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Club Meeting

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm (except January)
Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthore East
Pre Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7:00pm
Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors.

Membership Fees

Joining fee \$20 (1 time fee)

Annual Single membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$80.00 per year

Annual Family membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$100.00 per year

All Membership subscriptions are due for renewal in September each year

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual Subscription 'The Gazette' hardcopy:

Opt-In subscription to receive a printed copy of the monthly club magazine mailed to your address, \$50.00

Additional Member Name Tag(s)

Your initial Joining Fee includes personalised name tags to each single member and two family members. Additional name tags are available for \$10.00 per tag.

Annual Club Permit Scheme Fee:

Opt-in administration fee applicable only to members who participate in the CPS scheme through the CoM.
NB: the existing 'CPS Year In Advance' fee payment policy will be retained unchanged.

Club Permit Scheme is available through Corvettes of Melbourne to authorised vehicles. Enquiries can be made directly to the club at CPS@corvettesofmelbourne.com. Members applying for the Corvettes of Melbourne Club Plate Scheme must request a copy of the Club Plate Scheme Policy and abide by all conditions as listed. Note fees are applicable for all club plate scheme vehicles, as set out in the club permit scheme policy.

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The purpose of Corvettes of Melbourne Incorporated is to provide a family friendly and inclusive environment that is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of the Chevrolet Corvette sports car. A copy of the Model Rules that have been adopted by Corvettes of Melbourne as our club's standing rules can be found at: <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/library/forms/clubs-and-not-for-profits/incorporated-associations/model-rules-for-an-incorporated-association.doc>



PRESIDENT REPORT

Hello everyone,

As you read this it will be in December, I hope by this time we have had a pop up drive and the State of Victoria is back to some kind of new normal.

This is my first President's report since our last official magazine in March 2020.

I have been emailing out a letter nearly every month, a update from what we know with this COVID 19 virus and also keeping you updated with what other Corvette Clubs in other States have been able to do, also to keep people informed about our new members and their vehicles.

It has been a very difficult year for everyone and I hope everyone is still financially okay, as well as your mental and physical health being okay.

We can only look forward to a bigger, better and healthier year ahead in 2021.

Our Nationals working party have not made much ground this year due to the virus, we are sure hoping to visit some areas and venues in the very near future.

On another note, Rob McConnell, President of the Corvettes of South Australia Club has suggested that all the Clubs around Australia combine and make up a National Association owned by all the Australian Clubs and will be known as Corvettes Australia, Inc.

Attached is an outline of what is proposed for all



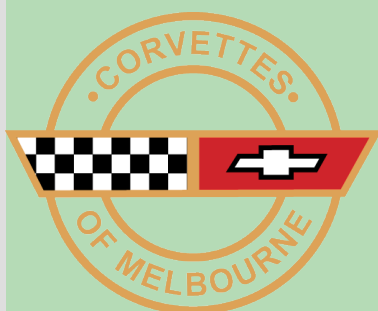
members for our club to read and if you like, for you to comment on.

I do not have much more to say, so if I do not see you before Christmas have a great Christmas with your families, loved ones and our favourite pets.

Cheers Tony
Alias Mr President



If you need to replace a missing nametag or would like a spare one, text or email gringo via 0419 88 1500 or gringo350@icloud.com



Corvettes of Melbourne

Thursday December 10th

TOWER HOTEL HAWTHORN

Starts at 8pm or get there at

7pm for some dinner, drinks and a chat

THE CORVETTES OF AUSTRALIA, INC. INITIATIVE

At the Presidents' Meeting at the Gold Coast Nationals in 2019, it was agreed that Rob McConnell, President of Corvettes of South Australia, would put forward a draft proposal for a National Corvettes Website.

Since then, Rob has presented a discussion paper proposing the creation of a National Association, owned by all the Australian Clubs, with each club represented on the governing committee by its President. He has proposed the Association be known as "Corvettes Australia, Inc". He has additionally circulated a draft constitution for consideration by the clubs.

In essence, the Association would develop a Corvettes Australia Website which would allow the associated clubs to share news, forums, ideas, useful links, cars and parts for sale, Corvette information, facts and figures, and a national events calendar. The website would encompass advertising by Corvette suppliers and service establishments, as well as looking for major national sponsors. It is envisioned that the major national sponsors will provide sufficient funds annually to cover the majority of the cost of running the Nationals, leaving the hosting clubs to seek only minor, local sponsors. Sponsorship can also be expected to cover the cost of running the website.

