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2025



May

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Upcoming Events

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
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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:

Opt-In subscription to receive a printed copy of the monthly club magazine mailed to your address, \$85.00

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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Werribee & District Collectable Club

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi everyone,
Welcome to the month of May.
Talking of time passing quickly, the last President's report I wrote was in the car on our return from the NSW Nationals at Parkes. It seems like that was last weekend.

At the Presidents' meeting in Parkes, we were all invited to participate in putting an advertisement into all the clubs' magazines and websites for a cost of \$400.00 x 3 (\$1,200.00 in total for clubs running a full page advertisement). This has occurred because of the amalgamation of Corvette Central with Parragon, Zip, Long Island and Coker Tyres. Everything will come under the one banner of Coker Tyres. We have accepted the offer. More information to follow.

Thank you to Paula for organising the High Tea at the NGV for the ladies on 12 April 2025. A great time was had by everyone. Check out the photos in the magazine.

A few members from our club attended the 2025 Flinders Motoring Heritage on Easter Sunday. From the photos on COMchat, it looks like everyone had a great time. I am sure we will have plenty of photos in the magazine.

There is the Werribee & District Car Club cars & coffee meet on Sunday 27 April 2025. The event will have been and gone by the time you read this article. Again, there will be photos in the magazine.

Now don't forget on 18 May 2025, we have a club event at Rochford Wines at the Yarra Valley which will be a delicious three course tapas lunch. You all need to pay \$55.00 per head into our Corvettes of Melbourne bank account. The bank details are under Contacts and Club information in the magazine. There are only 30 spots available, so you had better get in quick.

Also, I know it's a long time away but you will need to look at accommodation and registration for the next Nationals in Queensland at Noosa to ensure sure you stay at the main accommodation area. Anyway, that's up to everyone to decide what they want to do.

Future Convention hosts are:

- 2026 Queensland
- 2027 South Australia
- 2028 Canberra
- 2029 Western Australia

A reminder to support our advertisers in our magazine, as they help pay the magazine costs.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our next club meeting on Thursday 8 May 2025.

Cheers Tony (alias Mr President)



At The Dish, Parkes



If you need to replace a missing nametag or would like a spare one,
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Next Meetings

Thursday 8th May

Thursday 12th June

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

ZOE



Vicki O'Donohue
Janice Witchard
Ant Barker
Barry Bennett
Phillip Bracken
Roger Broughton
Norm Clarke
Dean Cooper
Gary Fawcus
Ron Greenshields
Russell Jessop
Michael Kirkpatrick
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 10th April 2025, Tower Hotel, Hawthorn.
Meeting Commenced: 8.06pm.**

Chair: Tony Asquith, President
Welcome

The president welcomed all to the April 2025 meeting
New Members: Nil

Attendance: 35 members

Apologies: Anthony Rentzis, Bob Nordlinger, Darrell Verdon, Graham George & Tania Cassidy, John Bligh, Neil White, Nick Bolis, Ray & Livinia Natoli, Rod Glanville, Sebastian & Carmen La Bruna, Teemu Carr, Christine Bradbury, Greg Webster.
Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Dan Butters
Seconded; Kerrian Taylor.

Minutes of the last Meeting: were tabled.
Moved that the minutes be accepted: Proposer; John Weir
Seconded; Paula Porter

Reports:

Treasurers report:

Joe Younane presented the Treasurers report. The report covers the month of March 2025.
Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Kathy Bergin
Seconded; Mark Collins

Secretary's report:

Correspondence: Corvette Club SA.

Moved that the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer; Chris Tucker
Seconded; Joe Younane



Peppers Resort Noosa - Venue of the 2026 Nationals

Merchandise:

Nothing to Report

Events:

Adrian presented a video slideshow of the **Nationals at Parkes** to the meeting. Mandy spoke about the Nationals weekend which in summary was a great event with a good time had by all.

Tony spoke about the **2026 Nationals to be held in Noosa**. Some members have already registered and booked accommodation at Peppers Noosa Resort.

Daniel spoke regarding the **Flinders Motorshow on Easter Sunday**, Barry and Paula invited participants back to their property afterwards.

The club is invited again to attend the **Cars and Coffee in Werribee** on Anzac weekend.

The May event at **Rochford Winery** requires pre- payment of \$55 pp via the COM bank account, there are 30 spaces for this event. So plan ahead and book your space.

