



Goldfields Gazette

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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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Cover Photo

In 1927 William Morris purchased the Wolseley Car Co., then facing bankruptcy. The first requirement of Morris was that it design and build a quality new engine for a car which could outsell the very popular Austin 7. He decided this new OHC engine, derived from the Morris Minor 4 cyl. engine, should have long stroke 6 cylinders to provide a smooth engine to entice the growing number of lady drivers.

In 1931 this became the Wolseley Hornet saloon and became one of the most popular Wolseley cars ever.

There was a great sales potential for a high spec engine and rolling chassis for racing types and others to build and add their own sports bodies. Known as the Wolseley Hornet Special it was an instant success. Examples were still being raced all over the world until the mid 1950's. A team of Hornet Specials won the 1932 Brooklands Relay Race at an average speed of 77.57 MPH.

Some bodies were two seat fishtails, others made by SS Sidecars now Jaguar, and various Brookland Special builders.

This example was built in Tasmania and acquired by Bill McLachlan of Hobart, and refurbished in the 1930's style favoured by Michael McEvoy, one of the most famous Hornet Special creators.

It was then sold to Richard and Joan Snedden of Malvern in 1997, from where I purchased it. I have had the body off, the engine apart, and reconditioned and repainted it to 1930's standard.

It has yet to have a lady driver.

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

Newsletter Contributions

The success of the newsletter is dependent upon contributions from members. Please email me any items of interest!

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

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!!!!**

Coffee Run

Thursday February 12th.

Meet at Buninyong Golf Club for light lunch or just come for coffee and chat 12.30pm

Cheers Trevor

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President's Report

February 2026

Greetings members! The year has got off to a super-hot start that we've all had mixed experiences with, although mostly good I hope! The weather cooperated for our Annual President's Picnic, and we had a sensational crowd, as the photos show. A lot of wonderful food, wine and conversation was enjoyed, and I'll bet you all didn't know I could whistle like that lol!

Australia Day brunch was a roaring success as always, despite the heat! Thank you very much again to Wayne and his combined catering and program team, John Dellaca, Peter Bond and Frances for taking care of everything on the day for us. It was great to have some lovely guests of Chris & Frances's in attendance, both next door neighbours and from further away. I hear a whisper that we may even be paying a return visit to the Wodonga guests and their club in the future.

I'm really looking forward to the performance of "Juliet" that 10 of us are going to be attending at Her Majesty's Theatre at the end of the month. We might even get together earlier for lunch – what do you think?

For those unable to be there on Australia Day, I've included my address to the club below as I feel it's more important than ever that we all focus on the positives in Australia and our bright future.

Jodie Wakefield - President



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.

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.

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.

REPORT – Club Run

AUSTRALIA DAY 2026

All of you here helped build the Australia we celebrate today — not just with your hands, but with your values. Hard work, loyalty, and looking out for each other. The sense of community that defined your youth, the work ethic, mateship, and “pitching in” spirit you all grew up with. The pride of building things — families, towns, industries, traditions. And the reliability of neighbours, the simplicity of life, the joy of a Sunday drive.

Australia's future is bright because of the foundations you laid and the club itself is a symbol of continuity — old cars, new friendships.

Every classic car tells a story — of the people who drove it, the roads they travelled, and the Australia they knew. And when we restore these cars, we're also restoring memories, keeping them alive. They are a living link between generations that remind us of who we were and what mattered.

No matter our age, background, or the model of car we drive, we're all part of the same Australian story — one that keeps unfolding, thanks to people like you who keep community alive.

Australia has changed, yes — but the heart of this country hasn't. The spirit you grew up with is still here. It lives on in our kids and grandkids, who are finding their own ways to carry it forward.

If the past shows us anything, it's that Australians know how to adapt, how to look after each other, and how to keep moving forward.

Today, as we celebrate the privilege of gathering together, I thank you all for your contribution to the club and the country. Here's to Australia – the greatest country on earth – and to her past, present and bright future.





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

Please Note

The Editor and assistant will be away from March 9th until March 23rd.

We will be lost in the Flinders Ranges!

Items of Interest

February 1st

American Chrome and Coffee
9am-3pm
Kirks Reservoir

February 7th

Swap Meet
Ballarat Showgrounds Mt Rowan

February 8th

Picnic at Hanging Rock
South Rock Rd
Newham

February 15th

British & European Motoring Show
Yarra Glen Racecourse

February 18th

Festival of Motoring
Cruden Farm
Cranbourne-Frankston Rd Langwarrin

February 22nd

Gembrook Classic & Custom Car Show & Swap Meet
Gembrook Rec Reserve

March 1st

Camp Quality Show n Shine 10am-2pm
Beckley Park Coroi

March 21st

Swap Meet and Car Show
Victoria Park Koroit

March 21st

Waubra Clearing Sale
Waubra Rec Reserve

April 10 -12th

Melbourne Motor Show
Melb Convention & Centre

April 11th

Horsham Swap Meet
Horsham Showgrounds

April 19th

CMCC Cars Food and Wine
St Annes Winery Myrniong

June 14th

Classic and Retro Show 10-4pm
Trentham Gardens

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



CALENDAR

February	Wednesday 4th	Twilight Run	Burrumbeet Caravan Park. BYO everything 5pm onwards	
	Thursday 12th	Coffee Run	Buninyong Golf Club Details TBA	Trevor 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 22nd	Club Run	Camperdown to see a great old bloke and his collection. Details TBA	Francis & Chris 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 25th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
March	Wednesday 5th	Twilight Run	Picnic tea. Buninyong Gardens. 5pm onwards BYO everything	
	Thursday 12th	Coffee Run	Let's do lunch. A run to Maldon Details TBA	Brian & Noni 0490 303 105
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
-	Sunday 23 <i>Note change of Date</i>	Club Run	Eynesbury market Details TBA	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231
	Wednesday 25th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
April	Thursday 9th	Coffee Run	Ballan "Elsie Rose" café Details TBA	Steve & Julie 0435 428 915
	Wednesday 15th	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 22nd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
	Sunday 26th	Club Run	Bealiba Wander and tractor collection. Details TBA	Peter Rogers 0408 171 829
May	Thursday 14th	Coffee Run	Deme Details TBA ntia walk and coffee	Gerard & Sally 0419 348 697

	Wednesday 20 th	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 27 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
	Thursday 28 th Please note change of date	Club Run	Fyansford Papermill Details TBA	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
June	Thursday 11 th	Coffee Run	Mitchel Park Collection Details TBA	Rex Bridges 0403 696 285
	Wednesday 17 th	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 24 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
June	Weekend of 27 th	Club Weekend	Lets wander to Wodonga Catchup with Wodonga Car Club and enjoy climes Details TBA.	Francis & Chris 0417 129 373
July	Coffee Run	Thursday 9 th	TBA	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 15 th	AGM	Lion's Den 7.30pm	Election of office bearers etc.
	Wednesday 22 nd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
	Sunday 26 th	Club/Birthday run	TBA	President
August				
	Wednesday 26 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
September				
	Wednesday 23 rd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell
October				

	<i>Wednesday 28th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell</i>
November	<i>Wednesday 25th</i>	<i>Ladie's Coffee catchup</i>	<i>Olive Grove Sturt St</i>	<i>Chris Bell</i>