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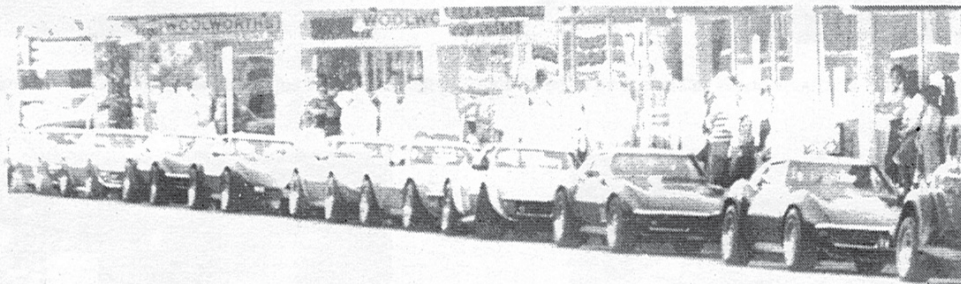
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Victoria

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:

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Darren's Boat!

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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 June 2023 and to winter. We are now halfway through the year, where has the time gone?

In saying that, next month we will be celebrating **Christmas in July**, details to be revealed in the magazine.

Cheryl and I were able to attend our last drive day to the **Garfield Hotel**. Weather wise, it was a miserable day, so we took the everyday drive car. We had about 18 people attend. Look out for the photos in the magazine.

Although cold, well freezing, it was a good day. We were grateful for the open fires at the Hotel.

We had a committee meeting by zoom on Tuesday 30 May 2023 to discuss matters for the club, a lot was talked about and a lot was achieved.

We will be reaching out to club members to see where you think we should be focusing our donations to charity. This is to be discussed further and in greater detail.

At our next club meeting on the **8 June 2023**, we will be having a **Pizza Night** where the club will be paying for pizzas, you will be paying for your own drinks.

I am sure the events team have something spectacular organised for our June run, check out the magazine.

We are still looking for someone to take over the magazine role as editor.

Joe will help you, there are programs already set up to help you to put everything together. If you are looking to help out the club this is your chance.

Also, if you would like to have your Vette in the magazine, please do a write up and send that together with some good quality pictures to Joe our editor, his details are in the magazine.

Hoping to see you all at the next meeting on Thursday 8 June 2023.

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 June 8
and July 13**

TOWER HOTEL HAWTHORN

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

June



Fern Beavis
Sarah Booker
Maree Breekveldt
Jean Hill
Shweta Leonard
Sandy Lyon
Racheal Pegg
David D'Aprano
Tony Asquith
Alan Davidson



Angelo De Maio
Darren Hill
Rafal Kielbasa
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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 12th May 2023, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.

Meeting Commenced 8.10 pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

The president welcomed all to the May 2023 meeting

New Members: Norman Clarke, 76 C3 Orange Stingray.

Apologies: Scott Morden, Dean Cooper, Graham George, Tania Cassidy, Mark Witchard, Geoff Biggs, Neil White, Darryl Verdon.

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Chris Bradbury

Seconded; Glenn Pellegrino

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Andrew Leonard

Seconded; Greg Webster

Reports:

Treasurer's report

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

Opening balance: \$32660.68

Major expenses; Newsletter printing \$272.80, Baby Gift \$123.85

Major revenue; Raffles \$100, Merchandise \$120

Closing Balance: \$32,439.04

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Proposer; Dan Butters

Seconded; Daniel Zadnick

Secretary's report

Correspondence: Queensland Corvette Club May Magazine, NSW Corvettes March, April and May Magazine.

Moved that the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer; Craig O'Donohue
Seconded; Greg Webster

Merchandise:

Discussion about Logo copyright Kathy to liase with Mike Hehir in regards to logo design.

Events:

Flinders Hotel Sunday 30th April 9 cars attended, good weather and ice creams enjoyed after lunch. Next event Sunday May 21st Garfield Hotel run.

General Business:

Brendan Greene asked if there would be a club function celebrating Christmas in July.

National sponsors Rare Spares and Custom Car Covers have been thanked for their sponsorship and have both indicated they would be available for future sponsorship

Darren Pelacchi's Corvette boat and Graham George's car will be featured in Just Cars magazine.

Garth mentioned Muscle Car magazine will have a feature on the Nationals event and owners of each corvette model.

General discussion, Canberra will host an event Easter 2024. Tony made a open invitation for guest speakers at future meetings (car related topics).

Craig O'Donohue mentioned the work carried out by Bayswater Carbies was very good and highly recommends their service.

Plaques presented to all Nationals Committee Members. A thank you to Mark Andre for personally making these plaques. Next monthly meeting will be a Pizza night.

Meeting closed 8.40 pm

Next meeting 8th June 2023

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

Garfield Run 21 May

Hi Members,

We met up at BP Officer in the morning, some members brought the daily's we had 4 Corvettes , 3 BMW and 1 Range Rover.

We all cruised to Garfield Pub which was 20 minutes away, we there early so the women went shopping at one of the local shops.

When the pub opened we went in for lunch, it was warm in the pub as they had 2 open fire places and the food and service was great!

