



Corvette

GAZETTE

2023



September



# Paul's 1994



My name - Paul Gunovich  
My partner- Tina

I joined CoM around mid January 2022

My car is a black C4 1994 convertible, pretty much stock apart from a full audio upgrade. A bit of time has been spent correcting a few bits of crappy work over the years as well as renewing a few bits and pieces. A new set of custom aero style wheels ( 19x 9.5) will be arriving in the coming weeks to really set off the look, can't wait for this. Other than that, it's get on top of any maintenance and service issues that pop up. Being a car nut, I think my C4 is in good hands.

A friend of mine had a black 88 C4 some years ago and I've always promised myself that I would get one. I missed not having a convertible since selling my black Nissan 350Z so the C4 ticked the box for me.

I love the look of my C4 and enjoy the LHD experience, daydreaming a bit about Americana, the convertible feel and of course that nice Chevrolet soundtrack.

I look forward to meeting up with other corvette members soon. The lunch at Yea's Peppercorn Hotel a few months ago was a nice experience meeting other passionate corvette owners.



# CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

## Correspondence

Corvettes of Melbourne Inc  
P.O Box 8052  
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Victoria

## 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 . 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

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**BSB:083 323 Acc: 608852877**  
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*Michael's 1965*

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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'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

Well Craig and Vicki, Glenn (alias mad max) and Kathy, Cheryl and myself and James and Nicki from Vic Vettes made the trip to Mount Gambier to meet the Vics as they call it, from Friday 26 to Monday 29 August 2022, It was great trip and well organised and we must say that Mark Andre from Surf Club Corvettes and AJ from South Australia Corvette club did a great job in organising the weekend.

Make sure you read Craig's report in the magazine.

I bet you Craig will not put in the magazine about him having car trouble. He said the car just stopped and we followed him off the main highway to discover he had no fuel, so we said we would go to Mount Gambier and get a jerrycan and some fuel and return, at this stage we were 40 kms from a petrol station at Mount Gambier. We received a phone call from Craig when we were 7 kms from Mount Gambier advising that a local farmer had been watching us and gave Craig 10 litres of fuel so he could continue on his way. Cheers to the farmer, well done mate.

In South Australia they make higher speed humps and guess what, we got stuck and this is in the driveway of where we were staying at the motel, see the photos in the magazine, not happy!

September is the Annual General Meeting, we will be bringing a large poster framed C7 ZR1 which

will be the door prize so everyone attending has the chance to take this home, make sure you can attend this will be a great prize, not to mention the good company.

If you want to be on the committee, now is the time to do it, all positions are vacated, read the magazine to see how to apply, everyone is welcome to apply.

Also make sure you register for the upcoming Nationals and secure your accommodation for next year in March 2023 from 24 to 27 March 2023, this will be a great event, so make sure you will be there to support the event and support our club. We are running this event and we would really appreciate your support.

Cheers for now, see you all at the AGM on 8 September 2022.



Cheers, Tony (alias Mr President)

Having a leisurely swing in SA, just like a child.



**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*  
**AGM Thursday September 8  
and October 13**

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

## September

Heidi Di Santo  
June Gloder  
Carmen La Bruna  
Merrilyn Pagram  
Andrew "Angry" Anderson  
George Arhontogeorge  
Scott Barr  
Ronald Cefai

Glenn Chesser  
Alex Kosutic  
Leigh Morley  
Wayne Radford  
Murray Riggall  
Colin Theodore  
Paul 'Wiggo' Wiggins

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  
NUMBER PLATE SCHEME AVAILABLE  
VICTORIA

### 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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Permit  
applications and renewals:  
Garth Bradbury 0411 131 294  
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Dan Butters 0407 726 773

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**Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M**  
**Minutes of General Meeting 11 August 2022, Tower Hill**  
**Hotel, Hawthorn.**

Meeting Commenced 8:15pm

**Chair:** Tony Asquith, President

**Welcome**

The president welcomed all to the August 2022 meeting

**Apologies:** Greg Webster, Dean Cooper, Geoff Briggs, Darryl Verdon, Robert and Richard Jordan, Michael and Mandy Brand, Graham George and Tania Cassidy, Andrew and Shweta Leonard

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Katherine Younane, Seconded; Brendan Greene

**Minutes of the last Meeting** were tabled.

Thanks mentioned to Craig O'Donohue for taking and recording these minutes. Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Joe Younane, Seconded; Glenn Pellegrini

**Reports:**

**Treasurers report**

Joe Younane presented the Treasurers report. The report covers from the month of May 2022 and is summarised as follows;

Opening balance	\$26,400
Major expenses;	Printing
Closing Balance	\$26,000

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Craig O'Donohue, Seconded; Glenn Pellegrini

### **Secretary's report**

The Secretary was an apology. The Secretary did mention prior to the meeting there were some Governance issues he wanted to address at the meeting. As Robert was unable to attend these matters will be held over.

