



Thursday 8th February 2024	Club Meeting - Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road. Hawthorn East Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7pm. Meeting starts 8pm		
10th – 11th February 2024	Great Ocean Road to Warrnambool. (Initial details in Gazette)		
10th February 2024	Akoonah Park Car Show and Boot Sale CANCELLED		
9th - 12th February 2024	Corvettes Rock the Bay Glenelg SA Details in Gazette		
Saturday 2nd March 2024	Colac Show "n" Shine – Memorial Square, Colac. Gates open 8.30 am. (Flyer in Gazette).		
Thursday 14th March 2024	Club Meeting - Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road. Hawthorn East Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7pm. Meeting starts 8pm		
29th March -1st April 2024 (Easter)	Not The Nationals – Canberra ACT (Some details in this Gazette).		
Sunday 31st March 2024 (Easter Sunday)	Flinders Motoring Heritage Details in Gazette		
Thursday 11th April 2024	Club Meeting - Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road. Hawthorn East Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7pm. Meeting starts 8pm		



CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

Correspondence Corvettes of Melbourne Inc P.O Box 8052 Vice-President Camberwell North 3124 Victoria Club Meeting Secretary & **Public Officer** Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm (except January) Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East Pre Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7:00pm Treasurer Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors. Membership Fees Membership Officer Joining fee \$20 (1 time fee) Annual Single membership Including access to an electronic **Committee at Large** copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$80.00 per Annual Family membership Including access to an electronic copy of the monthly club magazine, 'The Gazette'. \$100.00 per Events All Membership subscriptions are due for renewal by Coordinators September each year

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and New Year.

I am hoping to see a few new faces at our first club meeting on Thursday 8 February 2024.

Over the Christmas break, we have organised 50 calendars from Corvette Central, so it will be first in to obtain a Calendar. See further details in the magazine.

I am hoping to organise a couple of guest speakers to join our club meetings this year, so look out for further announcements. If you know any guest speakers that I could contact, please let me know.

Our first club event will be the Warrnambool run on 10 February 2024 organised by Greg Webster, (WEBBY). For further details, contact WEBBY on 0434 051 140.

I am sure there will be more upcoming

events announced in the magazine. As you all know, if you have an event that you would like to see happen, let the events team know the details so it can be included in the annual events calendar.

I know it's a long time until next Christmas but if you have any ideas of where we can host this event, please let me know so we can investigate venues.

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 February 8 and March 14 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

February

Esther Davis Roslyn Chessells Jenny Bolis Kylie Spiden Kat Valentine Lisa Wiggins Andrew Brown Mark Catania 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.

ZOE

CLUB PERMIT NUMBER PLATE SCHEME AVAILABLE VICTORIA

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 14th December 2023,** Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn. Meeting Commenced 8.16 pm Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

The president welcomed all to the December 2023 meeting New Members: Mark and Lisa Catania-1963 Corvette Stingray C2 Convertible, Silver

Apologies: Adrian & Lisa Villanti, Darrell Verdon, Darren Pelacchi, Graham George & Tania Cassidy, Mark & Janice Witchard, Mike & Carl Schokman, Paula Porter & Barry Marshall, Sebastian & Carmen La Bruna, Scott Morden, George Arhontogeorge, Dean Cooper, John Bligh, Paul Gunovich. Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Garth Bradbury Seconded; Andrew Leonard

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Craig O'Donohue Seconded; Andrew Leonard

Reports:

Treasurers report

Joe Younane presented the Treasurers report. The report covers from the month of November 2023 and is summarised as follows; Opening balance: \$35,835.96 Major expenses: Deposit Stingray Run \$1000, Newsletter \$245.91, Badges \$77.45 Major revenue: Membership/CPS \$560.00, Stingray Run \$1800.00 Closing Balance: \$36,930.86 Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Greg Webster Seconded; Nick Bolis

Secretary's report

Correspondence: Corvette Club of SA December Magazine Thank you for donation letter, Michael read out the letter from Friday Night School. Moved that the Secretaries report be accepted: Proposer; Andrew Leonard Seconded; Chris Bradbury

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Events

Xmas Party at the Kinglake Hotel everyone had a great time.

Craig spoke about the Bright Rod Run weekend.

Joe spoke about the Shannon's American Motoring Show.

Mark spoke about the Meet the Vics.

Future Events:

Daniel spoke about the Flinders Motoring Heritage Show Sunday 31st March (Easter).

