

Corvette

GAZETTE

2025



August

Save the Date

Upcoming Events

Sunday 3rd August 2025 Optional – Glen Huntly Vintage Car Show

9.00 am to 12 pm Glen Huntly Village

This event is organised by the Glen Huntly Village Traders Association.

Registrations via ghvtassociation@gmail.com

Thursday 14th August 2025 Club Meeting – Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East.

Pre-Meeting Dinner/Drinks at 7 pm

Meeting commences at 8 pm

Saturday 23rd August 2025 Club Run – Fox Collection -Classic Car Museum

www.foxcollection.org.au

749-755 Collins Street, Docklands, Melbourne.

Free on site parking. Tour from 11.00 am. Bookings and pre-payment required. Refer Gazette and COM Chat for details.

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Meeting commences at 8 pm

Sunday 21st September 2025 Club Run – The Grove – Hidden Valley

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Lunch from 12 noon. Ample parking on site.

Refer Gazette and COM Chat Events for more details.

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CONTACTS AND CLUB INFORMATION

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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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Corvette line up at
Blairgowrie Yacht Squandon

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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>



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi everyone,

Welcome to the month of August.

We had a great day out at The Blairgowrie Yacht Club for our Christmas in July lunch and enjoyed some great weather. Thank you Lloyd for organising the event. Corvettes of Melbourne surprised all attendees by providing \$15.00 per head off the two course traditional Christmas inspired meal. As you can see, we are giving back to the members as best we can. I am keeping it a surprise and no one knows when it will happen. Everyone that attended appreciated the gesture. See the photos in the magazine.

Our next event is on 23 August 2025 (being a Saturday, not a Sunday) with a visit to the Fox Classic Car Museum at Docklands. Further information is in the magazine.

Our AGM is on Thursday 11 September 2025, so if you want to join the committee to help out the Club, this is the time to do so. Put your name in the ring to DO something.

Our annual membership renewals are coming up. When you receive your membership invoice, please make payment quickly so we don't have to chase people for payment.

Don't forget to register for the 2026 Nationals at Noosa QLD as entries close on 28 February 2026.

I was wanting to know if the Club members would be interested in doing a Club Calendar featuring some of our Corvettes? We will need to work some costings. Stay tuned for further information.

Anyway that's all from me.

Cheers Tony (alias Mr President)



Swinging in Parkes



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 14th August
Thursday 11th September

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

August

ZOE



Betty Andre
Susan Black
Mandy Brand
Kellie Spiden
Lisa Whiston
Michael Brand
Joe Di Santo

Warren Dibble
Alan Dixon
Bob Nordlinger
Hugo Radford
Tamer Soliman
Darrell Verdon
Ben Weir

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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Permit
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Joe Younane 0418 478 814
Dan Butters 0407 726 773
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Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M

**Minutes of General Meeting 10th July, 2025,
Tower Hotel, Hawthorn.**

Meeting Commenced:

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome

The president welcomed all to the July, 2025 meeting.

New Members:

Amanda, David and Harrison Szymczak.
Jeff (was given an application form to return) '95 Red C4.

Apologies:

Andrew & Shweta Leonard, Carl & Mike Schokman, Colin Theodore, Craig & Vicki O'Donohue, Darrell Verdon, Garth & Christine Bradbury, George Arhontogorge, Jordy & Jenny Christie, Kevin & Pauline O'Rourke, Michael & Mandy Brand, Michael Hehir, Chris Bevan, Ray & Livinia Natoli, Lloyd Perrin, Teemu Carr, Wayne Jackson & Helen Cumming, Adrian & Lisa Villanti, Chris Tucker & Kerrian, Colin & Sue Somerton, Tania Cassidy, Webby,
Moved Apologies be Accepted: Proposer: Kathy Bergin, Seconded : Katherine Younane.

Minutes of the last meeting were tabled.

Moved that the minutes be accepted, Proposer: Dianne Farkas, Seconded: Michelle Weir.

Reports:

Treasurers Report:

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

Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted: Proposer: Glen Pellegrino. Seconded: Kathy Bergin.