Secondly, the governing committee will conduct general meetings on a regular basis and/or as required, with the AGM being held at the Nationals each year. This committee will discuss the Nationals, the website, judging rules, sponsorships, plus other items which may arise, at their meetings. The use of a video conferencing facility, such as Zoom, will make these national meetings very effectual.

Overall, the association seeks to promote enjoyment and sharing of goodwill and fellowship amongst Corvette owners and co-operation between similar clubs throughout Australia.

In some initial good news, contact has already been established with GM Specialty Vehicles (GMSV), who have declared they are "excited" by the prospect of a relationship with the Corvette Clubs of Australia. GMSV has stated that it would be impossible to deal with the clubs individually, and request they deal with a single point contact. This single point contact would obviously be Corvettes Australia, Inc. We have already put forward a formal proposal to GMSV, as per their request, for them to attend the Canberra Nationals to be held at Easter, 2021.

Finally, there will be no cost to the individual clubs to establish the website and run the meetings during the first year. This will be covered by the Corvette Club of South Australia. It is further expected that advertising/sponsorship will cover all the costs of running the Association in subsequent years.

It is now up to individual clubs to express their support for the establishment of this National Association. As membership will cost the clubs nothing, for the first year at least, and potentially offers plenty to gain, there appears little reason not to support this initiative.

Connecting our communities

Recent changes to the Club Permit Scheme

October 2020

The Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009 will be replaced by the Road Safety (Vehicles) Interim Regulations 2020, which will take effect from 4 October 2020.

The new Regulations include the following changes that apply to the Club Permit Scheme.

Use of Club Permit vehicles

The vehicle operated under the Club Permit must not be used for hire or reward for the carriage of goods or freight or to provide a commercial passenger vehicle service as defined by the *Commercial Passenger Vehicle Industry Act 2017*.

Club conditions

VicRoads may, from time to time, vary or remove a condition that an approved vehicle club must comply with. Internal review rights apply.

Club Permit number plates

When applying for a Club Permit, the applicant will now be required to pay a fee for the issue of standard Club Permit number plates (\$38 for two number plates, or \$19 for one number plate).

Requirements of club membership

To be eligible for a Club Permit, the club member will no longer need to be a 'financial' member of an approved club; they will simply need to be a 'member' of an approved club.

Obligations of Club Permit holders

A Club Permit holder must notify VicRoads within 14 days after a change in vehicle details or modification of the Club Permit vehicle.

New permanent or temporary operating conditions

VicRoads can now impose, vary or remove permanent or temporary operating conditions on a Club Permit if the vehicle does not meet the standards for registration. Internal review rights apply. For example, a vehicle with non-compliant headlights may have a condition of no driving at night.

The permit holder will be notified and sent a *Certificate of approved operations* if this occurs.

A Club Permit holder must not use a Club Permit vehicle to which a temporary or permanent condition has been applied without carrying the *Certificate of approved operations* in the vehicle.

Reassignment of a Club Permit

A Club Permit can be re-assigned to the surviving spouse/domestic partner when the permit holder is deceased. The surviving spouse/domestic partner of the deceased will also need to be a member of an approved club. An application must be made by the authorised representative within 90 days after becoming the authorised representative.

For more information visit vicroads.vic.gov.au



NEW CPS REGULATIONS FROM 4 OCTOBER 2020

While we have been locked during Covid, VicRoads has been busy moving the goal posts with regard to the Club Permit Scheme. Advice received by the club from VicRoads concerning these changes is posted below. The changes cover a variety of issues, highlighted in bold on the advice and contain within details of owner and club responsibilities. Please read carefully and familiarise yourself with these.

Should you have any queries please contact me on 0411 131 294. Alternatively, when we start having more regular club meetings, just catch up with me then.

Garth Bradbury

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

All the best to our members who are having a special month

December

Tania Grove
Meredith Young
Lisa Villanti
Trent Delahunty
Bruno Golder
Peter Greenhorn

Branko Miletic
Jim Peters
Craig O'Toole
Darren Pelacchi
Steve Rump
Ashley Sutherland

Have we missed someone's Birthday ?!
Or are you having a Special one (a big 'O') ?
Let Brendan (gringo) know and we'll update the list.

CLUB PERMIT
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Notice about membership:

It is important that your membership is current during the time of you participate in the CPS.

There is an overlap between when club membership subscriptions fall due and when your CPS will expire. To overcome this the Committee has decided that members on the CPS will pay a once off extra annual membership payment to ensure they are members of the club during the time they are on the CPS. Should you leave the club or no longer partake in the CPS a refund will be made to you.

