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CURRENT DISPLAY

- **British Vehicles**
- **Open Day 13th March**

NEXT DISPLAY

- **Topless Vehicles**
- **Starting July**
- **Open Day 11th July**

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Presidential Prattlings

Welcome to our latest newsletter and thank you for your continued support of Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc. We value your contribution in whatever form it takes, Members, Volunteers and Donors (both temporary & permanent), even Visitors, all contribute to our continued operational success. Thank you.

Visitor numbers have again been strong for our Commercial Display. The six months to December saw 3,777 visits bringing our total visitors since opening to 27,500 people.

Our events attendance was a little disappointing for the Melbourne to Maffra Rally this year, due I believe to our own poor promotion and the clash with the RACV Classic Rally. I have promised Ian Kennedy to do better this year and we have scheduled the M2M for the 2nd/3rd of October, please put this date in your diary now, we would really love to see a few more clubs participating if possible. These rallies are a lot of work to organise and give us all a chance to get the car out of the shed, show it off and enjoy the fellowship of other vehicle owners.

On a more positive note we held our first Monster Garage Sale in November and will repeat this event on an annual basis, over 40 stall holders attended and a huge diversity of treasure was on offer, a few vehicles changed hands and treasures were unearthed from the bottom of many boxes.

We have also seen the a further two cars donated to the collection, a pretty little Vauxhall and a HQ Holden Premier station wagon. Thank you to the generous donors.

Dates to remember

- Working Bee, 1st Sat every month. 8am—12 noon
- Car Cleaning, 10am every Fri day morning
- British Display, Open Day, 13th March
- Buchan Rally, Sat 1st May
- Topless Display, Open Day, 11th July
- Melbourne to Maffra Rally, 2nd & 3rd Oct

Our next touring event will again be a Centennial Run, this year we will celebrate the first vehicle to independently cross the Buchan River and climb the large hill coming out of Buchan, Buchan is an historic tourist icon of Victoria, home of the beautiful limestone formations in the Buchan Caves. This should be a another great Autumn Run, get in early, this 'Run' is open to all vehicles.

Our displays are growing, they are better and more sophisticated as we learn, it is pleasing to see the growing amount of information being presented with the vehicles, this adds to the visitors experience and appreciation. Owners, please have a look at the visitors comments book at "The Shed" next time you drop in, the quality displays are certainly giving our visitors a surprise and lot of pleasure.

It pays to visit regularly if possible, vehicles do change even within each display. We currently have a pair of very beautiful South Australian registered Packard's on show and while these vehicles do not "fit" our current theme, I am sure you will find them well worth a visit.

Finally, please read our begging column on page 5, while we understand you already support us, we always strive to do better, sometimes it is quite small things that help us improve our service to you and our visitors.

Peter Gault - President



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GVC Touring Group

"GVC is getting a significant number of visits from other Museums staff interested in seeing why we are so successful."

Saturday 12th. December we attended the Sale Baptist Church's "Community Fun Day" in North Sale.

There was a large crowd in attendance, including many younger people. With our new banners, display board, and brochures, we attracted a lot of attention from the public, and was very good publicity for the Museum. A wide variety of activities were featured including woodworking, art, motorbike stunt riding, giant slide, kids rides as well as our static display of Vintage & Classic vehicles. All our entrants received a free lunch, tea & coffee & soft drinks. The perfect weather complimented an interesting event.

Entrants: Rick & Jill Cove - 1923 Rolls Royce 20 h.p. Saloon
 Peter Hibbert & Jean Downs - 1926 Essex Tourer
 Doc & Paula Doherty - 1928 Dodge 'Standard Six' Tourer
 Peter Johnson - 1929 Dodge 'Standard Six' Coupe
 Hal & Elsie Shand - 1948 Fiat 'Toppolino'
 John Burley - 1949 Morris Commercial Truck
 Russell Adams - 1952 Vanguard Ute
 Steve & Shirley Slater, John & Mary Birdsey - 1959 Holden Sedan
 Neville Hardy - 1961 Studebaker 'Hawk'
 Bill & Ann Egan - 1966
 Noel Dawson & Bev Smithwick - 1985 Subaru Sedan
 Barry Cairncross - Toyota

Sunday, 10th. January. Mountain Cattlemen's Get together Wombat Crossing.

