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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.

CLUB CALENDAR See Page 8 & 9

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 QZ0971

In 2001 my Uncle Bill and Auntie Pam made the decision to purchase their first New Car. So began QZO adventures with the Murray family. Many memories were created with family and friends especial the grandchildren.

With the battle scar of altercation with a Mercedes Benz in the Woolsworths carpark. My poor Uncle was not very popular with my Auntie.

Time passes on and my darling Uncle Bill became ill and sadly passed away. My Auntie then became the sole owner of QZO. As time goes by and my Auntie turned Ninety. Time to hang up the Driver's License and let QZO go to create new memories.

My Auntie Pam contacted me, to come and pickup my car our beloved QZO. I am now the proud custodian of QZO.

Being part of Ballarat South Probus Club. I became friends with Bernie and KJ Nagle. They both approached me if asked me if I would be interested in becoming member of The Ballarat Goldfields Car Club. So along we both go to Lake Burrumbeet twilight meeting at Lake Burrumbeet 2023. I cannot express how grateful and appreciative of them both for giving me this opportunity to broaden my Social Life. Automatically I felt welcomed and accepted to this amazing Car Club. Also thank to Lyle Jamieson for nominating me along with KJ and Bernie.

So, I am in element surrounded by amazing men and women. Looking forward to the future with you all as QZO and I have amazing adventures with The Ballarat Goldfields Car Club.

Thank you.
Lea Freeman

Some Hyundai History

Hyundai doesn't seem like an old make to us, however it dates back to the Korean war when Chung Ju-Yung began repairing trucks for the US armed forces, his success led to an engineer and construction enterprise worth millions including the Hyundai motor company which was formed in 1967 producing the Ford Cortina. In 1975 five British auto engineers were hired including a BRM chassis engineer and the Pony, South Korea's first car was built using styling by Italian Giorgio Giugiaro's design studio and powertrain from Mitsubishi. The following year exports commenced. The Hyundai didn't arrive in Australia until Alan Bond acquired a licence in 1986, importing the Excel model and then the Sonata. By July 1986 9,300 Hyundai's had been sold here making it the No.1 importer.

Lea's Hyundai 2001 Sonata is the top of the range Executive Classique model, FWD, 2.7 litre V-6 with a 4-speed automatic transmission. New price \$27,980. Norm



Another visitor to the Darwin household, this 2018 Camaro was the last year Chevrolet built Camaro.

Converted to right hand drive by the former Holden Special Vehicle (HSV) factory.

This Camaro comes from a stable of beautiful cars.

WOW Heather wants one...

BUNINYONG GARDENS

21 members attended on this balmy evening to share a picnic lunch and socialize with fellow members in pleasant surroundings.

Thanks to all that attended...Trevor



GOLDFIELDS MARCH CLUB RUN TO EDDINGTON

On this cool autumn morning we gathered to start our run to Eddington for the annual sprints. A pleasant drive into a very dry countryside. Further north and the day cleared to be sunny and warm. Arrived safely and found shade for a cuppa.

Time trials are held on a bitumen closed road measured at one quarter mile. Vehicles age ranged from 1920 to eighties era. Comprising tourers, sports, specials and sedans. Also vintage racing motorcycles.

The day was well organized and catered for by local community groups, and well attended.

Amazing to watch some senior guys sending their older sports cars down the track with no fear..And kudos to the ladies for participating and showing the boys how it's done.

Lunchtime was pleasant as we got together in the shade of a tree just enough to cover us. A couple of lady members stayed in the shade while we went back to the track for the final runs of the day. Some good track times were made being dry. Fourteen seconds for a run is a fast run, and was achieved by a few.

Highlight for me was chatting to some of the older guys and their racing. They are willing to share their knowledge too.

A good day overall and arrived home safely...Trevor



MORE EDDINGTON



Photos Trevor and Peter B

Connor Smith Fundraising

At the last meeting I raised the possible future need to raise funds for young Connor Smith, tragically injured in the rock fall at Ballarat Gold Mine.

Connor will have a long and perhaps painful recovery and will need considerable financial support to meet his future medical expenses.

A go-fund me page has been set up. However, can I suggest the club waits until Connor's exact physical needs are known before making any donation and then target a specific need if that is agreed.

There is nothing to prevent the club committing future funding raising events, either in full or in part.

Our thoughts go to Sandra and Damien Smith and those who work at M & W. Norm

For Sale

1966 Sandrover Mini Caravan 10'6" 3 berth with full annex & awning, 2 new spare L/T wheels and tyres. \$4000.

Vintage Morris Radiator cap and Wilmot Breedon Temp gauge in working order \$250.

Pair of 1960's Miller Driving Lights excellent condition \$250.

Vintage clamp on running board luggage rack \$120.

1955 Howard Yeoman Rotary Hoe with Villiers Mk 40 7HP in running order with operating manuals \$350.

1955/6 Daimler Conquest Century bumper bars front and rear, good usable condition \$100 pair.

