

# Corvette

## GAZETTE

2023



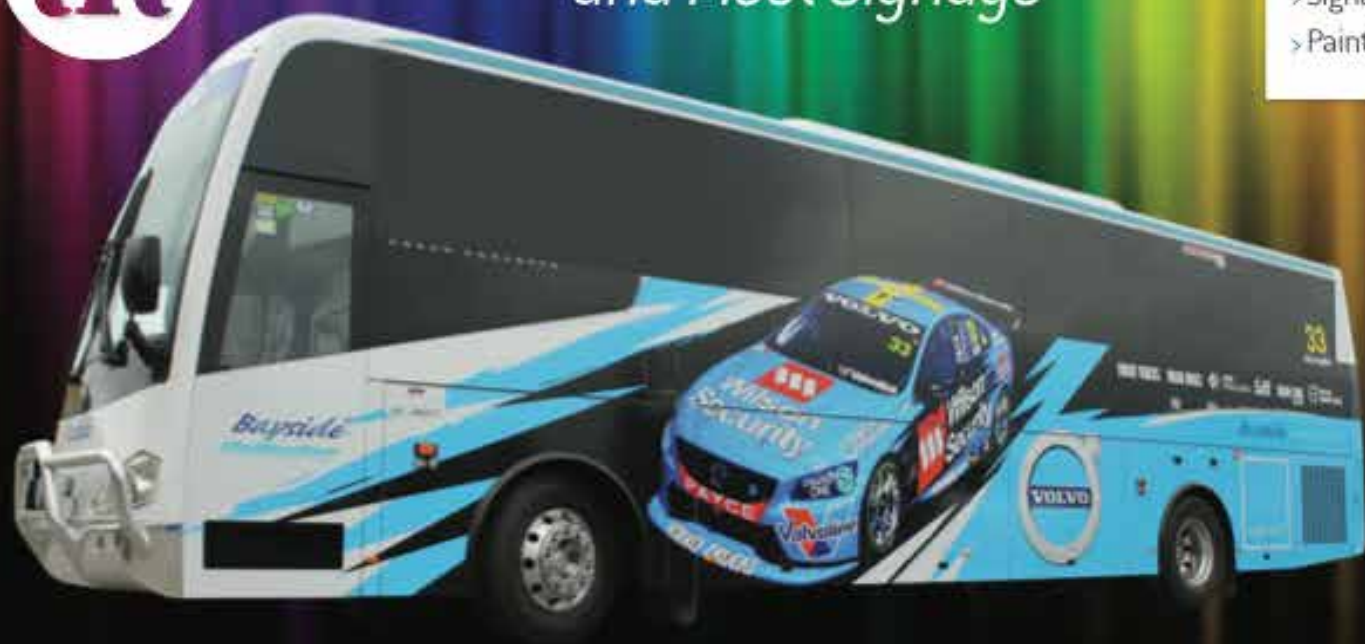
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## Club Meeting

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 by 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 \$15.00 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](mailto: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. Make cheques out to:

**"Corvettes of Melbourne"**  
P.O Box 8052  
Camberwell North 3124

Pay directly into our C.O.M Account  
**BSB:083 323 Acc: 608852877**  
Use your name as a reference

### Cover Photo

*Drone Shot from the Pig n Whistle Run*

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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

Earlier this month, we had a great drive and lunch at the Pig & Whistle at Main Ridge, the day was well attended with around 18 Corvettes and was very enjoyable, albeit a little (or much more) on the cold side for the girls!

Today, we went to Living Legends, an amazing retirement home for local and international champion race horses who have retired, many winning multi millions of dollars, making their owners very wealthy. We were lucky enough to see many past legends, including Beauty Generation, Efficient, Fields of Omagh, Brew, Rogan Josh and a number of other legends, 14 in total. What an amazing experience. It was good to learn that the owners of these horses pay for their retirement, they are well cared for and loved by many.

We were also very privileged to see the memorial garden, located in the centre of the horse paddock area, the garden is a final resting place for local and international champions including Bay Story, Better Lossen Up, Doriemus, Little Bridge, Manduros Son, Wunderwood and the 2013 Melbourne Cup runners up Admire Ratki and Araldo. The memorial garden provides everyone the opportunity to leave a lasting message of love, respect, dignity and appreciation for a special horse.

