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## Partners' Afternoon Event Corvette Mationals

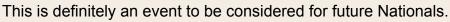


At the Gold Rush Nationals, we held a partners' afternoon tea which had over 80 attendees.

The partners enjoyed a grazing table filled with delicious food including a number of savory and sweet items and many free-flowing glasses of bubbly.

As part of the event, three **Easter Egg Guessing Competitions** were held. The winners were **Katrina Lee from Corvettes Down Under Queensland, Dianne Farkas from Corvettes of Melbourne** and **Maya Whiston from Corvettes of Melbourne**. Each winner received the cylinder containing delicious Easter Eggs and a bottle of George Jensen Prosecco (which Maya proudly gave to Grandma Gayle Whiston). All enjoyed a very good time with comments such as "this is the most inclusive Corvette event for partners ever".

Since the end of the Gold Rush Nationals, I have received many phone calls from attendees, all very thankful for the opportunity to attend the afternoon tea and praising the entire event. The common comment has been someone taking the time to consider the partners attending and arranging some time away from the boys and their cars and a no car talk zone.



Cheryl Asquith



### CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

### Correspondence

Corvettes of Melbourne Inc P.O Box 8052 Camberwell North 3124 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:

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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.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

If you missed the Corvette Gold Rush Nationals in March 2023, you missed a FABULOUS EVENT. Everyone that attended had a fantastic time. As part of the Nationals Committee, I received compliments from everyone saying how great it was. It was a long 2.5 years of work that went into organising this amazing event, attending more zoom meetings than I have ever attended in my life.

I would like to thank the National Committee members, they included Garth Bradbury, Joe Younane, Adrian Villanti, Craig O'Donohue, Mark Andre, James Pierce, Graham George, Cheryl Asquith and of course myself.

Also, I would like to thank the other main helpers on the weekend, they included Christine Bradbury, Katherine Younane, Vicky O'Donohue and Tania Cassidy.

The Nationals would not have been possible without the support of our Sponsors, they included GMSV, Corvette Central, Corvette Clinic, Covers 4 Car Lovers, The Mag Wheel Centre, Invisible Car Bras, Rare Spares, Keen Parts, Meguiar's, Australian National Street Machine Association, Bowdens and The City of Ballarat.

For all club members that did not attend, it was your loss.

On another note, next year's **Corvette Nationals 2024** were scheduled to be held in NSW. Unfortunately, this will not happen as

NSW have declined to host the Corvette Nationals next year and have advised they will host the Corvette Nationals in 2025.

In saying this, there is talk of a Claytons Corvette gathering in early 2024. Watch this space to see what springs up.

I hope you enjoy the photos in the magazine, you will see what you missed or treasure lifelong memories of what it was like to be there.

I think the events team are organising some events for the up-coming weeks ahead, so watch out for those.

Welcome to our new members in February 2023, including **Stuart Pitcher** (1971 Blue Stingray), **Brian Croy** (1969 Red Corvette, 1969 Gold Corvette), **Mark Witchard** (1972 White Convertible), **John Weir** (2008 Red C6 Coupe), **Lawrie Coutts** (1981 Red Corvette), **Carl Schokman** (2023 Blue C8),

Cheers, Tony Asquith (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 April 13 and

Thursday April 13 and May 11

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



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

## April

Joy Greenshields
Kersten Vogel
Angelique Zadnik
Thaess White
Dave Bolt
Garth Bradbury
John Chesser
Bernie Davis
Paul Desmond

Paul Dunienville
Brendan 'gringo' Greene
Stephen Grove
Eddie Hetel
Richard Jordan
Leonard Kingston
Andrew Leonard
Mark Witchard

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

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### **Notice about membership:**

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

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

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#### Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M

Minutes of General Meeting 9th March 2023, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.

Meeting Commenced 8.10pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

#### Welcome

The president welcomed all to the March 2023 meeting New Members: Lawrie Coutts, Stuart Pitcher, Brian Croy, John Weir, Mark & Janice Witchard, Carl Schokman.

**Apologies:** Dean Cooper, Rod Glanville, Geoff Biggs, Mark & Betty Andre, Craig & Vicki ODonohue, Brendan Greene, Darryl Verdon, Adrian Villanti.

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Graham George Seconded; Kathy Bergin

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.

