

Corvette

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2022



February

CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

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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
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Pay directly into our C.O.M Account
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Use your name as a reference

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Gold Rush C8!

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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,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year.

On Sunday 12 February 2023 we have the annual Torquay motor show.

This year is the 70th anniversary of the Corvette, so GMSV will be attending with a C8. It would be great to get some Corvettes from our club to attend.

Mark Andre will have more information about this event in the magazine.

On Sunday 19 February 2023, we have the Lang Lang run. If you have already paid to attend this event, you do not need to do anything but turn up. If you are no longer able to attend, please let Brendan know asap. There will be an update for this event in the magazine from Brendan Greene and an email will be sent to all people who have registered to attend this event. Saying that, there may be some spots to be filled so contact Brendan at gringo350@icloud.com if you are interested in attending. Numbers are strictly capped.

I would like everyone that has not registered for the 2023 Gold Rush Corvette Nationals from 24 to 27 March 2023 to please do so. You will not be disappointed, a huge amount

of effort has gone into making this the best nationals ever. You need to register now !!

During January, I had some repair work done on my rear skirts on the Corvette that got slightly damaged when we went to meet the VICS at Nagambie late last year. Glenn made me some new fibreglass moulds. He did a great job, I can highly recommend him for all your repair work if needed, Glenn and Kathy are members of our club if you are unsure who I am talking about.

We have a few events booked for the start of the year and it would be great to see everyone attend.

See you at the next club meeting on the 9 February 2023 at the Tower Hotel.

Cheers, Tony Asquith (alias Mr President) - I will be digging for gold in Ballarat and have high expectations !



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 February 9 and
March 9**

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

February

Esther Davis
Roslyn Chessells
Jenny Bolis
Kylie Spiden
Kat Valentine
Lisa Wiggins
Andrew Brown
David Clark

Russell Fogarty
Graham George
Ben Jarred
William Luke
Neil White
Stephen Younane

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
applications and renewals:
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Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M

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

Meeting Commenced 8.17pm
Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome:

The president welcomed all to the December 2022 meeting

New Members: None

Apologies: Garth and Chris Bradbury, George and Anna Arhontogorge, Darrell Verdon, Craig and Vicki O'Donohue, Neil White, Nick and Jenny Bolis, Graham George and Tanya Cassidy, Robert Jordan, Mark Collins.

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Glenn Pellegrino
Seconded; Kathy Bergin

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Joe Younane
Seconded; Glenn Pellegrino

Reports:

Treasurer's report:

Joe Younane presented the Treasurer's report. The report covers from the month of November 2022 and is summarised as follows;

Opening balance: \$48,368.34

Major expenses: Christmas party catering (\$1400.00) Lang Lang Insurance (\$1500.00)

Major revenue: Membership/CPS (\$1183.60)

Closing Balance : \$44,419.71

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Proposer; Glenn Pellegrino Seconded; Kathy Bergin

Secretary's report:

Correspondence: None

Moved that the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer; Glenn Pellegrino Seconded; Kathy Bergin

Merchandise: Nothing to report

Events:

Christmas Party, a good time had by all, a big thank you to Glenn and Kathy for hosting.

"She won't be right mate" Event held at Yarra Glen racecourse on the 3rd December George and Joe attended. 160-180 cars, event worth considering for next year.

Lang Lang update February 19th 2023 numbers looking ok.

Nationals update GMSV locked in as major sponsor, over 100 cars and 100 registrations so far. Joe confirmed that there will be a number of couples attending from the USA.

General Business:

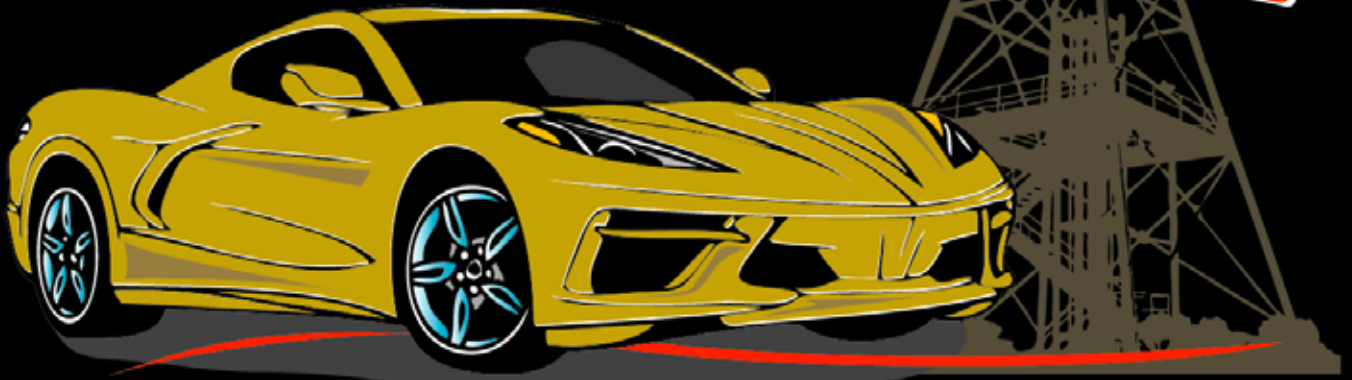
Joe mentioned Club member Francesco D'Amore is selling a 1987 C4 white convertible.