We also enjoyed hot scones and tea/coffee at Living Legends (which the club funded), followed by a drive to Mt Macedon and lunch at the Mt Macedon Hotel. We had nine Corvettes and a very good looking blue Corvette BMW X5 with Corvette stickers on the rear window of course (I did not bring my beloved Corvette due to unmade roads, pot holes and a creek crossing).

We had a number of new members attend today, Tye and Briony with their white C7, Matt and Anya, their Corvette was safely tucked up in their garage and Leigh and his friend Frank, they have a C3 red convertible.

We had a total of 23 members at Living Legends and 25 members at the Mt Macedon Hotel for lunch.

An on-going thank you to the events team for arranging such amazing events.

By way of a reminder, you can now sign up to attend the Nationals Convention at Ballarat, from 24 March 2023 to 27 March 2023. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible, we are expecting big numbers to attend and would hate for you to miss out. We are counting on you to attend and represent the club and to acknowledge all the work that is going into this event by the Nationals working party. If you have not been to a previous convention, you have no idea what you are missing, come along and enjoy the fun, you will not be disappointed.

If anyone can identify any potential sponsors for the convention, we have a number of packages available and would be interested to hear from you, think about your friendship group and colleagues, this is a good marketing opportunity for sponsors also.

I hope to see a lot of the members at the next Club meeting on Thursday 9 June 2022 at the Tower Hotel. We need your support into continuing to attend these meetings and we appreciate your support.

Until then 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](mailto:gringo350@icloud.com)**



*Next Meetings*  
**Thursday June 9 and July 14**

TOWER HOTEL HAWTHORN

Starts at 8pm or get there at  
7pm for some dinner, drinks and a chat

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

## June



Fern Beavis  
Sarah Booker  
Maree Breekveldt  
Jean Hill  
Shweta Leonard  
Sandy Lyon  
Racheal Pegg  
David D'Aprano



Tony Asquith  
Alan Davidson  
Angelo De Maio  
Barry Marshall  
Lloyd Perrin  
Peter Rosenthal  
Robert Spiden

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.



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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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**May Minutes not available  
at time of printing. Will  
be distributed at June club  
meeting.**

### *One-Of-Two Chevy Corvette ZR2 Sells For Astonishing \$962k*

Mecum Auctions are legendary for the wide selection of Chevy Corvettes available, and last week's 35th Annual Indy Spring Classic was no exception. There were numerous historically significant Vettes to be found amongst the 2,504 lots on offer, but none quite so rare as this 1971 Corvette ZR2 convertible. One of just two constructed for the single year it was offered, this Brands Hatch Green example is unrestored, having covered just 8,702 original miles from new.





The 1971 Corvette ZR2 package was decidedly pricey at \$1,747, but the optional \$1,221 LS6 454 cubic-inch Big Block rated at 425 horsepower was included in the price. The ZR2 option included the M22 heavy-duty close ratio four-speed manual, heavy-duty power brakes, transistor ignition, special aluminum radiator, metal fan shroud, and F41 Special Suspension with front and rear stabilizer bars, special springs and shocks. In essence, it was the ZR1 package, but with the LS6 Big Block. Of the twelve total ZR2s built, only two were convertibles.



The one-year-only 454 cube, 425-horsepower LS6 Big Block resides beneath the hood of this Corvette ZR2. Unrestored, original, and not overly detailed, the engine bay is that of an honest car. Some of the orange valve cover paint has flaked, and the A.I.R. pump is missing its drive belt. There is no ignition shielding as this is a radio-delete car.



This one-of-kind Corvette ZR2 sold for \$962,500 inclusive of fees, just making it into the top ten most expensive lots to change hands last week. It was sold with all awards and certificates, the tank sticker, Vehicle Purchase Order, shipping invoice, [Protect-O-Plate](#). You can see the final result here at the [Mecum Auctions Indy Spring Classic listing](#).

# CORVETTE NATIONALS GOLD★RUSH



**BALLARAT 2023**

March 24th - 27th 2023

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# 2023 Gold Rush Nationals



Source: City of Ballarat

**Corvettes of Melbourne, Vic Vettes and Surfcoast Corvettes** will host the first Corvette Nationals since Queensland in 2019, due to the enduring Covid 19 pandemic. It is important that we recognise and thank the South Australian and Canberra Clubs for their ongoing efforts attempting to hold the Nationals in the face of insurmountable odds.

Taking place in historic Ballarat, the **2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals** will run from **24-27 March**. This event has been moved away from Easter to avoid congestion and make our event more affordable for attendees.

