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May

New Corvette Family Member

Little Ava Joy Collins was born at 11:10am on the 5th of April weighing in at 2.9kg (6.3lb). Bub, mum and dad all going well and settled in to a good routine at home.



CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

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Club Meeting

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm (except January)
Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthore East
Pre Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7:00pm
Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors.

Membership Fees

Joining fee \$20 (1 time fee)

Annual Single membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$80.00 per year

Annual Family membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$100.00 per year

All Membership subscriptions are due for renewal by September each year

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Annual Subscription 'The Gazette' hardcopy:

Opt-In subscription to receive a printed copy of the monthly club magazine mailed to your address, \$50.00

Additional Member Name Tag(s)

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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.

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Flinders Run

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The purpose of Corvettes of Melbourne Incorporated is to provide a family friendly and inclusive environment that is dedicated to the enjoyment and appreciation of the Chevrolet Corvette sports car.

A copy of the Model Rules that have been adopted by Corvettes of Melbourne as our club's standing rules can be found at: <https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/library/forms/clubs-and-not-for-profits/incorporated-associations/model-rules-for-an-incorporated-association.doc>

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to May 2023.

We had 25 people at the last meeting, that was great, keep it up.

We have a new member - welcome to Norman Clark and to his Corvette, a 1976 Orange Stingray Targa, C3. We look forward to meeting Norman and his Corvette.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, we also have a new junior member. Congratulations to Mark and Roslyn on their baby girl, Ava. On behalf of the club, we sent Ava a gorgeous present.

Sorry I didn't make it to the drive on Sunday 30 April 2023 to the Flinders Hotel. I understand there were around 20 people and a good time was had by all with great weather. Check out the photos in the magazine.

On that, if anyone has any ideas for a future event, please discuss with the events team, George or Daniel. Their contact details are at the front of the magazine. I am sure the events team are organising something exciting for this month.

On the magazine, we are still looking for someone to take over this role from Joe. Joe has been filling in until someone put their hand up to take over, that was a few years ago and Joe would like to hand over the task. Don't worry, Joe will show you how to do it and he says it is easy. Please consider taking on this exciting role.

Here's a big announcement - as you would know, next year's Nationals was going to be in NSW but they have cancelled next year's Nationals. Corvettes of Canberra have stepped up and have decided to hold a Vette together at Easter 2024. Once we have more information, we will let you know.

Hoping to see you at the next Club meeting on Thursday 11 May 2023 at the Tower Hotel.

Cheers Tony.



A fashion statement at the Gold Themed Nationals Gala Dinner!



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 May 11 and
June 8**

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

May



Jill Black
Vicki O'Donohue
Janice Witchard
Ant Barker
Barry Bennett
Phillip Bracken
Roger Broughton
Norm Clark
Dean Cooper
Ron Greenshields



Frank Guerra
Michael Kirkpatrick
David Langmead
Peter Leed
Stuart Pitcher
Carl Schokman
Mike Schokman
Wayne Spiden

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




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Notice about membership:

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

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



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Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M

Minutes of General Meeting 13th April 2023, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.

Meeting Commenced: 8.20pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

The president welcomed all to the April 2023 meeting

New Members:

Apologies: Dean Cooper, George Arhontogeorge, Kathy Bergin, Glenn Pellegrino, Darryl Verdon, Mark Collins & Roslyn Chessells, Greg Webster, Dan Butters & Christine Grinberg, Joe Younane

Visitor: James Pierce -Vic Vettes and Nationals Committee Member

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Graham George

Seconded; Wayne Jackson

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Graham George

Seconded; Tania Cassidy

Reports:

Treasurers report

Garth Bradbury presented the Treasurers report. The report covers from the month of March 2023 and is summarised as follows;

Opening balance: \$41,132.25

Major expenses; Lang Lang \$7700, Newsletter printing \$301, Newsletter production \$390 Internet & hosting \$236, Badges \$206

Major revenue; Merchandise \$475, Raffles \$135

Closing Balance \$32660.68

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Brendan Greene

Seconded; Cheryl Asquith

Secretary's report

Correspondence: Queensland Corvette Club April magazine

Moved that the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer; Chris Bradbury

Seconded; Neil White

Merchandise:

Nothing to report

Events:

Upcoming event, Sunday 30th April Flinders Hotel.

