

# Corvette

## GAZETTE

2023



June

# Save the Date

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 12th June 2025. Club Meeting** – Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East.  
Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7pm. Meeting commences at 8 pm

**Sunday 22nd June 2025 - Club Run - 11.00am at the historic Stamford Park Homestead,**  
8 Emmerline Row, Rowville.

There will be a tour of the homestead followed by lunch at 12 noon.

Ample Parking is provided on site.

The cost of meals are at pub prices. The venue and menu can be viewed at  
[www.stamfordparkhomestead.com.au](http://www.stamfordparkhomestead.com.au).

Meeting points will be advised on COM Chat/email prior to the event. Please register with Daniel if you are planning to attend.

**Thursday 10th July 2025. Club Meeting** – Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East.  
Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7pm. Meeting commences at 8 pm

**July Club Run - To be advised.**

**Wednesday 30th July - Chris's 10.00am Nursery Coffee at Gardenworld, 810 Springvale Rd,**  
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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.  
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**A great line up at Rochford Winery**

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi everyone,

Welcome to the month of June and to winter.

We have had warm weather up until now, and have been enjoying every minute of it.

As you all know, our last event was at the Rockford Winery at the Yarra Valley on Sunday 18 May 2025. We had 40 people attend and 20 cars. We were lucky to be able to squeeze more people in than we had pre-paid for.

The venue were okay about it as we rang ahead to get it sorted. Of course, the extra people had to pay on the day.

We enjoyed a delicious three course tapas meal and no-one went home hungry. See the photos in the magazine.

The events team are working on the June outing. I am sure there will be something further in the magazine.

I haven't heard back from anyone who may have attended the coffee and cake at Beasley's nursery in Warrandyte which was organised by Chris Tucker. I am sure that this could become a regular event visiting different venues during the week for those who are interested.

If anyone has any ideas that the Club could visit as a club run event, please let me know or the events team know. All ideas are welcome.

Again, don't forget about booking for the Nationals in Queensland in 2026. It will come around quickly.

I haven't heard back from GMSV, so I have no further information to share about when Robert is going to visit our Thursday night meeting.

I don't have anything else to say so I will leave it at that.

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](mailto:gringo350@icloud.com)



## Next Meetings

**Thursday 12th June**

**Thursday 10th July**

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

**ZOE**



**Fern Beavis  
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Racheal Pegg  
Paula Porter  
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David D'Aprano  
Tony Asquith  
Alan Davidson  
Angelo De Maio  
Rafal Kielbasa  
Barry Marshall  
Lloyd Perrin  
Robert 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.

**CLUB PERMIT  
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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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**Minutes of General Meeting 8th May 2025, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.  
Meeting Commenced: 8.02pm**

Chair: Tony Asquith, President  
Welcome

The president welcomed all to the May 2025 meeting

Attendance: 34

New Members: Gary Fawcus & companion dog Kevin, 1986 Corvette C4.

**Apologies:** Adrian & Lisa Villanti, Andrew & Shweta Leonard, Carl & Mike Schokman, Cheryl Asquith, Darrell Verdon, Suzanne & Rusty Rouvray, John & Shelley Weir, Greg Webster, Chris Bevan, Colin Sutherland, George Arthontogorge, Graham George & Tania Cassidy, Hugh Lawrence, Neil White, Joe Younane, Barry Marshall.

Moved apologies be accepted: Proposer; Kathy Bergin  
Seconded; Wayne Jackson

**Minutes of the last Meeting were tabled.**

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer; Mandy Brand  
Seconded; Katherine Younane

**Reports:**

**Treasurers report:**

Tony Asquith presented the Treasurers report on behalf of Joe Younane. The report covers from the month of April 2025.

A copy of this month's report is available to members by request

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Proposer; Dan Butters  
Seconded; Christine Grinberg

**Secretary's report:**

Correspondence: Queensland Corvette Club April magazine

Moved that the Secretaries report be accepted: Proposer; Kathy Bergin  
Seconded; Paula Porter

**Merchandise:** Nothing to report.

**Events:**

**Flinders Car show:** Dan spoke, top day 6 or 7 corvettes good variety of cars. Very nice family day. 2025 is the Second year of COM attending.

**Werribee Cars & Coffee:** Craig spoke, 9 or 10 corvettes attended, followed by lunch at the Commercial Hotel a good day.