Meeting closed 8.39 pm

Next meeting: 9th February 2023

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

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 Fever**" **gala dinner** will be held on Sunday night at the Mercure Hotel. There will be plenty of music, fancy dress open to your interpretation of Gold Fever! Dress up or dress down, prizes for crowd favourites. 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
 (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: Visit: www.corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals Payment by Direct Deposit: BSB: 083-004 A/C: 243008859 Please use your Surname and Vette Rego Number as reference Payment by Cheque: Make payable to: Corvettes of Melbourne Inc.		Payment	Quantity	Total
	Entrant	\$325.00		
	Add'l Person	\$250.00		
	Extra Shirt	\$55.00		
	Extra Port	\$20.00		
Total Payment				

CONTACT AND ENQUIRIES

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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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Corvette E-Ray Debuts as a 655 HP AWD Monster!

By Mark Webb

- January 17, 2023



First-ever AWD Corvette E-Ray combines a 6.2-liter LT2 V-8 with electric propulsion, vaulting it from 0-60 mph in 2.5 seconds!

Chevrolet just confirmed the **AWD Corvette E-Ray** in time for the 2024 model year. The timing of the announcement coincided with the 70th anniversary of Corvette's debut at the Motorama show in New York City. Only this time, instead of **the Blue Flame Six**, the Corvette is *going green*, adding electric AWD propulsion to complement its 6.2-liter V8.

Here's what we know:

- Called eAWD, the propulsion system combines an electric motor and 1.9 kWh battery with the 6.2-liter LT2 Small Block V-8.
- The V-8 produces 495 horsepower and 470 lb-ft of torque, with the electric motor providing an additional 160 horsepower to the front wheels. The total output is 655 horsepower and 595 lb-feet of torque.
- Clocking a 2.5-second 0-60 mph time and a quarter-mile of 10.5 seconds, the E-Ray is the quickest production Corvette in history.
- The Corvette E-Ray is available as a coupe or hardtop convertible.

"Corvettes must provide an exhilarating driving experience on backroads and tracks, and E-Ray nails it," said Tadge Juechter, executive chief engineer, Corvette. "The electrification technology enhances the feeling of control in all conditions, adding an unexpected degree of composure."

Chevrolet says the E-Ray's intelligent eAWD system constantly learns the road surface, adapting to meet traction conditions and driver needs. It supplies power through the front wheels, with the eAWD kicking in for additional traction. The eAWD's battery does not require plug-in charging. Instead, it's charged via regenerative energy from coasting and braking.

In addition to eAWD, the new E-Ray includes the following features as standard:

- Stealth Mode, providing electric power for speeds up to 45 mph
- Enhanced stop/start functionality using a new lightweight lithium-ion 12-volt battery
- Brembo Carbon Ceramic brakes
- Magnetic Ride Control 4.0 with three suspension settings
- Staggered 20- and 21-inch wheels with Michelin Pilot Sport all-season tires. An optional performance package will include Michelin Pilot Sport 4S summer tires
- Enhanced driver assistance technology, including Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure, Forward Collision Alert, and Automatic Emergency Braking

Stealth Mode enables all-electric driving with a maximum speed of 45 mph. The engine automatically engages if the vehicle's speed exceeds that limit, additional torque is requested by the driver, or the E-Ray's battery pack is depleted.





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E-Ray ... continued!!

For enhanced track performance, E-Ray's eAWD control system applies torque to the front axle as needed. The Charge+ feature can be used to maximize the battery state of charge for extended lapping. Revised Performance Traction Management (PTM) modes are optimized for the eAWD propulsion system.

New E-Ray Performance App

In addition to the new technology under the skin, the E-Ray receives a performance app on the infotainment system. This app provides the driver with insights into how the propulsion system is operating and includes three primary display layouts:

- Gauges (displays dynamic power output from the electric motor and V-8 engine)
- Dyno (provides a graph of power/torque across selectable time intervals)
- Data (showcases electrical system performance and efficiency).

