



2026 GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL

CANBERRA

18 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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MG Car Club Canberra Inc. (MGCCC) is pleased to provide an update on planning for the 2026 Gathering of the Faithful (GoF) event to be held in Canberra over the weekend 18-20 September 2026.

Arrangements for all the major events are now in place and we are currently finalising the budget in order to set the registration fees. We are very conscious of cost pressures on everyone, especially in light of recent events and the spike in fuel costs. The organising committee is working hard to constrain costs as much as possible and to provide an event that delivers great value for money to participants.

Program

Much of the GoF Program is centered around the vibrant inner suburban shopping precinct of Dickson, which boasts a myriad of exceptional restaurants, and all events kickoff within a 5 to 10 minute drive from this location. The Program has been purposefully arranged to provide free time for participants to relax, or to explore the many national attractions available in Canberra. The timing of the event has been especially chosen to coincide with the iconic [Canberra Floriade Festival](#).

Formal GoF events will conclude with a lunch at Yass on Sunday following the Discovery Run on sealed country roads. This is to enable those with limited time to commence their journey home. However, for those with a bit more time, there will be further optional events available on Sunday evening and Monday.

Date / Time	Event
Friday 18 September	
Evening	Registration and Noggin 'N' Natter with nibbles and bar service – Quality Hotel Dickson
Saturday 19 September	
Morning	Display and judging at Exhibition Park in Canberra in conjunction with the Capital Region Farmers Market
Afternoon	Free to explore Canberra and its national museums, galleries and other attractions, including Floriade

Evening	Event dinner and display award presentations – Ainslie Football Club
Sunday 20 September	
Morning	Discovery Run and lunch at Yass Memorial Hall provided by Yass Hospital Auxiliary
Afternoon	Free to explore Yass and Murrumbateman regional attractions / or to return home
Evening	Optional informal Dinner, Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.
Monday 21 September	
Morning	Optional Farewell Breakfast on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin at Black Mountain Peninsula
	Optional behind-the-scenes tour of one of Canberra’s museum storage collections - TBC

Accommodation

A block booking has been made at the Quality Hotel, Dickson as the primary event accommodation hub. The Quality Inn offers undercover parking for guests. However, there are a number of other venues in close proximity that are also available.

We strongly suggest that accommodation bookings are made as soon as possible as there is strong demand for accommodation during this period due to Canberra [Floriade](#).

Consider booking your accommodation before GoF Registration is open and note that bookings at the Quality Hotel, Dickson may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty.

Accommodation details are provided at Annex A.

Display

The display will be held at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) on Acton Arena, a grassed area adjacent to the [Capital Region Farmers Market](#). The Farmers Market provides an opportunity for visitors to spend some time browsing the various stores, enjoy a coffee or sample some of the tempting tasty delights. We also anticipate a lot of interest from the general public in this display of MG cars, with plenty of opportunities to ‘fly the MG flag’ by talking with the public about the special joy of owning and driving your MG.

In the tradition of previous GoF Events, all vehicles on Display will be automatically entered into ‘pride-of-ownership’ judging for the standout cars within each class.

There are also a number of public transport options from the EPIC site to other destinations in Canberra, including the nearby light rail stop for travel into the Canberra CBD or the opposite direction to Gungahlin town centre with its variety of shopping options. Further details are available on the EPIC website [here](#).

Discovery Run

A Discovery Run will be held on Sunday 20 September that briefly takes in some of Canberra’s iconic landmarks before crossing the Murrumbidgee River and heading out of the Australia

Capital Territory on sealed “back roads” to traverse a historic farming district and an internationally-significant fossil field on your way to the rural township of Yass. Parking has been arranged on a grassed park next to the Yass River with a short stroll up the main street to the historic Yass Memorial Hall for lunch. A casual country lunch, in the tradition of a Wagga GoF spread, will be provided by the ladies of the Yass Hospital Auxiliary.

For those wanting to explore more of the region after lunch, there are a number of attractions to explore in Yass (including [Cooma Cottage](#), the historic home of explorer Hamilton Hume) and in nearby [Murrumbateman](#) (a world-class ‘cool-climate’ wine production area with numerous cellar doors) on your way back to Canberra.

Optional Events

There will be a pay-as-you-go dinner at the picturesque Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club on Sunday evening.

A farewell breakfast will be held on the foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin at the [Black Mountain Peninsula Park](#).

We also intend to offer a tour of the storage collection of either the National Museum of Australia or the Australian War Memorial on Monday following the farewell breakfast. This is subject to confirmation at the time of writing.

Registration

The organising committee is currently finalising event costs in order to set the registration fees. We are hoping to achieve this over the coming weeks and open Registration by early-May. Registration will occur via an on-line form with EFT payments to be made direct to MGCC Canberra.

Full details will be advised to Clubs when finalised.

Regards,

Ewan Ward
President
MGCC Canberra Inc.

ACCOMMODATION AT QUALITY HOTEL DICKSON

Please make your own accommodation arrangements with the Hotel by **email:** dicksonreservations@thetradies.com.au or **phone:** (02) 6247 4744. Full contact details can be found [here](#).

The following rooms / rates are available under the group booking code **CBRGOF26**:

Room Types & Rates

- **STDQ** – 1 Queen Bed: 12 rooms | \$160 per night (Max 2 guests)
- **STDQS** – 1 Queen + 1 Single Bed: 15 rooms | \$170 per night (Max 3 guests; extra \$25 for 3rd guest)
- **STDQQ** – 2 Queen Beds: 30 rooms | \$180 per night (Max 4 guests; extra \$25 each for 3rd & 4th guests)
- **SPAK** – 1 King Bed with Spa Bath: 11 rooms | \$190 per night (Max 2 guests; spa bath only, no walk-in shower)

When booking, guests will need to provide card details to secure their reservation. They can cancel up to **24 hours prior to arrival** without penalty. Please note that bookings are on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Check-in / Check-out

- Check-in: From 2:00 PM
- Check-out: By 10:00 AM
- Early check-in or late check-out is subject to availability and incurs a \$30 fee.