**Ladies High Tea:** A great day out, thank you to Paula for organising.

**Rochford Winery: Sunday 18th May**

**General Business:** Chris Tucker put to the meeting, would there be interest in a monthly Coffee morning during the week, which would be posted on COM chat.

Tony announced he had spoken to Darren Pelacchi who was requesting that the club donate \$500 to the Shit box rally which raises money for cancer. He is driving a 1995 Ford panelvan.

Paula has spoken to a transport company regarding the Nationals next year. They will put together a quote.

QLD Nationals a number of club members have already booked.

The outcome of the April Committee Meeting is that Christmas in July will no longer be funded by the club.

The Club Christmas Party will be at The Heritage Golf Course in Chirnside Park.

Tony announced GMSV will come and give a presentation at one of our meetings.

Bobby Benjamin will come and give a talk on ascending Mt Everest.

Brendan mentioned COM Chat making sure everyone is on it. Also if name badges are needed contact him. USA trip cancelled.

Meeting closed: 8.34pm

Next meeting 12th June 2025

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary



Stamford Park Homestead - Venue for June 22nd



# May Meeting Photos





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# *Rochford Winery Run – 18 May*

The convoy met at Ringwood Macca's on a chilly morning. It was a perfect day despite the crisp start. Under blue skies the drive up to Rochford Winery was relaxing.

We arrived at the winery to find a dedicated carpark and a warm upstairs function room prepared for us. The "shared plates" and pizza were exceptionally tasty and more than enough for all!

There was plenty of mingling between the two large tables set up for our group of 40 members. As you can see from the many photos, this was a club run to remember.

Thank you to Cheryl and the events team for a well-organised run!





# Rochford Winery Run - 18 May



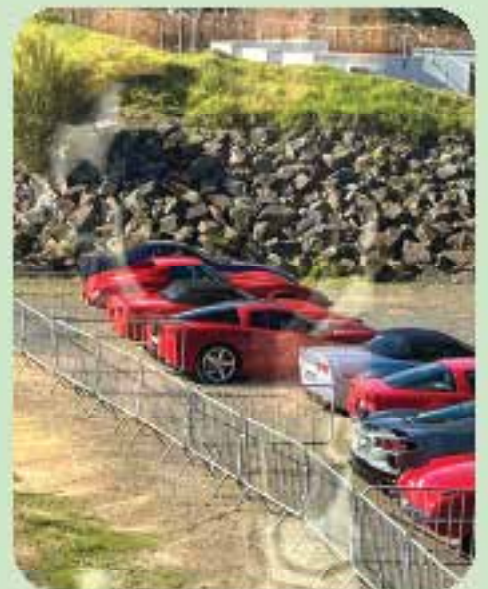


# Rochford Winery Run - 18 May





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# Shitbox Rally - 2025

I can't say thanks enough for your very generous donation from the club towards a great cause. Sincerely appreciated and looking forward to hopefully doing everyone proud on the rally and our best to make it to the end....

Photos of it finished yesterday ready to go this morning are attached. Still got a tiny miss, but driving beautifully when not at idle. Given we had to fix so much as it was not driven in over a decade and has 300+ thousand KMs on it, very happy with how it turned out... Go team Aqua Avengers!

Chat soon,  
Darren.

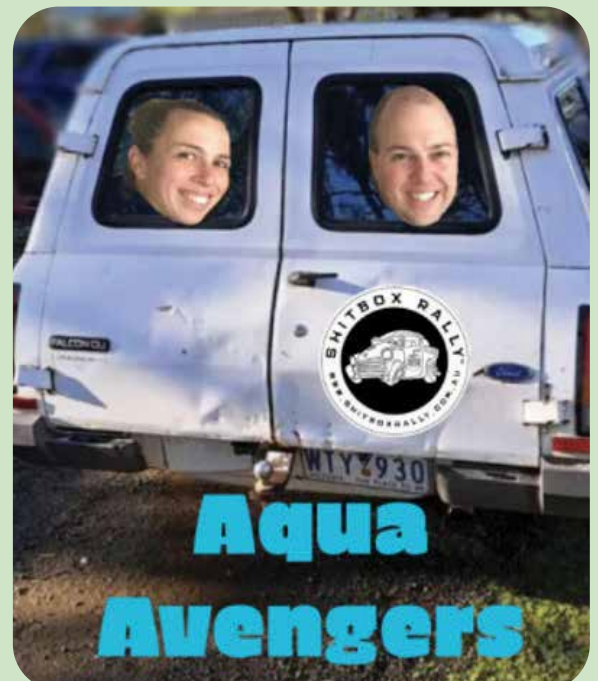


You're doing what?