### **Merchandise**

Action carried over as Tania was an apology. Tania has been co-ordinator as an interim measure to assist the club. The need for another member to take over the co-ordinators roll was discussed.

### **Events**

The run to Reefton Hotel was a great success for those who attended. Thanks to Dean for his efforts in organising this event.

The meet the Vics event is fully subscribed though it is a little disappointing only 4 club members will be attending.

Sting Ray Run and Euroa Show-n-Shine. 1-2 October being organised by Central Vic Corvettes. Stay overnight in Shepparton or drive up on the Sunday. Accommodation is at Park Lake Motel in Shepparton.

Lake Eildon Run. 10-11 September. Organiser; Michael Brand. First time this event has been held. Staying overnight at Rubicon Hotel in Thornton.

AGM is to be held after the 8<sup>th</sup> September Monthly meeting. All details are in the August Gazette

### **General Business: Nil**

Meeting closed 9:05pm  
Next meeting 8 September 2022

Minutes by Garth Bradbury; Vice President



# 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



Source: City of Ballarat



Source: City of Ballarat



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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**Enter and pay before  
 1/11/22 to go into  
 the draw to win  
 your cost of registration  
 and accommodation !!**





# 2023 Gold Rush Nationals – Update

The Nationals Working Party are working hard on behind the scene arrangements for the 2023 Gold Rush Nationals.

Accommodation at the Mercure is booked out, we have interest nationally from Corvette owners.

So that our members do not miss out on the opportunity of attending, I suggest you book your registration entry quickly, to avoid disappointment.

Just because you have booked your accommodation does not mean you are automatically registered to attend the Nationals, you need to complete the registration form and send it to Joe.

Due to the national interest, it is possible that event numbers will need to be limited, do not miss out on this great event.

Other accommodation options for the Nationals now include:

## **Best Western Plus (next to the Mercure)**

We have 25 single Rooms for entrants to book which were reserved and there may be some left.

Room rates \$189 per night

Book on (03) 5329 0200 Advise them you are booking for the Corvette National Convention.

Rooms are 4 star.

## **Sovereign Views Apartment (600 metres from the Mercure)**

There are:

4- 1 bedroom Studio apartments at \$105pn these are quite small

6- 2 bedroom apartments at \$210pn

6- 2 bedroom double storey town houses at \$210pn

5- 3 bedroom Apartments at \$260pn.

There are also a couple of 4 Bedroom apartments.

There is undercover parking and full kitchen facilities

These rooms are all available at present. They are not reserved

so entrants need to act quickly to secure accommodation

Book on 0490 835 165

Apartments are 4 star

## **Sovereign Hill Hotel, Magpie St Ballarat.**

(1.3km drive from the Mercure) Separate to but part of the Sovereign Hill precinct

22 single rooms available

These rooms are not reserved but if entrants act quickly they will be able to secure accommodation

Rates start at \$140pn for queen bed (likely subject to price variation before March 2023)

Book on (03) 5337 1199

Open car parking which has security cameras and is patrolled.

Rooms are 4 star

There are other Motels which can be viewed online that are not too far from the Mercure.

Cheers, Tony (alias Mr President)

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# Lake Eildon Run

Eildon weekend September 10 & 11

Some rooms still available.

Michael Brand and I would love to see those other rooms booked up!  
Please read the details below.

With the wonderful help of Michael Brand, we have put together the Lake Eildon High Country Cruise on Sat 18th Sept with the optional overnight stay at the Rubicon Hotel Thornton and Sunday cruise to Marysville.

## Day 1

... starting at Yarra Glen, through to Healesville and through the Black Spur , stopping at the Black Spur Inn for morning tea.

Then onto Alexandra and the high country, stopping for views across Lake Eildon, and onto the Eildon boat club for lunch.

