



MIXED GRILLES

May/June 2026 Issue

NEXT MEETINGS:

27th. May & 24th. June, 2026.



The Griffith Historic Motor Club was formed for the motoring enthusiast to help preserve our motoring heritage and to enjoy the company of like minded members in all club activities.

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MEETINGS:

WHEN .. FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH: Starting 7.30pm

WHERE. .. GRIFFITH LEAGUES CLUB SOUTHSIDE

Cnr Jondaryan Ave and Bridge Road, Griffith
(Off Street Parking at front of Club)

EVENTS:

At least monthly ... see inside for details

Our September Meeting is our AGM



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From the Editor's Thoroughly Disinfected Desk ...

Please Note: Log Book Use: GHMC has passed a bye-law THAT ALL VEHICLE MOVEMENTS BE RECORDED IN THE LOG BOOK. This is irrespective of whether you are on a "Club Run" or not, the main reason for recommending this is because in the event of an incident it is extremely hard to verify whether or not you are on a "Club Run", so by completing your log book removes all doubt or questions of whether you are on the correct road or not should the authorities or insurance companies become involved.

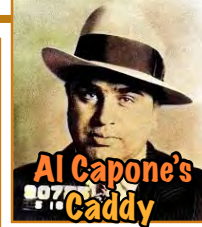


PLEASE NOTE this is only a recommendation but for your own sake I strongly urge you to do this.

Coffee Runs: The Beelbangera Store has re-opened and our coffee runs will be to Beelbangera Store for the foreseeable future to assist the new operators establish their business.

Club Rallies: If you have a suggestion for a Club Rally, or an event you think would interest members, please pass on you ideas to our Events Committee. **Remember old cars are meant to be driven not hidden!**

Our Various Rally Reports:





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Members please note:

- 1) Subject to 4) below, if applicable, your Conditional Registration allows you to drive your vehicle to and from where it's normally garaged on the events approved at a club meeting (which are published in the newsletter) including the monthly Griffith coffee runs on the first Saturday and third Wednesday.
- 2) Subject to 4) below if using your vehicle for maintenance or servicing or on longer journeys, you need to notify one of the Club's Movement Book Holders including advising of the journey's purpose. For other vehicle use you may need the approval of a Club meeting (check with a Movement Book Holder if in doubt) so early planning is desirable.
- 3) You may also use your vehicle for a funeral for a club member including a funeral procession or guard of honour.
- 4) If you have opted for Transport for NSW's Log Book Scheme you must make an entry in your log book for any maintenance or servicing or personal use trip before leaving the premises where your vehicle is garaged. You do not need to notify a Movement Book Holder in such circumstances. Using your vehicle on Club organised events does not require a log book entry as these are in addition to the number of days allotted under the Log Book Scheme.
- 5) You should check the provisions of your Comprehensive or Third Party Property Damage insurance policy for any restrictions on the use of your vehicle especially if you've opted for Transport for NSW's Log Book Scheme.

NB. It is suggested you carry this newsletter in your vehicle, together with the receipt for your membership subscription and the Certificate of Approved Operations issued by Transport for NSW as evidence of your right to drive your vehicle on public roads on the approved date in case you are questioned by the police or Transport for NSW officials. In the case of an event arranged on short notice the Secretary or a member of the Events Co-ordinating Team should be able to satisfy the authorities of the Club's decision to hold the event.

EVENTS CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE HISTORIC MOTOR CLUB of GRIFFITH

May-June, 2025

As this newsletter goes to print, our current Covid situation is still very fluid, so please keep an eye out for E-Mail updates re-Rallies & Coffee runs, etc..

Here's what we have planned for the next couple of months!



Denise B.
Events
Co-ordinator



Lorraine B.

Ralph B.



'Sivy'

Jenny A.



Karen F.

Jeni G.

May:

May 2nd.: '1st Saturday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at Beelbangera Store.

May 17th.: GHMC's "Motor Heritage Rally": Coleambally Lunch

A.Bennett for details

May 20th.: '3rd Wednesday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at Beelbangera Store.

May 27th.: GHMC's Monthly Meeting: South Side Leagues Club, Starting 7.30 pm.

May 30th - 31st.: "Historic Winton": Winton, Victoria. Ralph B. or Allan B. for details.

June:

June 6th : '1st Saturday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at Beelbangera Store.

June 6th - 8th.: Wagga Viuntage Car Club : Cruising Country Roads Rally

June 17th.: '3rd Wednesday' Coffee, Kick Tyres & Chat: Meet 10.00am at Beelbangera Store

June 24th.: GHMC's Monthly Meeting: South Side Leagues Club, Starting 7.30 pm.

June 28th. GHMC Yanco Pub Rally: Details via Email



July:

July 4th.: '1st Saturday' Coffee, Kick Tyres and Chat: Meet 10.00am at Beelbangera Store.

