

Corvette

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April

Save the Date

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 10th April 2025 Club Meeting – Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East.
Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7 pm. Meeting commences at 8 pm
- Saturday 12th April 2025 High Tea at the NGV St Kilda Road, Melbourne. Ladies Event.
In the Victoria Tea Room at 12.45pm
- Sunday 20th April 2025 (Easter) Club Run – Flinders Motoring Heritage (Easter Sunday)
Refer Gazette for Details.
- Sunday 27th April 2025 Club Run – Werribee & District Car Club - Cars and Coffee
Cnr of Cherry & Kelly St's Werribee – 9.00am to 12 noon.
Refer Gazette for Details.
- Thursday 8th May 2025 Club Meeting – Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East.
Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7 pm. Meeting commences at 8 pm.
- Sunday 18th May 2025 Club Run - Rochford Wines -Yarra Valley
878 – 880 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream. Refer Gazette For Details.
- Thursday 12th June 2025 Club Meeting – Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East.
Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7 pm. Meeting commences at 8 pm

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Club Meeting

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm (except January)
Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn 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:

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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.

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.
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Group Photo on route to Gundagai

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone,
Welcome to April.

As I write this report, I am on the drive home from Parkes where the 2025 Nationals were held.

For those of you who do not know, Parkes is the home of the Elvis Presley convention which is held every January to celebrate his birthday. It is fair to say that Elvis is alive in Parkes with an Elvis Museum, posters, pictures and sculptures everywhere.

We had approximately 18 cars with many driving up on the Thursday for an overnight stay at Gundagai, with a convoy to Parkes on Friday morning.

The Friday night was the meet and greet night, Saturday the Show & Shine and for some lucky ladies a bus trip which is remembered for all the wrong reasons, followed by dinner on the Saturday night. Sunday was a drive to the Dish and to the Motor Museum, with pizzas for lunch. Sunday evening was a dinner and presentation with the dress theme being black and white. I am very pleased to say that as a Club we came home with a number of very impressive trophies.

Have a look at the photos in the magazine. Paula had her camera out all weekend to capture some special moments.

Thank you to the New South Wales Club and Committee for putting on the convention. As we know from personal experience, it is not easy and things can and do go wrong. I think they did a great job.

For those looking forward to the 2026 Convention, that will be held in March next year (two weeks before Easter) at Noosa Queensland. They are well into the planning for the convention and details will be provided once all is confirmed.

See everyone at our next meeting on Thursday 10 April 2025 at 7:00 pm, upstairs at The Tower Hotel.

Hoping to see everyone there.

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 10th April

Thursday 8th May

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

April

ZOE



Ava Collins
Joy Greenshields
Rhonda Barry
Kersten Vogel
Angelique Zadnik
Thaess White
Garth Bradbury
John Chesser
Bernie Davis
Paul Dunienville
Brendan 'gringo' Greene
Stephen Grove
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Andrew Leonard

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 March 2025, Tower Hotel, Hawthorn.

Meeting Commenced: 8.06pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

The president welcomed all to the March 2025 meeting.

New Members: Gary Fawcus – 1986 C4 White/Silver Coupe

Attendance: 35

Apologies: Adrian & Lisa Villante, Carmen & Sebastian La Bruna, Craig & Vicki O'Donohue, Daniel Zadnick, Graham George, Tania Cassidy, George Arhontogeorge, Darrell Verdon, Bob Norlinger, Colin Theodore, Jordy & Jenny Bridge, Luke Preston, Michael Brand, Mike & Carl Schokman, Ray & Lavinia Natoli, Chris & Karen Tucker, Greg Webster.

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Dianne Farkas

Seconded: Dan Butters

Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.

John Weir pointed out that there was no mention about Phillip Island in the February Minutes.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Paula Porter

Seconded; John Weir

Reports:

Treasurers report:

Joe Younane presented the Treasurers report. The report covers the month of February 2025. A copy of this month's report is available to members by request.