Additionally, there are new Charge+ and Stop/Start buttons on the console and updates to the infotainment system and instrument cluster aimed at providing a more integrated appearance.

"Corvette has been a halo for Chevrolet since 1953," said Scott Bell, vice president of Chevrolet. "E-Ray's unprecedented blend of confidence, luxury performance, sophistication and style provides a new reason for more people to experience Corvette."

Corvette E-Ray Design Highlights





The Corvette E-Ray's appearance builds on the athletic styling of the C8, sharing its purposeful, wide-body proportions with the Z06. New lightweight alloy wheels with a twisted five-spoke star design are exclusive. The wheels are available in four different finishes to complement fourteen exterior color choices, including Riptide Blue, Seawolf Gray, and Cacti which are new for 2024.

Other highlights include carbon flash badging and available carbon fiber ground effects. An Electric Blue body-length stripe package is exclusive to the E-Ray. Inside, the E-Ray introduces the all-new Artemis Dipped interior. Featuring deep green tones on nearly every interior surface, it's only available on 2024 Corvettes.

"There's never been a Corvette like E-Ray and its sophisticated design reflects that," said Phil Zak, executive design director, Global Chevrolet. "It starts with the body color trim which draws your full attention to the exotic proportions of the E-Ray. The interiors allow customers to reflect their individual personalities with their choice of color executions that provide a refined or dynamic sport look and feel."

The Corvette E-Ray Goes On Sale Later This Year

The 2024 Corvette E-Ray goes on sale later in 2023, with an MSRP of \$104,295 for the 1LZ coupe and \$111,295 for the 1LZ convertible. As with the Z06, there's the risk that dealers will **add significant markups** or "market price adjustments." Chevrolet will produce the E-Ray alongside the regular Corvette and Z06 at **GM's Bowling Green Assembly** facility in Kentucky.

Photos: Chevrolet

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350+ Cars Expected

6,000 Spectators



Torquay Rotary Club Community Fundraiser



Torquay Motor Show

on the Torquay Foreshore

Sunday 12th Feb 2023

More Info & Entry Forms ..
torquaymotorshow.com.au Ph: 0423 620 009

Join us at Torquay to celebrate Corvette's 70th Anniversary



On the beautiful Torquay Esplanade

We've been invited by the organisers to put on a Corvette Display
So we're using this as a Warm-Up for the National Convention



All Clubs Invited

Tryout of our Nationals Gazebo

GMSV in Attendance

See the C8s



Location: Elephant Walk Reserve, on the beautiful Torquay Esplanade
Gates open at 8:00 am, Judging Starts at 10:30 am.

*** Contact your club for travel or other details**

Event Details: <https://torquaymotorshow.com.au/>

GOLD RUSH NATIONALS NEWS

Edition #3 - 08DEC22



15 weeks to Nationals !



BALLARAT 2023

March 24-27, 2023



70 YEARS OF CORVETTE

ATTRACTIONS AROUND THE SHOW 'N' SHINE



We do all love a good Show 'n' Shine and for most of us, we particularly love a good **Corvette** Show 'n' Shine. But just how long can you spend looking at Corvettes? Well, some can certainly spend more time than others checking the minute details, but there are some who just want to take in the general view without too much hanging around and it's this group that will be searching for other distractions to tickle their fancy.

The attractions around Lake Wendouree are just what the doctor ordered! Let's start with our quality food trucks. They're not your deep fried spring rolls and crumbed savs type, but food closer to the gourmet end of the scale. We also have a dessert truck, a couple of coffee vans and an ice-cream truck. For those who want a sit-down meal, there's Pipers by the Lake right next to the Show. And not far away, there's a Farmers Market, with not only a large range of food, but with all types of produce and craft goodies to buy.

With a five-minute walk west from the centre of the Show 'n' Shine, you'll find the excellent Ballarat Tramway Museum, with its fleet of historic trams, starting with their Horse Tram No 1 from 1887 and many from the early 1900s. The entrance fee to the museum includes a tram ride along Wendouree Parade in one of the historic trams.



Heading north from the Show, towards the Farmers Market, you'll pass through Ballarat's Botanical Gardens, founded in 1858 with landscaped gardens, marble statues and a modern greenhouse. You can view the famous Floral Clock, the Prime Ministers Walk, with its unique collection of bronze busts, Druid's Oak, there since it was planted in 1870, the Botanical Gardens Fernery Precinct, as well as Adam Lindsay Gordon's Cottage.

For the exercise fanatics, it's approximately 6km around picturesque Lake Wendouree, following the Steve Moneghetti Track. You'll see wetland birds, grand homes, rowing sheds & boat houses. There are seats if you need a rest, and you'll pass a few cafes along the way.