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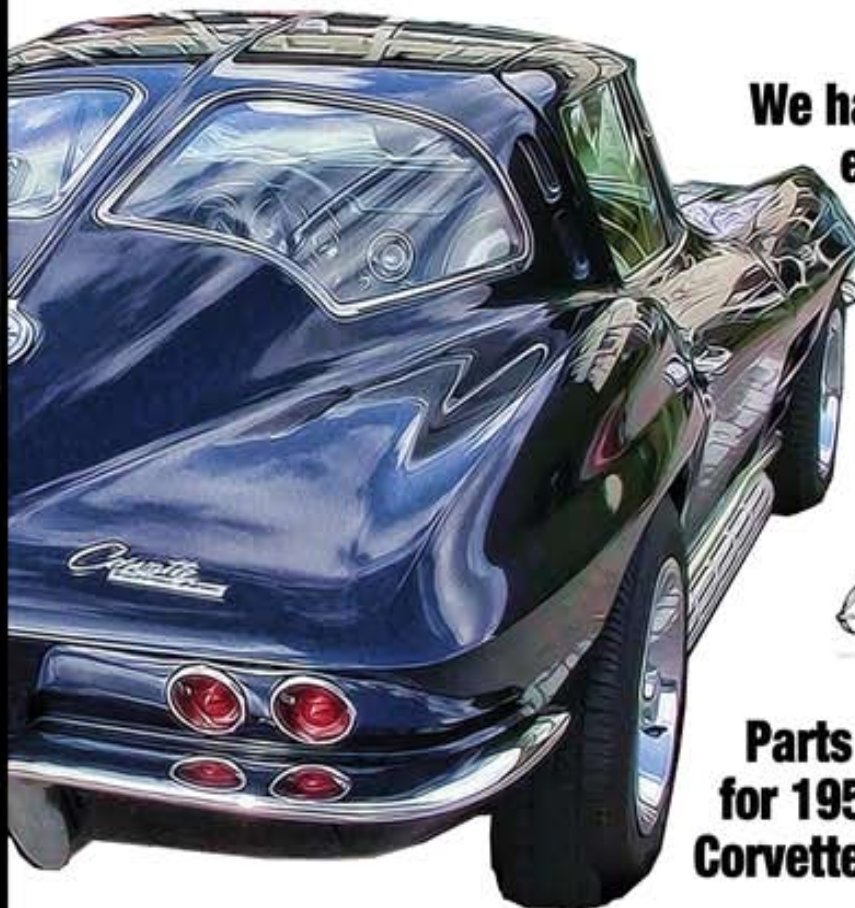
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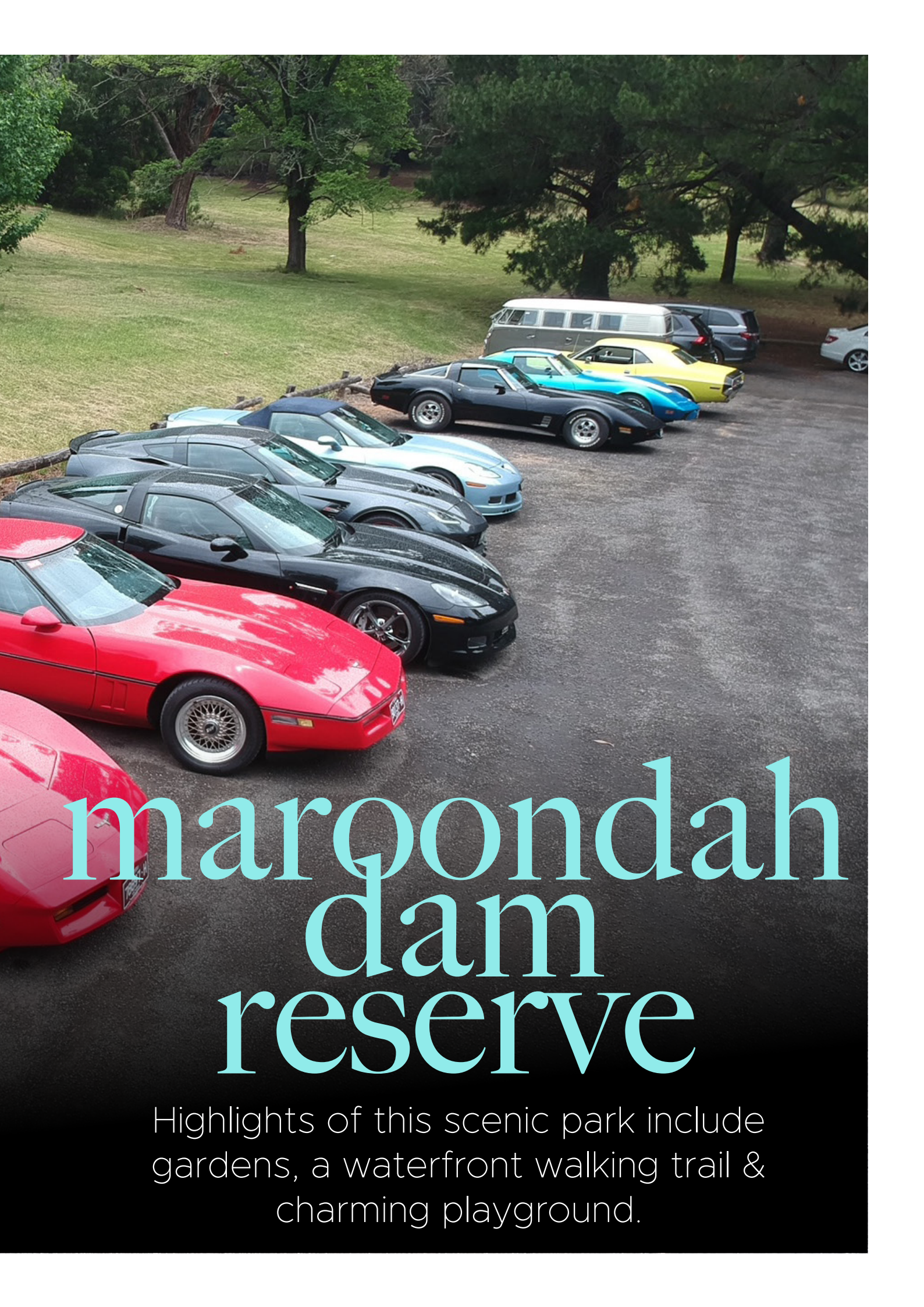
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6th