After lunch, we will cruise across the dam wall to the spillway and lookout, for spectacular views of the lake and mountains.

We will then continue on to Thornton for refreshments at the Rubicon Hotel.

## Day 2 (Optional)

... those who take up this option will be staying at the Rubicon Hotel Thornton.

We will be cruising across to Marysville and depending on the weather, may visit the Stephenson's falls and then a cafe for a light lunch.

(We have secured 12 rooms at the Rubicon Hotel so be quick to book!)

Call Melissa Creed at the Rubicon Hotel between 10am -3pm Mon to Fri on 03 5773 2251 and let her know you are with the club. You will then be allocated a room with your own contact/payment details which will be charged the Friday before arrival.

There is a 200 seat bistro for dinner on the Sat night.

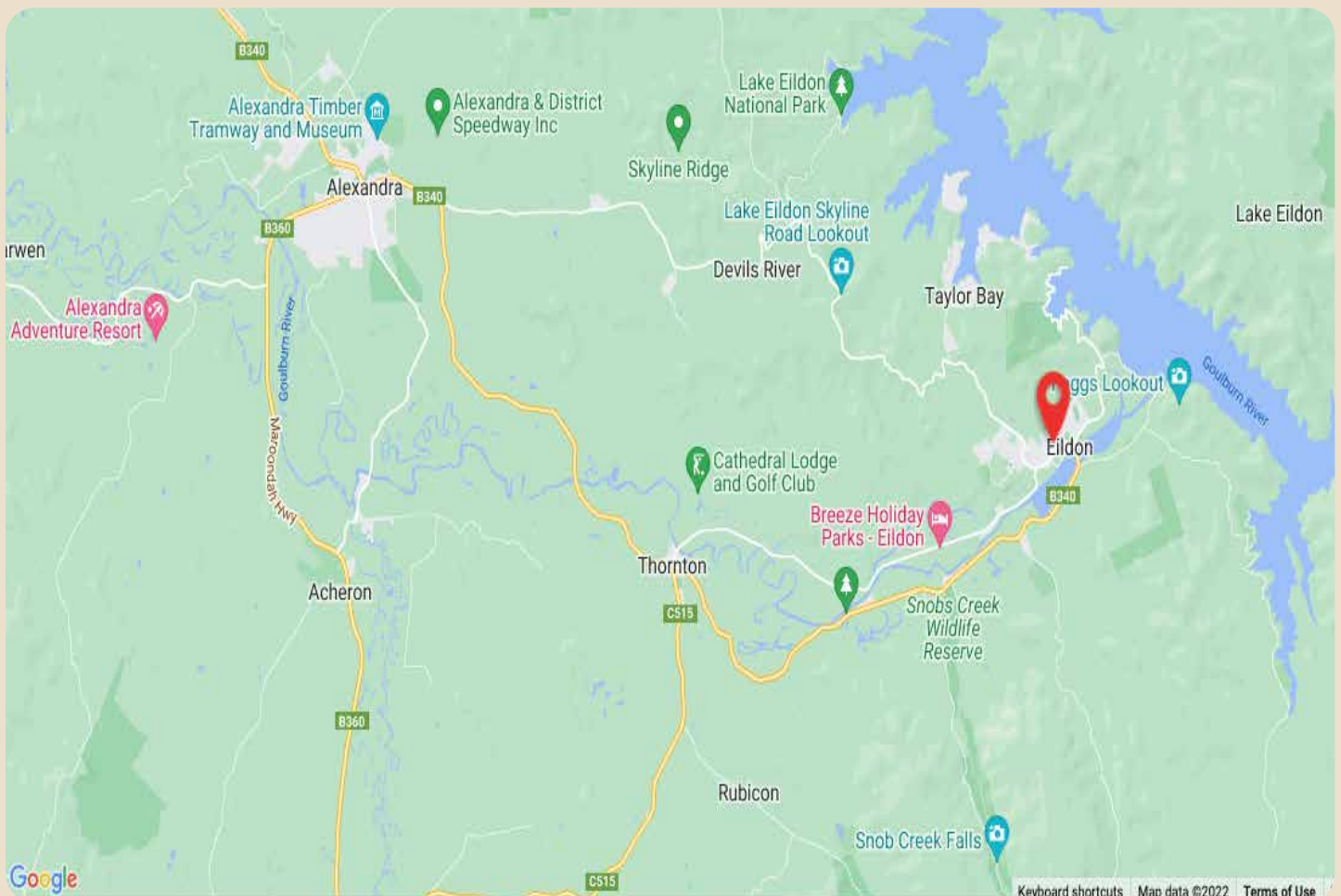
Please let me know if you do book (0419 511 276).