Secretary's Report

Correspondence: Consumer Affairs Victoria - reminder AGM notices be sent to Members.
AGM scheduled for 11th of September, 2025.
Corvettes of Queensland - Club Magazine.

Moved that the Secretary's report be accepted: Proposer: Paula Porter. Seconded: Dan Butters.

Events:

Stamford Homestead run (22nd June) - Thanks to Shelley Weir.

Christmas In July (Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron - organised by Lloyd Perrin.

40 people attending - July 20th.

Coffee Run to Gardenworld - Wednesday 23rd July 10.00am - Refer to Chris Tucker.

Club Run - 23rd August - Fox Motor Museum - Daniel Z has booked spots for us. Pay on the Day.

General Business:

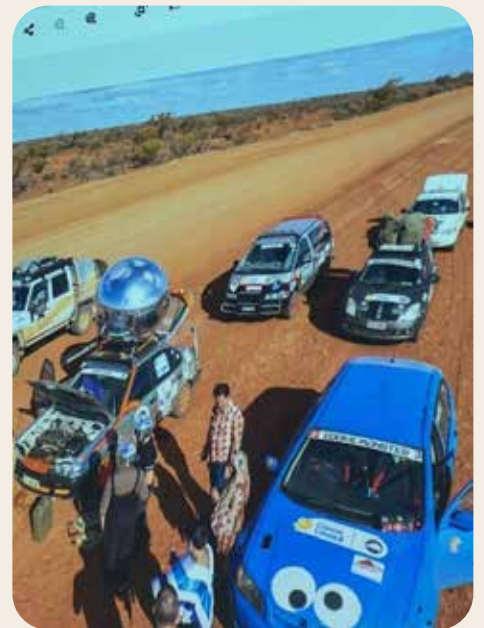
Thanks for the Raffles contributions.

Paula Porter had received transport quotes for the 2026 Convention (Queensland) - around \$2,500 each way/load and unload at Truganina. Rail transport no longer take cars. Thank you Paula
Joe notified the Club Membership renewals will be coming soon.

Meeting closed: 8.25pm

Next meeting: 14th August, 2025

Minutes by: Brennan Greene



Photos from Darren Pelacci - Aqua Avengers in the Shit Box Rally

July Meeting Photos



Custom Car Covers - George

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Christmas In July - Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron



Mix together a freezing morning, a strong breeze, then add a little sunshine, blend in a group of beautiful Corvettes of various ages, spread them out on the sunny pier, flagged by yachts in front of the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron, and the scene was set for a magnificent Christmas in July.

We all experienced a fantastic day, and the food was exceptional. Seated in a private dining area we were presented with a beautiful two course meal, which everyone enjoyed.

A very special thanks must go to **Lloyd Perrin** for arranging the venue, and for us to be parked along the pier which was a draw card for all who were walking along the pier.

Thanks to Daniel and Michelle who also helped to make the day very special.



Christmas In July - Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron



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Fox Collection – Classic Car Museum

Please save the date in your calendars for our Club Run on Saturday 23 August 2025.

We have arranged a tour of the Fox Collection- Classic Car Museum located at 749 – 755 Collins Street, Docklands, Melbourne. (www.foxcollection.org.au).

The good news is they encourage car clubs to bring their vehicles with free parking on site located off Batmans Hill Drive.

We will be split into two groups of 20 for the tour commencing at 11.00am. There are approximately 250 cars on display.



The cost of the event is as follows:-

Adults \$16.50

Seniors and Students \$9.50

Family (2 Adults / 2 Kids \$39.50).

Payment must be made to the COM bank account BSB 083-004 Account 767880859 (name as reference) by no later than 8th August 2025.

For those wishing to continue after the tour we will arrange to meet at a Pub nearby. Details to follow.

Monthly Cars & Coffee

Garden World Café Braeside – Wed. 23/07



Our monthly cars & coffee event managed to dodge the weather and again, we had another great morning out with 9 people attending.

4 great cars were on display. James from Vic Vettes joined with his 'new' C8 (full PPF wrapped!), Bernie with his fabulous C2, Lloyd in his tough Camaro and our host, Chris bringing out another one of his many cars being this stunning Sandman wagon.