Thank you to all the members who came along .

Events Team - George , Daniel



Garfield Run 21 May



Garfield Run 21 May



C9 Corvette ??



The current eighth-generation C8 Corvette is far from done, with several new high-performance iterations still headed down the pipe. In fact, we just got our first look at the twin-turbo C8 Corvette ZR1. That said, one can't help but imagine what the next-generation C9 Corvette may have to offer. Now, GM Design is sparking our interest with this sexy new design concept that is definitely giving off some strong C9 Corvette vibes.

Recently making the rounds on social media courtesy of the General Motors Design Instagram feed (@generalmotorsdesign), this C9 Corvette design study was created by Gary Ruiz. According to his LinkedIn page, Ruiz has worked at GM for nearly 19 years, and currently serves as GM's Lead Creative Designer.

In addition to the mid-engine portions (not to mention the Chevy hashtags), the tail lights on this machine are a dead giveaway that the design is definitely a Corvette of some sort. The proportions are long, wide, and low, with oversized six-spoke wheels rolling in the corners, and chiseled features front to back. The fenders rise up above the wheels to form narrow, creased peaks, while a large indent is seen across the flanks, leading the eye rearwards into what appears to be a side-mounted air intake.

A large swath of glass sweeps around the front end and into the sides, while a large rear glass section no doubt provides visuals of the engine bay. And yes, this thing is indeed powered by internal combustion, as evidenced by the quartet of exhaust pipes mounted centrally in the rear fascia.

According to GM Authority sources, the next-generation C9 Corvette will debut during the 2028 calendar year for the 2029 model year. The C9 Corvette will ride on a revised variant of the GM Y2 platform found underneath the current eighth-generation C8, while production will once again take place at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky. GM Authority sources also indicate that the C9 Corvette will once again feature internal combustion, and will not be directly related to the all-electric Corvette EV sedan or Corvette EV crossover currently in development.

Subscribe to GM Authority for more Chevy Corvette news, Chevy news, and around-the-clock GM news coverage.

2022 Corvette Recalled In Australia For Being Too Loud



Affected Chevy Corvette units have a manufacturing defect that makes their drive-by exhaust sound louder than the level allowed by Australian Design Rule 83/00 (ADR 83/00). Vehicles louder than the limits set by this rule are not allowed because of the contribution they make to “community noise” levels.

The total number of affected 2022 Chevy Corvette units is 106 vehicles. GM dealerships in Australia and New Zealand can provide service for the affected vehicles free of charge. The fix consists of updating the software of the Vette’s engine control module.

Australian owners of the 2022 Chevy Corvette who have additional questions or concerns can call the GSMV Communications Centre at the telephone listed below, referencing the recall number as needed:

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Market Watch:

Chevrolet Corvette C3



1968 brought the third all-new shape in Corvette production history. Based on a Mako Shark show car, the C3 was distinguished by an exaggerated 'Coke bottle' profile and slim, chrome-plated bumpers.

Pre-1974 cars came as either full convertible Roadsters or a fixed-roof coupe with optional 'targa' panels.

These had been available since 1968, but after 1974, when threats from legislators to ban full convertibles seemed about to manifest, a 'T-roof' became the only way to let sun into your C3.

Market Watch:

Chevrolet Corvette C3

5.7-litre, 350 cubic inch engines were standard, with the 7.0-litre big block a potent but expensive option. Advertised output from 350 cubic inch engines with 11:1 compression was 350bhp (260kW). However, by 1975, with emission controls, lower octane fuels and lower compression all taking a bite and 'truthful' power figures a legal requirement, it had crumbled to just 123kW. Hardly surprising that the transition from chrome to plastic bumpers also marks the point at which C3 values sharply decline.

Corvettes had been arriving in Australia since the 1950s, but the 1970s saw floodgates open and hundreds of new C3s arrive. They were followed during the 1980s by boatloads of used imports; virtually all of them destined to be RHD converted; sometimes with perilous results.



Market Watch:

Chevrolet Corvette C3



Owning an entry-level C3 should cost less than \$40,000. That money will currently buy a late 1970s, plastic bumper 5.7-litre automatic in good condition and with plenty of life left mechanically. Low-cost chrome bumper cars will likely be unrestored, still LHD and with a good chance of body and frame deterioration.

Jump to \$70,000 and a chrome bumper Roadster becomes viable. Below these sit 1978 Pace Car replicas, the 1978 Silver Anniversary edition or a 1982 Collector Edition.

An outlay above \$100,000 will rarely be needed and only when your car of choice is a big-block, four-speed manual and probably a Roadster.

Corvettes with engines of seven litres and larger were built from 1968-74 and most in our market will be 454 cubic inch units. These in 1970s tune were rated at 270bhp (200kW) and although larger in capacity, the 454 lacked the high-end urge of a 427 and should be significantly cheaper.