All rooms have been secured at **Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre**, which will transform into the Corvette HQ during the event. The campus-style facility means your cherished Corvettes can be parked immediately adjacent to, or in close proximity to your room, with additional security provided. The good news is we've been able to negotiate a fantastic rate for these Nationals so we advise you to get your bookings in early – otherwise, overflow accommodation will be available at a nearby hotel.

Spruce up your Corvettes, pack your favourite convention- and nationals- themed shirts, dig out your club regalia, pack your gold dancing shoes for the Gala dinner, and make your way to Ballarat for fun with the Corvette family. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and to meeting the growing number of new enthusiasts.

**2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals**  
**Friday 24 March until Monday 27 March**  
**Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre**



Source: City of Ballarat



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Source: Hotels.com

## **Mercure Ballarat - Hotel & Convention Centre**

**613 Main Road, Golden Point  
VIC 3350**

**(03) 5327 1200**

### ***What will the 2023 Nationals offer?***

The Nationals will be held in and around Ballarat, Victoria's third largest city. During the 1800s, Ballarat was the epicentre of Australia's first gold rush, spawning the Eureka stockade as well as a rich history, culture, and well-preserved colonial-era heritage. That's why we're calling this event the **2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals** – we'll also take the opportunity to profile and feature the new **Corvette C8**.

### ***The Program***

#### ***Friday 24 March 2023***

On Friday, book into the event, receive your gift bag, and mingle at the traditional **Meet and Greet** to follow that night.

**The National Presidents' meeting will take place at 4pm.**

#### ***Saturday 25 March 2023***

A **Show 'n' Shine** will be held at scenic Lake Wendouree.

On Saturday night, we'll venture over to **Sovereign Hill** for a unique gold rush experience and to take a closer look into history of the era. Substantial finger food will be provided and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

#### ***Sunday 26 March 2023***

On Sunday, we'll take a **picturesque cruise** through the local gold country and surrounding country towns, enjoying lunch together and some **Show 'n' Shine awards** presentations before returning to the Mercure Hotel.

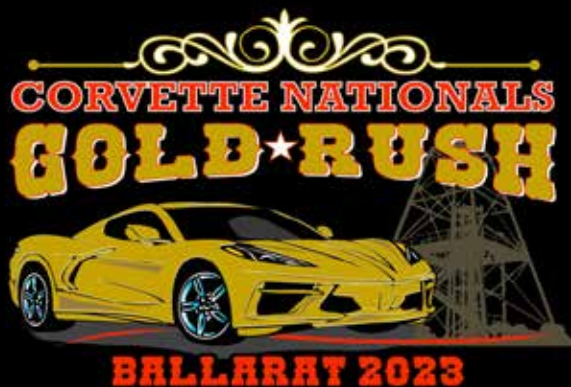
Upon arrival back at the hotel, there will be time to relax and have a drink with old and new friends.

The **gold-themed gala dinner** will be held on Sunday night at the Mercure Hotel. There will be plenty of music, so glam up in your finest attire, dress to impress, and wear your best gold dancing shoes. Here, there will be additional presentations as well as auctions and raffles.

#### ***Monday 27 March 2023***

Time to pack your Corvettes, say **farewell**, and make the safe journey home.





March 24 -27, 2023

For Online Registration and Payment Option  
[www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals](http://www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals)  
 (Mastercard and Visa)

### ENTRANT

First Name		Surname		M/F	
Postal Address					
Suburb		State		PostCode	
Mobile		Club			
Email					
Special Dietary Requirements					

### ADDITIONAL PERSON

First Name		Surname		M/F	
Special Dietary Requirements					

### CORVETTE DETAILS

Vette1 Year		Colour		Coupe or Convertible?	
Is your vehicle to be judged, Yes / No?		Category: Specify O,P or M			
Vette2 Year		Colour		Coupe or Convertible?	
Is your vehicle to be judged, Yes / No?		Category: Specify O,P or M			
Registration No. Vette1		Registration No. Vette2			

O = Original 0-3 modifications; P = Personal 4-8 modifications; M = Modified 9+ modifications

### CONVENTION SHIRTS

*Note: One Convention Shirt and Port included with main entrant \$325 ENTRANT fee*  
*For men's shirts, specify size S, M, L, XL, XXL For ladies' shirts specify size 8 - 20*

Entrant Shirt	Male / Female Specify		Size	
Additional Shirt \$55	Male / Female Specify		Size	

### ENTRY FEES and CHARGES (please note only one entry bag per ENTRANT)

Please return your entry by **31 December 2022**. Entry bag and shirt cannot be guaranteed after this date. Also, if you have any special requests not covered by this form, please attach additional information or contact the Registrations Secretary for assistance.

