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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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Remember meeting time will continue to be 7.30pm.

Newsletter Contributions

Reports, articles, and other items to be forwarded to the Editor by no later than 5 pm on the first Thursday of each month for inclusion in the next Newsletter. Written contributions should be lodged in MS Word, and photos lodged in JPG format. (Late items will be included in the following issue.)

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.

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.

COVER CAR

Porsche 944s. 1988.

In 2016 Wayne and his wife retired to Ballarat. After settling in to our new Ballarat home, Wayne started to think about joining a car club, as an interest to occupy his time. As Wayne wasn't computer literate, there was a quick lesson on how to get into Car Sales.com. So much to see and many hours spent looking. As they didn't have much room, the Corvette Stingray was out of the question. Wayne also realised his preference for a fast Holden was also out of the budget, so the search for a smaller sports car started. Thinking Mazda MX5, & BMW Z3 but when Wayne mentioned that he had liked Alpha Romeo GTV6 from the 70s, it was suggested a 944 Porsche. The search for a 944s was getting serious and his guards red coloured 944 with black leather interior, was found in Adelaide. After numerous phone calls, Wayne hopped on a V Line Bus and was in Adelaide for inspection of the car pronto. The owner was a retired mechanic, who owned his own business. The car has full history and was immaculate in presentation. The deal was done, money changed hands and Wayne drove the car home to Ballarat without a hitch up. Wayne now owns a Porsche!



President's Report

Greetinga all,

Another full, well supported month has passed. The club run to Beac was a case in pint with fourteen vehicles attending this great day.

Our AGM Is approaching, please note the date.

The nomination form for next year's executive, committee and non-committee positions is being distributed.

Please consider any of the positions so that you can influence you clubs direction for the coming year.

Our birthday dinner is also soon so don't forget to make sure your name is on the list and your \$10/ahead is in an envelope with your name on it and at the next meeting.

Ray

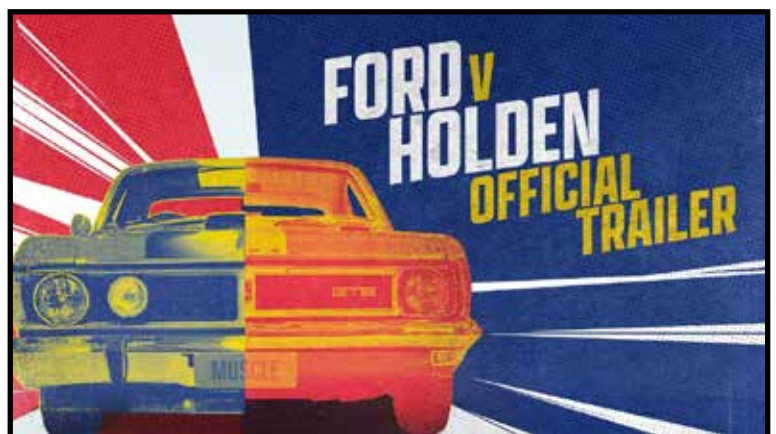
Coffee Run May 9th

In spite of dark clouds nineteen members turned out .

First stop was to The new memorial on Old Melbourne road..where we were given a brief history of its instigation by Faye Parry. Light rain fell as we departed for a short run to a shed with a private collection.

Our host shared his history and knowledge of vintage motorcycles which are his passion. Also a number of vintage cars. Leaving in heavier rain we had a short drive to the Provodore for afternoon tea.

Thankyou to all that attended..regards Trevor



The above documentary is now available on BINGE and FOXTEL. Doco has a number of commentators including race car drivers, Colin Bond, Dick Johnson, Holden Stylists Phil Zmood and Richard Ferlazzo and even our Norm makes an appearance.

You can watch a trailer on Youtube, searching [Ford v Holden](#).

Goldfields Car Club Run to Beeac Pub and publican's car collection

Sunday 26th May 2024

On a glorious autumn day, we gathered at Strides Greyhound carpark for the usual chat and admiring glances at our fancy cars before joining the leisurely one-hour cruise to Beeac.

