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# Goldfields Gazette

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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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## 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.

### Annual Membership Fees are due and payable by 17 AUGUST 2024.

**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.
2. By cheque mailed to the Club's postal address: The Treasurer PO Box 2039 Bakery Hill 3354
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

## COVER CAR

We purchased our 1975 Chrysler Charger in July 2015 from Wagga Wagga.

The vehicle was originally purchased in Queensland from Don Faulkner Motors in Ipswich on 8-1-76. It has had subsequent owners in Glen Innes, Canberra and Wagga Wagga.

The VK range was introduced in October 1975 and superseded by the CL Valiant range in November 1976. The VK did not use the Valiant title, but the Chrysler name was promoted more strongly with Chrysler badging being used and displayed prominently on the VK range.

On inspecting the charger on a road trip to Wagga Wagga one weekend and finding it very original, but with a few minor issues we flew up the following weekend to pick it up and drive it back down the Hume.

It certainly created a few comments at fuel stops. We also had a family of mum, dad and three children in a Tarago who kept passing us for dad to have a good look and finally passing us with the three children in the back turning around to present us with the charger salute. It certainly made us smile.

While we had no trouble on the trip, the candle powered headlights have been replaced with halogens and the tired 4.3 litre motor refreshed by M&W.

The vehicle has proven reliable and a head turner in its Vintage Red paint and Boca-Raton brown seats.

David

## Presidents Report

Hello everyone.

Once again, we have enjoyed a busy month. From all reports Frances and Chris planned and conducted an interesting week end away at Tocumwal. The club is lucky to have them they always come up with excellent entertainment for us to enjoy. Thanks Frances and Chris.

Moving on our program committee, with contributions from members have an excellent agenda for the rest of the year.

Unfortunately, Dunolly has cancelled the camp out event that we planned to attend. Hopefully the replacement trip to see Ron Snyders collection will be a good compromise.

At the last meeting Shaun from Ambulance Victoria conducted an excellent refresher on the use of the defibrillator and spoke about Stroke awareness.

Next month the plan is to have a show and tell session, this will be conducted by Norm and the following month if all goes to plan Warren from Ballarat Community Health will make a power point presentation on fall prevention, then in November Jodie will be demonstrating how to record ICE { In case of an emergency } numbers in our phones. Emergency service know to look for these contact numbers in phones.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards Peter

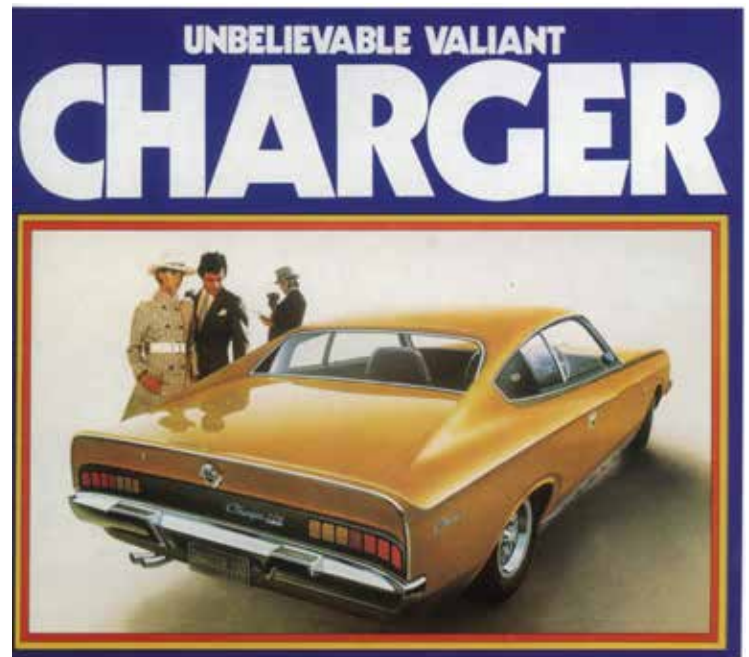


Plate 13 Early V6 Charger brochure with artist's impression and photographed match added. Production versions had single-exhaust outlet. The all moulding with circles and the strobe stripe were included on Charger 700s with E37 Six Pack engine option.



## Mobil Phone Presentation

At the November meeting, I'll be doing a presentation on how to add ICE & emergency numbers correctly into your phones so that in the unfortunate event that you are alone in an emergency situation & emergency services need to contact your family members, their numbers are accessible in the right place in your phone.