Shitbox Rally is not a race, rather a challenge to achieve the unthinkable... To drive cars worth just \$1,500 across Australia via some of its most formidable roads, all in the name of charity.

This rally is for those who want to have an adventure, have fun, who crave something different, who want to make new life long friends, take part in something memorable but most importantly, it's for those who want to raise much needed money for charity.

Many of us have been affected by cancer in one way or another. Whether it be parents, family, close friends, people we know or ourselves that have battled or are battling cancer, this awful disease has touched us all. We not only want to raise awareness and money for Cancer Council, but also want to offer support and a friendly ear to those that have suffered or are suffering.





# Shitbox Rally - 2025







Miss Junes





**A Magnificent Gathering of  
Corvettes at Rochford Winery.  
Thank you to Rusty for the photo.**



# Nationals 2026...



## Latest Nationals Update...

Firstly, a sincere thank you to the 22 entrants who have already booked:

- 10 from QLD
- 9 from VIC
- 3 from NCRS

Accommodation update:

- 14 x 1-Bedroom and 4 x 2-Bedroom units have already been taken.
- We currently have 60 x 1-Bedroom and 20 x 2-Bedroom units on hold.

Please note: Peppers will not release any additional rooms until our current allocation is nearly filled.

Additionally, we've been advised that Noosa will be hosting a Surf Carnival that same weekend, which means accommodation will become even more limited as we approach late 2025. If you're planning to attend the Nationals, we strongly encourage you to book as early as possible.

If Peppers is outside your budget, you can explore alternative accommodation options in Noosa using the link below. While Noosa tends to be more expensive than other areas, there are still some more affordable choices available.

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Don't forget that you can also access the most up-to-date Program/Brochure on the QCC website.

Thank you, looking forward to receiving your entry,

**Brad Stumer / Chairman - Corvette Nationals 2026**





# Inaugural Mid-Week Run!



This first run was to Beasley's Nursery in Warrandyte. Our appreciation goes to Chris Tucker for championing this initiative. We look forward to many more! The photos show our enthusiastic group enjoying cars, coffee and brunch in a relaxed garden setting.





# 11 Fascinating Facts You Never Knew About the Chevy Corvette

How Chevrolet's sports car went from an early 1950s show-car to America's supercar killer.

By [Bob Sorokanich](#)



Over eight generations and more than 70 years, the [Corvette](#) has been many things: An evocative show car, a world-beating race car, a hairy-chested horsepower beast, and most recently, a mid-engine tour-de-force that can hang with Europe's best exotic cars. Here's what you need to know about the past, present, and future of the Chevy Corvette, America's sports car.



## What's in a Name

The Corvette's name comes from naval history. The term refers to small, high-performance warships built for speed and maneuverability. In modern warfare, corvettes are used for coastal patrol, missile launching, and near-to-land offensive attacks. The term has roots in Latin, Dutch and French, and was re-popularized during World War II by Winston Churchill, then serving as the head of the British Royal Navy. Today, the navies of Russia, China, France, Norway, and dozens of other nations include corvettes in their fleets.



## The First Corvette

The Chevy Corvette was first seen as a show car, the star of General Motors' 1953 Motorama, held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City in January 1953. It was unlike any car that General Motors had ever shown in public: A low, sleek, two-seat convertible, with an elegant body made of fiberglass rather than steel. The Corvette concept car was a smash-hit, leading GM to put the model into production in June of that same year.



# 11 Fascinating Facts You Never Knew About the Chevy Corvette



## Zora Arkus-Duntov

Born in Belgium, raised in Russia, and trained in engineering in Germany, Zora Arkus-Duntov was the cosmopolitan European who defined the Corvette as America's sports car. Arkus-Duntov had emigrated to the U.S. after WWII, launching a high-performance engine-parts company and racing throughout Europe. In 1953, after seeing the Corvette concept car at Motorama, Arkus-Duntov wrote a letter to Chevy's chief engineer. His suggestions about the Corvette's potential got him hired, and in 1955, Arkus-Duntov succeeded in convincing General Motors to install a small-block V8 in the Corvette, earning him the nickname "the father of the Corvette."