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maroon dam reserve

Highlights of this scenic park include gardens, a waterfront walking trail & charming playground.





“Today in the jungle, a peculiar creature was spotted amongst the other, more sedate, hungry animals. His stripes stood out against the bright coloured horse-powered machines and their riders, and his desperate cries of ‘Money! I want your money! Give me your cash!’ rang out across the treetops!

(Oh, it was just GG raising funds for Men’s health!)
Well done GG... anyone who wasn’t there could donate to Movember!”

Chris Bradbury





We had a great time at the Maroondah dam reserve on Sun 22/11/20. The 'pop up' event was organised very quickly and it was great to get about 10 cars there.

“The weather was quite warm and even though there was a small shower at one point. It didn't dampen the day.”

We secured one of the rotundas with seats at the park and it was so peaceful there. It was great to catch up with everyone and have a chat. It has been a while!!

We parked all the Corvettes together and there were quite a few people having a good look.

Thanks to George for helping with the organising, meeting the members at the Manhattan, and for leading the convoy. It was nice to get the cars out of their garages after lockdown, and wonderful to hear those purring V8's again.

Looking forward to seeing more members at the next club event.

Dean



“It was great to catch up with everyone and have a chat. It has been a while!!” Dean







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Chevy Corvette C8 Preorders In Australia Are Basically Worthless

By: Christopher Smith
www.motor1.com



There's no guarantee current Holden dealerships will be part of the new GMSV network.

In America, things are mostly well and good with the C8 Chevrolet Corvette. Coronavirus delays and UAW strikes notwithstanding, production has soldiered on and buyers who plunked down a deposit are at least secure in the knowledge that a car is coming. The same can't be said for C8 hopefuls in Australia, where the future for General Motors has become muddled to say the very least.

Earlier this year, GM dropped the bombshell that it was shuttering Holden completely at the end of 2020. However, that was fol-

lowed by word that GM was still interested in sending some vehicles to the market under the brand of GM Specialty Vehicles (GMSV), which would take certain left-hand-drive cars and convert them to right-hand drive through the former Holden Special Vehicles team. This is slated to happen for the Corvette, but GM doesn't have its new dealership network established for getting these cars to buyers.

Apparently, that hasn't stopped some Holden dealerships from accepting deposits for the new 'Vette despite no guarantee they will actually have one to sell. According to the Australian website Carsales, it's become such an issue that GMSV issued a broad



statement saying deposits at Holden dealerships are not a guarantee that interested buyers can actually get one. Furthermore, GMSV is asking Holden dealerships to refund these deposits, since there isn't a final word on GMSV's dealership network and thus, no way of knowing which locations will even get a car to sell.