There was some discussion about the Stingray Run this year yet to be announced.

Previous event, Ballarat Nationals, Garth Bradbury the Nationals Chairman thanked the Committee.

Tony Asquith Club President organised sponsors for the event, he also worked with Craig ODonohue on the Sovereign Hill Event.

Cheryl Asquith for organising the Woman's Afternoon Tea Event with Tony organising goods for the event.

Joe Younane Treasurer of the event, Joe and Katherine for processing registrations.

Adrian Villanti accommodation, functions, photos and video.

Craig and Vicki O'Donohue newsletter printing, raffle tickets, cruise and assisting with Gala Dinner.

Graham George & Tania Cassidy MC, Auctioneer and Gala Events.

Mark Andre Organising GMSV sponsorship.

James Pierce Show & Shine.

Michael Hehir for printing.

Garth Bradbury with the support of his wife Chris Bradbury was thanked for running the Event.

A thank you was made to all the other people that helped out over the weekend in various roles, too many names to mention.

There was general discussion about how Successful the Nationals were.

General Business:

Tony Asquith made a special announcement, Congratulations to Mark & Roslyn on the Birth of their baby daughter Ava Joy on the 5/4/23.

Craig ODonohue asked for recommendations for a carburettor repairer. Andrew Brown recommended Bayswater Carbies.

Neil White raised concerns about non-members joining COM Chat.

Graham George raised concerns about the publication of our financials in the Club magazine. This will be referred to the executive committee for discussion.

Meeting closed 9 pm

Next meeting 11th May 2023

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

Flinders Run - April 30

We met up this morning at the meeting spot at BP Lyndhurst. 7 cars in total who were all looking forward to a nice cruise and lunch.

We headed off with the sun shining. It was a great cruise down to Flinders through the windy back roads, quite a bit bumpy in spots although managing to miss all the nasty pot holes.

We arrived and parked and 2 other cars soon joined us. After a catch up and chat in the carpark we headed inside.

We had some great tables outside on the deck in the sunshine and enjoyed a delicious meal and a cold beer.

Afterwards most of us strolled up to the shops and enjoyed a hot chocolate or ice cream. Thanks to George and Daniel for organising a great day out.

-Andrew and Shweta.



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Garfield Hotel Run Sunday May 21

Hi Members

I have organised May's cruise to Garfield Hotel for lunch. Meeting at BP Officer outbound at 10.30 am Departing 10.50 am arriving at Garfield by 12 pm for lunch.

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Thanks, the events team



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Seat Restoration - Nick

How to repair damaged/ worn vinyl or leather seats in your Corvette or Daily Driver. (C4 as an example)

A nice car can look awful if the interior has gone to God. Corvette seats in particular are expensive to replace. \$1,200 US and counting for nice leather seats. Then there is the shipping. Oh God, need that lotto win.

Let me tell you, you can have those old worn cracked seats in your car looking like new for a fraction of the price of replacements.

To start. Assess what you have. Are the seams coming apart? Is the leather torn or the piping cracked or broken? Depending on the damage, replacing piping or a worn section of leather / vinyl can cost anywhere between \$A200-\$500. A good upholsterer can remove a torn section, replace some piping, and resew. Also worn foam on the seat cushion or back rest can be replaced at time of repairing. Good to ensure repair leather or vinyl has the same grain consistency No need to worry about colour matching as you are going to paint the seats.

If you have a lot of damage, eg. Two or more sections need to be repaired and foam needs to be replaced, you need to start looking at maybe replacing the lot. Weigh up your options first, get a quote from an upholsterer if you are not sure. We have an excellent upholsterer in our Club, Colin Somerton and I am sure he can help with repairs or replacement.

