

# Corvette

## GAZETTE

2023



**October**

# Corvettes of Melbourne Event Lang Lang Proving Ground Sunday 13th November 2022

The Club is thrilled to announce a visit to this iconic facility very soon.

Corvettes of Melbourne have been invited and are the only Club to be allowed access since the closure of GMH.

We need 45 Road / Club Registered cars to participate - preferably Corvettes.  
Price will be \$195 per car which will include lunch and drinks.  
Photos on this historic site will provide many happy memories.

Program : Arrival ( 10.00 am ) at Lang Lang and enter Proving Ground gates.  
Event safety briefings.  
Skid pad - demonstration by Darren and crew, then Members use it if they wish.  
Photographs on the skid pad.

**Lunch provided by Corvettes of Melbourne :**  
( Hamburger / Snag / Salad / Water and Soft Drinks - Please advise of dietary requirements )  
Motorkhana Event and Go to Whoa - Trophies for the Brave !  
Controlled lap (Convoy) of Ride and Handling track for those who would like to go.  
Controlled laps of the Circular Track and photography.  
Regroup and wrap up - Exit ( 4.00 pm )

Here's a sample of some action we can enjoy :  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV2OEDd397U>

**Deadline with payment : 23rd of October — — Numbers are limited.**



You can pay in to the Club's account then advise Brendan via email ( [gringo350@icloud.com](mailto:gringo350@icloud.com) ) or Joe ( [treasurer@corvettesofmelbourne.com](mailto:treasurer@corvettesofmelbourne.com) ) of how many will be coming for catering purposes - Max. 2 people.

*\* If we don't succeed in getting the required number of entries  
the event will not go ahead and the \$195 will be refunded.*

Payment Options : Directly to CoM Account via EFT : BSB # 083 323 Account # 6088 52 877  
Use your "Name" and "Lang Lang" as a reference.

Or Cheque made payable to : "Corvettes of Melbourne" and send to : PO Box 8052  
Camberwell North 3124

Any queries contact : [gringo350@icloud.com](mailto:gringo350@icloud.com)

# CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

## Correspondence

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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](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

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**Eildon High Country Cruise**

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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,

As you know, our last club meeting was followed by the AGM. I would like to thank Dan Butters for acting as the interim chair. We have some new members joining the committee, including Kathy Bergin (Merchandise Officer), Tony Pool (Events), Daniel Zadnick (Events), Michael Brand (Secretary) and Lloyd Perrin as committee at large. I would like to welcome our new committee members. I would also like to thank our previous committee for all their hard work.

In brief, last weekend we headed to Shepparton for the 7th Stingray run which was organised by Michael Hehir and two of his team from Central Corvettes. We then went onto the Euroa car show, where Craig O' Donohue and Michael Brand each received a trophy, well done! There are pictures and more information in the Gazette.

The Lang Lang event will be held on Sunday 13 November 2022, as per the email and COM chat. If you are wanting to attend, please make your payment to hold your spot. As previously advised, if there is not enough interest, this event will not go ahead and all monies paid will be refunded in full.

This year's Christmas party will be held on Sunday 4 December 2022 at Glenn & Kathy's mansion in Gisborne South, so keep that day free. Further details will follow.

Also make sure you register for the upcoming Nationals and secure your accommodation for next year 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.

I hope to see everyone at the next club meeting on Thursday 13 October 2022 at the Tower Hotel.

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**



## Next Meetings

**Thursday October 13  
and November 10**

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

## October

Julia Anderson  
Christine Bradbury  
Helen Cumming  
Lisa Garcia  
Mark Collins  
Dean Giakoumakis  
Rod Glanville

Craig O'Donohue  
Kevin O'Rourke  
Tony Pool  
Greg Webster  
Daniel Zadnik

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  
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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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Permit  
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## **Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M**

Minutes of General Meeting 8 September 2022, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.