Paula discussed the upcoming **Ladies High Tea at the NGV** on Saturday 12th April.

General Business:

Paula has been liaising with a transport company in regards to transporting corvettes to the Nationals 2026.

Joe received a bill for \$500 from Queensland Corvettes for our clubs sponsorship contribution for next years Nationals.

Tony mentioned a Committee Meeting will be taking place on the 30th April.

Meeting closed: 8.38pm

Next meeting 8th May 2025

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

April Meeting Photos



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2025 FLINDERS MOTORING HERITAGE

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Easter Sunday - 20th April 2025



This year's Flinders Car Run was held on Easter Sunday, April 20th and, turned out to be a great day! Some 14 members (& associates) attended and although we managed to dodge the rain and enjoy the sunshine, of course there

was a sprinkle that seemed to pull the dust out of the air and gently cover the cars. There were some very fine examples of auto machinery on display across so many marques.



Shelly spent the day enjoying coffee after coffee after coffee with so many people simply passing by that she knew. So much so, the establishment resorted to putting a reserved sign on her table to give other patrons an opportunity to have some lunch.





Our team were some of the last to leave which is a credit to the unity of our club members and the presence COM displays as strong supporters at such events.



Paula & Barry very kindly invited us all back to their place in Flinders for drinks afterward however, given it was Easter Sunday, most people had to go home for family functions on the day. Sincere thanks Paula & Barry regardless!!!

Attendees were...

**Paula & Barry, Joe & Family,
Daniel & Angelique,
Michelle & John, Gerrard,
Craig & Vicki, Dan, Lloyd.**

**Again, thank you to Daniel
for his fantastic
organisation and to Dan for
his great photos!!**



Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club

Sunday 27th was a drizzly start which quickly cleared to a fine day. We had members from far and wide bring their Corvettes to the show along with a couple of Corvettes not with CoM. Our attendance was really appreciated by the Werribee Club who posted on their Facebook page ...



Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club Inc.

Yesterday at 1:03 PM · 🌐



Today's Cars and Coffee Casual Sunday event organized by WDCVC deemed another a success, despite the initial misty rain.

WDCVC extends its gratitude to Corvette and Mustang Clubs for coming along and showcasing their vehicles.

Special thanks are also due to our member Tony for coordinating these visitors, as well as to all our club volunteers including those who prepared/cooked the BBQ and coffee. ☁️☀️☔️

We all left by around 11:30 when about nine of us went on to the Commercial Hotel for drinks and lunch. Overall, a well organised and enjoyable day - Thanks Craig and Daniel!



Werribee & District Collectable Vehicle Club



LADIES HIGH TEA AT THE NGV



Saturday 12th April, 14 Ladies of the Corvette Club met at the NGV.

A few of us were early, and we decided to wander down to Southbank for a quick cocktail at the Floating Bar, which tantalised the tastebuds, and put a glow on our faces.

Upon our return to the NGV the girls who had attended the Yayoi Kusama Exhibition were coming out, and they had thoroughly enjoyed the quirky exhibition.

The Tea Room service was fantastic and the girls with special food requirements were well catered for.

The French Champagne, Tea and Coffee were all fabulous, and the food was truly excellent, and several people couldn't eat all that was supplied, and returned home complete with doggy bags, for their "other halves".

It was a great opportunity for us to get together, and everyone is looking forward to another event in a few months. Ideas are currently being suggested, and welcomed.



LADIES HIGH TEA AT THE NGV



Oh, and by the way, there was plenty of Artwork to be seen also.

Miss May





Steve's Kombi

PHILLIP ISLAND HISTORICS

Firstly apologies for the late article about this great event. The Nationals in Parkes and cleaning my car didn't leave sufficient time.

Held over the long weekend at the start of March the Phillip Island Historic Car Races are one of the top events on the annual racing calendar. Not only do you get to see over 300 historic racing cars, you can rub shoulders with some of the all time great drivers while you meander through the pit areas and the car parking areas set aside for members of car clubs and their cars.



Our club has a tradition of attending this event and displaying our Corvettes. Others like to compete.

This year there were about 10 Corvettes racing in Category S including a C1, a couple of C2's, and a few C3's. They were all assembled together in one pit area so it was possible to compare the differences in car preparation and driver age and demeanour.

Racing in category S was spirited as you would expect but the Porsches seemed to have a slight edge.