Dan Butters requested more detail regarding the Club Permits, Joe answered Dan's question. Joe also spoke about the prospect of the club paying tax on money that is received by the club for advertising in the Gazette

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Gerard Van Griusven

Seconded; Kathy Bergin

Secretary's report

Correspondence: Corvette Club SA there was a technical issue in forwarding the newsletter to members because of the size of the document, Queensland Corvette Club. ATO letter re taxable income.

Moved that the Secretaries report be accepted: Proposer; Katherine Younane

Seconded: Cheryl Asquith

Merchandise:

Nothing to report

Events:

Tony mentioned the upcoming events with details in the front of the Gazette.

Glenn and Shelley spoke about the Lawn Bowls on Sunday 16th February at Doncaster Bowls club.

There was a good attendance for the fun day. The club paid for pizzas, Cheryl provided cupcakes and lollies..... thanks Cheryl.

Tony spoke about the Nationals, Meeting Point BP @ Wallan, departing @10.30am planning to have lunch in Glenrowan before cruising to our accommodation in Gundagai.

Brendan spoke about USA Carlisle trip in August. At this stage there is not a lot of interest.

Wayne suggested a contact "Haggarty Car Events" that organises tours .

General Business:

Tony mentioned he had received an email from a person looking to purchase a corvette.

Glenn said he would follow up this request.

Nick Bolis said he had no luck getting a guest speaker for a future meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.50pm

Next meeting: 10th April

Minutes by Mandy Brand on behalf of Michael Brand; Secretary





On the Road to Gundagai



10.00am Thursday morning was our meeting point at the Wallan BP. We headed north to our overnight stop at Gundagai. A great lunch was had at the Sodens Hotel in Albury, before a trip to the Ettamogah Pub for a group car photo, and then on to Gundagai. Drinks, nibbles, chats and laughs were shared at our digs, prior to dinner at the pub, just a quick walk away. The evening kicked on with some fun games of pool, before retreating back to the motel, where the frivolity continued, until silenced.



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Gundagai to Parkes



We hit the road just on 9.00am to head to Parkes, after a visit to the famous Dog on the Tuckerbox. It was another glorious morning for a drive, and although everything was very dry, the countryside was beautiful.

Everything was going really well, until we rounded a bend, and there in the distance was a white corvette with its' bonnet in the air. Definitely not something that gives off feelings of joy for the owner. We all pulled over, and those who were further ahead returned to the group.

How lucky to have a mechanic and several helpers among the group. The fan belt had decided to give up its usefulness, and for Andrew it loomed as a nightmare, until Glen removed the fan belt from the air conditioner, thus fixing the problem.



Day 1 - Parkes Nationals



After a safe arrival in Parkes everyone split away and booked into their various motels. Visits were made to local outlets to stock up on nibbles and bubbles. The welcome packs were well received, and registrations went smoothly. 5.30pm was Meet and Greet, with finger food, announcements, and instructions for Saturday's Street Parade of Cars and then the Car Show. The Lions Club provided bacon and egg sandwiches for both mornings from 6.00am.



Day 2 - Parkes Nationals



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Day 2 - Saturday - Bus Trip for Ladies



As an alternative to the Car Show, Ladies were offered a bus tour to visit areas of interest in Parkes. Our tour guide was exceptionally verbal about the wonders of Parkes, and we visited the War Memorial which crowned as the highest hill in Parkes and offered a 360 degree view of the area, which is very impressive. It was a beautiful spot, serene, beautifully maintained and would be a very poignant place for a dawn service.

We were shown many landmarks, the CFA, which now boasts 2 fire engines, new developments of industrial areas, and the railway development.

Parkes has three trains each week travelling to Perth, and is now building a railway to service trains which will be 3.5k's long, with double decker containers, again, servicing three trips to Perth each week.

Within the next 12 months, with the developments, there are 3,000 employment positions to be made available, hence a major housing construction demand.



Day 2 - Golf Club Dinner

Saturday night culminated in a great evening, with lots of fun, plenty of dancing, and entertainment.

The boys started an impromptu golf tee-off, with balls going in all directions, and a stubbie being used as a marker.

Dinner consisted of a choice of roast meats, vegetables and salads, which was enjoyed by all.