Meeting Commenced 8:15pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

The president welcomed all to the September 2022 meeting

New Members: Tony Pool

Apologies: Greg Webster, Dean Cooper, Geoff Biggs, Darryl Verdon, Robert and Richard Jordan, Tania Cassidy, Andrew and Shweta Leonard, Rod Glanville,

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; GG, Seconded; Gerard

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled. It was noted the minutes omitted mention of the following: 2023 Nationals; Mercure fully booked alternative accommodation available at Best Western, Sovereign Heights and Sovereign Hill Hotel; over 50 entries had been received, which is a good start.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Dan, Seconded; Gerard

Reports:

Treasurers report

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

Opening balance	\$26,000
Major expenses;	Printing, Post charges,
Major revenue;	Subscriptions (\$5675) and Raffle (\$110).
Closing Balance	\$31,300

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Gringo, Seconded; Christine

Secretary's report

The Secretary was an apology. The only correspondence was a magazine from NSW Corvettes.

Merchandise

Action carried over as Tania was an apology.

Events

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

The meet the Vics event was described as a great success with some pointers that could help with the Nationals planning. 8 CoM members attended.

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. First time this event has been held.

George, Dean and John Luppino attended the Garfield Coffee and Car Show. This event is held monthly the next one is on 25 September 2022.

2022 AGM to follow this meeting.

General Business: members generally agree more contributions should be made to charity organisations. Charities mentioned were Starlight, Camp Quality, Movember and State Schools Relief Committee. The Executive Committee will address this and bring advice to a future meeting.

Meeting closed 9:15pm

Next meeting 13 October 2022

Minutes by Garth Bradbury; Vice President

# A Collection of Corvette Advertising & Promotional Memories

What can you say? Look Out G.G.!!



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**1953 The 'Start of an Icon'**

**1969 Corvette**

**SURFS UP! Sure. Where do I put it?**

**C2 1963 A Beautiful Evolution but.. Are you kidding??**

**10 seconds to lift off.**

**C3 1968 Space Age Arrival!**

**THE EXOTIC AMERICAN.**

**C4 1984 Very 'Classy' Next Gen!**

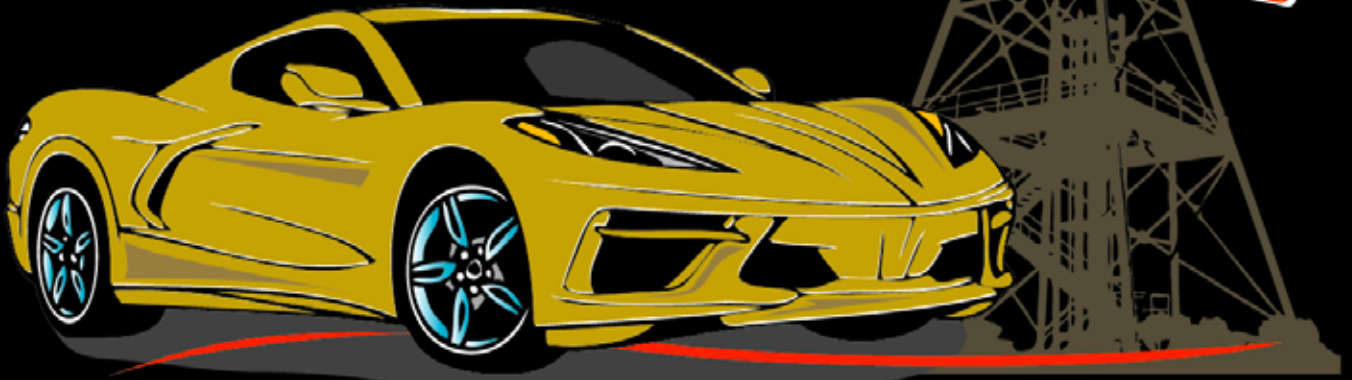
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CORVETTE NATIONALS  
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**BALLARAT 2023**

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.

