



CITY OF BALLARAT

Ballarat is the Host City for the festival which is being organized in conjunction with Ballarat Regional Tourism and a consortium of motor sporting administration and event specialists; participating local car clubs and community service organizations.

For accommodation options and for information on any Ballarat tourism related matter call the **Ballarat Visitor Information Centre** at 43 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat VIC 3350 on **1800 44 66 33** (Freecall within Australia) <http://visitballarat.com.au/>

The festival is a family friendly community event primarily conducted by volunteers in the interests of giving the community an insight into Ballarat's motoring heritage; an opportunity for motoring enthusiasts to participate in inexpensive motoring activities; and giving those local car and service clubs involved an opportunity to generate funding for their community work.

See <http://www.ballaratfestivalofmotoring.com.au/> for current updates including Event status reports; Sponsor details and Media information, Event Timetable; Entry forms for the Show & Shine and post event Results.

As at the time of writing the event is set to take place, subject to achieving the necessary levels of sponsorship and participant interest. The information in this document supersedes anything produced prior to the revision date below.

If you know of someone who has any related memorabilia; or was involved in any of the Ballarat Airfield motor sport meetings as either a spectator; sponsor; official or competitor, then please contact **John Emery** on **0408 570 217**

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Ballarat Festival of Motoring



**Celebrating Fathers Day
& Ballarat's Motoring Heritage**

**Saturday August 25
to
Sunday September 2, 2012**

BALLARAT
REGIONAL TOURISM

The Ballarat Festival of Motoring is aimed at appealing to all motoring interest groups with a full week of activities that will reflect on Ballarat's significant contribution to Australia's motoring history.

Easter 2011 saw the Ballarat community prove that history does live in their part of the world when they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the last motor race that took place at the Ballarat airfield, involving some 5,000 motoring enthusiasts - including drivers and officials that were involved in the 1947 - 61 halcyon days of motor racing in Ballarat.

Many travelled from beyond the region to participate and in doing so became part of what has now been recognized as a world class collection of historic vehicles including racing cars; motor cycles; sports cars; and commercial vehicles of a caliber never seen before in regional Victoria.

Given the historic significance of the airfield circuit, last year's competitor feedback included many requests for the next event to include a greater opportunity to enjoy their cars in both the Show and Shine on Saturday September 1 and the Motor Sport on Sunday September 2 - at what is still recognized as Australia's only airfield based motor racing circuit to have staged an International event.

Consequently the organising committee is currently putting the final touches to an even bigger, better and more diverse 2012 Ballarat Festival of Motoring with the ambition of catering for all interests, including creating a very special, good value, minimal cost and diverse community based motoring festival for sponsors, fellow enthusiasts, their families and fathers.

This year enthusiasts with appropriate cars will also have the opportunity on September 2 to participate in both a 400m Sprint and a significant Regularity Trial on the majority of the old motor racing circuit. Given the width of the runways, 3 lanes will be available for the competition which will also offer a greater spectacle for those watching on.

Traditional take away food & beverage options will be available in the Festival's Food Court.

A "Champion of the Ballarat Festival of Motoring" perpetual trophy will be awarded this year. It is a restored antique that has recently been acquired from the UK and it will be awarded by the Major Sponsor to the Champion of the event. The award is based on an individual's participation as well as their performance. This will involve an overall point score total based on the distance from Ballarat that participants have travelled; the results achieved at either the Saturday Show & Shine or the Motor Show; and the Sunday Motor Sports events.

The Ballarat Airfield's historic motor sport significance in Victoria also includes recognition as the venue where motor racing re-commenced after World War II. In the immediate post WWII period up until 1961 the Ballarat Aerodrome as it was then known played an important role in the history of Australian motor sport.

Key attractions to date at this year's event include a recent import into Australia - a 2012 McLaren MP4-12C Super Car; and believed to have never been seen together before, the cars driven by Australia's two F1 World Champions - Sir Jack Brabham's 1967 World Championship winning Repco Brabham BT19; and Alan Jones' 1979 World Championship winning Williams FW07.

