



Goldfields
Car Club Inc.

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Newsletter of the
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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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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

"BY REPLACING YOUR MORNING COFFEE WITH GREEN TEA
YOU CAN LOSE UP TO 87 PER CENT OF WHAT LITTLE JOY
YOU STILL HAVE LEFT IN LIFE"

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

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.

We wish Bruce Kerr a speedy recovery after his minor accident!

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!!!!**

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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.

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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

President's Report

Hello Goldfields Car Club members.

"**Show & Tell**" is making another appearance at our March general meeting. Bring along something unusual, mysterious or just plain useful to spend a few minutes chatting about at the end of the meeting.

This Wednesday 5th March, we have a BYO everything picnic scheduled at the **Buninyong Gardens** at 5pm. I have passed the sign to the gardens numerous times but not yet visited and will be remedying this tragic oversight on Wednesday. I hope we are blessed with some pleasantly dry Autumn weather.

On the topic of tragedies, I am still laughing, clapping and singing along to the songs and memories of "**& Juliet**", the jukebox musical that 10 of us attended at Her Majesty's on Saturday. What a fabulously talented cast of performers there was, full of super high energy, powerfully strong voices and skilled dancers. The comedic re-write to the tragic ending that we know from Shakespeare's 1590's original Romeo & Juliet story was hilarious, moving, profound and empowering, leaving quite an impact on this writer. I can see why it's been performed from London's West End to Broadway and most places in between. Before the show, 6 of us enjoyed a delicious lunch at Craig's Royal Hotel. Seafood proved most popular in various forms, and I realise now that I was the only person not to order it, opting for the ever popular "parmie", something I don't often order. It was a great start to a very enjoyable event and I'd love to see us do it again sometime as a club.

The Ballarat South Rotary Community Assistance **Raffle** is up and running and as I write this, 4 raffle transaction purchases have been recorded with sales totalling \$105, meaning our club has raised \$73.50. Well done Goldfields Car Club!

Our ladies coffee mornings at the **Olive Grove** have begun again after the Christmas break and I'd love to see more of the Goldfields lady members there. Mark the 4th Wednesday of your diary each month at 10am and come along for a casual hour of great coffee, tea or beverage of your choice and even better company!

Jodie Wakefield – President



Sunday 22nd March Car Run

Eynesbury Market

Leaving 10am East Bus Exchange

Lunch options:

Mrs Peacocks Café \$25-\$40 Contact Bill Loader for booking Ph 0428 519 231

Food trucks

B.Y.O. Picnic

REPORT – Coffee Run

February coffee run.

Fifteen members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon with lunch and good company at the new eatery at the Buninyong Golf club. Thank you to all members that attended.



REPORT – Club Run

On Sunday February 22nd we held our monthly car run. Four cars with eight people left Strides car park on a mystery run that took us out Remembrance Drive. We arrived at Learmonth via Weatherboard Rd where we became involved in a cycling event. Out the Sunraysia Highway, turning into Eastern Peake Rd, onto Addington-Creswick Rd, then onto Creswick Ascot Rd. From Creswick we travelled on the Bungaree- Creswick Rd turning at Pootilla and made our way back to Kirks Reservoir for a picnic in the gardens. We enjoyed a pleasant picnic under huge trees in peaceful surroundings. A drive of approx. 90kms.

Thanks to ;

Trevor & Faye – Jaguar

Lyle & Peter -Jaguar

Jodie & Rob -Mercedes

June & Wayne -Porsche

For supporting the run.

Wayne.



REPORT – Club Run Burrumbeet Twilight Run

It was such a lovely afternoon that at 5 pm we decided we would go to the Goldfields Burrumbeet Picnic.

When we arrived, there was a good turn up of people sitting around in a large circle on their chairs chatting away with one another.

17 to be exact we made 19.

Some room was made for us to join in with all that was going on.

It was lovely sitting there under the branches of the beautiful large trees in the shade they were providing for us.

We had a terrific view of the lake shinning in the sun in all its glory.

There was plenty of bird life enjoying the time of day and lake as well.

It was especially lovely to see a large squadron of pelicans swimming together.

After a few nibbles and a drink or two, out came the tables which were then dressed with tablecloth's and people started to have their meal and enjoy further bantering, laughter and a story or two as the sun started to set

After a while people started packing up and bidding each other goodbye, when one member had trouble with his car and was unable to go on his merry way home.

Not to worry though a few kindly soldiers went to his assistance and soon had that motor turning over.

Off we all went feeling very happy and content after such a terrific time with good people from the Goldfields Car Club once again.

Cheers Noellene Gleeson.



Birregurra Annual Car Show—14th February 2026

I met my daughter and my two grandchildren waiting for me when I arrived in Birregurra to exhibit our Ford Falcon XR Utility at the 3rd annual car show which was held last Saturday. My grandchildren were mainly concerned about the very innovative children's playground and cars were just a part of being there. Ice cream & jam donuts were the main items on their agenda.

The entire main street of Birregurra was closed to traffic, so as to accommodate all the very many participants which arrived to partake in this local car show. Our car was parked in the middle of the road, and all parks were taken by many and varied vehicles. Many unusual cars were present including Maserati and Ferrari along with more modern cars of obvious substance and speed. Our XR Ford utility was judged best utility in show which we were delighted with, as there were many very appealing utilities shown on the day. The entire town was a buzz with many car enthusiasts, both participants and on lookers. All the shops were doing great business and food shops doing very brisk trading.





Twin Sandmen

Chris O'Beirne

Items of Interest

March 1st

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

March 1st

Scarsdale Hotel Car Show 12pm

March 7th-8th

10am-4pm
Cobden Vintage Rally
73 Grayland St Cobden

March 8th

Clunes Historic Vehicle Show
Clunes Showgrounds

March 21st

Swap Meet and Car Show
Victoria Park Koroit

March 21st

Waubra Clearing Sale
Waubra Rec Reserve

April 6th

Show n Shine
Rheola Charity Carnival
8.30 am

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

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 10am depart East Bus Exchange	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231
	Wednesday 25th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
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 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	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 27th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Thursday 28th <i>Please note change of date</i>	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 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
June	<i>Weekend of 27th</i>	<i>Club Weekend</i>	<i>Lets wander to Wodonga Catchup with Wodonga Car Club and enjoy climes Details TBA.</i>	<i>Francis & Chris 0417 129 373</i>
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 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 26 th	Club/Birthday run	TBA	President
August				
	Wednesday 26 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
September				
	Wednesday 23 rd	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
October				
	Wednesday 28 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926
November	Wednesday 25 th	Ladie's Coffee catchup	Olive Grove Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Marg Gavan 0408 334 926