## A Cruiser, Not a Bruiser

The [first-generation Corvette](#) hardly resembled the high-performance sports car to come: It featured a straight-six engine transplanted from Chevy's mid-range family sedan, backed by a 2-speed automatic transmission. The Corvette had been conceptualized as a way for Chevy to capture the minds of World War II veterans, who had come back from Europe with a newfound fascination for small, open-topped sports cars. But it would take the introduction of a V8 engine for the Corvette to truly become a performance car.



## The Sting Ray Era

The first-generation Corvette was built from 1953 to 1962, with continual engineering and styling updates. In 1963, an all-new Corvette debuted. Known internally as the C2, the second-generation Corvette featured radical new styling by Larry Shinoda, taking cues from a 1959 show car penned by GM styling boss Bill Mitchell. Mitchell had been inspired by seeing stingrays while deep-sea fishing; the C2 Corvette was the first to wear the Stingray name, with its side scoops and split rear window evoking the sleek marine animal. The C2, built from 1963 to 1967, featured numerous improvements championed by Arkus-Duntov, including independent rear suspension, four-wheel disc brakes, available fuel injection, and a 396-cubic-inch big-block V8.

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**C3 Malaise**

The third-generation Corvette arrived in 1968 with styling lifted from the Mako Shark II, another concept car inspired by powerful deep-sea creatures. Initially, the C3 offered engines with as much as 430 horsepower, but soon, newly-enacted pollution laws strangled the Corvette—and nearly every other high-performance vehicle on the US market. By 1975, the base-model Corvette made a paltry 165 horsepower, and the big-block V8 was discontinued. Not only that, new bumper laws required Chevy to ditch the chrome bumpers in favour of urethane bumpers that could withstand a 5-mph impact without requiring repair. The C3 soldiered on until 1982, but for many enthusiasts, later models were seen as a mere shadow of what the Corvette had once been.



**A New Corvette for a New Era**

The C4 Corvette, introduced in 1984, was the model's first complete redesign and re-engineering in more than 20 years. Ditching the curvy lines of the previous generation, the C4 had cutting-edge styling with a creased, angular, wedge-shaped silhouette that screamed 1980s. With features like a digital dashboard, the C4 was tech-forward, and updates to the engine, transmission, and suspension made it a race-track hero. Soon, the Corvette would get a six-speed manual transmission, and even an optional twin-turbo engine upgrade engineered by Callaway. In 1990, the C4 made the basis of the Corvette ZR1, with a dual-overhead-cam V8 engine designed by Lotus making 375 horsepower. Production of the C4 continued through 1996.



**C5, the Modern 'Vette**

After another complete redesign, the fifth-generation Corvette debuted in 1997. It was a huge leap forward in quality, technology, and performance. Base-model Corvettes got an all-aluminium Gen III LS1 small-block, which was soon upgraded to make 350 horsepower. In 2001, Chevy introduced the Corvette Z06, a high-performance model whose name derived from a limited-production race-ready 'Vette devised by Zora Arkus-Duntov in 1963. The C5 was available in three body styles: Fixed-roof coupe, targa (with removable hardtop panel), and convertible, and was hailed as a hugely capable and refined sports car.



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**C6 and the Supercharged Era** The C6 generation that debuted in 2005 was the first Corvette since 1962 that had fixed headlights (rather than pop-ups). Largely built on a modified C5 platform, the C6 featured sleek, modern styling, and eventually launched two high-performance variants: The 2008 Corvette Z06, with a 505-horsepower naturally-aspirated V8, and the 2009 Corvette ZR1. The ZR1 was the first production Corvette to use a supercharged engine; making 638 horsepower, the LS9 was the most powerful engine GM had ever put into a production vehicle



**C7, the Last Front-Engine Corvette** The C7 Corvette, launched in 2014, was designed and engineered with a mission: To fight against the popular image of the Corvette as an "old man's car." Aggressive new styling, a more luxurious interior, and high-tech features helped to dispel the 'Vette's retiree associations. The [base-model C7](#) made 460 horsepower; the C7 Z06, introduced in 2015, made 650 horsepower from a supercharged 6.2-liter LT4 small-block. In 2019, the ultimate front-engined Corvette debuted: The ZR1, with a 755-hp supercharged LT5 and a huge rear wing that generated actual downforce on the race track.