Different phones have a different process to do this so at the October meeting I'll get an idea of what brand phones you have so I can prepare correct information.

Jodie

## August coffee outing report

Twelve members enjoyed coffee and a chat at the Krooze Cafe at Mt Clear. Being a chilly day it was nice to share each other's company in this older style Café.

Sadly it's closing soon and will be a pizza shop.



## Last Meeting

The meeting was attended by Ambulance Victoria where a demonstration of the CPR unit was demonstrated with the help of Norm. Stroke symptoms were also discussed with the FACT acronym being stressed so that a possible stroke victim can get to a regional hospital within 6 hours .

**F**ACT - drooping,

**A**rms - unable to lift up,

**C**ommunication - unable to talk properly,

**T**ime - act in a timely manner to get an Ambulance

Photo Mike



## INVITE FROM VCCC

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Monthly Clun Run - Picnic At Mt Franklin (Trophy Points)

The Picnic at Mt Franklin is on again after a (long) pause due to covid. This is an interclub event with any other car clubs welcome to join us. Bring yourselves a picnic lunch and seats. Leaving from Ballarat Showgrounds in Creswick Road at 9.45am for a leisurely 70km drive through the countryside to arrive at the Mount about 11.15. After lunch feel free to continue your journey by visiting nearby Daylesford & Hepburn.

## Notice of Motion

Any member requiring the Goldfields Gazette to be posted out to be asked to give 12 Stamped self addressed envelopes to the Editor for a years supply of posted Gazettes. Moved at June committee meeting for decision by club members.

## BALLARAT CUP

Greetings Members, as you are no doubt aware the club has historically provided members to supervise parking at the Ballarat Cup. It is a great no risk fundraiser for the club and contributed over \$1,500.00 to our finances last year. It looks like we will be asked to undertake this task again this year. I am asking for members, where possible, to keep Dec 7<sup>th</sup> free. We require 12 people, to allow for rest breaks and the like. It would be great if you are able to assist with this and hopefully the weather is better than it has been for the last couple of years. I will be compiling a list of names as the cup gets closer.

Cheers Gerard Nagle





## The Goldfield's Car Club weekend in Tocumwal.

Brrrr, Ballarat is certainly cooler than Tocumwal – it is Wednesday after when I've settled down to write this following a quick trip to windy Bridge Street where the temperature was far less than the 13 expected. There was quite a bit of foot traffic supporting the shops that remain while the contractors eat up some more \$millions renovating the pavement.

Friday morning August 23rd. we gathered in Water Street in preparation for the Tocumwal adventure. A quick meet, greet and instructions followed and off we went. First stop was at Malmsbury for morning tea, then viewed the magnificent silo art at Colbinabbin before stopping at Rushworth for lunch. This always takes a bit longer because the ladies have to check the stock in the op-shops

Moving on we wound our way to Mooroopna and Shepparton then north in our case, Katamatite and Tocumwal. By the line up at the caravan park office, most arrived at about the same time. A few had come independently. We set up our caravan and prepared for happy hour in the camp kitchen. Our caravan and motorhome group had been sited all together near the camp kitchen.

At around 6.15 pm we gathered at the gate for pick up by Farmers Arms bus to take us out for dinner – the driver was concerned that he might need two trips but there just enough seats. It was an old pub but was popular and the food and service was good.

Ann and I went for a walk around the town on Saturday morning looking at the shops and houses paying attention to an older home which had been tastefully restored – little did we know we would visit it later to view a collection of cars.

Saturday morning Frances and Chris led us on an interesting drive through the flat countryside to view a diversion lock in the local irrigation system called "The Drop" on the Mulwala Canal. Included in this installation was a hydroelectric power station with one turbine – the first in Australia to be built on an irrigation channel and provides 2.5 MW of electricity powering some local homes. The Mulwala Canal, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, diverts water from Lake Mulwala on the Murray River across the Southern Riverina plain 156 km to the Edward River at Deniliquin

A bit more follow the leader and we came to a new building at the Tocumwal aerodrome – I was told the huge building is owned by the shire but the collection and museum was operated privately. The display included some second World War aircraft and a series of information boards and photographs telling the story of the air base involvement in training pilots for our Airforce and others during the Second World War. Initially setup by United States Army Airforce heavy bomber units, it appeared that the USAAF does not appear to have used the base but it was heavily used by our RAAF and from 1944 was home to RAAF's heavy bomber support. The accommodation huts and houses were set out to look like a normal town from the air to dispel the threat of enemy aircraft spotting the base. About 200 of these houses were relocated to Canber-





ra after the war. Many hundreds of Australian military aircraft made their last flights to Tocumwal before being sold to scrap metal dealers and melted down to ingots at smelters set up at the airfield.