Raffles were conducted with some great prizes, some of which would have been difficult to fit in our cars for the trip home.

The dancing commenced and everyone had a great time working off dinner.



April





Lions Park, Parkes

Day 2 - Golf Club Dinner



Day 2 - Golf Club Dinner



Day 3 - Parkes Nationals

Day 3 was another glorious day, and filled with events. In the morning half of us visited the Parkes Car Museum, while the other cars visited The Dish.

We all met at lunchtime for a group photo, and lunch of pizzas, which were very tasty. The evening event was the Gala Dinner with a theme of Black and White, which was held at the Serviceman's Club.

Awards were given out, and Corvettes of Melbourne owners collected a very large share of the impressive trophies.



Day 3 - Parkes Nationals



Day 3 - Parkes Nationals



Day 3 - Gala Dinner



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Day 3 - Gala Dinner

And The Winners Are :



Day 3 - Gala Dinner



Werribee Cars and Coffee April 27th

Lunch Venue to be announced in April Gazette

CARS

&

Coffee



Casual Sunday 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon
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FREE Entry to all

2025 Schedule:



January 26th

February 23rd

March 30th

April 27th

May 25th

June 29th

July 27th

August 31st

September 28th

October 26th

November 30th

December (NO EVENT)



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2025 Flinders Motoring Heritage is on Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

The Flinders Motoring Heritage is an annual event run by The Lions Club of Flinders District Inc.

The event hosts a display of unique veteran, vintage, classic and modern motor cars, all displayed throughout Flinders Village. Now in its 9th year, the number of entrants and visitors has grown with up to 200 vehicles with over 2,000 visitors.

The entry fee is \$25 per vehicle. All drivers and passengers are free.
You can enter as many vehicles as you like.

When making your booking you will be prompted to answer a few questions as to your club and if you would like your vehicle to be judged for various awards. This will help us in allocating you to the correct parking space.

Categories include:

- Veteran. Pre 1919
- Vintage. 1919 to 1930
- Post Vintage Thoroughbred (PVT). English or European post 1931 to 1978
- Classic. Post Vintage (1930)
- Modified. Any vehicle that does not present as original
- Car of the Show
- Best non restored or original car "Oily Rag"

Major sponsors of the Flinders Motoring Heritage event to-date are: Mornington Peninsula Shire, Bendigo Community Bank Balnarring, and Buxton Mornington Peninsula.

All proceeds from sponsorships, Australian Lions Foundation Matching Grants, entry fees and ticket sales will go towards fund the Prostate Scanner and Moonah House.

For all inquiries, contact Mark Holland – FMH25 Committee Chair
Email: fmh@flindersdistrictlions.com.au or Mobile: 0418 541 969
www.flindersmotoringheritage.com.au



Rochford Wines – Yarra Valley 18 May 2025

Please save the date in your calendars for our Club Run on Sunday 18th May 2025.

We are currently finalising the specific details for this event and we will share with you the details via COM Chat and email soon.

Rochford Wines is located at 878-880 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream.

The venue can be viewed at <https://rochfordwines.com.au/>

There is also on-site parking available.



CLUB MERCHANDISE



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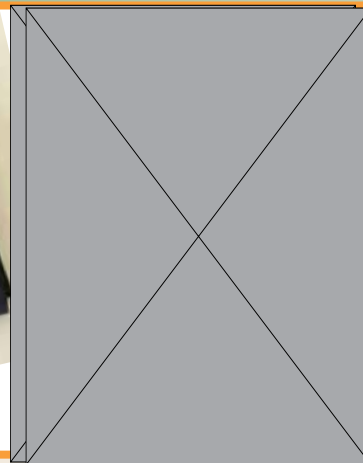
6. Polo \$30