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

#### Reports:

#### **Treasurers report**

Joe Younane presented the Treasurers report. The report covers the month of February 2023 and is summarised as follows;

Opening balance: \$43,753.34

Major expenses; Lang Lang \$1250.31, Refund Lang Lang \$1170, Insurance

Lang Lang \$1500, Insurance ANSA Balance \$340

Major revenue; Membership CPS \$773, Lang Lang \$1170

Closing Balance: \$41,132.25

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Tania Cassidy

Seconded; Ron Greenshields

#### Secretary's report

Correspondence: NSW Corvettes February magazine, QLD Corvette Club March magazine

Moved that the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer; Daniel Zadnik Seconded; Nick Bolis

#### Merchandise

Nothing to Report

#### **Events**

Torquay Motor Show Sunday 12th February, 26 Corvettes attended best club display won by Surf Coast Corvettes.

Lang Lang Sunday 19th February a fantastic event organised by Brendan Greene.

Upcoming event Easter Sunday 9th April, Flinders Car Show.

#### **General Business:**

Nationals Ballarat, fully subscribed, full program and great value event, 136 Corvettes entered.

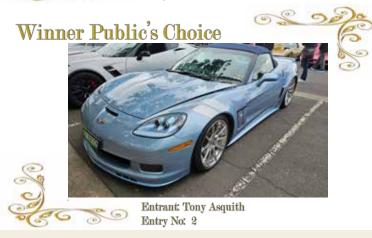
Meeting closed 8.45 pm Next meeting: 13th April 2023

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

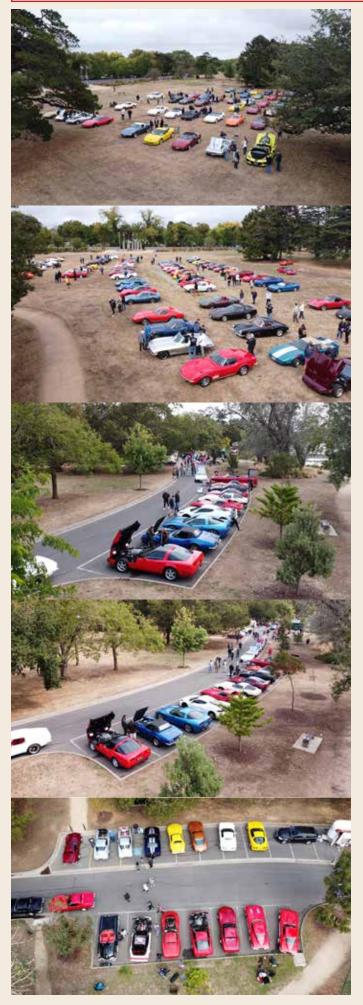
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### Bad Husband Award

#### **Goldfields Nationals 2023**

#### **New Award Presentation**

This inaugural presentation was announced to all at the Sunday lunch venue, RACV Goldfields Resort in Creswick. The recipient had no idea he was up for this award, just as none of us had any idea it even existed.

After a brief but revealing conversation with Craig O'Toole from Queensland (formerly COM member), Garth decided he had to do something, and it had to be done to nip this sort of thing in the bud.

So, the first (and probably not the last!) BAD HUSBAND AWARD was presented.

Now, as all the National attendees who lined up for the bus on Saturday evening would have noticed, Craig and particularly his wife Vicki, were dressed in period costume – befitting a goldfields theme. Most people were too polite to ask why this couple were the only ones dressed up. However once drinks were in hand, the question was posed... What the @\*#! Craig?



Vicki stood demurely beside her husband, looked at each person in the circle and rolled her eyes. And that eyeroll was epic!

It wasn't until the next day that Garth heard the story when Craig walked up to him and began explaining – again.

Oh man, did I stuff up! I told Vicki that it was the Saturday night we had to dress up instead of Sunday. She spent a week designing and buying fabric, covering our dining room table with all the sewing machines and s@\*t.

Well, she looked fabulous, with a long period dress and white floppy bonnet, but if looks could kill at the moment they arrived, Craig would have been toast!

Anyway, the result of his failure to read the instructions properly was a long walk of shame to the podium on Sunday to receive his Bad Husband award. And shame he displayed! Head hung low, shoulders drooped, he shuffled along to the sound of boos, guffaws and cheers (the latter obviously in support of his poor wife, Vicki).