Try to join us at the next outing. Cafes will change monthly and perfect for an excuse to get out of the house, have a break from work and enhance the social aspect of our great club.



AGM September 11, 2025



Dear Member,

Corvettes of Melbourne
Inc No. A0023933M
PO Box 8052, Camberwell North,
Victoria, 3124

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD CORVETTES OF MELBOURNE INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) FOR FINANCIAL YEAR AND ELECTION OF COMMITTEE FOR 2025-2026

Please be advised that Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. is to hold its AGM on **Thursday 11th September 2025** commencing at 8.00pm following the normal monthly club meeting (pre-meeting dinner and drinks from 7:00pm as usual). All club members are welcome!

Normal venue: The Tower Hotel, 686 Burwood Road, Hawthorn East, Victoria
(Members are requested to wear their nametags for the benefit of visitors)

Come along and enjoy a meal with your fellow Corvette enthusiasts, whilst getting your chance to have a say and help determine the future direction of your club. Maybe you would like to consider volunteering for a Committee position and personally participating in shaping our club.

Yours sincerely,
Corvettes of Melbourne Inc. Committee.

Yes it's time again for the club AGM! As usual all positions up for grabs and if you can spare a small amount of time per week to support the club and are interested, please come along and put your hand up, or at least to vote to determine the future direction of our club. Below you will find a brief summary of each role (more detail available from current or past position holders):

President: The President is the leader of the club and is there to ensure the club is run efficiently administratively, financially and socially to support the enjoyment of our vehicles. The club president is responsible for running club meetings and committee meetings, guiding committee members, delegating tasks as necessary, and maintaining regular open communication as the face of the club.

Vice President: The role of the Vice President can be summarized in one word - service. The Vice President serves the President, other club officers, committees and the general membership. He or she is also expected to learn the duties of the President in order to fill in or take over as necessary.

Secretary & Public Officer: A good secretary is essential to the proper functioning of any club. The secretary is responsible for taking minutes, setting agenda, keeping records and maintaining all important files for the club.

Treasurer: The Treasurer controls the club's money, both its collection and disbursement. He or she collects member dues, maintains accurate financial records and reports these at meetings.

Membership Officer: The membership officer should be a welcoming face for all visitors and new members and a point of contact to guide them into the club and to meet fellow members. This involves arranging name tags and informing relevant committee members of guests and new members and is also responsible for driving membership renewals and chasing expired members.

Events Coordinator: This role organises a range of events for members and encouraging attendance. Events can be organised by members and you oversee and guide them, or they can be organised by you, but it is important to ensure a good calendar of events for the year and they are publicised. Additionally, you or a delegate you assign, needs to ensure the days are planned and managed.

Gazette Editor: The Gazette Editor is responsible for keeping the membership informed about important activities, past activities and news within the club. This involves sourcing the articles/content, creating a monthly newsletter and sending it to the club printer for printing.

Webmaster: A role which involves keeping the website up to date with event details for members to be able to check. It is also the key marketing face to the public, so it is important to ensure the website is up to date and contains content to draw in new potential members.

Archivist: Manage the historical stock of assets for the club. Ensure these are advertised to club members and made available when requested. Manage and track borrowed assets and ensure that they are returned in an appropriate manner and the same condition - ie books, etc.

Merchandise Manager: Manage the club's merchandise by promoting and selling it and managing stock quantities and when required, working with the committee and members to purchase more stock or create new merchandise.

AGM September 11, 2025



Corvettes of Melbourne
Inc. No. A0023933M

PROXY VOTING FORM

Name and Address of Member:

I, being a Voting Member of the Corvettes of Melbourne Incorporated car club appoint:

EITHER

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The Chair of the Meeting, if no person is named below,

OR

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Name and Address of Proxy:

to represent my voting rights, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club to be held on **THURSDAY, September 11 2025 or any adjournment of that meeting.**

Signature

Name

Date

NOTES:

1. A separate Proxy Form is required for each voting member.
2. Please ensure this form is received by Corvettes of Melbourne before 11 September.

Previous AGM Minutes

Corvettes of Melbourne Inc No A0023933M

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 12th September 2024, Tower Hill Hotel, Hawthorn.

