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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.



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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		

Peter's Australia day speech

Good morning, everyone.

Welcome to the Goldfields Car Club picnic to celebrate Australia day 2025.

We have two reasons to celebrate this day.

1. On 26 January 1788, 11 British ships carrying 1,023 people finished their voyage from Portsmouth, England at Sydney Cove.
It was here that Captain Arthur Phillip raised the flag of Great Britain and proclaimed a colonial outpost. As the historian David Kemp documents in his book on Australian history, "Fortunately it is in part an accident of history that we were settled by the British and not some other European or Asian country".
2. There was another important event that took place on January 26th 1949, when the Nationality and Citizenship Act of 1948 came into effect.

All of us fortunate enough to be born in this great country prior to and after the 26th of January 1949 automatically became Australian citizens and not British Subjects.

It did not require any determined effort on our behalf to have the privilege of becoming an Australian citizen. It is not Racist to love our country and be a proud Australian.

But it says something very good about the country that we have built together that so many people from all around the world aspire to be Australians, and go to great lengths to make their home here.

Traditionally, Councils hold Citizenship ceremonies on this date for those who Immigrate here and wish to become Australian citizens.

Despite an unfavourable start for the convicts and the free settlers who were transported here to an unknown land and formed the new nation that by the 1870s economists believe was the richest country in the world. They achieved nationhood without revolution or civil war.

While we are not a perfect nation and we do not have a faultless history, what we have today and the progress we have made is worthy of celebrating our many achievements.

God bless Australia.

Thank you all for attending this function and may we celebrate many more together in the future.

President Peter



Members witnessing raising the Australian Flag.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2025

It has always been the practice of our club for the organiser of a monthly run to elect another member to do a write up for whatever event or run we had attended the previous month.

Australia Day I completely forgot to do this so here I am sitting at this computer unsure if the internet out here will let me see my completed story all the way through to print!

However, I wish to sincerely thank all those brave souls that cheerfully took on my stupidity as far as games were concerned. My previous life has always been on a rural note and showing horses, dogs, sheep and cattle, I have had much experience over the years. After watching a rural program on the ABC some time ago, I noticed a perfect BUM competition which was held in Julia Creek Qld. This comp got me thinking and to make the idea a little more acceptable to our members I decided to make our participants cattle, and call their derrieres rumps instead. So, I got to work and made several Rosettes and put together cheap trophies. And as far as how the comp was going to be judged I didn't know until I got there. My butcher mate who did say earlier he would judge for me turned out to be unavailable so you had to have me instead.

I can't clearly remember the results of each judging section, but the main ones were Champion Female rump Bronwyn Jamieson, Champion Male rump Peter Bond. But let me say all entries were very worthwhile of a prize. But for good reason Peter was awarded Supreme Champion.

Best dressed farmer of the day turned out disappointing because Bill Loader who was voted as the best had left the building, so the next best (with 1 point difference) was Wayne Harrop. This comp turned out to be a family affair with June Harrop winning the female section.

The big event of the day was the Male Baking Competition. This year Anzac biscuits were selected for our boys to show their baking ability. The best cook of the day turned out to be Norm Darwin, and as I knew who the winner was in advance, I went and selected one of his Anzacs and yes, the judge did a good job. I owe a great deal of gratitude to our judges Joanne & Igor Tomazic for taking the time to hang around and listen to our imbecility. Whilst Joanne handled the biscuit comp her husband Igor went out and picked out the car that he would most like to take home, and how thrilled was I when he handed me the piece of paper with the Austin written on it. Just as well he didn't take it home because I doubt, he would have any hope of fitting into it.

Happy fun days such as we had Aust. Day would not happen without our hard-working members. Thank you all, for your generosity of time and effort. We all put in for the success we enjoy in our car club. And remember it is not every body that can prove they have the best bum in the club, so there we go, another feather in Peters hat. (or rump).

Frances O'B





Food and Hi Jinks at Australia Day



Coffee run Dec. A small and friendly group attended the last coffee run for 2024 Venue was Warrenheip old mill market. Highlight was viewing old and interesting bits and pieces.

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	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	Coffee Run	TBA	Steve Kelly & Julie Wilson
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Saturday 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 11	Run	Andersons Mill- Heritage Open Day - Mothers Day	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 15	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	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
	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	

AMERICAN *Chrome* AND COFFEE - BALLARAT

Annual Car Display Sunday Feb.9 2025

North Gardens by Lake Wendouree, Ballarat.
Time: From 9am onwards

Come and enjoy a fabulous display of those magnificent U.S. autos of the 1940s, 50s & 60s thanks to the valued support of Ballarat City Council once again making it possible for the public to view these cars in their original condition.
Co-hosted by Ballarat Goldfields Car Club.

Bring your sandwiches and Thermos and enjoy an old fashioned picnic lunch. Or visit Piper's Restaurant just across the road. Fresh coffee available on site.

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