Gordon Roberts ph 0409773464.



COFFEE / LUNCH RUN GLENLYON

The March coffee run, organized by Gary and Judyth Armstrong turned into a lunch run to Glenlyon with members partaking

in an excellent meal under the vines.

A delightful setting at the Old Glenlyon General Store with the first signs of autumn appearing in the grape leaves that covered a pergola.

Unfortunately, Gary and Judyth didn't make it as Garry succumbed to a dreaded lurgy. The store dates back to the turn of last century and was a popular stop for the Glenlyon community and visitors to the nearby Loddon Falls, not that there was any water running this March.



Chryslers on the Murray 2024

After spending the weekend in Wodonga 2 weeks prior, we returned again, this time for the wonderful Chryslers on the Murray event. This is a huge weekend in the town with lots of Chryslers of many sorts to admire. The show its self-attracted 940 vehicles. This year we attended the Chrysler sprint races held on the Friday at a race track about 10 K's out of town. What a great spectator event this is. It was thrilling from start to finish. How great it was to witness old 6-cylinder Valiants head off newer V8 machines. What impressed me most was the age of the drivers of the older cars, and in most cases those older drivers were exceptionally good. It is great to witness the experienced, out drive the faster cars. Above is the Valiant that was driven by Leo Geoghegan in the infamous Hardie Ferodo Mt. Panorama race in the early seventies.

Saturday is judging day, and always hellishly hot. When one looks around the huge area where the event is held, it is hard to believe that there could be so many Chryslers in the country. I tend to admire the older vehicles rather than the shiny newer models. The winner in the S or R Series was friends of ours from Adelaide John & Chris Hunter with his recently restored black R Series. (Centre)



Frances O'B

2024	GOLDFIELDS CAR CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS			Events & details subject to change
Feb	Thursday 1	Twilight Run	Burrumbeet Picnic BYO Everything Meet at Caravan Park Memorial Drive 5pm	
	Thursday 8	Coffee & Chat	Ballarat Golf Club Meet at Venue 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Sunday 11	American Chrome	Lake Wendouree North Gardens 10am - 4pm	John Smyth 0418 399 339
	Wednesday 21	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Sunday 25	Club Run	Farm Tour BYO Everything, plus Picnic Lunch. Meeting at Strides at 9.15am, coffee stop at Skipton.	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231
	Wednesday 28	Ladies Coffee	The Olive Grove 1303 Sturt St 10am - 11am	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
Mar	Wednesday 6	Twilight Run	Buninyong Gardens BYO Everything Meet at Gardens 5pm	
	Thursday 14	Lunch Run	Glenlyon General Store Depart Ballarat East School Bus Exchange 11am	Gary & Judyth Armstrong 0427243643
	Wednesday 20	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	
	Saturday 23	Club Run	Eddington Sprints BYO Lunch Depart Ballarat East Bus Exchange 9.30am	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	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
Apr	Thursday 11	Coffee Run	Mystery Run Depart from Ballarat East Bus Exchange at 1.30pm	Bruce Kerr 0438 394 026
	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	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Thursday 25	Anzac Day	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 1-4pm	Ray Mason 0419 777 025
	Sunday 28	Club Run	Mt Mitchell Estate BYO Picnic LunchTour \$15p.p. Devonshire Tea \$15p.p. Depart Strides 9.30am. Members to place money in an envelope for Bill to pass on. \$15 /head .. Devonshire tea and\$15/head..for the tour BYO picnic lunch for a location to be announced. Learmonth area.	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231
May	Thursday 9	Coffee Run	Shed Tour (local) & Coffee Meet at Ballarat East School Bus Exchange 2pm	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	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	Chris Bell 0400 099 532 Margaret Gavan 0408 334 926
	Sunday 26	Club Run	Bolac Pub Lunch Meet at Strides Greyhound Carpark 11am	Bill & Judy Loader 0428 519 231 0418 519 231
Jun	Thursday 13	Coffee Run	Mystery Run	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 Strides Greyhound Car Park	Wayne & June Harrop 0448 230 947

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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	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	
	Thursday or Friday 22 or 23	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	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	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	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	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	



Ballarat Veterans Assistance Centre

Supporting the TRI Service Veteran Community

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The Ballarat Veterans Assistance Centre (BVAC) was established to assist all veterans and currently serving members of Australian Defence Force (ADF) and allied forces and their families.

The BVAC is located at 41 Barkly St, Ballarat East. We open 10am to 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday every week.

If the flag is flying, there will be someone there to talk with. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat. If we are closed, call the number on of this flyer and someone will answer. Or send us an email.

All veterans are welcome to our fortnightly sausage sizzles held 5pm to 7pm the Friday of DVA pension pay week. Weather may effect this event so drop us a line to confirm.

Money raised at the Anzac Day Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will go to the Veterans Assistant Centre.



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