The Corvettes were spread throughout the 23 strong field from third place with other Porsches, a couple of Mustangs and a De Tomaso Pantera.

There was an altercation coming off the sweeper onto the main straight between a Vette and the Pantera resulting in the Pantera becoming 200mm shorter as it speared into the wall.

The driver was OK but the car needs a big buck fix. A few Corvette drivers were also glad they narrowly missed the melee.

PHILLIP ISLAND HISTORICS



Corvettes at the track and in the pits



Pantera V Corvette and the wall

PHILLIP ISLAND HISTORICS

Our big thrill (our being me and a couple of mates) was that we got to fly from near home to the track and back by helicopter.

It is the only way to make an appearance. From the air you also get a greater appreciation of just how spectacular the tracks position is being on an island right on the coast.



Convoy Etiquette

Driving in a convoy is a fun way to travel amongst your fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Having a good time and pulling off a successful and safe drive involves some common sense behaviour and driving etiquette as summarised below.

1. Prepare your car - Full of fuel

All vehicles must be legally registered and roadworthy or applicable permits in place. Bald tyres, smokey exhausts etc sets a bad image to both the public and to the police. Ensure your vehicle has enough fuel, oil & water well before the run, and is mechanically able to complete the journey - otherwise you may inconvenience the entire group. If your car uses excessive fuel, let the trip organiser know so a fuel stop can be planned.

2. Prepare yourself - Arrive well before the departure time

Arrive well before the departure time. Bring a mobile phone or 2 way radio if you have one. Make a toilet stop if necessary before you leave home. For longer drives, toilet stops may be planned.

3. Stay aware of the vehicle BEHIND you - Especially before making a turn

With a diverse group of cars and participants, some people may think the convoy is travelling too slow whilst others may think its travelling too fast. People can get discouraged or upset at losing the group. You are responsible for taking note of what vehicle is BEHIND you and keeping that vehicle in view. Should that vehicle lag behind at any stage, then wait safely at any turnoff until they catch up and acknowledge the turn. Do not pass the lead car unless otherwise directed or in an emergency.

The lead car has been given the responsibility to set the pace and to help ensure that everyone arrives at the destination as one group. Stay in the same lane as the lead car, avoid driving side by side or following too close.

4. In case of problems - Help people in trouble

Notify the lead car of any problems by mobile phone or 2 way radio during the run. Travelling in convoy is supposed to be fun. If a fellow vetter is having car problems, help them. Nobody wants to be left behind, especially in a convoy.

5. Take it easy - Drive Responsibly & Enjoy Yourself

When in a convoy, we are on display to the public and it is expected that all participants are courteous to all traffic and pedestrians. Doing burnouts or other similar displays is bad for the whole group. Sometimes things don't go to plan, people get lost, or traffic throws us off schedule, so it's important to stay focused and be able to relax if things don't go to plan. Drive safely and responsibly and enjoy driving amongst your fellow Corvette enthusiasts, and help make it a fun day for everyone involved.

OUR CORVETTE – GARTH AND CHRIS BRADBURY



Chris and I have a 2004 C5 ZO6. It is one of 2,025 C5's branded '24 Hours of Le Mans Commemorative Edition', built by

GM to celebrate the success of the C5-R cars that raced to first and second in the GTS class at Le Mans in 2004.

Apart from the normal ZO6 goodies it has a carbon fibre bonnet, brightly polished wheels unique to ZO6's, one off badging and interior trim, special stripes on the boot, roof and bonnet (that do not make it go any faster) and "Le Mans Blue Metallic" paint.

The engine is a 406 HP LS6 driving through the normal C5 rear mounted 6 speed gear box.

I do not want to say it is the only ZO6 commemorative in the country, but I haven't seen any others over the years.

From 2006 up until the first Covid lockdown we owned a 1979 C3 which we had built up from a near wreck with the help of a very generous payout from my previous employer.

During Covid, Craig O'Tool, a former Club member living in Queensland, rang to ask if I knew anyone wanting to sell a C3.

Given that I was trying to fix another fault with my car at that very time I said 'tell him my C3 might meet his needs'.

Thing was the guy who bought it lived just over a kilometre away in Berwick. Inspection done, deal done and money in the bank, before teeing off on the first that afternoon. Gone. Lots of memories - no regrets. But we were now Corvetteless.