Potentially this is not the last time a partner might receive this trophy - for an act of questionable judgement inadvertently affecting his or her nearest and dearest.

Well done Craig – and more especially Vicki! We congratulate you for accepting the laughter and ridicule with humour and the spirit in which it was intended.

**Chris Bradbury** 

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### Monents at the Makonals

#### **Moments from the Nationals**

#### Where are the shirts GG?

Getting your nationals shirt is always a big part of any Nationals. GG accepted responsibility for overall design and delivery of our 2023 Nationals shirts. These needed to be manufactured in Pakistan, such is the state of industry in Australia.

Planning for all of this started in November and GG was confident of a great shirt at a great price to be delivered on time. Things got away a bit over Christmas with the design and the supply of a demonstration shirt and also approval of GMSV who wanted input.

After design approval we were looking at delivery in mid February, then late February, then later in February, early March, late March then.....

#### So, the questions to GG went:

Two weeks out; Where are the shirts GG? "She's right Mate, I've spoken to my supplier they will be here on time.

7 days out from the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? Packed and ready to go at the airport in Pakistan.

6 days out from the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? "Singapore"

5 days out from the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? "Pakistan"

4 days out from the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? "Singapore"

3 days out from the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? "In the air"

1 day out from the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? "Melbourne"

4pm on the 1st day of the Nationals; Where are the shirts GG? "Joe has 'em at registration". Why did we ever have any doubts?



### Monents at the Nationals

#### No Beds.

As everyone is aware GMSV were our principal sponsor for the 2023 Corvette Nationals. They had just given us a preview of the new C8 ZO6 with ZO7 enhancements, to be known henceforth as the ZO7, according to GM. It all went down very well.

Things were looking good, then we had our first "Oh shit" moment. Just as the Meet and Greet was about to start, the GMSV contingent were booking into the Mercure only to be informed they were not booked in. Although they had booked and paid for their accommodation they were not in the computer!

We had some very unhappy times for about 30 minutes until Merryn from the Mercure stepped in. Merryn calmly spoke to the computer, tapped a few keys, then tapped some more keys a little bit harder, then shouted at the computer and "voila" all fixed, with room keys handed over.

#### Where's the trophy?

The "American Spirit" trophy is a long time Nationals award sponsored by Jim and Shirley Hornaday from the U.S. This year's trophy was made from American hardwood with metal inlay and laser printing. It was very impressive, about the size of a large cheese board.

The award is presented to those who best represent the spirit of keeping the passion for the Corvette alive in Australia. In the past it has been presented to the owners of a great example of a Corvette at the Nationals or to an individual who has been a champion of Corvettes in this country.

Murray Foreman from NCRS (NSW) was requested by the Hornaday's to select the winner, a car this year, and present the trophy at Ballarat.



At the Gala dinner on Sunday night Murray had just started to explain the history of the award when it was realised the trophy was not in the room. Enter Chris Bradbury who remembered the trophy was still in a box in our room. The race was on. There was no sign of Chris when Murray was finished speaking and waiting for us to give him the trophy to present to Wendy and Robert Stevenson. So, we grabbed a largeish cheese board with a laser printed Nationals logo on it, that had been made by Mark Andre, from our raffle table and were preparing to hand it over to Murray as an interim solution. Murray nearly had a heart attack when he saw what was proposed, when Chris dashed across the dance floor, limping like a kryptonated Superwoman to save the day.

GG's comment as MC was "Well that didn't come a moment too soon".

### Monents at the Nationals

#### Mad Cow in Clunes

The Sunday cruise passed through Clunes on the way to the RACV resort at Creswick. Michael and Mandy Brand put their hands up to leave the convoy and wait in Clunes to direct traffic back towards Creswick. This involved parking their car in a conspicuous place and to hold out one of our directional boards.

Mandy came prepared. Dressed in a cow patterned onesie Mandy started to startle the folks attending the big book festival in Clunes by dancing all over the road waving the direction board at fellow Vetters.

That's the country spirit.



The Mayor of the City of Ballarat Cr Des Hudson and his wife Anne accepted our invitation to speak at the Meet & Greet.

They also accepted the offer from GMSV to have a ride in a new C8. What we thought was to be a quick ride down the road turned into a 25 minute jaunt around Ballarat showing our drivers how much Ballarat has to offer.