We are in for a wonderful weekend!!

Cheers,  
Dean



# 10th and 11th September



## Meet The Vics. – Mount Gambier



*What a great weekend continuing and extending the ongoing friendship and close relationship between the South Australian & Victorian clubs. Corvettes of South Australia, Corvettes of Melbourne, Corvettes of Geelong, Surf Coast Corvettes and Vic Vettes all participated in this ever improving annual event held in the picturesque town of Mount Gambier.*

*A sincere hats off must go to Mark Andre of Surf Coast & A.J. of South Australia for their consolidated efforts in very detailed planning and ultimate execution of a very professionally arranged event that was simply.. 'First Class' and ran without a hitch.*

*(Aside from Tony & Cheryl's car incapable of navigating over a 100mm speed hump at the hotel – Unbelievable – 5 people were needed to help out with such a simple exercise)*



*Some 52 People attended with around 20 from S.A. and 30 from the combined Vic. Clubs with 28 Corvettes on deck. COM was represented by Tony & Cheryl, Glenn & Kathy, Vicki & Craig and Mark & Betty (duel members) of course! Glenn & Kathy were gracious hosts in opening up their house to Tony, Cheryl, Vicki & Craig for an overnight stay on Thursday so we could all travel the 350km trip together on the Friday morning.*

*This is what good Corvette people do for each other. – Thankyou both!!!!*



*The official event formally commenced on the Friday evening with a group get together at a local restaurant 'Sorrento' followed by 'a big' winery day on the Saturday in the Coonawarra region.*

*First was a group photo shoot at the Coonawarra Railway Siding followed by lunch and a tasting at Brands Laira. From*



*there we visited two more wineries at DiGiorio Family Wines and the infamous Wynns Estate. These were both equally fantastic venues and really put it on for us. Just have a look at Tony's eyes and his lean on the Chesterfield sofa in the photo!!*

*At night, it continued with dinner at the 'huge' South Eastern hotel for more food & drinks.*

*One of the best things over the weekend was being bussed around all weekend between drinks which was a fantastic, social and very safe arrangement by Mark & A.J. (Tony & Glenn certainly needed this!)*



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



*Sunday was a beautiful day for a drive through the beautiful countryside of the Mount Gambier region.*



*First stop was at the 'Umberson' Sink Hole*

*and then... the quirky 'Feast's Car & Memorabilia Museum ...*



*before arriving at the infamous 'Blue Lake' Volcano....*



*Lunch and an informal line up of the Vettes was in a local park soaking up the sunshine offered by the day. A traditional 'gutter party' was held late in the afternoon which provided for a very 'noisy & extremely social' dinner at Cafe Belgiorno to farewell each other for another great get together between the Vic.'s & the S.A.'s. (it also provided an opportunity to celebrate Mark Andre's 'wrong turn' during the day with his award of a 'pretty' set of bright blue glasses to use on future event navigation he may undertake)*



*I strongly suggest you firmly put it into your calendars for next year!!!*

*Cheers... Craig O'Donohue*





*Miss*  
**SEPTEMBER**





# Corvettes on Show – Part 1

Those of you who have participated in the Australian Corvette Nationals will be well aware there is a featured Show 'n' Shine event where entered cars are judged according to the generation of the car, as well as being divided into three different categories – Original, Personalised or Modified. As with any competition that involves subjective scoring by a group of judges, there are always a number of unhappy competitors who disagree with the scoring. But the judging of the merits of the individual cars is not as contentious as is the category into which many of the cars are fitted.

For instance – a car in the “Original” class can have up to three modifications. But there is no definition of what those modifications can be. So, if I fit a supercharger that pokes out through the hood, a high rear wing and racing wheels and slicks, I can see no current reason the car couldn't enter the Original class.