The fee structure for 2012 will remain the same as for last year:

- **Spectator Access to the Mining Exchange Motor Show - \$5** (per person).
- **Spectator access to the Airfield - \$10/car** (single person); **\$20/car** (more than 1 person).
- **Saturday's Show & Shine Competitors - \$10/vehicle** (single person); **\$20/vehicle** (more than 1 person).



Event Timetable:

Saturday August 25, 8:30am until midday – Drive/ride from Buninyong to Ballarat.

Event Launch for local enthusiasts: - Anyone arriving in a car, motorcycle or commercial vehicle built prior to 1990 will have an opportunity to meet with fellow enthusiasts over coffee at Buninyong. Participants in the Drive will be given a door prize ticket that they must drop into a container on arrival at the Ballarat city destination where the draw for the winner will take place. The winner must be in attendance when their ticket is drawn. If not, another ticket will be drawn 20 seconds later until the recipient in attendance is identified.

At 10 pm those involved will make their way in their historic vehicles to the Ballarat city centre.

Participants must conform to the road traffic laws and vehicles must be either fully road registered or make use of the VicRoads 2012 Club Permit Scheme.

Further instructions will be available at Buninyong on the day including an opportunity to ask any related questions.

Wednesday August 29, 1pm to 7pm:

Day 1 of the Motor Show and Model Expo at the Mining Exchange, Lydiard Street, Ballarat.

Some 20 rare historic racing cars, sports cars, exotic cars and motorcycles; and a significant collection of some 1,000 vintage model aeroplane engines, tether cars and die-cast models will be on display to the general public from Tuesday to Saturday at the Mining Exchange.

The **\$5 cost** of entry will also include a free Door Prize Ticket for a draw to win a replica model "Tether Car". (Tether cars are model aeroplane engined miniature racing cars that were popular in the 1930 - 50's, with many of the originals capable of speeds in excess of 100mph.)

The Door Prize will be drawn at the Motor Show at **6pm on Friday evening August 31.**

The day will include a Mayoral welcome and media function, involving those dignitaries; sponsors; officials; and competitors involved in the 2012 festival.

In conjunction with the Motor Show, there will be a novel Community Health activity at the Mining Exchange. Having entered the Motor Show, participation will be free for those wanting to be involved.

Thursday August 30, 1pm to 7pm:

Day 2 of the Motor Show, Model Expo and Community Health activity at the Mining Exchange. Having entered the Motor Show, participation in the health activity will be free for those wanting to be involved.

Friday August 31, 1pm to 7pm:

Day 3 of the Motor Show and Model Expo at the Mining Exchange: 5:00pm - Public vote calculation to determine the most popular Car and Motorcycle of the show.

6:00pm Model Tether Car draw - The winner must be in attendance when their ticket is drawn. If not, another ticket will be drawn 20 seconds later until the recipient in attendance is identified.

Friday Evening August 31, 7 to 9pm:

The Ballarat Foundation's "Cocktails with Wheels Function" will take place at the Art Gallery next door to the Mining Exchange. Attendees will enjoy photo opportunities and tours of the Motor Show.

Saturday September 1, 10am - 5pm:

A Show and Shine for pre-1990 vehicles will take place at the airfield hangar tarmac area. The event will involve the judging and identification of the best vehicles in several classes including Pre WWII racing cars; sports cars; motorcycles; Post WWII racing cars; sports cars; touring cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles with individual trophies being awarded to each of the Class Winners and the overall Outright winning car, motorcycle and commercial vehicle. Entry forms are available via the website:

<http://www.ballaratfestivalofmotoring.com.au/>

Spectators welcome and signage will be in place for Parking.

Saturday September 1, 10am to 7pm:

Day 4 and the final day of the Motor Show and Model Expo at the Mining Exchange.

Saturday Evening September 1, 8pm - 11pm:

A Reunion Dinner with a focus on those involved in the Ballarat airfield based events of the 1946 - 61 period, including Guest Speakers. For those wanting to attend contact **John Emery** on **0408 570 217** or johnkemery@bigpond.com

Sunday September 2, 10am - 5pm:

Multi car on track motor sport on the old airstrip based circuit including standing start 400 Meter timed sprints in the morning and a series of 3 Kilometer events on the old 1940 - 60's runway circuit involving historic racing and sports cars. Spectators welcome and signage will be in place for Parking.