Meeting Commenced: 8.42pm

Chair: Tony Asquith, President

Welcome: The President welcomed all members to the Corvettes of Melbourne 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Attendance:

All present completed the attached attendance sheet, 31 members.

Apologies: Carmen & Sebastian La Bruna, Colin Theodore, Darryl Verdon, Darren Pelacchi, Dean Cooper, Hugh Lawrence, Mark & Janice Witchard, Neil White, Mark Collins, Andrew & Rebecca Brown, George Arhontogeorge, Chris Pegg, Andrew & Shweta Leonard, Greg Webster, Christine Butters, Wayne Jackson & Helen Cummings

Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were tabled and are attached to this document:

Discussion: Nil

Proposer: Garth Bradbury

Seconded: Tania Cassidy Unanimously accepted

Presentation of Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer Joe Younane presented The Annual Financial Report July 1st, 2023 – June 30th, 2024, this Report is attached to these minutes and is summarised as follows:

Opening balance: \$30,840.24

Major revenue: memberships \$14,046.86, Raffle/Fund Raising \$1,513.25, Runs/COM Outings, \$1,800.00, Merchandise \$2638.00, Club Mag Advertising \$2630.00.

Major expenses: COM Outings/Run Expenses, \$6376.73, Merchandise, \$6687.00, Newsletter Printing, \$2721.97, Insurance, \$2000.00, Postage/P.O. Box \$1135.26.

Closing Balance: \$32,060.12

Moved that the Treasurers report be accepted: Nick Bolis

Seconded: Michelle Weir

Summary of the Year by the President:

Welcome to the 2024 Corvettes of Melbourne annual General Meeting.

Since our 2023 AGM, we have held monthly meetings at the Tower Hotel.

In relation to events for the year, every event was special in its own way. I would like to thank the events team, Daniel & Adrian, for organising our club events.

Events held:

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| • 24 September 2023 | Wolf of the Willows Brewery, Mordialloc |
| • 27 to 29 October 2023 | The Stingray Run, rusty Springs, Avenel |
| • 5 November 2023 | Point Nepean Heritage Motor Show |
| • 3 December 2023 | Christmas Lunch, Kinglake |
| • 10-11 February 2024 | Great Ocean Rd to Warrnambool |
| • 17 March 2024 | Holgate Brewhouse, Woodend |
| • 31 March 2024 | Flinders Motoring Heritage Car Show |
| • 28 April 2024 | Werribee District Collectable Car Club |
| • 26 May 2024 | Helen's Hill Estate, Lilydale |
| • 23 June 2024 | Fat Bob's Bar & Grill, Moorabbin |
| • 21 July 2024 | Christmas in July, Pig & Whistle, Olinda |
| • 25 August 2024 | National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Phillip Island |

We have also had a number of events that our club has been invited to and a lot of members have attended and supported these events.

Previous AGM Minutes

I must mention our newest Life Member, Joe Younane. He has contributed to the club over many years and totally deserves this life membership. Thank you Joe and congratulations.

New Members since the last AGM:

- Ian Hacon October 2023
- Mark Catania December 2023
- Stewart Allison April 2024
- Teemu Carr June 2024
- Chris Tucker July 2024
- Rusty King July 2024

Welcome all. For those new members that we have not yet met, we look forward to meeting you and checking out your Corvettes in the near future.

I would like to thank all committee members for their support throughout this year, and Cheryl for her support of me.

I would also like to say thank you to all members of our Club, this has been a great year for everyone. Stay safe, stay strong, support each other.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for their support by advertising in our magazine.

I have enjoyed this year acting as your president and thank you for your support and guidance over this time.