The problem is further accentuated with word that demand for the C8 in Australia is very high, but availability for will be very low. It's possible only 300 or so models will get the right-hand-drive conversion; there's no indication of how many deposits dealerships have taken, but the overall impression is that demand far outweighs availability.

And with the cost possibly being upwards of \$130,000 AUD after the right-hand-drive conversion is done, buyers are apparently ready to pay handsomely for a C8.

When will official deposits be taken? That's hard to say, and the process might ultimately go through GMSV online as opposed to dealerships. In any case, Australian fans of the C8 likely still have a long time to wait before seeing one on the road, as the car isn't expected to reach the region until late 2021.



MEMBERS STORIES

The year started out well, we went to Bali for Shirley's Birthday. Came home to a big hail storm that damaged one car, the pergola and carport roofs - all covered by Insurance.

Australia Day was spent at Hanging Rock to see the legendary Elton John. So fortunate to get within 10 metres of him! Celebrated our Mother's 96th Birthday.

Started on giving the Vette a paint job strip down, months repairing panels, door alignment, gaps, pol-

ishing stainless trims, order new parts. Had to cancel our trip to GMH's Lang Lang Proving Ground because of you know what.

Our youngest got her L's. We had the Year 12 Father's Day Breakfast via Zoom.

Joe helped me convert the Corvette bonnet to a Big Block Style. Natalie finished her exams (no more School fees !).

But the Vette should be ready for paint soon

Merry Christmas
Everyone
gringo :)

I t seems so long ago that we all got together! I still have fond memories of the last pop up event that we did before the 2nd wave hit.

I had booked the St Andrew's Brewery for us in March this year, and of course, we had to cancel. We also had the 5th April booked to attend a day at the Holden proving ground, which was also blown out. That was a major disappointment, as I had personally never been there.

I always have my Vette on a trickle charger, and have been starting it every few weeks. I took it for a fun drive recently when we were allowed to go up to 25k's from our homes.

Since lockdown, luckily, I have been still school teaching online 4 days a week, private online teaching about 3 hours per week and also submitting 1 song per week to

the Melbourne Arts centre for the show 'Big Night In' with the Aussie Pops Orchestra.

“I ended up performing on 16 songs that are now on Youtube under the 'Big Night in' label.”

I have also been doing some other recordings from my home studio for some work colleagues songs that have been challenging and quite time consuming.

Every Wednesday night, I do a zoom meeting with my Mum and my 2 daughters which has been great to chat together.

I also run an Airbnb at my place in the Dandenongs, however, that all

stopped under the Covid rules.

At this stage, November and Dec are already nearly booked out which will be a help financially.

All of the performing in bands/ theatre shows that I have done for the last 40 years has all completely stopped, which has been quite unbelievable actually. In saying that, I have enjoyed more nights at home, and not rushing into the city to perform after teaching at school.

Time will tell if the entertainment sector recovers? I think it will take a long time.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again, seeing the beautiful cars, enjoying the company, and getting a good feed somewhere. I also look forward to meeting the new members that have joined this year.

Cheers, Dean



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Lee-Anne

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talking to you about it.

my ride





Found on Facebook: Let's Go Muddin' in this 1976 Corvette 4x4

As I sit here in our Detroit Bureau HQ, I find myself with a plethora of time on my hands for the next 4-6 weeks after my most recent knee surgery. This also means, in addition to physical therapy, I'll be spending an unhealthy amount of time staring at the internet looking at Corvettes for sale which I have no business buying.

Today's example comes from Facebook Marketplace in the form of a lifted 1976 4x4 Corvette. If you've ever been left behind when your buddies hit the trails because you don't own an off-road vehicle, this C3 will ensure that that unfortunate fate doesn't befall you again.

The body is finished in 1976's most popular hue, Classic white. The ad itself is pretty succinct, but we do get the basic details. Under the hood, you'll find a 400 Ford engine backed by a C6 transmission. Power gets to the 14-26 tires via a 12in drop Tombstone transfer case and a 4-link suspension. Jumbo coil-overs reside on all four corners and support 2.5-ton axles. Don't forget the classy dancing ladies adorning the wheels. The seller does state that the vehicle could use some additional frame boxing and waterproofing.

The asking price for this beast is \$8,500 or best offer plus the seller will entertain trades for a side-by-side or a dune buggy. Looking at the photos, I'd have to admit, this thing looks like it would be a riot to drive. If you're looking for more info on this C3, head on over to Facebook Marketplace.

By Steve Burns
<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/>





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UPF 25



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Jumper

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