As for the “Personalised” class, this class allows up to 8 modifications! I'm thinking Chrysler hemi engine with Lenco transmission, four-link rear suspension with Ford 9" diff, racing seats, full roll-cage, and I still haven't used up my full eight modifications! I know what I have just suggested is ridiculous, but where do you draw the line? If not a supercharger, how about a turbo or a tunnel ram manifold? What modifications are okay?

In my mind there should be a points system, assigning penalty points for each individual modification. As an example, if a maximum of 50 penalty points puts you out of the Original class,





# Corvettes on Show – Part 1

a supercharger should attract a penalty of over 50 points, putting the car out of Original even if there were no more modifications. Perhaps a set of non-factory floor mats may be penalised 10 points, or a pair of Edelbrock valve covers 25 points. This points system would take a little effort to develop, but to me it's something that must be done. Many of the cars being judged these days are worth well over \$100,000 and deserve better consideration than being judged in a competition whose rules are nebulous at best.

So, what should the rules be, and why is it important? Let's start with the "why". I believe it is really important to preserve and promote a group of cars that display our Corvettes just as they were originally built. We can encourage owners to aspire to returning to or retaining their Corvettes in their as-built configuration. We do have cars in Australia that fit into the NCRS category, and this is really great to see. However here in Australia it's impossible to find old Corvettes in factory original condition in the way we may find old Holdens and Fords hidden in a remote barn. To own an NCRS car you pretty much need to buy one in the US and import it. But what we can do here is restore our Corvettes to what I call "Visually Correct" condition. While NCRS cars value originality over restoration, our Visually Correct cars can be judged on the quality of their restoration, with new paintwork, restored used parts and brand-new reproduction parts. These two classes each have their merits and can stand alongside one another. With the low number of NCRS classified cars in Australia, I believe they should have their own special display rather than being judged.



# Corvettes on Show – Part 1



So, what would the rules be for the Original or Visually Correct (VC) class? I'll specifically talk about C3 Corvettes as this was the longest running generation and the predominant generation Corvette here in Australia. The same rules can apply quite well to other Corvette generations. To be in the Original/VC class, the cars would need to fit within the following rules. If they had too many incorrect features, they could either be moved to the Personalised class or they could remain in the VC class but would be docked numerous points for their incorrect features.

## **EXTERIOR:**

The car should have all the correct body parts for its model year. So, no substitution of engine hoods from different model years or engine types, no substitution of front or rear fascias from another model year, no aftermarket hood scoops, front or rear spoilers, side skirts, or flared guards. The correct badges and decals must be used. Neither should the car be excessively lowered. Most importantly, the car must be painted in a colour that was available for that model year.

Rear exhaust tips must be correct for the model year, and factory side pipes can be fitted only to 1969 cars. Wheels must be correct for the model year, meaning the factory C3 alloy wheels can only be fitted to 1976 and later cars. All earlier cars must be fitted with rally wheels, equipped with the wheel covers that were available for that model year. Tyres should be of a similar size to those originally fitted – no big oversize tyres. I suggest a list of acceptable tyre sizes should be released.

## **INTERIOR:**

Interior colour must be one that was available for that model year. Seat design should be correct for that model year with the correct trim pattern. If the Deluxe Interior was available for that particular year, it may be fitted, but it should be complete. ie. wood trim, leather seats, carpet door trim, and special cut-pile carpeting should all be fitted, not just selected parts.



# Corvettes on Show – Part 1

The correct steering wheel should be fitted, as well as the correct radio. In other words, no conversion of the gauge panel to fit a single DIN radio.

## **ENGINE BAY:**

The engine must be painted the correct colour, must use the correct air cleaner and rocker covers (not aftermarket), which can only be chrome or alloy if available factory fitted. The car should run the correct cooling fan and shroud, as well as the correct recovery tank and normal black rubber hoses. The fuel pump should be the original style mechanical pump but should not be an oversize or chromed aftermarket pump.

The correct Delco style distributor (or replica) must be fitted with all the radio shields and correct style plug leads. The engine should have the factory fitted intake manifold, and the exhaust manifolds should be the original style cast iron (not extractors/headers).

