Exchange 1030am</i>	<i>Bill and Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231</i>

	<i>Saturday 17th</i>	<i>Club Run</i>	<i>Avoca Cup</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>
	<i>Wednesday 21st</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Wednesday 28th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
November	<i>Early in Month</i>	<i>Coffee Run</i>	<i>Rokewood Hotel</i>	<i>Chris and Francis O'Beirne 0417 129 373</i>
	<i>Wednesday 18th</i>	<i>Club Meeting</i>	<i>Brown Hill Hall 7.30pm 375 Humffray St Nth Brown Hill</i>	
	<i>Late in Month</i>	<i>Club Run</i>	<i>Peppergreen Farm. Community Café and Nursery. Bendigo</i>	<i>Gerard and Sally Nagle 0419348697</i>
	<i>Wednesday 25th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926</i>
December			<i>Christmas Lunch TBA</i>	
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>