We are familiar with our own air base at Ballarat where radio operators were trained and I have made many visits to Temora NSW also where pilots were trained. The difference there is that the Temora museum was set up by a man with very long pockets and formed a Museum Association which maintains and operates 15 flying “Warbirds” and regularly has flying demonstrations called “Showcase” and an airshow over two days called “Warbirds Downunder”. In 2019 they gifted their flying stock of 15 airworthy aircraft to the RAAF museum, thus guaranteeing funding for maintenance of the aircraft, they are still housed at Temora Aviation Museum and operated by The Temora Historic Flight Club. [aviationmuseum.com.au](http://aviationmuseum.com.au)

Following coffee and lunch for some at the museum café, we followed again to view the “Tocumwal Blow Hole” The blow hole apparently is connected by an underground stream to the Murray River. This is important to local Aboriginal Culture.







Then back to camp for happy hour. Saturday evening we were treated to a BBQ with salads and Frances's potato bake. The barbeque cooks did a magnificent job and then filled our plates as we filed past "army-style".

Sunday morning we visited George Chrystie's car museum which was jam packed with all sorts of stuff – I feel better about my mess now. I visited this museum about 10 years ago and you could walk around everything easily – and there was different stuff and now much more, obviously he trades in some things.

We were invited to follow his hearse back to town where we entered the property of the afore mentioned tastefully restored house, past a pool with a guard dog looking after it and into a large garage at the rear. "Wow" was heard when we viewed this collection of both restored, hot-rodded and modern cars. Then the owner guided us around the side of the house to a former shop with street frontage – this had been set up as a men's shed/collectables room which obviously is used as a club meeting room.

Most of the afternoon was free time,

We had been advised to batten down in preparation for a forecasted storm, so our caravan awnings were dropped. The rains came and went on schedule but without the wind.

Our evening meal and get together was at the Terminus Hotel just a short drive away. We had a room to ourselves. The meal came quickly and was good. Frances had given us a task to write some prose – these were presented after dinner. Frances and Chris were thanked for arranging a great weekend.

The Caravan Park managers had offered an extra night free but as some of us had commitments at home we packed up our caravan on Monday morning and headed for home. Surprisingly there was little traffic as we travelled to Shepparton via Strathmerton and Numurkah. Then Elmore, Bendigo and Castlemaine to home in Ballarat.

Bruce Kerr.



## Coffee run lunch Sept 12th

Meet at the National Hotel Clunes. Lunch booked for 12.30 pm. Then afterwards a drive to Lambley Nursery Ascot. Hoping the Tulips will be starting to bloom.

## Club Run – Sunday 29 September

Meet around 9.15am at East Bus Exchange for departure at 9.30am. To Dean, Daylesford, Trentham. Stop for coffee at Trentham. Then to Kyneton and on to Metcalfe. Visit Jason Lee's collection of Holden cars and memorabilia at Metcalfe. BYO picnic lunch, electric BBQ available, at Metcalfe Reserve, also toilet facilities. Dependent on weather, we may have lunch in Malmsbury at various venues - to be decided closer to the date. Make your own way home after lunch – perhaps via Glenlyon to Daylesford. Total distance approximately 200kms.

Steve Kelly (0435 428 915) or Julie Wilson (0400 126 870)

<b>Sept</b>	Thursday 12	Coffee Run Lunch	Tulips Lambley Nursery & Gardens Ascot Coffee at Clunes	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm Bring an unusual item	
	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	East Bus Exchange 9.15. Visit to Metcalfe car museum, picnic lunch BYO	Steve Kelly & Julie Wilson 0435 428 915 0400 126 870
<b>Oct</b>	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	St Arnaud and Marnoo run. Details next Gazette	Trevor Parry 0408 580 523
<b>Nov</b>	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
<b>Dec</b>	Sunday 8	Lunch	Invermay Sports Club Christmas Lunch	
	Thursday 12	Coffee Run	TBA	
	Wednesday 18	Club Meeting	Lion's Den 7.30pm	



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