Colour:
Black



7. Puffer \$60

Colour: Black
Zip up Puffer
vest



8. Moto Shirt \$45

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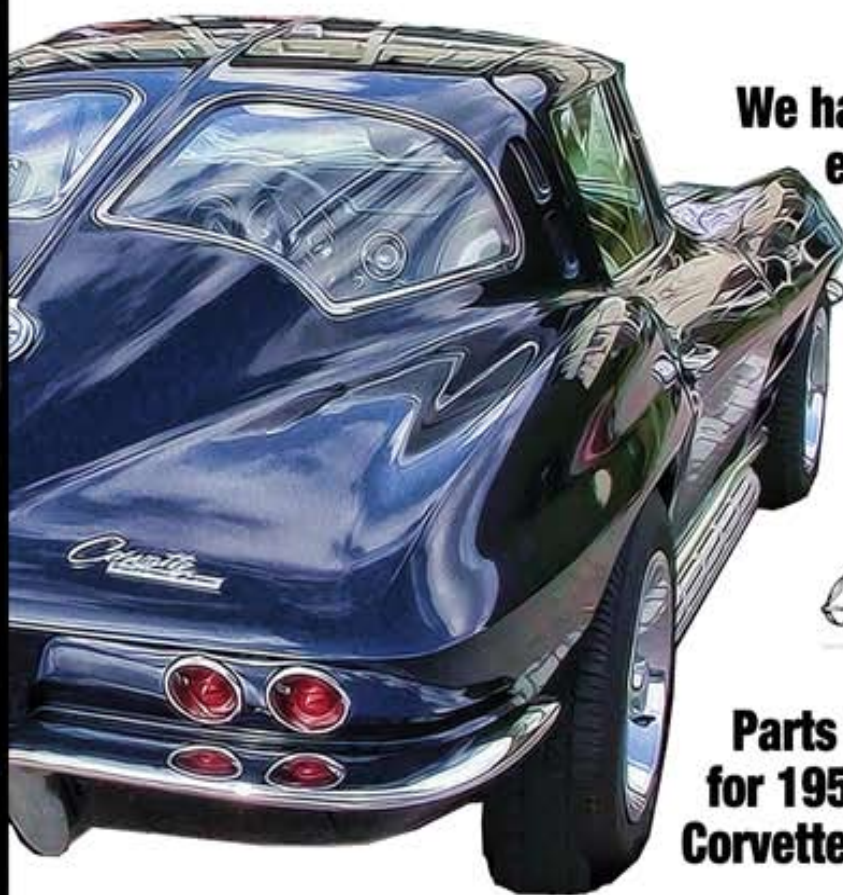
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Classifieds

1963 Corvette Coupe Grand Sport – Tribute

General Motors only produced five original Corvette Grand Sports under the guidance of Zora Arkus-Duntov (the father of performance Corvettes) to compete against and beat the Ford Cobras built by Carroll Shelby for Ford. Zora and his team of engineers were able to beat the Cobras at Watkins Glen in August of 1963, a great victory for General Motors and

This Tribute Grand Sport is very rare in Australia and draws a crowd whenever it sees daylight which isn't often as it hasn't quite travelled a 1,000 miles yet. This car started life as a 1966 Corvette Coupe and was transformed into a Grand Sport in 2015 with a no expense attitude to the 3.5 year build of this 1963 Corvette Grand Sport.

The heart had to resemble the original with a 377ci (6.2ltr LS3-Gen IV alloy small block Chevrolet rated at 525hp /392kW & 489ft-lb/663Nm. This modern day equivalent is mated to a Tre-Mec TKO 5spd manual gearbox which drives Forgeline Grudge 3 piece 20x12" & 19x10" alloys with sticky Michelin Pilot Sport Cup Tyres which are driven via a USA Hammerhead Differential with an Eaton 3.42:1 gear ratio. Suspension is from a C7 Corvette as with the brakes which are C7 Z06.

A combination of Grand Sport components were used from Mongoose Motorsports, MID America and Corvette Central to transform the '66 into this '63 modern day Grand Sport that has C7 seats and the all important numbers are viewed through the traditional Grand Sport instrumentation, including a 200mph speedometer with custom interior trim to complement the Route 66 theme.

This Corvette Grand Sport Tribute has been fully engineered to 2016/2017 ADR regulations and has full NSW registration from 10/2017. This car has never been raced as owned by a respected and extremely passionate enthusiast to the Corvette world. The car has won many awards including NCRS Australia "427 Concours Award".

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