



Goldfields
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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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Cover Photo

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES ON CALENDAR.
For club runs!!!!**

Coffee Run

9 cars and 15 members gather at the East Bus Terminal for a chat and banter before the start of our Run to the Smeaton Pub for lunch.

It is dry and the sun is out but by gee the wind is a bit chilly.
John calls everyone together and welcomes and thanks everyone for the support for the day.
It's great to see Trevor and Faye Parry back after some time.

Start your engines is called and we are off. Heading out Water Street and veering off to Springs Road, everything is looking lovely and green as we travel on.
Reaching the crossroad we turn left towards Creswick, after a few curves etc we then turn to the right to go down this lovely road that goes through farmland and past the turn off to Adekate Camp .
We are then turning onto the Daylesford/ Ballarat road heading towards Blampied.

This area is so picturesque, green paddocks, canola paddocks, full dams and in the background rolling hills.

After travelling through Newlyn, and passing Overwrought garden works its now a turn to the left opposite the Swiss Mountain Hotel.

It's not long after travelling down this road and a couple more turns, we reach our destination the Smeaton Pub.

The pub is very interesting with welcoming wood fires going to keep us cosy.

Choosing our seating at the tables, sitting on these terrific iron decorative chairs we all order and enjoy our very nice meals.

A lot of talking and laughter is enjoyed by all and then after a couple of hours we all bid goodbye.
Now we are looking forward to our next outing with members of the Goldfields Car Club.
Wayne and June.



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.

Ballarat Cup

We require 10 volunteers to help with parking at the Ballarat Cup on December 6th from 8am until 2pm.

Contact Gerard Nagle for a fundraising activity for the club.

Phone 0419 348 697 or email grumpysnag@gmail.com

Christmas is coming!!

For those attending the Christmas Function Event on December 7th, could you please give your \$10 deposit to Stuart by the November meeting.

President's Report

Hi all,

Greetings from Bathurst, NSW! We arrived here on a cold, wet, 12-degree afternoon that we could've had, had we stayed home in Ballarat lol! Never fear, the sky has cleared, and it was a lovely evening for a walk around the showgrounds camping area we're staying at tonight. What a fantastic resource this is and a credit to the people who care for and maintain this sprawling precinct so well, right beside the beautiful Macquarie River. I'd thoroughly recommend it as a caravan stopover location.

Earlier today, Rob and I dropped into the Chrysler Car Museum in Grenfell, NSW, where we had also stayed overnight in their showgrounds. Some of you may know of this museum and Jeff Connolly, its extremely knowledgeable and passionate owner. What a lovely man he is and more than happy to give us a private tour and commentary on his beautifully maintained collection for the entry fee of \$10 each.

All but two of the cars there were his own and he has a shed "out the road" where another 20 of them are stored! The two that aren't his are on long term loan; these are the 1930 Dodge DC8 and the orange Valiant Pacer 245 Hemi. Most of these cars at this location are taken out regularly for drives and club runs.

His 1972 Charger RT E39 in the photos is so original it even has its first set of tyres on.

The building Jeff owns and runs the museum from in Main Street, Grenfell used to be the stables for the former Exchange Hotel, built 1912, across the road. He has done quite a bit of racing himself in his time and won three state championships! Two of his NSW Road Racing Club "Club Champion" trophies for the years 1995 and 1996 are in the photos.

Enjoy these photos of some of the beauties on display, Jeff himself at his front door and his trophies.

Cheers,

Jodie



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

Goldfields Car Club. 19th October 2025.

Sunday run to Mt Franklin. Trip organised by Peter R., and Wayne. Thanks guys.

We headed off from Ballarat East Bus Exchange about 10.05 am after waiting patiently, into a strong warm North. 25deg predicted.

Six cars attended, led by Peter R's car, driven by Tim, and also guest "Dowl", Tim's fiancé.

1. Peter, Tim, and Dowl. Mercedes.
2. Trevor and Faye. Datsun.
3. Ray and Avis. Holden.
4. Brian and Nonie. BMW.
5. Bruce. Mini.
6. Wayne and June. Porsche. Red Porsche was "Tail end Charlie".

We enjoyed the green paddocks of crops or pasture, and noticed beautiful colourful bushes and trees in flower, eg: Camellia, Lilac, Cherry blossom, and Rhododendrons, in the farmhouse gardens.

1/2 hour later we pulled into Moorabool Reservoir Park, cool but mowed neatly with beautiful flowering old trees, for a cuppa and toilet break, a good place for a full day's picnic. Heading out 40 mins later we headed in the Easterly then North direction amongst beautiful healthy pine plantations, associated with the Reservoir. Flowering wattle was still yellow and obvious, but no wildlife was seen.

In Daylesford, we made a fantastic detour East then North after a funny thrill down a very steep incline to end up at a roundabout on the Castlemaine Road, avoiding Sunday Market traffic. We could catch a quick glimpse of "The Block". a recent TV show, where there was a competition for couples to build/renovate a house to sell. The traffic thickened here and it wasn't long before we drove up the steep, twisty road into Mt Franklin, an extinct volcano, in time for a noon day picnic, amongst a very full picnic area of The Geelong Holden Club, and VCCC Club, us, and other beautiful, loved collectables. After greeting, eating and socializing, & after a very pleasant day, most vehicles made an effort to leave about 2pm, for home. Wayne and June.



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

Items of Interest

November 8

Colac Car Show

November 9th

Daybreakers Car Show & BBQ

Snake Valley Rec Reserve 11am-3pm

November 30th

Ballarat Show n Glow

North Gardens

10am-4pm

December 14th

Holden of Ages Show n Shine

Halls Gap Rec Reserve

Eureka Gold Model T Ford Rally

Photo's below.



Mini's Mini's and more Mini's.

On a sunny windy day in October. 39 mini's travelled to Pipework's Market for The Day of The Mini Car Show.



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



CALENDAR

Oct	Thursday 9	Coffee Run	Leave Ballarat East Bus Exchange @ 11am, for a run to end at The Smeaton Hotel for lunch.	Noellene and John 0499549210
	Wednesday 15	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 22	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 19	Club Run	Leave Ballarat East Bus Exchange 10am for a run to Mt Franklin to join other car clubs for a picnic lunch. BYO everything, including chairs.	Wayne 0448 230 947
Nov	Sunday 9	Skipton Spring Festival	Details to be advised.	Wayne 0448 230 947
	Wednesday 19	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
-	Wednesday 26	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532
	Sunday 23	Club Run	Mt Bonninyong Homestead for BYO picnic, further details to follow.	Russell 0408 564 942
Dec	Sunday 7	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 11	Coffee Run		
	Wednesday 17	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	