Enter and Pay Online:		Payment	Quantity	Total
Visit: <a href="http://www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals">www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals</a> <b>Payment by Direct Deposit:</b> BSB: 083-004 A/C: 243008859 Please use your Surname and Vette Rego Number as reference <b>Payment by Cheque:</b> Make payable to: <b>Corvettes of Melbourne Inc.</b>	Entrant	\$325.00		
	Add'l Person	\$250.00		
	Extra Shirt	\$55.00		
	Extra Port	\$20.00		
<b>Total Payment</b>				

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If you have a standard 6" or larger bench grinder with a taper attachment all you need from them is a 200 mm Loose Cotton Wheel with Hard Centre Part Number: LCW8HC and a bar of Stainless Steel polish ( BBB Green rouge ).

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# CoM Event 26 June – Heritage Balnarring

Our next Corvettes of Melbourne Club event is on the 26th June to The Heritage Balnarring. It is a charming Pub with some great food fine wines and cold beers on tap, “the Chef takes pride in reimagining the specials board according to produce availability and thrives on being creative in the kitchen.” Balnarring is located near the mouth of Western Port Bay between Mornington and Flinders. You can find more information on the venue by visiting their website. [www.theheritagebalnarring.com.au](http://www.theheritagebalnarring.com.au)



We plan to arrive at 11:30am for a mid-day lunch, so we will meet at the BP Service Station in Cranbourne at 10:30am with a 10:45 departure. George will post this information in CoM Chat (Facebook) as well.

## Locations and Times

BP Service Station Cranbourne.  
910 Thompsons Rd,  
Cranbourne VIC 3977

10:30am Arrival & Meet  
10:45 Departure

Heritage Balnarring.  
3059 Frankston-Flinders Road,  
Balnarring 3926, Victoria

11:30am Lunch

Please contact George Arhontogeorge on CoM Chat or Facebook Messenger or via text on his mobile 0407 527477.





# MEET THE VICS 2022

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*On Sunday, we'll hold our version of the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the Valley Lake Conservation Park.*