Mandy Spoke about Not the Nationals in Canberra 29thMarch-1st April (Easter).

Greg spoke about Great Ocean Road to Warrnambool Weekend10th-11thFebruary.

Mark spoke about the Corvettes Rock the Bay.

Nick spoke about Akoonah Park Car Show & Boot Sale 10th February.

Shelly mentioned 25th February Park Orchards event more info coming.

General Business:

Nick Bolis said he has a contact in Bali who can enlarge photos of your car to large poster size on canvas for very reasonable price, contact Nick for details.

Craig thanked the executive committee for all their efforts in 2023. Shelly thanked the club for making her and John feel very welcome.

Meeting closed 8.52pm Next meeting 8th February 2024 Minutes by Michael Brand, Secretary, Corvettes of Melbourne.





AVAILY 50 II. ABLE

The Club has secured a limited number of 2024 calendars thanks to Corvette Central.

These are available to Members for only **\$5.00** each. They will be available to purchase at the February meeting.

For Members who wish to purchase on line, please EFT **\$9.00** (includes postage) to the Club's bank account using your surname as a reference.

Corvettes of Melbourne

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Note that these calendars will be available on a first come, first serve basis until they are all sold.



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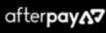
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Upcoming Events





Several years ago I met Nicholas Bolis. I had joined the Men's Shed. As I am a car enthusiast I got talking to Nick. I previously owned a hot rod, and a ZB Fairlane, all sadly missed.

Anyway, I had little or no interest in Corvettes. Went over to Nicks place one day and he had several good looking C4's at his house. Over coffee, and conversation I was convinced that I should buy a C4. I asked Nick if he could find one for me. About a month later he called me saying he was about to purchase a nice 1993 Anniversary Coupe. All these were Burgundy in colour with Burgundy interior. Photos brought on a love affair, and after waiting for what seemed to be forever the car arrived.



Nick helped me get the car engineered and on the Club Permit Scheme. I got to drive the car around the block a few times, and was looking forward to going on a few cruises in my newly purchased Corvette.

One Saturday morning a buyer came over to look at one of Nicks C4 that he had advertised for sale. Well as it turned out he walked past Nicks Corvette, and went straight to mine and started asking Nick questions about my 93. He loved the colour combo etc. After been told a million times the car the car was not for sale the fellow just kept persisting that he wanted to buy the car. Well he made an offer I could not refuse. So goodbye to the Corvette I had driven around the block and was planning to keep and enjoy.

John Bligh's C5

A Few months later Nick calls me and said he had found a nice 1998 C5 in Texas. One owner with clean Carfax report and 30,000 miles on the clock, and the price was right. Because of Nick's previous sinful act of selling the C4 he said I could have it. So jumped on it and purchased the C5.

When the car arrived, I was super pleased with the condition of the car and colour. Had the car serviced and complied to Australian design rules by Richard at Accel Garage. The only other expense was a new battery. After having driven the C5 I have forgiven Nick for selling the C4.

But just to be sure he does not sell it on me I have hidden the car somewhere safe.



I and my partner Rhonda look forward to coming on a few Club runs and meeting all the members of the Corvette Club.

John Bligh





Warranbool Ran 10-11 Feb



You may have heard the rumours in hushed tones about these legendary weekend cruises!!!!!!!!!! Well Webby is doing it again!

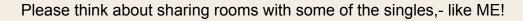
Details, watch for updates! Start from United Servo westbound, Westgate bridge. Leaving 8.30AM Bypassing Geelong

Lorne Hotel for 12.00PM lunch, pre ordered so we are back on the road quicker! Menu to follow soon!

Drive the GREAT OCEAN ROAD to Port Campbell, 12 Apostles where you can book scenic helicopter flights, then onto Warrnambool – Big4 TASMAN Holiday Village, 33 Lava Street.

Ring 55 611233 to DIRECTLY book your Saturday night accommodation, BEFORE CHRISTMAS OR THE ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED!

You can check their website to look at room configurations as all cabins can sleep 4-5 people.





Arriving roughly 5.30PM to settle in with a quick gutter party, 10 minutes to get ready then dinner!

More refreshments and possibly games!

Morning recovery breakfast to be advised. Cruise to Tower Hill Volcano Park, Port fairy for lunch if voted on?

Stagger home at your leisure straight up the highway or return cruise the GOR if you have Monday off?

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Sunday, 11 February, 10am - 2pm WRIGLEY RESERVE, GLENELG, S.A.