**C8, a New Mid-Engine Frontier** All the way back in the 1980s, Zora Arkus-Duntov had imagined a mid-engine Corvette. In 2020, his dream finally came true. After decades of rumours and false starts, the [C8 Corvette](#) became the first production car in the model's history to use a mid-engine layout with the small-block V8 behind the driver and passenger. With 465 horsepower and a fast-shifting dual-clutch automatic, the base-model C8 Corvette Stingray was capable of supercar-like performance, with a sub-4-second 0-60 sprint and huge speed and grip on the racetrack. The 2023 Corvette Z06 took full advantage of the mid-engine layout, packing a naturally-aspirated 5.5-liter dual-overhead-cam flat-crank V8 making 670 horsepower and revving to 8,500 RPM. The C8 also introduced the first all-wheel-drive, hybrid Corvette, the E-Ray, with a small electric motor powering the front wheels. Combined with the small-block V8, the E-Ray's electric motor gives drivers a total of 655 horsepower. The C8 is rumoured to provide the basis for two new Corvette models with even higher performance: A Corvette ZR1, expected to use a twin-turbo version of the Z06's engine to make 800 horsepower, and a Corvette Zora, with the E-Ray's hybrid all-wheel drive and an expected 1,000 horsepower. If such a C8 is built, we think it'll be a fitting tribute to Zora Arkus-Duntov.





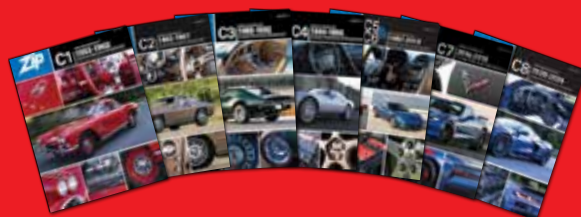
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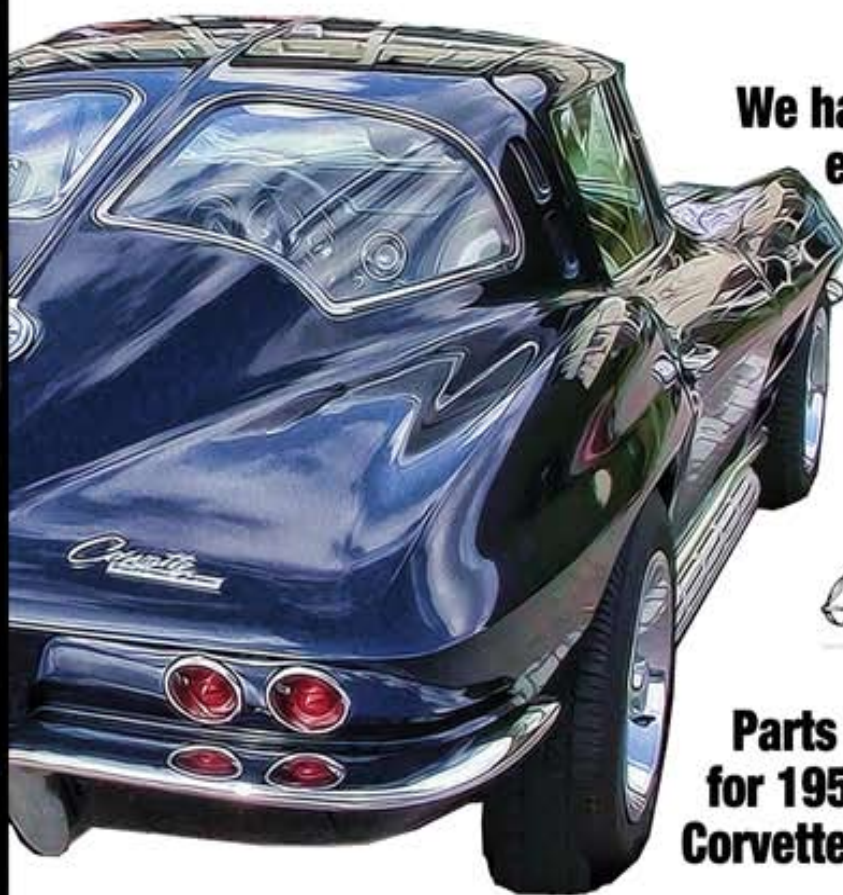
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## 1963 Corvette Coupe Grand Sport – Tribute

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.

The astute buyer will know that building, importing and complying with current registration regulations of a Corvette Grand Sport Tribute in today's times, that this vehicle offered represents good value.

I welcome your call to discuss this unique and very rare Corvette Grand Sport Tribute. Please call

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