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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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Other Car Events

Feb-09	Hanging Rock	June 7-9	Echuca Steam & Horse Rally
Mar 7-9	Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport	Jun-29	Ballarat Road Rodders Swap The Fridge
Mar 8-10	Chrysler Tour - Ballarat	Aug-31	Federation Picnic Marong
Mar-09	Historic Commercial Veh Display Clunes	Oct-12	Bathurst
Mar 13-16	Grand Prix	Oct 17-19	Moto GP Phillip Island
Apr - 5-6	Melb Motor Show	Oct 18-19	Bay to Birdwood SA
Apr-06	All Ford Day - Geelong 100th Anniversary	Nov 1-2	Lake Godsmith Steam & Vintage Rally
Apr-26	All British Bike Day Maldon	Nov 15-16	Bendigo Swap
May 3-4	Lake Goldsmith Steam & Vintage Rally	Nov-30	Ballarat Springfest
May 24-25	Winton Historic Racing		

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello everyone.

I am writing my report late as usual. I do not have a lot to report this month as everything seem to be going smoothly.

So far, this year the program committee has arranged several good outings and after attending their meeting during the month I am sure that members will not be disappointed at what is planned.

The committee always welcomes members to make suggestions, plan and lead outings.

At our March meeting a speaker from the C.F.A . will speak to us about fire prevention in the home.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

President Peter.

WELFARE

Goldfields members wish Trevor all the best for his continued treatment.

EDITOR

Could all articles and pics for newsletter please send to heatherdarwin@bigpond.com

If you know of a member not well please inform editor so best wishes can go to that member.

Club Run at February at Eureka Gardens

Alternate venue was Eureka gardens. Moorabool res closed because of fire ban. Weather wise it was very pleasant at the gardens for our picnic lunch. Later in the afternoon we all wandered down to the Cafe for coffee.



Federation Picnic

BYO or food available.

Leaving Strides car park Sutton st at 9am Food and drink available on site or BYO picnic lunch



**Sunday 30th March
2025**

**Tea Tree Lake Park
Mortlake**

**Catered by Lions &
CWA, Coffee with
The Girls.**

**Camperdown Lakes
& Craters Band.**

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Federation Mortlake Picnic 2025

Tea Tree Lake Park, Mortlake



Chrome & Coffee



2025	GOLDFIELDS CAR CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS			Events & details subject to change
Feb	Wednesday 5	Twilight Run	Burrumbeet Picnic BYO Everything Meet at Caravan Park Memorial Drive 5.30pm	
	Thursday 13	Coffee & Chat	Ballarat Golf Club Meet at Venue 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Sunday 9	American Chrome & Coffee	Lake Wendouree North Gardens 10am - 4pm Volunteers 8.30am	John Smyth 0418 399 339
	Wednesday 19	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 23	Club Run	Moorabool Reservoir Picnic at Moorabool Meet at Ballarat East bus exchange 11.30 BYO everything BBQ and shelter and toilet available. Note gas BBQ works well. Plenty of shade.	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 26	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Mar	Wednesday 5	Twilight Run	Buninyong Gardens BYO Everything Meet at Gardens 5pm	
	Thursday 13	Lunch Run	Shezza's 50s Diner Old Melb Rd Ballan. Meet East Ballarat Bus Exchange to leave at 11.30am sharp. Run approx 34k. Back roads.	Steve Kelly & Julie Wilson 0400 126 870
	Wednesday 19	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 30	Club Run	Federation Picnic Mortlake	Picnic Lunch - BYO everything
	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
Apr	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	TBA	Bruce Kerr 0438 394 026
	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
	Sunday 27	Club Run	Avenue Tours & Pub Lunch	Brian & Margaret Gavan
May	Sunday 8	Coffee Run		Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Sunday 11	Run	Andersons Mill- Heritage Open Day - Mothers Day	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 14	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Wednesday 21	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 25	Club Run	Maroona Museum & Local cars	Faye Parry Picnic Lunch BYO
Jun	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	TBA	Bill & Judy Loader
	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	Campbells Creek & Pub Lunch	

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Jul	Thursday 10	Coffee Run	Lilly's @ Eureka	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 27	Club Run	Birthday Party Lunch	
Aug	Thursday 14	Coffee Run		
	Sunday 17	Club Run		
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Sept	Thursday 11	Coffee Run		
	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/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
		Club Run		
Oct	Thursday 9	Coffee Run		
	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/Marg Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Nov	Thursday 14	Coffee Run		
	Saturday 16		Bendigo Swap	
	Sunday 17	Club Run		
	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 Free parking at front in Sturt St	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Dec	Sunday 7	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 11	Coffee Run		
	Wednesday 17	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	

COVER CAR

Francis O'Beirne's 1958 Austin Series 1 Lancer was purchased from a careful owner last year and is in excellent condition. Francis is still learning to drive it, not remembering to turn the ignition on before pressing the starter button. The rest is a breeze she tells me.

The Series I (Introduced March 1958) and Series II Austin Lancer (introduced July 1959) were the Australian-built version of the English Wolseley 1500 with longer front and rear panels, small fins at the rear and new grilles.

BMC Australia built the Morris Major and Austin Lancer between 1958 and 1964. Introduced in 1958, the Series I cars were designated DO1101 and developed from the contemporary Wolseley 1500 and Riley One-Point-Five models that were then went sale in the United Kingdom. They were produced at BMC Australia's Victoria Park plant at Zetland in Sydney, Australia and were unique to Australia, containing up to 98% local content. The Morris Major/Austin Lancer/Wolseley 1500/Riley One-Point-Five all shared the same core design, originally developed as a possible replacement for the Morris Minor but launched as Wolseley and Riley models when the Minor refused to die.

The DO1101 was a lightweight, close-coupled saloon incorporating the front torsion bar/rear leaf spring suspension, floor pan and rack and pinion steering from the Morris Minor. All models were powered by the B series power unit of 1,489 cc, mated to an MG Magnette type 4-speed manual transmission.

Although comparatively modest, the Major/Lancer was quite a modern car with a generally high level of comfort, quality and value. And sporting: specially prepared cars were raced into the early 1960s.

The Series II models, designated DO1115, were released in July 1959 and were thoroughly re-engineered and subsequently better received than the Series I models. They had an extended wheelbase, tailfins and new front sheet metal.

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