For further healthy activity, there's a Pedal Boat Hire right next to the Show 'n' Shine. The boats operate from 10 am until 6 pm and you can take a 20-minute ride, getting you up close to Lake Wendouree's famous swans.

But wait – there's more! The ultimate escape from the Show 'n' Shine will be afforded to the Entrants' Partners. We're planning an afternoon event with participants being bussed back to the Mercure Hotel (Corvette Central) for a break from Corvettes. Talking about Corvettes will be strictly prohibited! That's the sneak preview to think about. More information available in the next *Gold Rush Nationals News*.



GOLD RUSH NATIONALS NEWS

Edition #4 - 04JAN23



11 weeks to Nationals !



BALLARAT 2023

March 24-27, 2023



70 YEARS OF CORVETTE

THE BALLARAT GOLD RUSH

Although you may not know it, Ballarat holds a special place in Australian history. Ballarat's gold rush, beginning in 1851, dragged migrants from all over the world at an unprecedented rate, drastically enlarging and diversifying the population and the wealth of Australia.



All this gold fever began with the discovery of gold in California in 1848, causing thousands to leave the colony of Australia, seeking their fortune on the other side of the Pacific. This was bad news for Australia as it created a labour shortage and generally caused an economic downturn.

Gold had already been found in small quantities in Australia prior to the California gold rush. But because so many Australians at the time were convicts, a mutiny was feared if word got out about the gold. However, the problems caused by the exodus of gold prospectors to California caused a change of heart. When gold was discovered in New South Wales, the cat was let out of the bag and the Australian gold rush began with a bang. Within six months gold was also found in Victoria in the vicinity of Ballarat, at Clunes, sparking Victoria's extraordinary gold rush era.

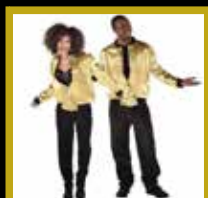
This Victorian gold rush totally overshadowed that of NSW, providing more than a third of total gold production in the whole world during the 50s. An estimated 6,000 diggers were arriving weekly in Ballarat, which was considered the world's richest alluvial goldfield during its peak between 1851



and 1853. By the end of 1852 some 90,000 prospectors had arrived in Victoria with a large percentage of them in Ballarat which, at that time, was known as "The Golden City". This played a significant role in converting Australia from a dependent colony to one of the richest countries in the world at the time. Ballarat was a major factor in the population of Australia more than doubling during the next decade, exceeding one million people and leading to the emergence of Australia's national identity.

Ballarat's gold rush also contributed largely to making Melbourne a boomtown during this period. At the peak some two tonnes of gold flowed into Melbourne's Treasury Building every week. Melbourne became the centre of the colony and was known as "Marvellous Melbourne".

Ballarat successfully transitioned in the 1860s from a gold rush town to an industrial-age city. It had been pronounced a township in 1852 and was proclaimed a city in 1871. Ballarat remains Victoria's largest and grandest inland city and is Victoria's third largest city after Melbourne and Geelong. Unlike many of the gold rush cities, Ballarat to this day continues to grow at the national average.



And so it is that we celebrate the Ballarat Gold Rush at this year's National Corvette Convention. Gold is the theme, and we encourage you to encompass the theme, particularly at the Gala Dinner on Sunday night. On Saturday night we will attend the nationally acclaimed tourist attraction, Sovereign Hill, where we'll be swept back in time to Ballarat's goldfields during the 1850's gold rush era.

GOLD RUSH NATIONALS NEWS

Edition #5 - 23JAN23



8.5 weeks to the Nationals !



BALLARAT 2023

March 24-27, 2023



70 YEARS OF CORVETTE

PARTNERS' SPECIAL TREATS

As a special treat for the entrants' partners, we have made special arrangements for you to indulge in a well-deserved Saturday sleep-in while the Vettes are making their early morning expedition to Lake Wendouree, to set up for the Show 'n' Shine. You are invited to hop aboard our dedicated Nationals Bus at its Mercure Hotel pick-up point and head lakeside at a much more congenial hour. The chosen time for the bus is a very affable 10:30 am. After your leisurely breakfast the bus will chauffeur you to the beautiful botanical gardens surrounding the lake where you will find an amazing array of Corvettes already parked and on display.