As the criteria for the VC class is that the car should be visually correct, there are some hidden components that I would exempt from being the original designs. In later years, after this class is further developed, some of these exemptions could be removed to make the cars even more correct. A good example of an exemption is the use of Holley carburettors. As the carburettor is fairly much hidden by the Corvette's large original air cleaners, it doesn't have a lot of influence on the car's visual appearance. I would grant this exemption due to so many C3 Corvettes being fitted with the relatively simple Holley carbs, replacing the more complicated Rochester Quadrajets. The cost of replacing a Holley with a Quadrajet, plus the potentially difficult operation of tuning it to suit the engine makes it simpler to retain the Holley. As I said, this could be repealed in, say, 5 years' time with plenty of warning to owners of the rule change.

Other exemptions I would allow are suspension components that are relatively hard to see. Composite rear springs, adjustable length rear strut rods, non-original dampers and crossmember reinforcement plates are all items that are relatively invisible, but make the owner's life a little easier. Again, some or all these exemptions could be repealed over time.

## **SUMMARY:**

I must repeat that I very strongly believe in retaining a class of Corvettes in Australia that are "Visually Correct". It is important to preserve the history of Corvettes in Australia. We need cars that can be shown to the public, the enthusiasts, the aspiring owners, and the current owners to show them exactly how the cars appeared when they were built. To encourage the restoration or maintaining of these original condition cars, we need to have a judging class at the Nationals that marks cars largely on their visual originality.

The suggested rules for the "Original" or Visually Correct" class are just that – suggestions. Nor is my list of rules complete. It is offered as a strong suggestion for having the rules for the Original class encourage originality rather than allowing clearly non-original cars to compete and too often win the class. I firmly believe we need to promote visually correct cars among Corvette Club members and installing this as the requirement for the existing class currently known as "Original". This would be a major step in encouraging many owners to restore their cars as visually correct. This would be a major plus for Australia's Corvette community.

I am interested in hearing your feedback, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Next time I will give my thoughts on the "Personalised" class rules.

- Mark Andre



# AGM September 8



Dear Member,

Corvettes of Melbourne  
Inc No. A0023933M  
PO Box 8052, Camberwell North,  
Victoria, 3124

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD CORVETTES OF MELBOURNE INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) FOR FINANCIAL YEAR AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2022-2023

Please be advised that Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. is to hold its AGM on **Thursday 8th September 2022** commencing at 8.00pm following the normal monthly club meeting (pre-meeting dinner and drinks from 7:00pm as usual). All club members are welcome! Depending on COVID restrictions and any lockdown, this meeting may be held by **zoom**.

Normal venue: The Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East, Victoria  
(Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors)

Come along and enjoy a meal with your fellow Corvette enthusiasts, whilst getting your chance to have a say and help determine the future direction of your club. Maybe you would like to consider volunteering for a Committee position and personally participating in shaping our club.

Yours sincerely,  
Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. Committee.

**Yes it's time again for the club AGM! As usual all positions up for grabs and if you can spare a small amount of time per week to support the club and are interested, please come along and put your hand up, or at least to vote to determine the future direction of our club. Below you will find a brief summary of each role (more detail available from current or past position holders):**

**President:** The President is the leader of the club and is there to ensure the club is run efficiently administratively, financially and socially to support the enjoyment of our vehicles. The club president is responsible for running club meetings and committee meetings, guiding committee members, delegating tasks as necessary, and maintaining regular open communication as the face of the club.

**Vice President:** The role of the Vice President can be summarized in one word - service. The Vice President serves the President, other club officers, committees and the general membership. He or she is also expected to learn the duties of the President in order to fill in or take over as necessary.

**Secretary & Public Officer:** A good secretary is essential to the proper functioning of any club. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes, setting agenda, keeping records and maintaining all important files for the club.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer controls the club's money, both its collection and disbursement. He or she collects member dues, maintains accurate financial records and reports these at meetings.

**Membership Officer:** The membership officer should be a welcoming face for all visitors and new members and a point of contact to guide them into the club and to meet fellow members. This involves arranging name tags and informing relevant committee members of guests and new members and is also responsible for driving membership renewals and chasing expired members.

**Events Coordinator:** This role organises a range of events for members and encouraging attendance. Events can be organised by members and you oversee and guide them, or they can be organised by you, but it is important to ensure a good calendar of events for the year and they are publicised. Additionally, you or a delegate you assign, needs to ensure the days are planned and managed.

**Gazette Editor:** The Gazette Editor is responsible for keeping the membership informed about important activities, past activities and news within the club. This involves sourcing the articles/content, creating a monthly newsletter and sending it to the club printer for printing.