Please Note: There may be other events/rallies that other clubs are organising which you will be invited to, but at the time this is going to press we have not been notified about, these will be updated to you via Emails, so if you wish to attend, make sure you fill in your logbook.



**Save The Date: 25th-26th.
Historic Winton Speed Week**



So while we are free at last, it's still important to remember to wash your hands, social distance, and, this still gives you the perfect excuse to self isolate by retreating to the safety of your shed.

1) Could you please update/give the club your email address.

2) Electronic Payment of Subs:

Payment Details:

Griffith Historic Motor Club Inc.

BSB: 325-185

Account No.: 05806812

Reference: Member's Name

Registration details for Historic Rego.:

Registration Date: 10th September

Please ensure it's (rego date)

recorded

on your Registration Application.

Jeni G.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE!

The Events Committee Needs You

If you have any ideas of potential rally destinations for our club, just give your idea to one of the Events Committee members.

Remember: If you have a rally you want to go to, it's not a problem, either enter it into your logbook or just get in contact with one of the book holders to complete the very simple paper work

"I'm still around & making people sick!"



"Who me?"

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GHMC's Local Observation Mystery Rally

22nd. March, 2026

34 attended the observation rally on Sunday 22nd March. Started off at the place, went through Hanwood then onto morning tea at the Lake picnic area. Went back into Griffith via Scenic Hill then lunch at Malcolm's Chinese Restaurant where an 2 extra joined. Great day was had by all.



Photos: Judy Hood

Briefing :



Morning Tea:



..... "Every Rally is a mystery rally to me!"



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3rd. April, 2026



GHMC at 2026 Narrandera Hot Rod Run :

4th-5th. April, 2026



The Haggarties go to the 2026 Kalimna Rally :

Wodonga Historic Car Club's annual Kalimna rally, Mansfield Vic.

27th February - 2nd March, 2026

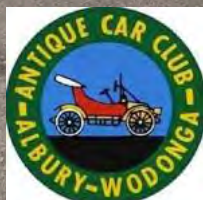
My first Kalimna rally was 20 years ago, having bought the Mercedes about 6 months earlier. The venue that year was Mt Beauty. We've attended most of them since, making exceptions when our daughter turned 40 and also 50 as her birthday fell on the same weekend. As she now lives in Mansfield we were able to kill two birds with the one stone this time. In fact as an added bonus our granddaughter, Emma, who is 6 months' pregnant with her first child (and our first great-granddaughter – yes she knows what she's having) drove up from Melbourne to see us, which was a second added bonus.

The rally was somewhat laid back, probably because the organiser over recent years, who is now 91 years of age, wasn't well and stayed at home. On reaching North Kooba Settlers Rd on our way to Darlington Point on Friday morning 27 February we were required to detour via Whitton which added about 30 kms to our journey. No reason was given though we noticed when reaching Darlington Point that Kidman Way to the north was closed. We subsequently learned that a poultry truck from Victoria had rolled just past the Willbriggie level crossing resulting in the death of the driver whose identity was not revealed. Apart from that diversion we had an uneventful trip to Mansfield, stopping at Jerilderie for lunch and Benalla to stretch our legs. **Friday** evening's get-together at the rally headquarters at Mansfield High Country Holiday Park where we stayed included Kalimna's unique welcome whereby entrants are required to find out who else on the rally owns the same make of vehicle or was born in the same year etc. etc., meaning each entrant gets to meet most of the others. Most entrants had been to earlier Kalimna rallies including a number from Cootamundra so it was good to catch up with them. Mansfield Rotary Club catered with a BBQ which was well received.

On **Saturday** morning we visited an enthusiast in the region who has 30 Minis on restricted registration. Quite why was a mystery. Most were original and early models, like the one I had which was a 1961 model with sliding windows and a painted grill. Rain 'dampened' the display somewhat. We had a free afternoon which suited us as we'd had a long drive in hot weather the day before. Saturday evening's dinner was at the Mansfield Hotel and our daughter, Amelia, son-in-law Anthony, Grandson Hayden and grand-daughter Emma and her husband, Jackson, had booked a table near the room that the rally entrants occupied but we weren't able to see much of them, though we'd also arranged to have lunch with them on the Sunday.

On **Sunday** morning we visited Mansfield's Railway station which is now a museum as no trains run to Mansfield these days. The museum, which is expanding, is worth seeing, as Mansfield was an important centre for timber and it has a great display of early photos and milling tools. We then went to Amelia and Anthony's for lunch and were joined by Col and Jenny Harmer from Young and Jenny's sister Narelle and brother-in-law Alan who were also on the rally.