Market Watch:

Chevrolet Corvette C3

How the prices moved:

2010

MODEL	YEARS	CONDITION 3 \$	CONDITION 2 \$	CONDITION 1 \$
Convertible	1968-1973	22,000	35,000	57,000
Big-block' Conv.	1968-1973	30,000	55,000	75,000
Coupe	1968-1972	19,000	37,500	48,000
Big-block' Coupe	1968-1972	25,000	47,500	68,000
Coupe	1973-1978	10,000	23,500	31,500
Coupe	1979-1982	11,500	24,500	33,000

2015

MODEL	YEARS	CONDITION 3 \$	CONDITION 2 \$	CONDITION 1 \$
Convertible	1968-1973	22,000	35,000	57,000
Big-block' Conv.	1968-1973	30,000	55,000	80,000
Coupe	1968-1973	21,000	34,500	48,000
Big-block' Coupe	1968-1973	25,000	48,500	65,000
Coupe	1974-1978	8000	15,500	27,500
Coupe	1979-1982	9500	16,500	29,000

2021

MODEL	YEARS	CONDITION 3 \$	CONDITION 2 \$	CONDITION 1 \$
Roadster	1968-1973	27,000	50,000	78,000
Big-block' Roadster	1968-1973	I/D	70,000	115,000
Coupe	1968-1973	20,000	47,000	66,000
Big-block' Coupe	1968-1974	35,000	65,000	100,000
Coupe	1974-1982	18,500	32,500	44,500
Pace Car/Anniversary	1978-1982	24,000	44,000	65,000

2023

MODEL	YEARS	CONDITION 3 \$	CONDITION 2 \$	CONDITION 1 \$
Roadster	1968-1973	27,000	55,000	82,000
Big-block' Roadster	1968-1973	I/D	85,500	130,000
Coupe	1968-1973	20,000	52,000	75,000
Big-block' Coupe	1968-1974	I/D	77,000	112,000
Coupe	1974-1982	19,000	34,500	48,000
Pace Car/Anniversary	1978-1982	25,000	40,000	60,000

Christmas in July - Sunday 16th July 2023

Pier 35 Bar and Grill, 263-329 Lorimer Street, Port Melbourne



Our next club event is the Xmas in July. The event will be held at Pier 35 Bar and Grill, Port Melbourne on Sunday 16th July 2023 from 12pm.

Corvettes of Melbourne will sponsor the event and cover the cost of the attendees' meals. Drinks will be at the individual's own expense.

The venue details can be viewed at <https://www.pier35barandgrill.com.au/>

There is also ample free parking on site.

We will provide meeting points and times for the cruise to the venue via COM chat closer to the date, however, we believe this is a central location that should accommodate all members.

We need to confirm numbers by no later than 7th July 2023.

RSVP's are essential! The Events Team

George Arhontogeorge - 0407 527 477

Daniel Zadnik - 0430 519 073

Classifieds

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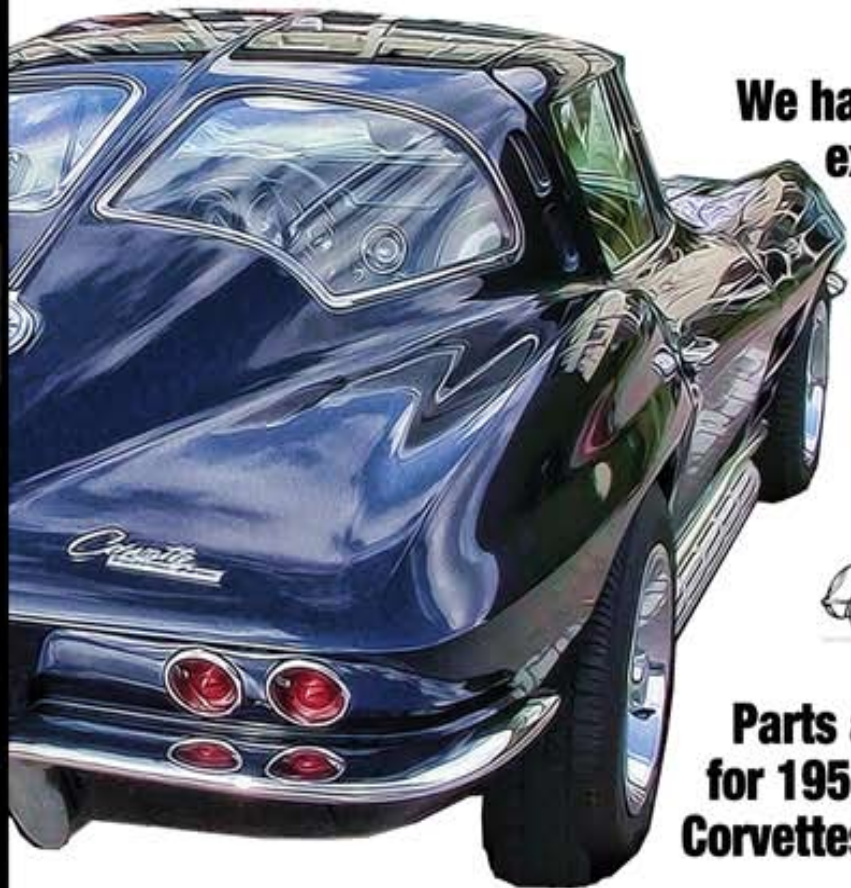
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David Langmead 0418 389 212



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George - 0407 527 477



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