We had an invitation to display our vehicles at the Annual Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria "Get Together" at Wombat Crossing on the Avon River. Over the years this has grown to be a very large event, now conducted over three days with large crowds in attendance. Many participants camp on the site. Luckily, although the weather was again fine & sunny, it was not the 'scorcher' of the previous day, temperature being in the low '30's.

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We arrived from about 10.00 a.m. onwards & had a good parking spot together with some shade from the large trees and also our gazebo. We were parked in an area next to the tractor pull and interesting Vintage tractors, Old Trucks & stationery engine displays. Some of the stationery engines were 'fired up', providing that unique background rural 'sound'. Some of our members also brought out interesting old rural machinery tools including the cross cut saw and a foot pedal operated grinding wheel (for harvester blades etc.). Other activities included the Wood Chop, Whip Cracking, Black-

smith, Saddlemaker, Helicopter joy flights & the 'Cattlemen's Cup' & other horse races, as well as activities for children etc. Some of our members & their children took a swim in the river. All in all an enjoyable & relaxing day.

Thanks to our members for bringing their collector vehicles, & all those who helped to set up our display. Thanks to The Mountain Cattlemen for their invitation & the opportunity to promote the GVC. They have thanked us for attending & putting on the display & will invite us again next time their event is held in our area. Many of our members came modern (too many to mention) - some even came by helicopter !

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| Display vehicles: | 1926 Essex 'Super Six' Tourer | - | Peter Hibbert & Jean Downs |
| | 1928 Dodge Brothers "Standard Six" Tourer | - | Doc & Paula Doherty |
| | 1929 Rolls - Royce Saloon | - | Patterson Family |
| | 1939 Vellolette 350cc & 1948 AJS 'Competition' | - | Ian Kennedy |
| | 1947 Morris Commercial Truck | - | John Burley |
| | 1960 Morris Minor | - | Foster & Katherine Crook |
| | 1974 Holden | - | Norm Cottee |
| | 1977 Porshe '911' | - | Peter & Sue Gault |

Coming Event: Australia Day - Tuesday, 26th. January. Meet at The Port of Sale 9.30 a.m. We will leave as a group & travel to the Sale Botanic Gardens for an Australia Day Breakfast & sausage sizzle. B.Y.O. everything. Depending on weather, time etc. we may then go on a short local tour. Enquiries: Steve Slater Ph: 5144 1818

Coming Event: 100th. Anniversary Buchan Run - Saturday May 1st. **MARK YOUR DIARY NOW !**

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For information regarding any of these events, please contact our secretary 5145 1103 or 0412 387 102

GVC Calendar of Events & Visitors

**Motor Museum open - every week Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 10am–4pm
- School Holidays & Public Holidays**

Car Cleaning – Every Friday 10am **please assist when you can**

GVC Working Bee - 1st Sat each month 9:00am

GVC General meeting - 1st Wed each month 7:30pm

Touring Group - 4th Sunday each month 10am "Pleasant Sunday"

Sunday brunch -

Sun 7th Feb - Volunteer Training session & BBQ - 4pm till 6pm

British Vehicles on display at GVC March 2010 – June 2010

Sun 14th Mar - British Vehicle Display - **Open Day**

Sun 7th Mar - 2pm - Chrysler Restorers Club - 100 visitors

Tue 23rd Mar - RACV Fly the Flag Rally visit - 400/500 for arvo tea

Sat 1st May - Buchan Centennial Run - Enter now

Sun 16th May - National Motoring Heritage Day

Sat/Sun 4th/5th July Vehicle Change-over to Topless Display
Assistance required.

Topless Vehicles on display at GVC July 2010 – Oct 2010

Sun 11th July - Topless Vehicle Display - **Open Day**

Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd Oct - 8am Annual Melbourne to Maffra Rally

Nov - **Monster Community Garage Sale at GVC**

Which member recently received a speeding infringement notice from the SA police for a car which is on display?