So let us assume your seats are not split but the leather is showing signs of cracking, fading or wear. Then believe it or not you can restore your seats for less than \$150.00. Let's read that right. Less than \$A150.00, and they will look like new. First thing is to remove the cushions out of your Vette. Not too hard consult YouTube if you have issues. The seat cushion is easy as it has a retaining wire clip just under the front of the seat. Push it back and out it pops. Back rest cushions can be bit more difficult. There are 4 lugs in the plastic bucket, and cushion has 4 vertical wires that clip into the lugs. I got an old large flat head screwdriver and ground a V in the middle of the tip so it clicks onto the wire, push inward and it will release. Good idea is to take the whole seat out and service the tracks, also makes life easier when reinstalling. Re-Install back rest cushion first then re-install the seat back into the car.

Once the cushions are out you need to remove from the leather or vinyl all the grease, wax, Armoral (Silicone) and other gunk that may have accumulated over the years.

Seat Restoration - Nick



Wash with soapy water and a good grease remover. Then clean the seat using a silicone remover, methylated spirits can also be used, but then rinse off with warm water and let dry.

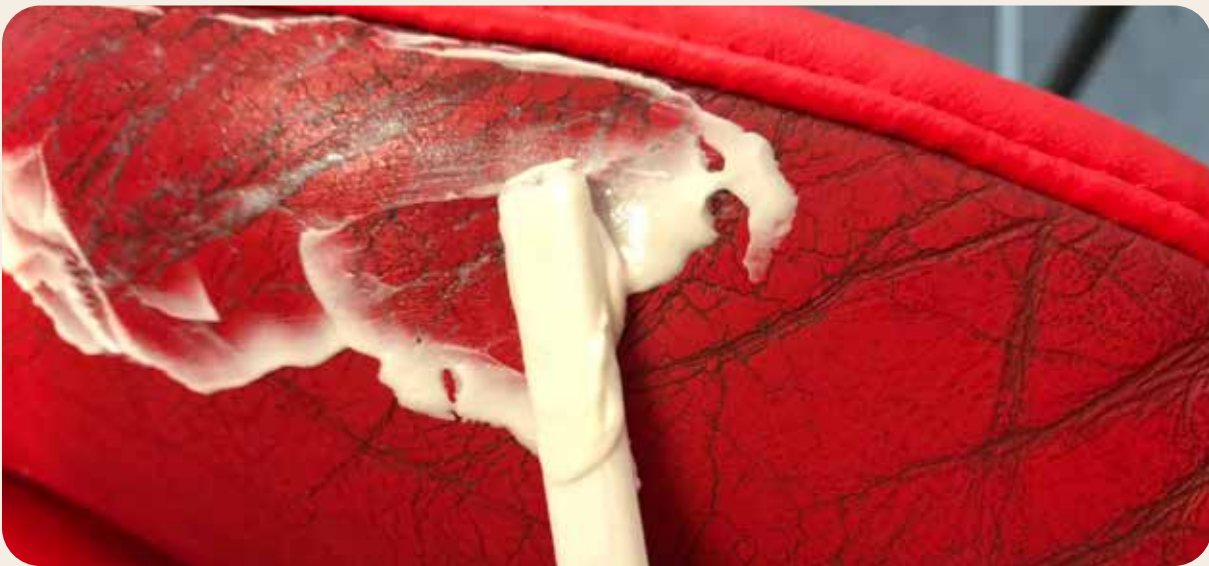
When dry and depending on the condition of the leather or vinyl sand down the surface with fine sandpaper, make. Do not have a heart attack but a small electric sander is just fine for the job. It is important to clean in all the groves, and cracks as they are to be filled sanded and painted so they need to be clean, so wash and let dry.



Seat Restoration - Nick

Next, carefully fill in all the cracks (cannot really fix holes or torn leather). Here you need to buy Leather/ Vinyl filler online <https://sofarehab.com.au/product/leather-crack-filler/>

Allow Leather crack filler to dry for a day or so, sand the whole surface with fine sandpaper. Any missed sections no problems fill and sand again. Then clean the whole seat again with Grease and Wax remover or soapy water. The paint manufacturer recommends Dissol.to clean the seats before painting (Dissol can be purchased at the time you buy your paint as they also stock it).



