



The 2018 National Bug-In

30 March 2018 – 2 April 2018

Final UPDATE

Hopefully everything is now in place for a VW centric long weekend in and around the historic and picturesque Victorian regional City of Ballarat. Everything is booked and organised including a last minute panic for the car show trophies (I knew I had forgotten something).

As a reminder the event commences on the afternoon of Good Friday 30 March 2018 with a welcome and registration function and concludes on Monday 2 April 2018 with a farewell morning tea. Details below.

Also don't forget that all registered participants will each receive a bug-in pin and bug-in sticker plus an ID TAG and lanyard as part of the registration pack which will be available at the registration function. You need to bring the ID tag with you as it is your entry ticket to events.

Please check the attached table for final details of the programmed events.

The event email address is 2018vwBugIn@vwclub.com.au

Day	Event	Location	Timing
Friday 30 March 2018	Registration and welcome social function Meals and drinks available at normal hotel bar prices. Food and drinks at own cost.	Seymour's cnr Lydiard St Nth and Seymour Streets, Ballarat	Anytime from 2pm until 9pm
Saturday 31 March 2018	Chose from either:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volkswagen Run in the Countryside with Andrea and Basil through the Ballarat region stopping off at various points of interest. See attached itinerary below. • Cruise to the wonderful Bendigo VW Club's Easter Car Show (details available at registration) • Enjoy some of the attractions of Ballarat including Sovereign Hill at your own pace. Participants meet their own expenses on the day. Free evening.	Volkswagen Run in the Countryside cruise meets in the service road adjacent to Learmonth St, Alfredton. RSVP at the registration desk on Friday at Seymour's	9.45am for a 10am departure
Sunday 1 April 2018 Morning	Car show and sausage sizzle, or, if you wish, bring a picnic lunch. Show will start with a cruise from the Ballarat Club Rooms and proceed around the lake in a clock wise direction. People's choice trophies will be awarded. Car show entry is free for Bug- In participants. \$20 per car for non-registered participants.	Start Location: 222 Otway Street South, Ballarat East. North Park Lake Wendouree Entry is from the Wendouree Drive in a clock wise direction	Cruise leaves club rooms at 9.30am Car show is from 10am to 2pm
Sunday 1 April 2018 Evening	Evening dinner, music and live floor show entertainment will be held at Mercure Hotel. Entry fee \$55 for meal and entertainment. Drinks at own cost	Mercure Hotel 613 Main Road Golden Point 3350	7pm for 7-30pm till late

Volkswagen Run in the Countryside

Cruise leader: Andrea Green. 0419 581 626. Driving in Basil the 1972 Kombi.

Booking for lunch is essential, [please RSVP at the registration desk on Friday for this purpose.](#)

If you have dietary requirements, please let Andrea know.

A request will be put to the lunch venue in the hope they can help

Synopsis:

Participants will meet at the Arch of Victory. We will then travel through the Avenue of Honour to Learmonth. There will be a brief stop at the cider café before cruising to Ascot then Blampied via Creswick and Newlyn. We will stop for lunch at the Swiss Mountain Hotel and Store before cruising into Daylesford. Free time in Daylesford to browse the cafes, gardens, lake and shops. Option to cruise back to Ballarat via Dean where we will stop by the Castrol sign for a photo opportunity. Otherwise cruise back independently at your leisure. Run length is 125km from the arch back to the caravan park. Times allocated are approximate!

All roads are sealed. There is a short winding section of road (after Learmonth) and another section where the road is narrow (shortly after Lambley nursery) for a few km's.

Drive summary:

- Arch of Victory
- Café Sidra Local Cider, Learmonth
- Lambley Nursery and Garden, Ascot
- Swiss Mountain Hotel and Store, Blampeid,
- Daylesford
- Dean
- Ballarat.

Meeting point

- Meeting time is **0945** for a **1000 departure**
- Meet in the service road adjacent to Learmonth St, Alfredton.
Drive along Sturt Street (Ballarat's "main street") in a westerly direction. You will pass Victoria Park on your left prior to the Arch of Victory. Merge into the left lane as you approach the arch. Take the left turning lane into Learmonth St to the left of the round-a-bout. Take the next right turn (short distance) into Beaufort Avenue and turn right into the service lane. Basil the Kombi will be there. You will see Basil as you make the left turn at the round-a-bout.

- Take time to commemorate the fallen soldiers of World War One and Two by observing the three memorials at the Arch of Victory site. The Garden of the Grieving Mother is the newest installation, I suggest you pause to reflect on the trauma of parents sending their sons and daughters to war.
- The Arch of Victory was built in 1920 and underwent restoration in 2011

Route

Avenue of Honour. 19km/11.8 miles, 20 minutes.

- First constructed in 1917 with 1000 trees planted by the “Lucas Girls”, staff of a local textiles company
- There are now 3,771 trees lining the Avenue of Honour
- The Avenue commemorates the 94,107 Australians serving in World Wars One and Two
- As we approach the end of the Avenue, you will observe the Waubra wind farm to your left and Lake Learmonth to your right. There are many volcanic mounds, or rises as they are better known. History dates aboriginal life in this area to 30,000 years ago, with grass fires set by these people to enhance the rich volcanic soils. Major Mitchell is known to have passed through this region. Feel safe passing through this volcanic zone, it is more than 7000 years since the last known Victorian volcano eruption!