In the function room at the back of the Beeac Pub 30 of us ordered drinks to start while perusing the menu of a mixture of pub classics and more modern creations. While we waited for our meals to be prepared, including the generous complimentary cheesy garlic bread, we were treated to a display and history of the stunning collection of just 10 of Ean McDowell's amazing vehicles.

They ranged from a Billie cart and Vespa to a couple of Rileys and an ASA Ferrari, designed specifically by Enzo Ferrari himself as an everyday small car. The plan was to build 3,000 but they were apparently too expensive for the American market, and they made only 119 - that final #119 is now housed in Ean's shed. Also on display was a Bugatti open wheel racer and a Formula Junior, a 4-cylinder "baby Ferrari" as Ean calls it, complete with his name sign written on it.

He purchased at least two of his vehicles internationally; one each from Barcelona and Paris and owns approximately 70 vehicles in total!

My favourite, aside from the Vespa similar to what I got my motorcycle licence on many years ago, was the 2-tone black and metallic blue 1953 Lancia Appia Series 1. She had lovely curves!

Even the shed itself is of historic value, being the original stables of the pub, resurrected by Ean and his wife Dorothy, who runs the kitchen. They took over the Beeac Pub in 2012 and celebrated its centenary in May 2014 following a make-over.

After lunch several of us who obviously hadn't eaten enough of their very generous meals, rolled ourselves down to the corner lolly shop, previously a draper's store, for another very generous serving of yummy ice cream. Also available is a huge selection of some 400 different types of lollies, ranging from gobstoppers to bananas and even one million dollar note bars of chocolate! Some members wandered across the road to the windmill park, created to honour the six windmill makers who called Beeac home from the 1890s to the 1940s. There's half a dozen or so old windmills, standing tall together, the breeze bringing to life the creak and rattle of each as they turn slowly.

The sunshine and blue sky remained for the drive back to Ballarat and a lovely day was had by all. Many thanks to Bill & Judy Loader for organising! Jodi.





Coffee Run/Lunch

Thursday 13th June 2024:- Lunch at Wallace Hotel.
 Meet at the Wallace Hotel at 11.30am in your collectible cars to join The Petrol Sniffers Cars.
 RSVP to Wayne 0448 23 947 please. Hope everyone can join us.

Club Run Information

Sunday 30 th June 2024. Leave Strides Car Park at 9.30 am.
 Morning tea and toilet break bring or purchase, at Beaufort. Leave Beaufort at 10.50am,
 travel through Ararat and Moyston, arriving at Barney's Bar& Bistro, Pomonal, for lunch.
 After lunch, there is a short trip to The Hall Gap Zoo -- approx. 6ks. Hopefully we will get
 good weather, so we can spend as much time as you need, have fun, then make your own way
 home. \$40-- per person. \$35-- concession. \$20-- children.
 Distance approx. 137 kms to Zoo. Info phone Wayne on 0448 230 497

Jun	Thursday 13	Coffee Run	Coffee Run/Lunch Meet at Wallace Hotel 11.30am. This is the same day as the Petrol Sniffers lunch	Wayne & June Harrop 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/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 30	Club Run	Halls Gap Zoo Meet at 9.30 Strides Greyhound Car Park Morning Tea Beaufort BYO or buy. Lunch at Pomonal - Barney's Bar & Bistro	Wayne & June Harrop 0448 230 947

BIRTHDAY LUNCH AT BULL & MOUTH MARYBOROUGH

PLEASE HAVE \$10.00 PER HEAD IN AN ENVELOPE FOR THE TREASURER AT THE JUNE MEETING TO SECURE YOUR PLACE. MEAL WILL BE SUBSIDIZED FOR MEMBERS