**Packards
On display now**



Mar 2010 – Jun 2010 - **British Vehicles**
July 2010 – Oct 2010 - **Topless Vehicles**
Nov 2010 – Jan 2011 - **Emergency Vehicles**
Mar 2011 – Jun 2011 - **American Vehicles**

All events on this calendar are club red-plate events.

Members who work at the museum during our open hours will be classified as coming to a GVC event for red-plate purposes.

Begging Column - Can you help?

Volunteering at "The Shed"

We continue to be struggling to find volunteers to man the entry counter at The Shed. If you could consider a regular shift (half-day or full day - weekly, monthly or quarterly),

The tasks are very simple and our aim is to have no-one working on their own (unachievable at present).

All offers warmly received, please call Peter Quennell

Display Vehicles - Do you have a vehicle which might be suitable for our future displays? We would love to hear from anyone who might have a vehicle suitable for a display. Please contact **Leigh Shields** (Display Manager) on 5141 1461 or **0429 164 763**.

IGA Community Benefits Card – of great assistance to the finances of GVC.

If you are able to assist by using a Community Benefits Card at your local IGA, the museum receives a monthly donation from IGA. Please pick up a Community Benefits card from the counter at GVC or call Peter Quennell to have one mailed to you. It's of great benefit to our community at GVC.

Email Addresses – if we don't have your email address, or it has changed, please notify our secretary Peter Quennell so we can continue to use email for as many newsletters and events calendars as possible. As much as we love Australia Post, the rates and labour required to print, fold, envelope and post, do not compare favourably to the cost of electronic mail.

Peter Quennell - 0412 387 102 or email webmaster@gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au



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New Members - since March

Welcome to our newest members. You will by now be receiving our monthly events calendars, and we hope to see you at our upcoming events, or just dropping in at the museum, having a cuppa, or perhaps dusting a car or two on a Friday.

Our aim is to share our interest in historic motoring. We invite you to all GVC events or meetings and welcome comment about the running of your motor museum.

Please note: Membership Application forms available at the Committee page - www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

Ann Amey
Brendan Cullen
Jean Downs
Brian Egan
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Neville Summerill
Graham Thomas
Alan & Trish Vardy
John Ward
Henry Winters

Reprints - Clever things we wish we had written

Reprint from the Herald Sun - 13th Jan 2005 - Eye on the Inbox, "Leave Jack in the Box" by Dirty Dave.

Hammer – Originally a weapon of war, the hammer is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive and delicate car parts not far from the bit we are trying to hit.

Stanley Knife - Used to open cardboard boxes, works particularly well on boxes containing convertible tops or tonneau covers.

Electric Drills - For drilling roll bar mounting holes in the floor of a sports car, just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheels.

Hacksaw - A cutting tool built on the ouija board principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion and the more you try to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

Vicegrips - Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

Wirewheel - Removes rust off old bolts and then throws them some where under the work-bench at the speed of light. Also removes finger prints.

Hydraulic Jack - Used for lowering a car to the floor after you have installed a suspension lowering kit, trapping the jack handle firmly under the front air dam.

Three metre long floor joist - Used for levering a car off a hydraulic jack.

Phone - Tool for calling your mate to see if he has a hydraulic jack.

Trouble Light - The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called drop light, it is a source of the sunshine, vitamin D which is not otherwise found under cars at night. But its main purpose is to consume 100watt light bulbs at a great rate. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

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Buchan Run - May 1st 2010.

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection

will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the first car to Cross the Buchan River and successfully drive back up the hill and out of Buchan.

This Historic Occasion will be celebrated over 3 days, you may participate on any one or all three days.

Friday...April 30th

We will arrange a short drive around Maffra on Friday afternoon; we would like as many Vintage & Veteran vehicles as possible to participate, departing at 1.30 pm from **The Maffra Shed. (Gippsland Vehicle Collection)** Other vehicles may follow the older vehicles. We are hoping to get a pre 1910 IHC Motorised buggy or two for this short Run!!!! We will then meet at the Maffra Community Sports Club for a Bistro dinner on Friday night. *(Normal menu and prices will apply)*

Dinner Bookings are required - Ian Kennedy (5147 2118) before 4.00 pm, on Friday 30th April.