**Webmaster:** A role which involves keeping the website up to date with event details for members to be able to check. It is also the key marketing face to the public, so it is important to ensure the website is up to date and contains content to draw in new potential members.

**Archivist:** Manage the historical stock of assets for the club. Ensure these are advertised to club members and made available when requested. Manage and track borrowed assets and ensure that they are returned in an appropriate manner and the same condition - ie books, etc.

**Merchandise Manager:** Manage the club's merchandise by promoting and selling it and managing stock quantities and when required, working with the committee and members to purchase more stock or create new merchandise.

# AGM September 8



**Corvettes of Melbourne**  
Inc. No. A0023933M

## PROXY VOTING FORM

Name and Address of Member:

I, being a Voting Member of the Corvettes of Melbourne Incorporated car club appoint:

### EITHER

☐

**The Chair of the Meeting,** if no person is named below,

**OR**

☐

Name and Address of Proxy:

to represent my voting rights, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club to be held on **THURSDAY, September 8 2022 or any adjournment of that meeting.**

**Signature**

**Name**

**Date**

### NOTES:

1. A separate Proxy Form is required for each voting member.
2. Please ensure this form is received by Corvettes of Melbourne before 8 September.

# AGM – previous minutes

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

### Minutes of Meeting

#### Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. No. A0023933M

2021 Annual General Meeting

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 Zoom Meeting

Meeting Commenced: 8.05pm

**Chair:** Tony Asquith, President

### Welcome

Tony welcomed everyone to our second AGM by Zoom.

All members were advised that they received the reports and minutes of the last AGM by email.

### **Apologies**

Mark Collins, Richard Jordan

### **Attendees**

Tony & Cheryl Asquith, Joe Younane, Craig O'Donohue, Frank Guerra, Lloyd Perrin, Brendan Green, George Arhontogeorgi, Darren Zadnik, Dean Cooper, Mathew Dutneall, Adrian Villante, Darren Pelacchi, Dan & Christine Butters

Moved that minutes of last AGM (2020) meeting be accepted:

**Proposer:** Craig O'Donohue **Seconded:** Joe Younane

### **Reports:**

The President (Tony Asquith) reported that the club had the following meetings:

- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020.
- 11<sup>TH</sup> February 2021.
- 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Events since the last AGM included:

- Maroondah Dam run November 2020.
- Toy Box December 2020.



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- St Andres Brewery January 2021.
- Port Arlington Royal Hotel February 2021.
- Pantan Hills Hotel March 2021.
- Australian National Aviation Museum April 2021.
- Elevation Restaurant Emerald May 2021.
- Little River Hotel June 2021. (Final event)

The number of events for the past twelve months have been limited because of Covid-19.

Tony thanked the Event Coordinators, Adrian, George, and Dean for doing an excellent job in trying conditions.

## **New Members** included:

Paul & Lisa Grove, Ant Barker, Anya & Matt Polmear, Jasmine Dent, Matt Dutneall, Paul & Kevin O'Rourke, Frank Guerra.

Tony thanked the committee members for their support and thanked all the members. Tony also thanked Cheryl for supporting him in his role.

## **Treasurers Report**

Treasurers Report presented by Joe Younane. Summary of the report is as follows:

- Started the year with \$14,600 in the bank. (Up by \$5,600)
- The improvement in the bank balance was because of the new membership fee structure.
- Expenses for the year are much lower compared to previous years.
- Donations have also been lower for the year.
- Donations to Movember
- Largest expense for the year was \$1800 for insurance.
- Expenses for club runs were approximately \$2000.
- Membership revenue was approximately \$11,000.
- Merchandise sales were approximately \$850.
- There was no club magazine advertising revenue.
- Finished the year on June 30<sup>th</sup> with \$21,200, nearly \$7000 up on the previous year.
- The club now as a total of approximately 130 members

Moved that the Treasurers report as presented be accepted:

**Proposer:** Llyod Perrin      **Seconded:** Dan Butters

The President then stood down all Committee Members and Officers of the club and handed the Chair of the meeting to Mr. Dan Butters to conduct the election of Committee and Office Bearers to guide the Club through the 2022 membership year.