<b>Enter and Pay Online:</b> 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>		Payment	Quantity	Total
	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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# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Stingray Run – Nagambie-Shepparton -

Hosted by Central Vic Corvette Owners Group



Firstly, a very special thanks to Michael Heir and the Central Vic Corvette Owners Group for their generous arrangements & hospitality in organising this 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Stingray Run incorporating the Australian National Show & Shine – Euroa on the Sunday. The event was well supported by the 3 primary Victorian Corvette groups of Central Vic Corvettes, Surf Coast Corvettes and our own Corvettes of Melbourne with some 25 cars on the Saturday and around 30 on display at Euroa.

**Departure..**- Our group (10 Vettes & 18 people) met 'on time' under the very strict instruction of Adrian Villanti at Wallan BP Roadhouse Wallan on Saturday for 10:15 and a 10:30 sharp departure. There was however, one exception..... Adrian & Lisa who, of course arrived at 10:32!!!!

**Nagambie** – Our first stop was a 'Meet & Greet' lunch at the Nagambie Rowing Club. A backdrop over a very full Lake Nagambie where we all met with the Central Vic Corvettes & Surf Coast groups for the start of a beautiful sunny weekend.



A 'back roads' drive followed including crossing pretty but precarious old timber bridges around Nagambie touring through lovely townships as we made our way to Shepparton and our next stop of the newly refurbished 'Move' motor Museum

## Shepparton Auto Museum (MOVE)..

This was a highlight of the weekend for many of us to see Peter & Gail Whiston's Chevy Tray Truck & the beautiful '64 Coupe which are on display and will always bring back wonderful memories and times spent with Peter.



## Saturday Evening – Gutter Party, Group Dinner & 'Daylight savings' sleep -Quality Parklake Motel Shepparton.

The Obligatory Gutter Party was fun & really great 'nibbles' kindly provided by Kathy (*she is so thoughtful!!*) followed by a 'Stingray Run 'in house' dinner before an early rise the following day.



# - Euroa Saturday/Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

Hosted by Central Vic Corvette Owners Group

**Sunday Morning.. Early Departure with Daylight Savings commencing at 8:15 for our 'Big Cruise' to Euroa!!**

The weather was set for a fantastic group run through some really pretty country roads to meet our allocated 9:00 time slot at the Euroa Show & Shine except... Breakdown of the month goes to....**Andrew Leonard & Shweta!** ..... Everyone was up extra early, set to go, cars running when Andrew & Michael discovered their dislodged Alternator terminals!! Thanks to the good help by Russel Pell of Central Vic. Vettes, Andrew was quickly on the road again.

**Australian National Show & Shine – Euroa 2022 – 1,000+ Cars & 10,000 people!!**

What a day!! Sunshine, 1,000+ cars on display and in excess of 10,000 people reportedly attending the event. The Corvette display comprised some 30+ Corvettes and the largest group display at the show! Thanks again to Andrew Leonard. Because we were slightly late, the Corvettes were able to enter the show in style with a 'Grand Entrance Parade' through the already set up cars to our special reserved parking area at the centre of the show.

In In a word 'Fantastic!!



**And,, A BIG Congratulations to Michael & Mandy Brand - Best Corvette in the show Award Winner!!!!!!**

Congratulations!! So well deserved– What a Beautiful Car!!



**Thank You Craig for this write up!**



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# Eildon 2022 High Country Cruise

The weather forecast did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Corvettes of Melbourne members that gathered at the meeting point in Yarra Glen on Saturday 10th September. We had ten corvettes and two daily drivers.

The corvette of particular interest was Rebecca's and Andrew's C8 (Rebecca's daily driver) the car color was compared to an ice cream a Pine Lime Splice by a few of us. It wasn't long before the bonnet and boot were up in response to members interest and appreciation of such a beautiful vehicle.

Michael headed the cruise out into the Yarra Valley passing farmland and wineries to Healesville where we turned left to drive past Maroondah Dam and then wound our way through the scenic Black Spur which is defined by the majestic eucalypt and tree fern forest. Our first stop for morning tea was the Black Spur Inn.