*So, come along and join us to meet up with old and new Corvette friends.*

**ONLY 24 ROOMS - MANY ALREADY BOOKED**  
**BOOK NOW IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND!**

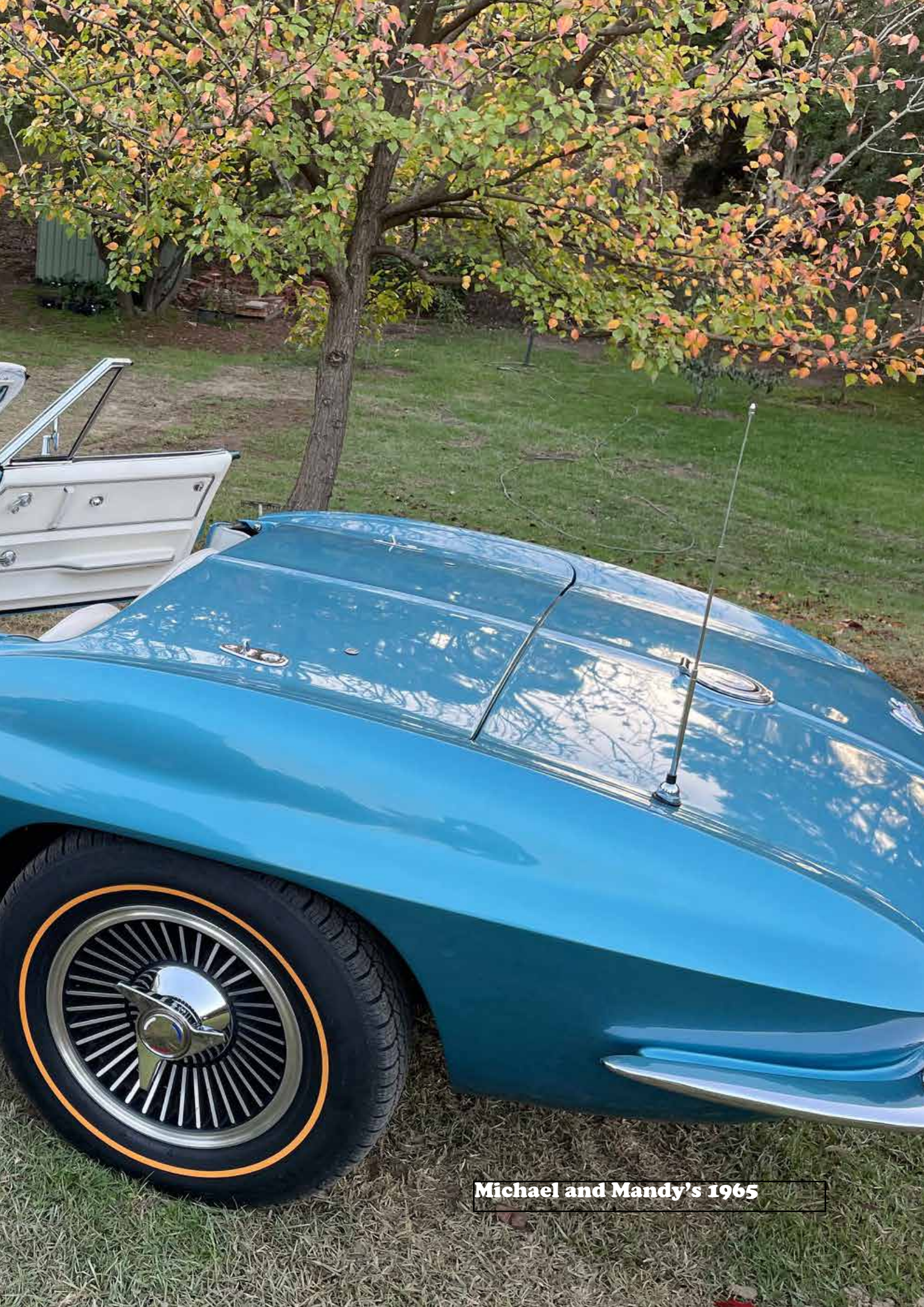
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*Miss*  
**JUNE**





**Michael and Mandy's 1965**



# Michael and Mandy



Sometimes in life a chance opportunity presents itself, a conversation with a friend of mine asking me what car I would like to buy next. My answer, I was looking for a C2 corvette. His reply was, well as a matter of fact I've decided to sell mine. I did not hesitate with my answer as I had always admired this particular car. This conversation led me to the purchase of his 1965 Nassua Blue Roadster.

Built in January 1965 its specifications included:

L76 365HP engine which featured:

- Solid lifters
- High lift camshaft
- 11.1 compression
- Forged steel crankshaft
- Aluminium intake
- Holley 600 carburettor
- 80 pound oil pressure gauge
- 6500 RPM tachometer redline

- Telescopic steering
- AM/FM radio
- Electric antenna
- Blue/white interior





# 1965 L76 Roadster

Knockoff wheels and side pipes added later and Gold Line radials, fitted by me.

The car came with a full ownership history which was obtained in 2015 by the previous owner here in Australia using Bill Gould Auto Ancestry in the USA. All previous owners were traced and emails from them with their recollection of ownership were obtained.

Ordered new in 1965 from Adam, Briscoe and Webb Chevrolet in Jackson Georgia for one of the owner's son's Tommy Webb, he recalls his dad lavishing him with many corvettes from the age of sixteen. He drove this car for about 12 months, it was sold in 1966 probably as a demonstrator to Ralph Goodwin of Jackson Georgia whose name appears on the original handbook and protector plate, which I have.

Ralph recalls the car was very original when he sold it, except for changing the master cylinder and the differential gears to 4.11.

After 18 years in 1984, Ralph sold the car to his brother Wayne Goodwin of Jackson Georgia.



Wayne recalls purchasing this car from his brother and sending it to a company that specialises in corvette restorations, and then commenting on how original it was as it still had all its original fastening hardware intact.

In 1987 he sold it to James Lowe of Watkinsville Georgia who in 2013 sold it to a dealer in Atlanta Georgia. In 2014 it was purchased by Robert Wilson, a repaint was commissioned before being imported to Australia.

Since then the car has had a full engine rebuild and factory reproduction side pipes fitted.

From there that chance opportunity in 2021 led me to the purchase of this vehicle and now a new chapter begins.