Colin Elliot at Wakefield in 2018

So how did we get to own this bit of C5 magic. We first came across it in about 2012 when it was purchased by a dear friend of ours and our club, Colin Elliot. Colin was a great guy but not always gentle with the car using it when ever he could when Corvettes of Melbourne had track days such as the Lead Foot Challenge or Lang Lang Proving Ground invitations.

It was a seriously quick car.

When Colin died tragically in 2021 the car was left to his partner, Allan, who after about 12 months let Webby know that he was struggling with the memories of the car and could he find a good home for it.

Webby let a few of us know about Allan's intentions and while I was interested, it was Chris who said "we should buy that car".

So the deal was done in quick time.

We have now had it three years and not regretted a moment of it. For an old couple like us it is the perfect package. You turn the key, it starts. You drive it somewhere and it gets you back home. And when I plant the foot, feeling grateful for the traction control, both Chris and I think of Colin.

Not to denigrate the C3 as that was our introduction to Corvettes and the club. It was also the start of a long learning curve and of the ups and downs of classic car ownership.

We are just back from the Nationals in Parkes which was our first long journey. Nearly 1800 kms and only 9.7 L/100kms and not so much as a hiccup along the way.

We hope this continues, as we continue to enjoy club events and companionship of members.



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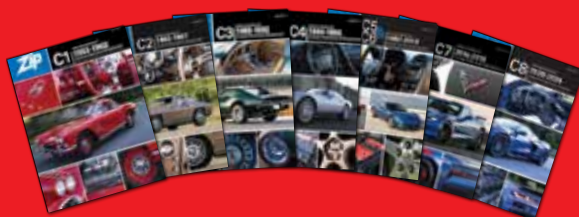
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Rochford Wines – Yarra Valley 18 May 2025

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/>

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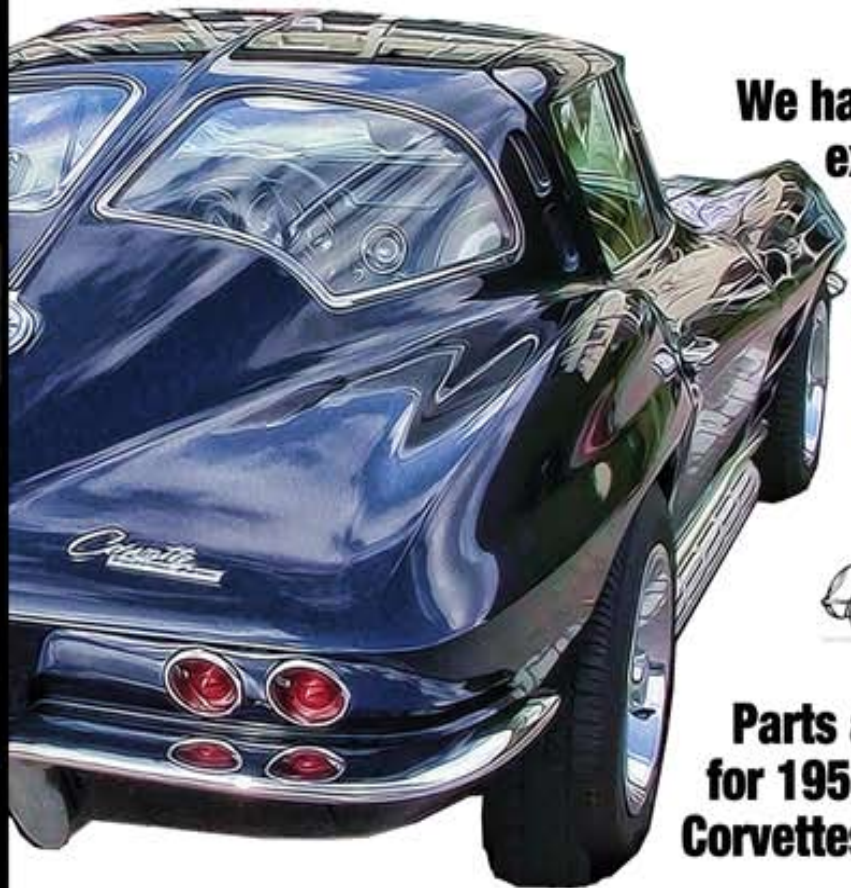
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Classifieds

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".

It is time to allow another enthusiast or collector to enjoy this Grand Sport. This is a serious toy, which commands serious offers only.

\$327,000. Excludes government stamp duty. Note - "C2R" plates are optional and negotiable.

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