Cheers Tony

PRESIDENT TONY ASQUITH ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS OF THE CLUB WERE STOOD DOWN FROM THEIR POSITIONS AND HANDED THE CHAIR OF THE MEETING TO DAN BUTTERS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION OF COMMITTEE AND OFFICE BEARERS TO GUIDE THE CLUB THROUGH THE 2024 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Chair: Dan Butters

Election of new Executive and Officers:

The following were the election results in order that they were held. All were proposed and nominated and were unopposed:

- President Tony Asquith
- Vice President Craig O'Donohue
- Secretary Michael Brand
- Treasurer Joe Younane
- Membership Officer Brendan Greene
- Event Coordinators Daniel Zadnik, Mark Catania
- Archivist Mark Collins
- Magazine Editor Paula Porter & Joe Younane
- Merchandise Kathy Bergin
- Webmaster Darren Pelacchi & Michelle Weir
- General Committee Greg Webster (Life member) and Garth Bradbury

Meeting closed: 9.25 pm

Next Annual General Meeting September 11th 2025

Minutes by Michael Brand; Secretary

Miss August





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Chevrolet Corvette 2024 Review

Iconic Chevrolet Corvette goes hybrid and all-wheel drive, bringing hypercar-rivalling power and speed for a fraction of the price

Model Tested - **Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray**

Review Type - **Quick Spin**

Review Location - **Sandown Raceway, Victoria**

The quickest-ever factory-built Chevrolet Corvette has officially landed in Australia and the hypercar-slaying E-Ray is unlike any 'Vette you've seen before. It's the first ever petrol-electric hybrid Corvette – powered by a 6.2-litre petrol V8 boosted by an electric motor – and the first to offer all-wheel drive traction. Chev claims it'll crack 100km/h from standstill in a cheek-rippling 2.9 seconds; even less in the right conditions. Better still, a starting price of less than \$300k makes it a bargain compared to hybrid supercar rivals like the McLaren Artura and Ferrari SF90.

How much does the Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray cost?

The 2024 Chevrolet Corvette range is on sale now, opening with the “entry” Stingray 2LT (from \$182,000 plus ORCs) and topping out with the track-ready Z06, priced at a whopping \$336,000 (plus ORCs).

Wedged in the middle is the all-new Corvette E-Ray on test, priced from \$275,000 (plus ORCs) and entering the exotic car arena as the first hybrid and first all-wheel drive Corvette.

Combining the Stingray's 6.2-litre petrol V8 with a front-mounted electric motor and small 1.9kWh lithium-ion battery, it generates a maximum combined output of 488kW/806Nm, in turn making it the fastest-accelerating, factory-built Corvette thus far.

The V8 engine pumps through an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission driving the rear wheels, while the electric motor moves the front wheels via 'complex software and modules' according to GM. In other words, there's no mechanical connection between the front and rear axles.



Outside, the hybrid E-Ray shares a similar wide-body to its Z06 stablemate but aside from a few badges, there's no huge visual differences between the pair; you'll need to be eagle-eyed to spot an E-Ray.

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Local versions of the E-Ray will come standard with the ZER performance pack (which is optional overseas), bringing gripper Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tyres, ZER performance suspension with magnetic ride control and a taller wickerbill or gurney flap spoiler.

Other standard gear includes staggered 20- and 21-inch alloys, a front nose lift system with memory and a performance exhaust.

Inside you get the same driver-focussed cabin as the rest of the Corvette range, with headline features including an 8.0-inch infotainment unit with wireless smartphone mirroring, dual-zone climate control, a 14-speaker Bose sound system.



What's good about the Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray?

To describe the 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray as good is an understatement of epic proportions because it's great. Actually it's incredible. And it's ridiculous.

At the national product launch – held on a wonderfully sunny day at Sandown Raceway – we, along with many others, bettered Chev's claim of 2.9 seconds from 0-100km/h on the back straight of the Melbourne circuit.

Without independent timing equipment, the E-Ray's onboard computer calculated its own launch time, flashing a shocking – but not all that surprising – 2.6 seconds on the digital instrument cluster. Others claim their vehicle showed even lower figures; either way the results brook no arguments. It's face-meltingly fast.

The hybrid Chevy Corvette is so ferocious that by the time you realise you've hit 150km/h, you're still trying to peel your head off the head restraint.



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Grip levels on track are even more awe-inspiring and the all-wheel drive system adds a layer of accessibility for first timers – it feels like a more user-friendly Corvette that won't punish tomfoolery.

On first impression, the additional battery weight (48kg) appears to have had little effect on handling; it's just as competent on a racetrack, with fantastic control as it hunkers into corners. Those big Brembo carbon ceramic brakes allow you to stop on a dime, too.