2024		GOLDFIELDS CAR CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS		Events & details subject to change
Jul	Thursday 11	Coffee & Chat	Lilly's at Eureka Meet at Venue 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 17	Club AGM	Lion's Den 7.30pm Election Night	
	Wednesday 24	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 28	Club Run	Maryborough BIRTHDAY RUN & LUNCH	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
Aug	Thursday 8	Coffee Run	Mystery Run	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 21	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Friday 23 - 26	CLUB WEEKEND	TOCUMWAL 3 night trip	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 28	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Sept	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	Tulips Lambley Nursery & Gardens Ascot Coffee at Clunes	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 25	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 29	Club Run	Daffodils Kyneton	Steve Kelly & Julie Wilson 0435 428 915 0400 126 870
Oct	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Wednesday 16	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 23	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Saturday/Sunday 26/27	Club Run/Weekend	Dunolly Gold Festival Weekend (Free camping available at the Oval)	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
Nov	Thursday 14	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Sunday 17	Club Run	Moonambel Patina Breakdown	Frances & Chris O'Beirne 0488 464 500 0417 129 373
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 27	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am New faces welcome Chris/Marg	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Dec	Sunday 8	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	

THE BIG RED GUM, RIVER RUN

Chris and I have been busy putting together a Goldfields Car Club 3 day (3 nights) run staying in Tocumwal NSW. The intention is to leave Ballarat at an acceptable hour on Friday morning 23rd August and return home on Monday 26th. However, how long and where you stay is up to you. I have chosen

“The Boomerang Way Tourist Park”

PH: 1800 888 987,

www.boomerangwaytouristpark.com.au



The parks are all very comparable price wise but this one seemed just a bit better and it also has an extra-large camp kitchen for our after hours shenanigans.

- 4 Motel rooms 2 people \$125.00 PN All prices are for 2 people
- 2 Open Plan Cabins 2 adults + 2 children \$135.00 PN
- 2 x 2-bedroom cabins 2 adults + 2 children \$155.00 PN
- 1 x 2-bedroom poolside villa Both bedrooms queen bed }
- 1 x 2-bedroom poolside villa. B/R 1 Queen B/R 2, has 2 single beds } \$190. PN
- 1 x 2-bedroom poolside villa B/R 1 Queen B/R 2 double }
- Caravan sites are: - \$40 PN Powered. En-suite \$52 PN

I am not insisting that you stay at this park, but a discount will be offered if we have adequate bookings.

I do strive to keep costs to a minimum on trips like this, but at present I am completely discombobulated by what a dollar used to buy compared to what it does today.

I recon we have put together a pretty good weekend for you, but now I need to tidy up the loose ends before presenting you with the complete itinerary. If you intend to join us on this late August run, I suggest that you make your accommodation arrangements ASAP because Tocumwal is a pretty popular place especially in winter. If you need to know more, please phone Frances on **0448 464 500**.

(Trust me.....We will have a HOOT)





GOLDFIELDS

Yes.....time for another birthday???????,

No not yours thank goodness, but OURS.

This Birthday will be celebrated in Maryborough, Central Victoria.
Norm Darwin has lined up a visit for us to admire some very inspiring

Rare GMH Monaro's

which are owned and appreciated by Malcolm Stork

(Son of Honorary Goldfields member Marleen Stork)

We will look forward to gathering in Masters car park (west end) for a prompt 10am departure.

SUNDAY JULY 28th

Our birthday lunch will take place after this interesting visit at the

Bull & Mouth Hotel in the main street of town, where we will

Enjoy a 2-course meal for \$32.00 however our members will be subsidised

by the Club for \$22.00 which entitles members to pay only \$10.00 per head.

Guests and non-members are required to pay the full price of \$32.00 per head.

We will end the afternoon by enjoying a piece of Birthday Cake with our coffee.

We need to know if you will be accompanying us to Maryborough by or before 11/7/24

as the hotel needs numbers by that date.

If your \$10/head is not at the next club meeting you will have to get it to the Treasurer by 11/7/24.

Late entries cannot be accepted.

Further advise from Frances or Chris

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