Sunday night's dinner was also at the Mansfield Hotel. It rained steadily that night and didn't let up on Monday morning so we had to drive in heavy rain until Jerilderie. The Mercedes performed well covering more than 500 miles.



Al Capone's 1928 V8 Cadillac & F.D.R. ...



Hours after Pearl Harbour was bombed on December 7, 1941 the Secret Service found themselves in a bind.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that.

One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931. They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day.

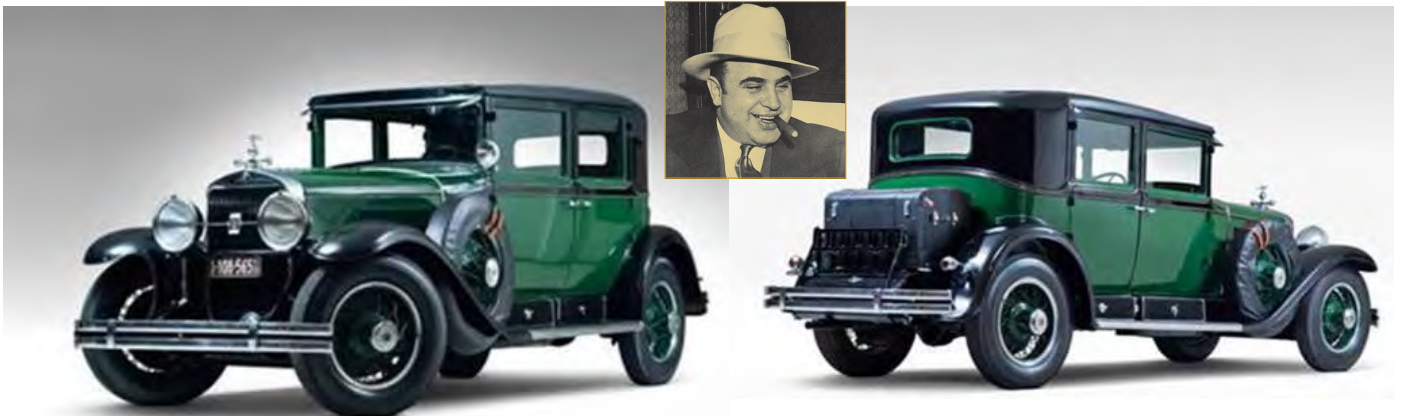
Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan Became the President's Limo in December 1941.

Mechanics are said to have cleaned and checked each feature of the Caddy well into the night of December 7th, to make sure that it would run properly the next day for the Commander in Chief.

And run properly it did. It had been painted black and green to look identical to Chicago's police cars at the time.

To top it off, the gangster's 1928 Cadillac Town Sedan had 3,000 pounds of armour and inch-thick bulletproof windows.

It also had a specially installed siren and flashing lights hidden behind the grille, along with a police scanner



Thanks to D. Clausen

Nicknames for my colleagues in work

- Wicket keeper** - puts on gloves and stands back
- Harvey Norman** - 3 years no interest
- Sensor light** - only works if someone walks past
- Noodles** - thinks all jobs take 2 minutes
- Blister** - appears when the hard work is done
- Showbag** - full of shit
- Lantern** - not very bright and has to be carried
- Deck chair** - always folds under pressure
- Perth** - 3 hours behind everyone else
- G-spot** - you can never find him
- Bushranger** - holds everyone up
- Wheelbarrow** - only works when he's pushed
- Limo** - carries about 8 people
- Cordless** - charges all night but only works for 2 hours

Courtesy of our friends in the Namoi Valley Antique Club

Since Youngsters of Today have their Texting Codes (**LOL**, **OMG**, **TTYL**, etc.) the Oldies decided not to be outdone by these kids, and now have developed our own codes too :

- ATD** - At the Doctor's
- BFF** - Best Friend's Funeral
- BTW** - Bring the Wheelchair
- BYOT** - Bring your own teeth
- FWIW** - Forgot Where I Was
- GGPBL** - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- GHA** - Got Heartburn Again
- TFT** - Texting From Toilet.

Courtesy of our friends in the Kempsey-Macleay Auto Restorers Club

Newmans' Shed Visit and Gogelderie Weir BarBQ Lunch

Photos: Judy Hood, Marlene Gras & Doug McWilliam



50 GHMC members and a few friends assembled at the plane-on-the-stick car park for a 9.30am departure to the Newmans' farm at Murrami to be met by Travis who was eager to show us his and his late dad's collection. Travis has spent 3 days sweeping out the shed, washing the collection and making sure everything was in good running order. Various vehicles were started and some future projects were shown. Morning tea was served on Linda's back verandah' with our lady club members supplying a huge collection of cakes, slices and biscuits. So, as usual, morning tea was over catered, though most of it was eaten as "dessert" at the Bar.b.q..