Saturday...May 1st

(Some of the older vehicles will travel to Buchan on trailers & then drive around Buchan.)

For all other vehicles, This will be a self supported Run, open to all and **starting at 8.30 am at "The Maffra Shed"**, travelling via Fernbank to meet the **East Gippsland GHAC Group** at Lindenow. Then to Flaggy Creek and Wy Yung, with a BYO morning tea and toilet stop in Bruthen, *(Café and Bakery in Bruthen)* before continuing onto Buchan for lunch. *(Some food will be available at Buchan Sports ground, the local café or you can BYO) (Buchan Caves tours are conducted at 11.00 am & 1.00 pm)*

After a look around Buchan you follow the road back to Bairnsdale at your own pace returning to Maffra where a **BBQ tea** will be hosted by **The Maffra Shed** for all of those that book and pay before departure time.

(Some drivers may want to stay the night at Buchan or Bairnsdale and return the next day) A donation of \$10.00 per vehicle will be used to supply a back up vehicle, route maps etc.

(There will be No Badges or Memento's for this event)

Sunday...May 2nd

Another short run around Maffra returning to **The Maffra Shed** for a relaxed Brunch and display the vehicles to the public until 1.00 pm.

You may also want to inspect our display of British vehicles inside the museum.

Then pack up after another enjoyable run around East Gippsland's scenic roads.

This will be a Club permit Red Plate event.

Nomination Form for the Buchan Centennial Run - Sat. May 1st 2010.

(for any vehicle)

Name.....

AddressPost Code.....

E mail address

Vehicle Yr Make

Club.....

Nomination fee of \$ **10.00** (to cover a backup trailer, maps & route directions)

Send to **Ian Kennedy P.O. Box 304, Maffra, 3860**

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection will host a Centennial Run up to Buchan to celebrate the 100 years since the first car crossed the Buchan River and negotiated the steep hill out of Buchan. This will be a low key event with No Mementoes or Car Badges, but is a **Red Plate Event. A BBQ Dinner will be held at the Maffra Shed on the Saturday night following the Run.**

Cost will be **\$12.00** per head.

This must be paid for either prior to or by the Sat Morning before you leave Maffra.

Nomination forms and run information is available on our Web site at:

www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

Declaration The owner/s of the motor vehicle entered and the driver/ rider thereof and passengers whilst participating in the event shall do so on condition that they shall have no claim whatsoever against the "Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc." or the committee thereof or the sponsors of the event or their respective officials, servants or agents for any personal injuries or damage to the vehicle entered whether or not the same shall be caused by or contributed to by any act or omission or negligence on the part of the "Gippsland Vehicle Collection Inc." or the committee thereof or the sponsors of the event or any of their respective officials, servants or agents. Any conditions not governed by the regulations of the event will be adjudicated upon by the Club Committee, and/or the event organisers, whose decision shall be final.

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SIGNATURE of ENTRANT _____ DATE _____ WITNESS _____

Please sign & witness this declaration & send with Nomination form.

Buchan Run - May 1st 2010

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection

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*of the first car to Cross the
Buchan River & successfully drive
back up the hill out of Buchan.*

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Further details contact;

Ian Kennedy 5147 2118 (iankennedy.7@bigpond.com)

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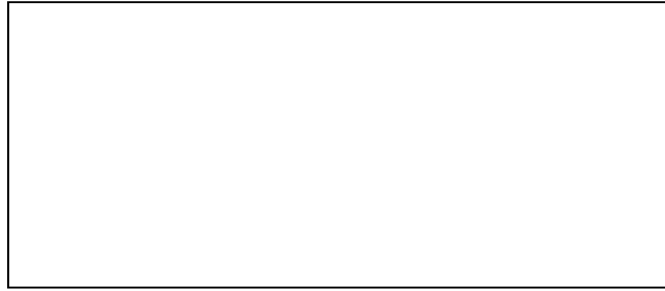
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