Join the VIC Contingent

This event draws up to 100 Corvettes and is one of the premier Corvette events in the country - well worth the trip from Victoria. Join the team travelling to SA to attend CRTB and to meet up with the SA Club on the Saturday night before.

ACCOMODATION:

We've put 8 rooms on hold at the "Adelaide International Motel" in Glenelg, a 5 min. drive to the event. Two nights cost \$310, which is a good price in this premium holiday destination! Rooms currently booked Sat 10 - Mon 12 Feb. Several rooms are already gone, so call and secure your room today by phoning the motel at (08) 82942155. Mention the "Corvette Club".

TRAVEL OPTIONS:

- Take a 3hr drive to Horsham on Friday night, have a sleep-in and cruise just 5hrs to Glenelg on Saturday.
- Leave home on Saturday morning. The total drive takes approx 8 hrs so you can do the trip in a day.
- Depart early Saturday morning and join the main convoy in Horsham.

JOIN THE TEAM:

- For more info call Mark Andre on 0413 387 977.
- Also call Mark if you are interested in staying in Horsham on Friday night.
 Most importantly, book your room at the Adelaide International Motel now.

In Menory of Jerry Kohn



"Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life."

Corvette Central grew out of the passion Jerry Kohn had for cars. His career in the family tool-and-die business and work ethic lent itself to the plans to manufacture Corvette parts. He started by reproducing a complete set of grille teeth in 1975 taking them to swap meets to sell. As Jerry learned, he shared with his son Scott the knowledge he had gained. Scott was an eager learner getting to know the parts inside and out and is now the head of procurement.

The desire to manufacture high-quality, correct, and affordable restoration and replacement parts for Corvettes led Jerry to create a whole new industry for Corvette owners and enthusiasts. Today, Corvette Central manufactures over 4,000 different parts and ships products worldwide. Jerry has been honored for his support of the Corvette restoration industry, being enshrined in the Bloomington Gold Great Hall in 2012. He was an early member of the National Corvette Restorers Society and a founding member of the National Corvette Museum, securing membership #11 in 1991. Scott became member #12.

Jerry started Corvette Central in a small building on Sawyer Road, and within the decade the company grew large enough to move the warehouse and offices to a larger building. In 1992 a set of buildings behind the original location came to house the manufacturing division.



As the millennium approached Jerry started planning the construction of a new home for Corvette Central. In March and April of 2001, his vision was fulfilled and the offices and warehouse moved to the current location. Soon, an addition was added extending the warehouse and allowing the manufacturing division to join the campus.

Jerry considered every business move with his usual combination of intuition and practicality. Jerry was continually involved in the day-to-day operations. He worked out the inventory picking and ordering systems, part number structure, and shipping procedures. With each move to a new building, Jerry investigated new technology and programs needed to create an efficient workflow process. After buying carousel equipment he created the system still in use today.



Doing What He Loved

Jerry Kohn passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones, Friday, September 8, 2023. While the restoration industry lost a champion, the world lost a good man. To those he left behind, Jerry was more than a die-caster who made Corvette parts. He was kind, compassionate, caring, funny, and, above all else, beloved.

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Hi Corvette Club Presidents,

We have started putting the arrangements in place for the proposed "Vettes Get Together" in Canberra, at Easter next year.

We have arranged a special accommodation deal at the Pavilion on Northbourne.

The hotel has already set up the rate code, "**VETTE**", for the event and it is ready, both for phone reservations or through their website, <u>www.pavilioncanberra.com.au</u>.

Please note that the rate given to us for an Atrium Hotel Room (image attached) is \$174 per night, which is below their Prepaid Advance Saver rate on their website.

The hotel will be offering the Vette guests who book, a flexible cancellation policy which gives them the flexibility to amend their reservation up to 24 hours before their arrival date.

All discounted rates will be available to the Vette guests up until the 29th of February, subject to availability, and the preferred form of booking would be over the hotel website.

Can I ask you to pass this information on to your members and for those members who plan to attend, can we have their confirmations by 29 February as well (email to lyndonandmichelle@hotmail.com) so we can arrange appropriate venues.

We in Canberra are very much looking forward to hosting the members from the other Clubs at this Vette Get Together.

Regards Terry Ruse Club President Corvettes of Canberra Inc

Classifieds

For Sale - 1995 C4 Corvette ZR1

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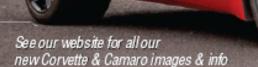
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