# Michael and Mandy's 1965





# Auto Classica – Maling Road

Hi Members,

I was privileged to be asked to attend the Autoclassica car show in Canterbury.

I got there at 6.45 am on the Sunday as the American cars had to be in first because we were up the front of the street with the Jaguar car club they had to have all 200 cars ready before 10am before the crowd came.

The other cars included Mini , VW , Mercedes ,Fiat , Alfa and lots more Euro car including a C8 Corvette. It was a full house!

A lot of people even some club members came to enjoy the cars a say hello. It was a great day and it finished at 3 pm. I've attached some photos for you to enjoy.

Cheers, George









# Living Legends - Mt Macedon





# Living Legends - Mt Macedon





# Living Legends - Mt Macedon





# CLUB MERCHANDISE



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Colour: Black

## Stubby Holder \$5





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\$45**

Colour: Red  
Zip up Hoodie  
Jumper

**8.Moto  
Shirt  
\$45**

Colour:  
Red/Black



**9.Short  
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Shirt  
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Colour: Black

**10.Long  
Sleeved  
Shirt  
\$35**



**11.V Neck  
Tshirt  
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Colour:  
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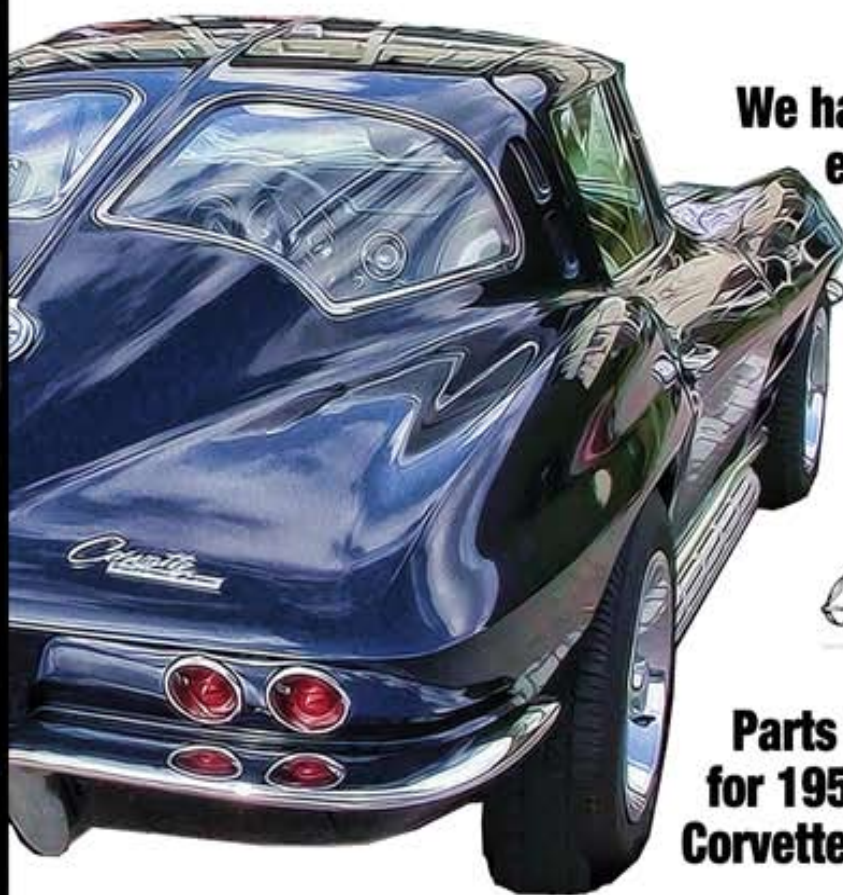
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Keilor Victoria

## From the Editor...

Thank you to all who have provided photos and stories for our Gazette. If you are new to the club, please send us a story and some pictures to publish and help us get to know you!

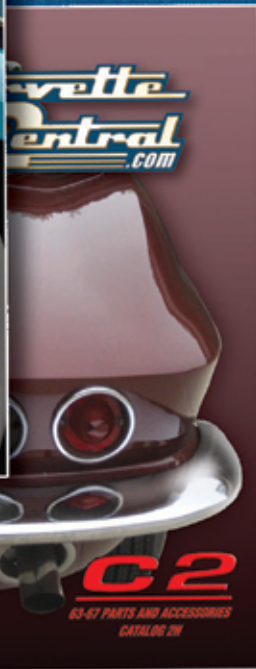
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