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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.)

Thanks to Norm for this months newsletter, as Ed got a new hip.

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

The 1974 HJ Holden Kingswood ute was purchased from a used car yard in Ballarat in October 2017.

The idea had been to look for a WB Holden ute but due to lack of availability of something in good condition this turned out to be quite a challenge.

The decision was then made to find something suitable for restoration.

An advertisement was placed in the Weekly times, hoping for a barn find, there were 6 responses, plenty of chats with farmers who each told what they had, but in summary not a good outcome, a bingle here and there and lot of rust and mechanical mysteries.

The day after placing the advertisement the 1974 HJ was noticed parked on the street outside a car yard.

It had been purchased interstate by a couple from Ballarat, after holding it for a short time they decided that a 4-door sedan would be better for their needs.

It was apparent that the restoration had been very thorough.

Very soon after the purchase a trophy was awarded for the Best Commercial vehicle in the 2017 RACV Fly The Flag Alpine Tour.

Stuart

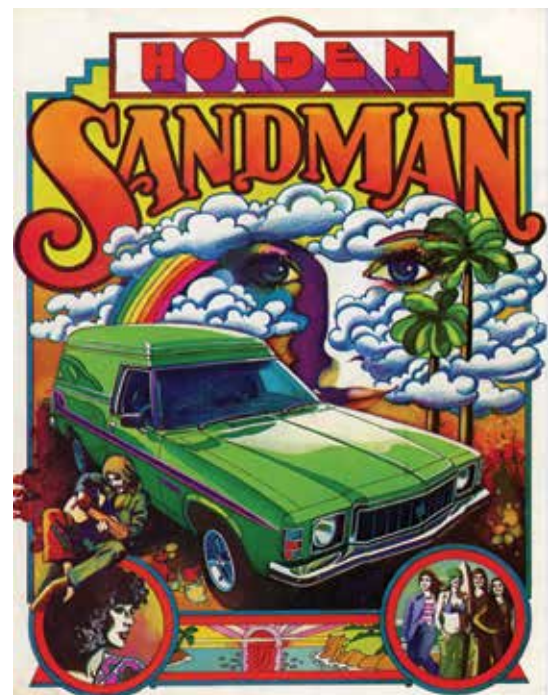
SANDMAN Utes and Panel Vans

The Sandman was born in January 1974 on the HQ series but was the result of a trend in the late 1960s by young surf orientated youth towards dressed up panel vans, often tagged "sin bins".

Holden tested the market in March 1972 building a Kingswood ute show vehicle with a 350 V8, Statesman interior and GTS parts. It's called the Ewe't as it was trimmed with sheep skin. The de Van followed a year later then came the Sandman based on the HQ series in January 1974.

The formula was simple, add options like a V8, 4-speed transmission, GTS instruments, sports steering wheel and road wheels plus stickers and parts from the GTS and the Belmont panel van and ute was transformed into a Sandman. The Kingswood Sandman was only available in the utility model.

The Sandman continued into the HJ series in October 1974 and then with new decals into the HX and HZ series. The build was controlled with an option number XX7. They are easy to reproduce as "Tributes" and bring good prices as a collectible model. ND



VALE Neil Joiner

Many of you will not know of Neil, he was the driving force behind the Trafalgar Holden Museum and sadly lost his long battle with cancer last Thursday. Neil, a keen collector of all things Holden, purchased the Trafalgar Dairy Processing Plant about 14 years ago and was using it to house his collection. He came to Ballarat and asked what I thought of him opening it as a museum. The Museum opened 10 years ago and is currently undergoing a large expansion as it now houses most of the Holden Heritage vehicles, boosted recently by the closing of the Echuca Holden Museum. The funeral is this Wednesday. Neil will be missed. ND

COFFEE RUN & LUNCH WALLACE HOTEL



In place of an afternoon coffee run, we met at The Wallace Hotel for lunch. 19 members met with The "Petrol Sniffers" to enjoy a meal and chat. There were some interesting cars, but many chose to travel in their modern cars because of the chilly 9^oc weather.

Apologies from Bill and Judy, Norm and Heather, Brian and Noni.
Thank you for your support. Wayne H.

HALLS GAP ZOO CLUB RUN

Sunday the 30th June. On a cool clearing morning 14 members plus 3 guests met at strides carpark in anticipation of a day out, culminating with a visit to the Halls Gap Zoo. We set off at 9.30am heading out Carghnam Rd to Beaufort, where we met 2 members waiting for us. We enjoyed morning Tea in the sunshine, under the partly enclosed shelter.

Leaving at 10.50am we continued along the Western Hwy, passing through Ararat, and Moyston before arriving at Barneys Bar & Bistro Pomonal. Our young guests were pleased that Nuggets & chips were on the menu. We were all looked after at the Bistro, even given a brief history of the venue by our host.

4 members decided they didn't need to visit the zoo. The Halls Gap Zoo is another 6kms up the road. The rest of us had a great time, especially, our young guests. The weather prediction must have kept the tourists away, and we almost had the zoo to ourselves. A great day out, good venues and good company. Thanks. Wayne H.

HALLS GAP ZOO CLUB RUN cont.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES for the period July 2024 to June 2025

The amount of the GCC annual subscription is determined at the Annual General Meeting for the following financial year.

The AGM is scheduled for 17th July 2024

Annual Membership Fees are due and payable within one calendar month of the AGM.