Avenue of Honour to Learmonth. 4km/2.4 miles, 2- 3 minutes

- Turn right at the end of the Avenue of Honour and drive into Learmonth
- Make a right hand turn and proceed a short distance to the Café Sidra Local Cider on the Sunraysia Highway service road
- We will stop at the café for a cider or coffee, or perhaps just a quick stretch of the legs and a chat to fellow cruisers
- Once everyone is hydrated we will proceed in a westerly direction along the Sunraysia Highway.
- Learmonth was established in 1837 and was home to the original local government office headquarters of the Shire of Ballarat
- Lake Learmonth was a natural water hole and swamp, later enhanced to a formal lake.

Learmonth Café to Lambley Nursery and Gardens. 15km/9.3 miles, 15 minutes.

- We are driving across the Great Dividing Range at a height of 419 metres above sea level, no noticeable climb for our VW engines. The land around us is Wadawurrung Country.
- 2.4km/1.4 miles brings us to a right hand turn into Eastern Peak Road, this quickly becomes Addington Road. We will drive at approximately 80km / hour or 53 miles per hour for a short distance. You will see the Waubra windmills in your rear view mirror, look out for emus grazing to your left. This land has rich volcanic farming soil. Potato, sheep and cattle farming is common, crops are often irrigated by water from the natural springs in this region
- We pass through **Coghills Creek** and then take a right turn then an immediate left (sort of going straight but with a kink at the intersection) at Ascot
- We are now in **Ascot**. You will see a gorgeous old church with a lovely steeple. This has great potential for a luxurious church-house conversion (number one on Andrea’s bucket list)
- Left hand turn into Lesters road. Lambley Nursery and Gardens will be on our left toward the end of the sealed road
- We will enjoy Lambley Nursery’s gardens for 20 minutes, slightly longer if people are still taking photographs or making purchases

- Lambley nursery is the work of David Glenn and his artist partner Chris Canning. The dry garden features plants that require watering only two or three times per year. The larger vegetable garden is punctuated by flowering plants, statues, sculptures and seating positioned to perfectly frame the view from each vista. There are a large number of seeds and some plants available for sale, a mail order catalogue and blog are available for those not wishing to shop during our cruise. The garden is a gardener and photographer's dream.

Lambley Nursery and Gardens to Blampied. 30 km/18.6 miles, 20 minutes

- Travel easterly along Lesters Road, take a left turn into Addington Road. Continue on toward Creswick.
- Take a left turn at the first round-a-bout coming into **Creswick**, cross the railway line
- Turn left again at the pub in Creswick
- Turn right at the round-a-bout and proceed to leave Creswick
- Left hand turn at round-a-bout in **Newlyn**
- We will pass Maze House at **Mt Prospect** on the left, a good place to stop with children on the way back
- Arrive at **Blampied**, park in front of the Swiss Mountain (on your right). This is our lunch stop.

Blampied to Daylesford. 11km/6.8 miles, 10 minutes

- Enjoy lunch at the Swiss Mountain Hotel and Store
- I suggest stopping on the way back if you wish to browse or shop at the Overwrought Gallery. If you do pop across at lunch time, please be very mindful of traffic with children as there are no footpaths
- Andrea will speak to participants over lunch to list those wishing to convoy back from Daylesford to Ballarat as a group. A departure time and place will be nominated if anyone wishes to do so. This means everyone can do their own thing in Daylesford on arrival
- Depart the Swiss Mountain hotel and store when everyone has finished lunch and proceed to Daylesford
- Notice another church on the right, begging for a church to house conversion! (Still number one on Andrea's bucket list)
- We will pass Rose Farm – Spring Park Nursery and Gardens at **Eganstown**, worth a stop on the way back if you are a rose collector.

Daylesford:

- The township is a popular weekend venue for city folk, so parking in the main shopping street is at a premium. It will be difficult to stay together as a group so I suggest we break off in Daylesford
- I suggest we "chuck a lap" to show off our spectacular, gorgeous, stylish, highly sought after Volkswagen collection before parting ways in search of parking or to go sight seeing
- Free time to wander around.
- Those travelling in convoy to Ballarat will meet at the nominated time and place, this will be set over lunch in Blampied
- Things to do in Daylesford include a visit to the Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens (café on site), walk around Lake Daylesford, fine dining at The Lake House (reservations required ahead of the day, I recommend the degustation), visit one of many galleries, drive to the Chocolate Mill at 5451 Midland Hwy, Mount Franklin (just out of Daylesford).

Daylesford to Dean. 29km/18 miles, 20 minutes

- Return via the same route taken to Daylesford, except we will go straight through the Newlyn round-a-bout towards Dean and Ballarat
- Those wishing to visit the Woollen Mills in Creswick would turn right at Newlyn and follow the signage to the Mills
- We will pull over in Dean for a photo opportunity with the old Castrol Sign. Please take care as you find a safe place to pull over, if there are a few of us this will be a little tricky but possible.

Dean to caravan park. 17 km/10.5 miles, 20 minutes

- Once finished in Dean, we will travel back to Ballarat
- As we enter Ballarat we will go straight through a large round-a-bout and drive under the underpass, through the lights into Fussell Street. Those wishing to drive into the city centre would turn right at the lights at the underpass.
- Travel along Fussell Street
- Turn right into Charlesworth Street
- Turn left into Stawell Street
- Arrive at the caravan park.
- Cruise is concluded.

Thank you for coming along.