Later, if it tickles your fancy, you are invited to catch our early return bus to the Mercure at 1:30 pm where you will find waiting for you a truly delish afternoon tea, specially catered just for you!! If you have had your fill of Corvette browsing for the day and if you enjoy a



chilled glass of bubbles while making your way around the open grazing table, then this is for you. Leave the enthusiasts to finalise their tyre kicking and fawning over the latest and greatest creations at the show and mix in the relaxed atmosphere back at the Mercure. And the organisers have declared this occasion as a "Corvette-free zone", possibly the only one over the whole weekend!



But don't overindulge at the afternoon tea as there is a big night out coming up a few hours later. You'll still need time to get glammed-up and ready for the Sovereign Hill experience.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

While the official Nationals Motel, the Mercure, has long been fully booked, as are the Best Western Motel and the Sovereign Hill Apartments, there are a number of rooms currently still available at the Sovereign Hill Hotel, which is located on the grounds of the iconic theme park.



Google lists the drive from the Sovereign Hill Hotel to the Mercure Hotel as 3 minutes. So, your Vette won't even be warmed up before you meet up with the team on either the Saturday morning for the trip to the Show 'n' Shine or Sunday morning for the Cruise. And for the Friday and Sunday night events at the Mercure, we are planning bus transport to get you to and from the Hotel. Of course, on Saturday night you can basically wander out your back door and find yourself already at the event.

We've inspected the rooms (and even stayed there), finding the hotel comfortable with all the modern comforts – and the prices are good too. To enquire and book, either call on (03) 5337 1199, email hotel@sovereignhill.com.au, or check out the website at <https://sovereignhill.com.au/accommodation>.



NOTE: The Corvette Nationals are open to all Corvette Club Members. For more information go to <https://corvettesofmelbourne.com/nationals>

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

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.

Your suggestions will help us run a bigger range of events throughout the year.

Thanks !

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The show for all Classic & Historic vehicles manufactured in North America.

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\$15.00 includes all occupants
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Event Enquiries 0473 832 277. For site plan and more information
<https://www.aomc.asn.au/shannons-american-motoring-show>

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the wearer fresh and cool.



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Stubby Holder \$5



**7.
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\$45**

Colour: Red
Zip up Hoodie
Jumper

**8.Moto
Shirt
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Colour:
Red/Black



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

Colour: Black

**10.Long
Sleeved
Shirt
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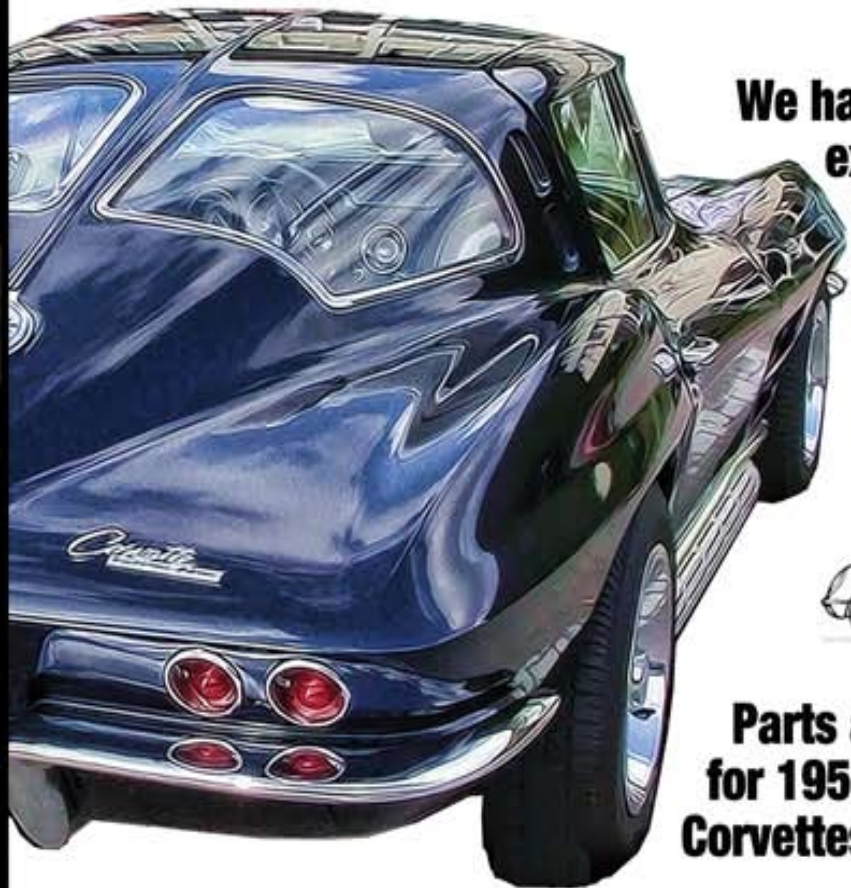
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