Given the financial position of the club it can be expected that the current level of payment will be unchanged:

Annual Membership: Family \$50 Single \$45

Payment can be paid via any one of the following methods:

1. In cash or by cheque to the treasurer at the next meeting.
- OR**
2. By cheque mailed to the Club's postal address: The Treasurer PO Box 2039 Bakery Hill 3354
- OR**
3. Direct into the Club's bank account: (either at the bank **OR** on-line)

Account Name: Goldfields Car Club

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633108

Account Number: 108616640

Reference on the deposit form: Your Initials and Surname.

Should any assistance be required please contact Club Treasurer Stuart Bell. [M] 0487765294

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	

ITINERARY FOR THE BIG RED GUM, RIVER RUN

FRIDAY 23RD

Leave the Old Melbourne Road bus exchange at 9.00 am



Head through Daylesford toward Rushworth (See map)Pause in Malmsbury after travelling 80 Ks for morning tea. (SELF CATER in the park, by the lake OR PURCHASE)

Then let's keep truckin to Rushworth (111 Ks) Lunch in Rushworth. Bring your own or there is a good bakery among other eateries in town. Have a walk up the main street of this lovely old country town.

We will then head through Heathcote toward Nagambie. Onto Shepparton and then straight up the road to Invergordon, Katamatite and hopefully end up in Tocumwal NSW just in time to enjoy Happy Hour to celebrate our successful arrival. We will have stops along the way to investigate various points of interest, and comfort stations.

For our **Friday evening meal**, I have thought due to experiencing the food at the Farmers Arms Hotel, and who have agreed to supply a bus to collect us and bring us back home again to the Boomerang. For want of better knowledge I booked for us to be ready at 6.15 pm to catch the bus. That's after we have had a probably short "Happy hour". Or we could do happy hour at the hotel.

SATURDAY MORNING About (9.30 to 10.00) am we will gather to take the short journey to a most interesting power energy source called "The Drop" after which we will head to a significant aboriginal site called the Blow Hole. Apparently, this site is not as awe inspiring as it once was due to current atmospheric conditions, but never the less worthy of a little drive to view. We will then head to the Tocumwal Aviation Museum where we will, well and truly be entertained with the display and history of war years where young pilots were trained and lots of times died in their endeavour to learn how to fly a plane. There is an excellent café at this place for a coffee and something to eat if you feel war planes are not for you. This exhibit should take us about an hour or so if we take the time to look at the old footage of early planes and pilots being trained to go off to war with many not ever returning. This is a sobering exhibit which makes me wonder, knowing the state of the present world and particularly Australia for what did these young innocent men sacrifice their lives.

SATURDAY ARVO

As the Toc Airport has a really good café type facility, we can have a light lunch before heading off. The rest of the arvo is your free time until we gather at the Camp Kitchen in the Boomerang camp ground about 6 pm or earlier for happy hour and a (pot luck) meal. A couple of our ladies will volunteer to accompany me to the supermarket to purchase food to enjoy a BBQ for tonight's meal.

I will be asking for a \$10.00 note from each person and I promise we will knock up a feed to fill us all. (Remember the 3 little fish and five loaves of bread.) and we will probably all receive change. After our meal (cooked by a couple of chaps who will volunteer won't they?) we may have some merriment and jocularly. To help along the jocularly I suggest you bring along a bottle (or 2) of your preferred wine. (or your preferred drink) As we are self-catering bring along a plate & cutlery including a spoon for sweets.

There is seating provided at the Camp kitchen but we may need to provide extra, so throw your chair and table in the boot (to be sure as the Irishman said when he applied the second condom) that we all have a seat. The theme for Saturday evening will be OUTRAGEOUS. Either ear rings or socks. Or to be super outrageous why not wear both?

SUNDAY MORNING. (9.00 am) Today we will head down the road (expect a small amount of gravel) to visit a national treasure (well I think) George Chrystie and his car museum. George is a person I would describe as just a true old-fashioned Aussie. This is not a pristine type museum that one would encounter in Deniliquin or Shepparton, but a collection of "Stuff" that this old guy has spent his many years collecting. Chris & I ended up spending the entire day with him. When our group eventually get away from Chrysties museum we have been invited to a private "Men's shed" of which we are told are some very respectable vehicles.

Lunch unplanned at this stage.

SUNDAY ARVO We are spoilt for choices this afternoon. But my suggestion is Cactus Country just a few K's out on the main road in Strathmerton. It is rather pricey at \$25.00 P.H but if you have a senior's card \$20,00 will be the admittance fee. I feel this is a great opportunity to see a very unusual type of garden. There is a bar & restaurant which I believe serves Cactus Cake. However, for those who dislike prickles, the very interesting old Railway Station is worth a visit. \$5.00 pp. entry. Wonderful stories and films about local people of old.

SUNDAY EVENING We may for our final night together, dine at the fine old 1908 Terminus Hotel. I didn't get the chance to try the food out but I reckon it should be OK, because the owner is a French lady and the ambiance of the interior and exterior of this old hotel is just to my taste.

Please Note

If you feel the accommodation, I have chosen does not suit you, please feel free to book elsewhere, as what I choose is not mandatory, but it will be the place where we will all gather for Saturday nights meal and leave from on our excursions.

AND the above itinerary may change, I am just advising of what is happening as far as I can tell at this time. Members of the Goldfields Car Club inc. have always been people who "go with the flow" and make the best of every situation that appears from time to time. That is why I feel very confident in arranging a stay away for the club because thank goodness "my sometimes" bad choices are forgiven by most members.

If you need more info call me on 0448 464 500. Frances



CLUB WEEKEND TOCUMWAL 3 NIGHT TRIP 23-26 AUGUST 2024

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 was not at the next club meeting you will have to get it to the Treasurer by 11/7/24.

See details of the club account on page five

Late entries cannot be accepted.

Further advise from Frances or Chris

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