The Mayor was quite hoarse from being guest speaker at no less than 5 other engagements that day. However, he was able to make it quite clear he had plans for restructuring the Council's vehicle fleet.

He advised that after riding in the Corvette C8 he was going to approach the CEO at the City of Ballarat to immediately replace the existing Mayoral Car with a new Corvette C8.



## Mationals Gala Dinner







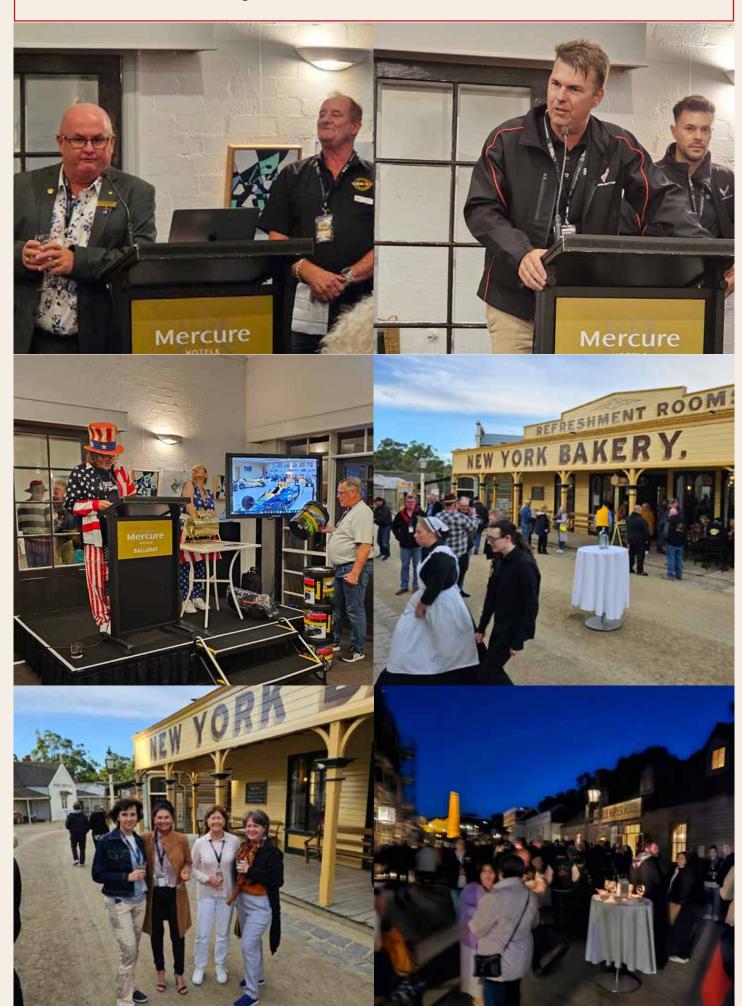
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## Notes from the editor

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!

## Flanders Hotel Ran - 30 April



Our next club run is scheduled for *Sunday 30th April 2023 to the Flinders Hotel*, Cnr Cook & Wood Street Flinders.

We have booked the outdoor dining area that can cater for a group of approximately 30 people. There are café blinds in the event of inclement weather, but it is wise to dress for the conditions. Meals and drinks at standard prices. Menu can be viewed at ... flindershotel.com.au/the-deck.

This is a two hour sitting between 12 noon -2pm.

For those coming from Melbourne the meeting point will be the BP Truck Stop at 910 Thompsons Road, Cranbourne (Cnr Westernport Highway) at 10.30am. Departure to the Flinders Hotel at 10.45 am which will take approximately 1 hour to reach the Flinders Hotel.

This will allow ample time to find parking around the Flinders Hotel. There is also a scenic drive through the Flinders Golf Course for anyone game enough.

We need to confirm numbers by Friday April 27.

The Events Team!

George Arhontogeorge - 0407 527 477 and Daniel Zadnik - 0430 519 073

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Colour: Red/Black







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Photo is of one of the fronts, and photos of what it all looks like when fitted to car. I brought these in from USA and was going to put them on my black C4 and thought it was a good idea to have a spare nose in case I broke one on the track.

Any reasonable offer considered.

David Langmead 0418 389 212





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George - 0407 527 477



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