A cool party trick for the E-Ray is the fact you can start up in silence, or 'Stealth' mode. It takes some fiddling around with the buttons and drive modes but sure enough, once you've set it up right, it's an almost silent affair that'll help you sneak out late... or sneak home early.

The only caveat is the tiny 1.9kWh Lithium-ion battery pack needs to have sufficient charge.



If your battery is depleted because you've been thrashing around a racetrack, you can forget about it – and even then, it'll only let you travel around 6km at low speeds (less than 70km/h). This is average when compared to mainstream hybrids, but in the hybrid supercar world 6km is above average.

There's also a 'Shuttle' drive mode that allows you putt around using only electricity for extended periods but you're limited to just 25km/h and again, only if you have enough juice in the battery.

Another impressive aspect – particularly in the realm of supercars – is that you don't have to sacrifice on safety when you buy the Corvette E-Ray. Standard safety and driver aids include low-speed autonomous emergency braking (AEB) with pedestrian detection, forward collision warning, blind spot monitoring, rear cross traffic alert, lane keep assist with departure warning, front and rear parking cameras and high beam assist.

What's not so good about the Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray?

How long you'll have to wait to get one.

Although you can order your 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray today, a spokesperson for GMSV told carsales that a recent dealer survey to gauge demand revealed an expected six-month wait time for the Corvette Stingray, while those ordering the E-Ray or Z06 will be waiting even longer.

"For the new E-Ray as well as the Z06, we estimate an average 12-month wait time for a customer to place an order through a dealer for GMSV to fulfill," said the spokesperson.

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We get the feeling it'll be worth the wait.

But anyone expecting their hybrid supercar to be as raucous and savage as the track-ready Z06 might not find what they're looking for here. The Corvette E-Ray isn't boring by any stretch of the imagination, but it also doesn't have the same brash personality as the Z06. It's calmer, compliant and liveable.

The petrol-electric sports car is also nowhere near as loud as the Z06 – from inside the cabin or out. But there's enough V8 rumble to get the juices flowing and it's not completely devoid of aural stimulation.

The E-Ray is a self-charging hybrid, so there's no need to plug it into power. You just need to fill it up with premium unleaded 95 octane gasoline.

As mentioned, it comes with a small battery pack that is rapidly drained (depending on how you drive) which could limit maximum power outputs, despite the fitment of fancy features such as a 'Charge Plus' mode. Hit the button and it essentially drags the front wheels to send charge back to the battery and is useful in track applications says the C8 Corvette's engineering manager, Trevor Hall.

But there's no option to adjust re-generative braking levels here and 'Charge Plus' is an inefficient way to recharge the battery, says Hall.

Should I buy a Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray?

We doubt any 2024 Chevrolet Corvette buyer will be disappointed with their purchase.

The Stingray is an absolute hoot on road, delivering incredible flexibility for a supercar for arguably very little money, certainly in supercar terms. The E-Ray turns it up another notch with crushing acceleration and quirky tech, both of which are delivered in a user-friendly way.

Meanwhile the Z06 is another kettle of fish completely and would ultimately be this tester's pick of the bunch. However, that says more about the hoon in me than the options at hand.

Truth be told, it's pleasing to see Chevrolet trying new things; we can only imagine what's next for the C8 Corvette. Mainly because they won't tell us yet...

2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray at a glance:

Price: \$275,000 plus on-road costs)

Available: Now

Powertrain: 6.2-litre petrol V8 with front-mounted electric motor and 1.9kWh lithium-ion battery

Output: 369kW/637Nm (electric motor: 119kW/169Nm)

Combined output: 488kW/806Nm

Transmission: Eight-speed dual-clutch auto

Fuel: TBC

CO2: TBC

Safety rating: Not tested

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Get Your Kicks in 26



20th – 23rd March 2026

36th Corvette Nationals

SUNSHINE COAST AUSTRALIA 2026

The Corvette Nationals is an Australian premier event that brings together passionate Corvette Club Members and enthusiasts of the iconic American sports car, the Corvette. 2026 will mark the 36th edition of the Nationals, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever. **'Get Your Kicks in 26' is proudly hosted by the Queensland Corvette Club Inc.** and with our valued Sponsors we will be in a stunning location at Noosa on the Sunshine Coast, the 4-day event is scheduled to take place 2 weeks before Easter.

