



Goldfields Gazette

Newsletter of the Goldfields Car Club Inc.

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Six-door, Eight-seat 1970 Falcon XY Limousine

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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

When it comes to rare cars, they don't come rarer than a car that is the only one ever made. That is the case with this bespoke Ford XY 6 door Falcon wagon. This factory-built beauty was reportedly commissioned by Ford Australia to transport visiting US executives when visiting. Originally rolling off the production line in September 1970 as a standard wagon it was sent to the car dealer giant BS Stilwell's ford workshop in Kew to undertake its limousine conversion. It was fitted with Fairmont interior and exterior trim and included a GT dash and steering wheel, power was provided by a 302 V8.

Later the car was sold to TAA and used as a courtesy car in Tasmania. It was then shipped to Nauru before making its way back to Australia in 1984. It was put up for auction in 2022 but failed to sell.

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

Coffee Run

Thursday 11.September 2025... Coffee Club.

On a wintry afternoon, 12 members met at the lovely renovated "Cross Roads Coffee Bar" (used to be a music shop) on Skipton St. with a good view of all the heavy traffic that traversed that tight "V" corner. The Coffee Bar had delicious well stocked cakes etc. & coffee for refreshments. Four members celebrating birthdays. John D. and Gordon and Pam all 80 years young...O.B.E., congratulations, and Wayne who's much younger.

Our host Erin looked after us, which was good, & so was the fellowship between members.
Report from Wayne.

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.

President's Report

Hi all,

Another enjoyable social month with the club with our most recent Daylesford Mill Market run on Sunday. On the way, the 12 participants stopped at the Moorabool Reservoir picnic grounds which was a lovely surprise to me as I haven't visited there before! Such beautifully maintained gardens, bountiful bee-covered blossoms and several picnic areas to choose from. What a delightful hidden gem we got to enjoy all on our own for our morning cuppa stop. The still cool spring air was gently warmed by the sun, and if you stood with arms wide, inviting it in like I did, you could feel the promise of summer beckoning.

The Mill Market was very busy as it was a long weekend but we managed to find seats to enjoy some delicious food and great service. I was very happy to find my favourite Mulled Wine spice mix amongst those hundreds of stalls full of the most amazing eclectic mix of items for sale.

Due to work commitments, I missed the coffee run last month at Cross Roads Coffee Bar which was most unfortunate as it's right across the road from where we live and is now our 'local' cafe! Erin, Royce and Mikayla really enjoyed having our club there though and would love to have us back for a private party again soon!

The Olive Grove ladies' coffee morning is something I look forward to every month and it did not disappoint. Much laughter and mischievous, twinkling eyes accompanied the stories of younger days including adventures on motorbikes even. Who knew?! It's such a pleasure to get to know the club ladies in an informal setting. Please do consider joining us there on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 10-11am. Just turn up; no need to let anyone know in advance. We have a standard booking.

Warmest regards,

Jodie Wakefield

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

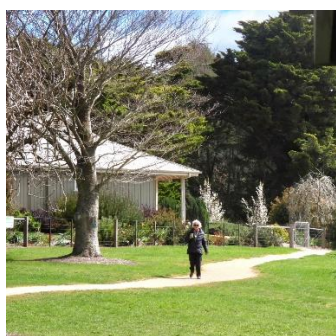
Stadium Jackets

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

Monthly run for September. Peter Roger's led us on a tour through the green countryside stopping for a morning tea break at the Moorabool reservoir picnic area. Gardens at their best with lots of blossom and Camelia's in full bloom. Then onto Daylesford through the bush arriving at the Mill market for a short browse before lunch in the Cafe. Thirteen members and one guest attended. The weather and the company made an enjoyable day. Thanks to all that attended. Trevor P



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!

September 28- October 4

Model T Ford National Rally Ballarat various locations. Geoff 0428 245 832

October 4 Buangor

Truck, Car, Vintage Bikes and Machinery
10am Buangor Sports Centre.

October 5

Blackwood Car Show and Shine
Blackwood Recreation Reserve.

October 24-26

Wimmera Highlight Tour
Dooen Hall. Bruce Brody 0428 825 353

November 8

Colac Car Show

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



CALENDAR

Sept	Thursday 11	Coffee Run	Crossroads Coffee Bar 32 Skipton St Ballarat Central Meet at venue 2pm	Wayne 0448 230 947
	Wednesday 17	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 24	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 28	Club Run	Daylesford Meet at East Ballarat Bus Exchange Departing 10am BYO morning tea Lunch and tour at The Convent	Peter Rogers 0408 171 829 Ring Peter for lunch numbers.
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	