Feeling refreshed it was back into the cars to continue our cruise through farming country and small townships, on the straights it was great to look in the mirrors to see the convoy stretching behind, it was great to let the corvettes stretch their legs. We passed through Alexandra and then travelled the road used by the Targa Rally. Although not travelling at the speed of a rally driver we were enjoying using the lower gears and accelerating out of the corners as we climbed up to Sky line Road to the viewing point where we parked the cars and looked out over Lake Eildon and surrounding mountains.

Andrew Leonard got his drone out and took some great photos of us and the cars. Feeling peckish by now we continued on to Eildon Boat Club for lunch. The Boat Club restaurant has great views out to the boat harbour with house boats galore. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience and their meals. It was another group photo opportunity with Andrew's drone.

After lunch Michael lead us across the dam wall to a parking area where we could climb steps to a lookout to view the dam wall, lake and pondage below. Then it was the final stage of the cruise to the Rubicon hotel in Thornton. Once we were settled in we all gathered outside to enjoy pre dinner drinks and nibbles. There was plenty of conversation and laughter which continued through the evening as we moved into the Hotel for dinner.

Sunday morning we headed to Jerusalem Creek Marina for breakfast. The 501 Restaurant looks out onto the lake and gave us another perspective. We were spoilt for choice for breakfast and once we had satisfied our hunger we started our engines and headed to Marysville. It was good to enjoy the last stage of our convoy and it was nice to turn a few heads as we drove into town. The Lolly shop was a popular stop before we said our goodbyes and made our own way home.

The weekend was a great success, thank you to Michael and Dean for organizing the Cruise and thank you to all the members that participated.

Mandy Brand

# Eildon 2022 High Country Cruise



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# Eildon – Around Our Table

## Around Our Table

An incoherent cacophony of voices rises in waves around the table tonight. I listen to the ebb and flow of the voices, pairs deep in conversation, each oblivious to those beside or opposite.

The event organisers have brought us together for a weekend of driving, comradeship and inspiring scenery in the Victorian countryside, which never disappoints. We spent the day exploring the magnificent area around Eildon Weir, where rust coloured rocky outcrops jut out of the rolling hills which are covered in a carpet of lush green - and ancient eucalypts dot the landscape, their gnarled, twisted trunks reminding me of creatures out of a fantastic fairy tale - trees so different from the majestic, towering Mountain Ash forests seen on our journey through the Black Spur. A planned stop at the Black Spur Hotel gave us a much needed coffee and time to chat.

Before lunch, we stopped again at a lookout and parked the cars in a higgledy-piggledy fashion in a small carpark at the top of a hill, high above the dam. We gazed out over the hazy blue mountains of the Great Dividing Range, where the spidery arms of the lake creep into the folds of the valley. I have never seen the lake so full, the bath-ring of brown, caked earth usually visible around the rim is nowhere to be found. Instead, bottle-green water laps at the edges of the grass and the submerged trees poke the tips of their branches out above the ripples, as if breathing their last rays of sun.

A drone was launched, buzzing like a rogue mosquito above our heads, taking photographs and videos of us and our rainbow of cars. We then drove on to the Eildon Boat Club, where the members of that club share their own particular interests of houseboats and water activities. Another drone launch shows hundreds of houseboats, unperceptively swaying at their moorings, from the smallest little tin boxes to multi-decked marine palaces, their black glass windows gleaming in the sunlight. What a great place to share a meal together.

The exploration ended for the day, we found our motel in Thornton and carefully parked our colourful machines. A noisy group gathered outside for the obligatory gutter party and the laughter – and drinks, began to flow freely. Some of us had plans to freshen up and change for dinner, but that seemed a bridge too far. No need for formalities, we are all friends here.

Looking around the table tonight, it occurs to me that if it wasn't for our common interest and passion for our cars, we might never have had the opportunity to meet. We are such a diverse group, with many different professions and living all over Melbourne and its environs: Mt Eliza, Greenvale, Yarra Valley, Phillip Island, Gisborne South, Malvern and Berwick, among others.