It was the off to Gogelderie Weir for a bar.b.q. gourmet lunch, and afterwards if you could manage it "dessert"! and the to lounge in the glorious autumn sunshine and enjoy the company of fellow members. Yet another great rally, thanks to Travis and Linda, and the events committee and those who helped in providing morning tea and dessert !!





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MEMBER and VEHICLE/S PROFILE: Meet your Club's Vice President



NAME : *Mario Arcifa*
SPOUSE: *Jenny Arcifa*

CHILDREN: 3
GRAND CHILDREN: 4

WHERE BORN: *Griffith*
WHERE RAISED: ... *Griffith, born, bread, and learnt all my bad habits in Griffith*
OCCUPATION: ... *"I was not keen on school, all I wanted to do was leave school and work on our farm. So here I am a happy farmer! Living the dream!!"*



WHEN FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN HISTORIC VEHICLES:
"I have always been interested in anything with a motor, but since about 16 year old and the prospect of getting a licence, cars became my main interest."

HISTORIC VEHICLES CURRENTLY OWNED: *I have a few*



Holden HZ GTS



Holden HZ Premier



Holden HX LE Monaro



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MY CURRENT PROJECTS: *"Nil, I'm just enjoying what I've got!"*



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DREAM CAR: "I have always dreamt of one day owning a 1971 Ford Falcon GT HO



HISTORIC VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY OWNED:

"I have owned two 1979 HZ Premiers (not as good a condition as my current HZ) and a 1971 XY GS Falcon.



"I cannot believe the fine is this much, let alone the demerit points!!"

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT WITH HISTORIC VEHICLES: Drag racing in my younger days

BEST BARGAIN: " My second 1979 HZ Premier, I only paid \$7,500.00. "

GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT: " When my Falcon GS was stolen. "

GREATEST REGRET: "Selling all my previous cars. "

CLUB AMBITION: Maintain the successful running of the club, and keep organising fun events and fun times. "

AMBITION REGARDING HISTORIC VEHICLES: " Just keep them running and allow others to enjoy them. "

PET HATE REGARDING HISTORIC VEHICLES: "There lack of Mod. Cons."

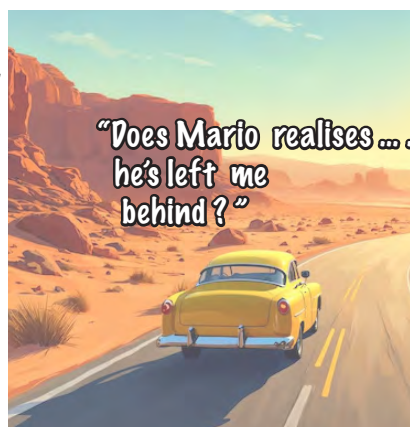
YOUR PET ROAD PEEVE: "Cyclists, especially those that don't wear high-vis, and drive right across the road ! "

OTHER INTERESTS: "Gardening. "

YOUR FAVOURITE DRIVE: "There's just too many to choose from, I just love driving ! "

IF YOU COULD GO ON A LONG ROAD TRIP WITH ABSOLUTELY ANYONE WHO WOULD IT BE:

" That's easy, Anthony Albanese, and, I would drop him off in the middle of the desert !! "



GHMC Cars at Gogelderie Weir BarBQ Lunch



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March "1st Saturday" Coffee Runs.

The Malt House
Whitton
A Pictorial Report





Some things never change !!



March "3rd Wednesday" Coffee Runs.

Meditrina Winery
Tharbogang

A Pictorial Report
Photos: Judy Hood



"Doug and Grant are organising a push bike rally!!"

"Not sure what, but Doug's up to something!"



"With the cost of petrol, we should get lots of takers!"





"What can we do to nip this push - bike rally idea in the bud?"

"Have you heard, Doug and Grant are organising a push bike rally!!"

"With the amount of pushing I've had to do laterly, perhaps the Porsche can be classed as a push bike!"

"Is it unconstitutional?"

"Push Bike Rally? No Way!!"

"Surely they're not serious?"

"No Way!"

"Have you heard Doug's idea for our next rally?"

"The Jag will qualify!!"

"Think again boys!"

"But they are!!"

"Sorry it doesn't fit our guidelines."

April "3rd Wednesday" Coffee Run.

Beelbangera Store

A Pictorial Report





THE TRUTH ABOUT TOOLS EXPLAINED

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench at the speed of light. Also removes hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh sh#!t!"

JIG SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VICE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Almost entirely fused or lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Handy for igniting the grease inside a wheel hub, when you are removing a wheel bearing.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering a car to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most workshops to cut good aluminium sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the bin after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt, but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove or replace a 50 cent part.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**Don't Get all weird about getting older!
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Thanks: Marlene Gras

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