Currently, **Peppers** is the only accommodation we have secured for the Nationals. It was selected because it can accommodate all entrants, keeps everyone centrally located, and offers the convenience of undercover parking. We have now locked in: 60 x 1-Bedroom Units & 20 x 2-Bedroom Units (each with 2 bathrooms).

If Peppers is outside your budget, you're welcome to explore alternative accommodation options in **Noosa**. While Noosa is generally more expensive than other areas, there are still some more affordable options available. A quick Google search for "Noosa Accommodation" should help you find suitable alternatives.

Also, we have 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**.

You can either download and complete the Entrant Form from the brochure, then scan, email it, and pay via EFT, or visit the QCC website to fill out the online form and make payment by Credit Card (surcharge fees apply) or select the cash option and pay via EFT.

Don't forget, you can always access the latest Program/Brochure and Entrant Forms on the QCC website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

For and on behalf of the Qld Corvette Club.
Regards,

Brad Stumer

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NOTE: ALL REGISTRATIONS CLOSING ON 28th FEBRUARY 2026

Name: _____ Office use only
Entrant # _____

Partner's Name: _____ Date _____

Address: _____
Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____ email: _____

Corvette Club: _____

CORVETTE DETAILS: (Have more than 1 Vette to enter, please attach details on separate sheet)

Colour: _____ Year: _____ Body Style: Coupe / Convertible Rego: _____

(Please read the attached classifications to determine which category you wish to be judged in.)

Judging: Yes No Category: Standard Personal Modified

SATURDAY: Alternate Option / Bus to Fannudi Markets (22 max.) Please advise Numbers. ☐
Note: Bus only leaves from Peppers Resort.

SUNDAY OPTIONS: Scenic Navigation Run: Please advise Numbers. ☐
Big Kart Track: \$90 approx. for 2 x 15min Sessions. (Extra at Entrants Cost on the Day)
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36th Corvette Nationals – Sunshine Coast, Queensland / 20th – 23rd March 2026

Entrants Notice and Conditions of Entry

DISCLAIMER

In consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate in **Queensland Corvette Club Inc.** event **Get Your Kicks in 26**, entrants by execution of the entry form release and discharge the organisers, property owners, all event sponsors and their officers, directors, employees, agents, servants and anyone connected with the management and presentation of all its associated events from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant and / or partner, their persons and / or property. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify all the foregoing entities, firms, persons and bodies for any liability occasioned or resulting from the conduct of entrant or participant assisting or co-operating with the entrant.

Saturday 21st March 2026

All Vettes must be set up and in place between 7am-8.30am and departure no earlier than 1.30pm.

No exceptions / The Banana Benders Pub Carpark will be closed for any vehicle access after 8.30am until 1.30pm.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR VETTES / SHOW AND SHINE & PEPPERS RESORT

1. All entrants to conduct themselves in a courteous & safe manner.
2. Entrants will be allocated a parking spot by Officials at entry / registration point.
3. Official's directions are to be always complied with. The Events Safety Officer decision is final.
4. **Entrant Registration / Entry Form to be signed & completed or no entry.**
5. No alcohol to be taken onto grounds / The Banana Benders Pub Carpark.
6. Max speed in the grounds of Peppers Resort & The Banana Benders Pub is max 5 km.
7. **Entrant numbers to be always displayed or vehicle will not be judged or scored.**
8. **Vehicles must be unlocked with bonnet ajar & rear deck lid ajar (If applicable) for judging.**
9. All car alarms to be turned off.
10. Entrants and their Vettes must abide by the Queensland road rules and or Police.
11. Judging categories / trophies will be displayed at the Gala Dinner Sunday Night. **Judges' decision will be final.**
12. Any tents or vehicle covers must be free standing, absolutely no pegs of any description allowed.

CLASSIFICATION OF MODIFICATIONS

Owners are asked to identify from the following list, the modifications that apply to their Vette.

STANDARD: 3 or LESS modifications.