I listen, my ears adjusting to the white noise. Talk of food gradually turns to family and stories of parents and grandparents and the far-off places from which they come; Italy, Greece, Hong Kong, Lebanon and Ireland – many travelling to a new country bringing bags which carried little more than a few possessions. But also bringing their knowledge, their history and culture, amazing cuisine - and their dreams. Everyone around this table has a story to tell - and I find myself hoping these stories of courage and determination may have been, or will be, documented somehow - and thinking how fortunate we are that we get to hear these stories, simply because we happened to join the same club.

If we listen carefully, we might hear the voices of all those brave, passionate ancestors who paved the way for us, joining in the music of our laughter... around our table.

Thank you for a wonderful weekend, Michael and Mandy and Dean.

# Chris Bradbury



# *Notes from the editor*

**Thank you to all of our members who have contributed articles and pictures for the Gazette!**

**I'm always ready to publish members stories and pictures of our cars and events. If you're a new member or have a new addition to your garage, I'd love to hear from you and publish your story.**

**We are also interested in your car projects, repairs and tips, so reach out and share your experience!**

**Contact me at [gazette@corvettesofmelbourne.com](mailto:gazette@corvettesofmelbourne.com)**

**CoM is keen to hear from members about any ideas for interesting club runs.**

**The Events Coordinators would really appreciate to hear from you and any suggestions you may have.**

**You will find contact information for the events team on page 2 of this Gazette.**

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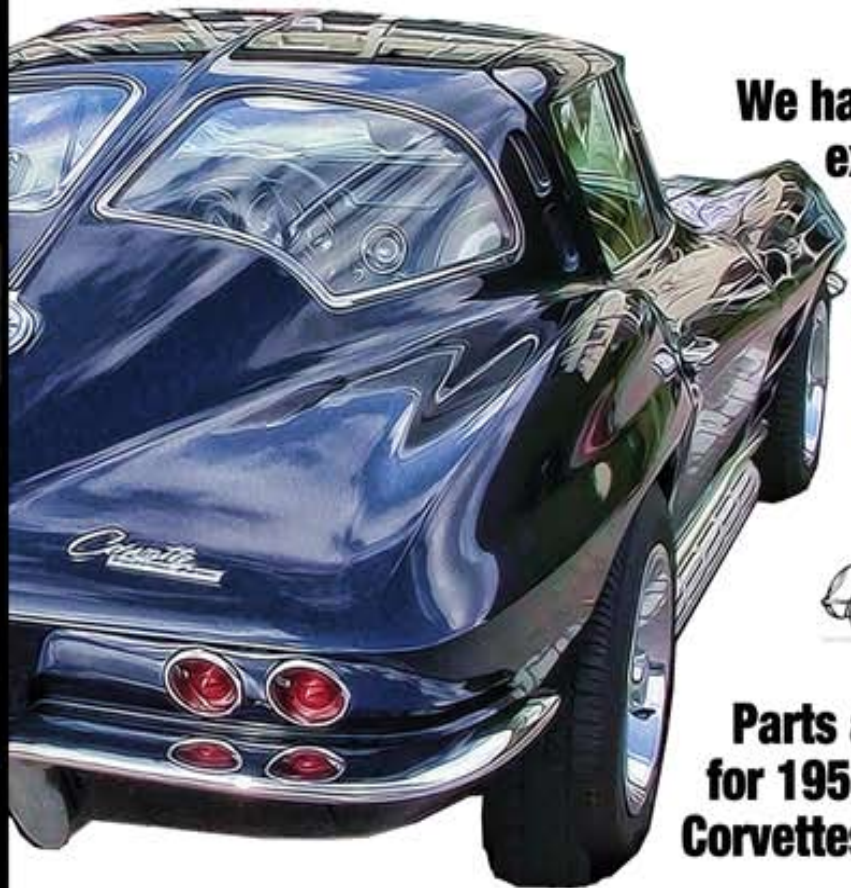
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