Paint. This can be a bit of a long haul. You need to take one of your seats to the paint supplier he needs to colour match and he needs a sample. On a 1993 anniversary I cut a small piece from under the cushion and used that as a sample. To save a journey you may be able to cut a piece of and post it to them.

Paint is a special leather and vinyl paint. The paint supplier is <https://www.viponds.com.au/> and they are in Tullamarine. They may have a stockist near you, so I suggest you give them a call first. They have been making leather paint for ever. I painted the seats and door trims on a 1964 Thunderbird back in 1996. Then 26 years later I recently used the same paint to paint the seats in the Corvette.

Once you have the paint and you are ready to paint this will come as a shock. Paint is applied with a good quality paint brush. Just paint it on. One or two coats. Missed a bit no trouble just touch up as needed. Avoid runs. I applied one coat to where I have filled cracks and sanded. Allowed to dry for an hour. Then paint again twice. 1 Litre. tin cost approximately \$65 you will have enough paint left to paint the seats again and again for the next 20 years if needed (Paint is water based and does not go hard in the tin).

Your seats will look like new ones at a fraction of the cost. Any questions feel free to contact me at nick.jenny@bigpond.com.



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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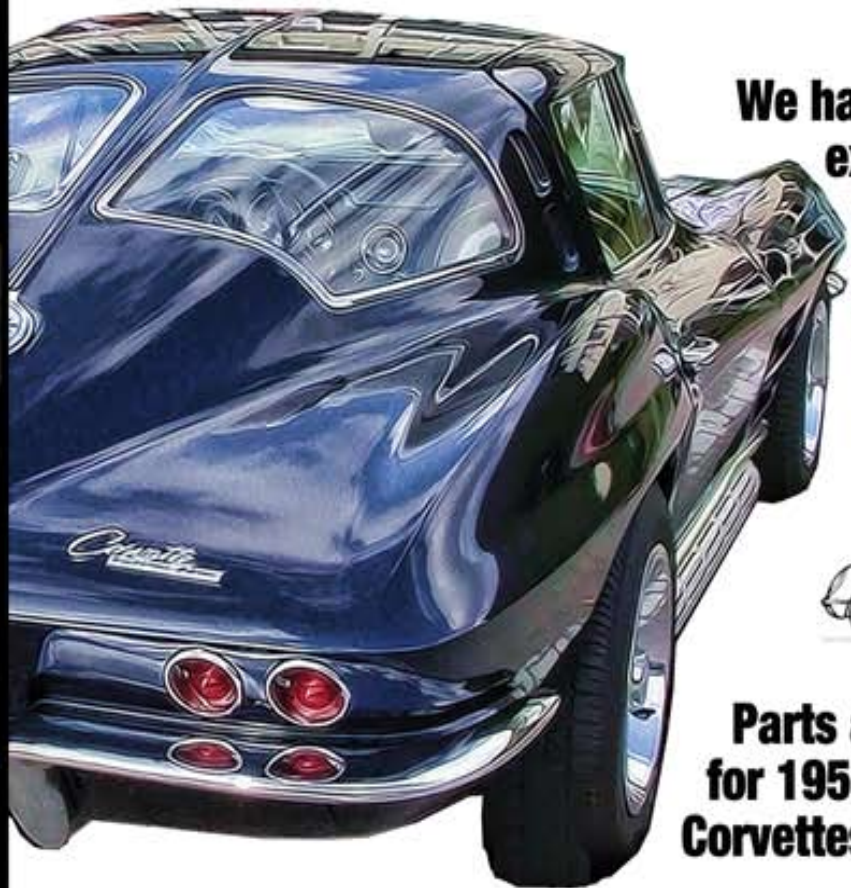
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David Langmead 0418 389 212



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