# AGM – previous minutes

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Mr. Tony Asquith
Vice President	Mr. Garth Bradbury
Secretary	Mr. Robert Jordan
Treasurer	Mr. Joe Younane

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

Membership Officer	Mr. Brendan Green
Events Coordinators	Mr. Dean Cooper
	Mr. George Arhontogeorgi
	Mr. Adrian Villante
	Mr. Tony Asquith

<b>Magazine Editor</b>	Mr. Joe Younane
<b>Webmaster</b>	Mr. Darren Pelacchi
<b>Archivist</b>	Mr. Mark Collins
<b>Merchandise Officer</b>	Ms. Tania Cassidy

<b>Members Reps</b>	Mr. Peter Whiston (Founder & Life Member)
	Mr. Gregory Webster (Founder & Life Member)

The Chair was then handed back to the President re-elect.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

### Minutes by:

Robert Jordan, Secretary

## Further Discussion

- (1) Dan mentioned that Vic Roads had put on HOLD the changes to the Club Permit Scheme.
- (2) Dan and Lloyd raised their concerns that they had not been informed that they were no longer signatories for the CPS. This will be brought up at a future meeting.
- (3) Llyod mentioned that the Pt Nepean Car Show is still going ahead at this point, it is to be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. Llyod also suggested we can have lunch at the Blairgowrie Yacht Club.
- (4) Llyod proposed that club members may want to consider collating parts for their Corvettes and ship a small container load from the USA to Melbourne once per year.
- (5) Tony proposed that Kane Whiston attends a future club meeting and gives an update regarding his business.



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Jumper



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Colour: Black

## Stubby Holder \$5





**7.  
Hoodie  
\$45**

Colour: Red  
Zip up Hoodie  
Jumper

**8.Moto  
Shirt  
\$45**

Colour:  
Red/Black



**9.Short  
Sleeved  
Shirt  
\$35**

Colour: Black

**10.Long  
Sleeved  
Shirt  
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**11.V Neck  
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Colour:  
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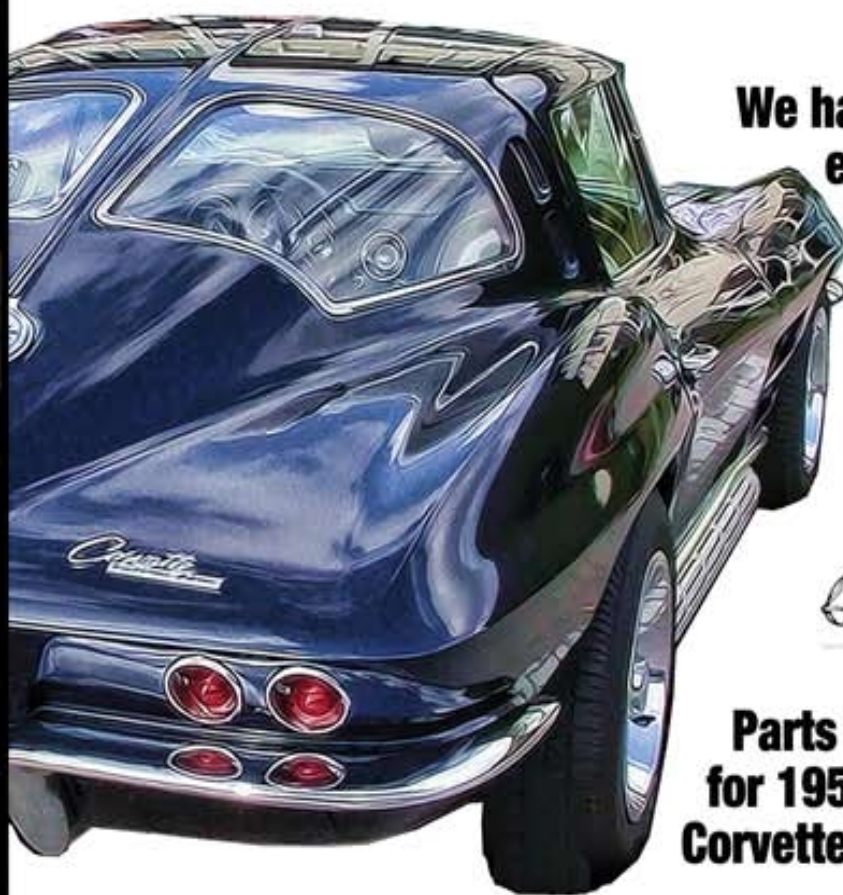
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