PERSONAL: 4 to 7 modifications.

MODIFIED: 8 or MORE modifications.

MODIFICATION LIST

EXTERIOR

- 1) Decorative Paint Scheme or Colour
- 2) The addition of Murals
- 3) Wheels
- 4) Body Modifications / Update Body Kits

INTERIOR

- 5) Radio
- 6) Steering Wheel
- 7) Seats / Upholstery / Carpet

ENGINE BAY

- 8) Superchargers
- 9) Extractors / Exhaust tips / Side Pipes
- 10) Stainless / Braided Hoses & Fittings
- 11) Chrome Plating / Carbon Fibre etc
- 12) Extra Components

Conversion from LHD to RHD, unseen internal motor changes and under body changes are NOT considered modifications. It will be the responsibility of **OWNER** to identify the category of their vehicle !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If the Judges feel you should be in another category they will notify you of any change.

**NB: IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR NEED MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT
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Club Run - Sunday 21st September, 2025

The Grove Hidden Valley



Our club run will be held on Sunday the 21nd September 2025 at 12.00 noon at The Grove Hidden Valley located at 189 Hidden Valley Boulevard, Wallan.

The cost is \$45.00 per head for two courses and drinks are at pub prices. The venue can be viewed at The Grove Bar & Bistro | Hidden Valley Resort | Wallan, VIC

Meeting points will be advised on COM Chat / email prior to the event.



Corvette Trivia – Did You Know?

Corvette fans know lots about their cars – but maybe there's some Corvette trivia you haven't run across yet. See if you know the following fun Corvette facts.

- The Corvette was named after a small, maneuverable warship of the same name. Myron Scott, the creator of the All-American Soap Box Derby, is credited with naming the Corvette.

Original Chevrolet Logo

Original Chevrolet Logo with American Flag

- The original front emblem and horn button was designed to show a checkered flag crossed with an American flag. The design was changed when it was discovered that using an American flag on a commercial product is illegal. The American flag was changed to a flag showing the Chevrolet "bow-tie" emblem and a French fleur-de-lis symbol, reflective of the French etymology of the Chevrolet name.



- Corvettes are assembled today in Bowling Green, Kentucky. They have previously also been assembled in Flint, Michigan and St. Louis, Missouri.
- All states have official insignia, such as a state flower or state bird. Kentucky, where Corvettes are currently manufactured, also has an Official Sports Car – the Corvette, of course!
- A Corvette has had the honor of serving as the pace car ten different times in the Indianapolis 500.
- Generation C2 Corvettes, produced during the years 1963–1967, are also known as Sting Rays. The design was partially inspired by a Mako shark that the designer Bill Mitchell had caught while deep-sea fishing. The Mako shark further inspired the C3 generation as well.
- The 1963–1967 Sting Ray also tops Automobile Magazine's Top 100 Coolest cars list.

Astronauts with their Corvettes

- A long relationship exists between NASA's astronauts and the Chevy Corvette. In 1960, Jim Rathmann – owner of the nearby Chevrolet dealership and winner of the Indianapolis 500, convinced General Motors to give the Mercury 7 astronauts brand new Corvettes for publicity and advertising benefits. Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom were known for racing their Corvettes on Florida's Space Coast highways near Cape Canaveral. Space-race pilot Chuck Yeager drove the Corvette pace car for the 1966 Indianapolis 500.

Corvette Trivia – Did You Know?

- 47% of Corvette owners hold college degrees, higher than the national average...only 27% of all US adults have a degree.



The original 1953 Corvettes were all Polo White with a red interior. The Polo White paint was last used in 1957.

1963 Split Rear Window

- An argument developed between Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov over the now-famous split rear window in the 1963 coupe, favored by Mitchell. It was removed the next year and never seen again. A total of 10,594 split-window coupes were produced in 1963.



- One of the rarest collector models is a 1969 Corvette with the ZL-1 all aluminum 427 engine, because only two units were sold in 1969 with that particular engine.
- The 2005 model first introduced the keyless access and start. It also featured headlights that didn't pop up, which hadn't been seen on a Corvette since 1962.

Sources - Wikipedia, Roger's Corvette Center, NBC

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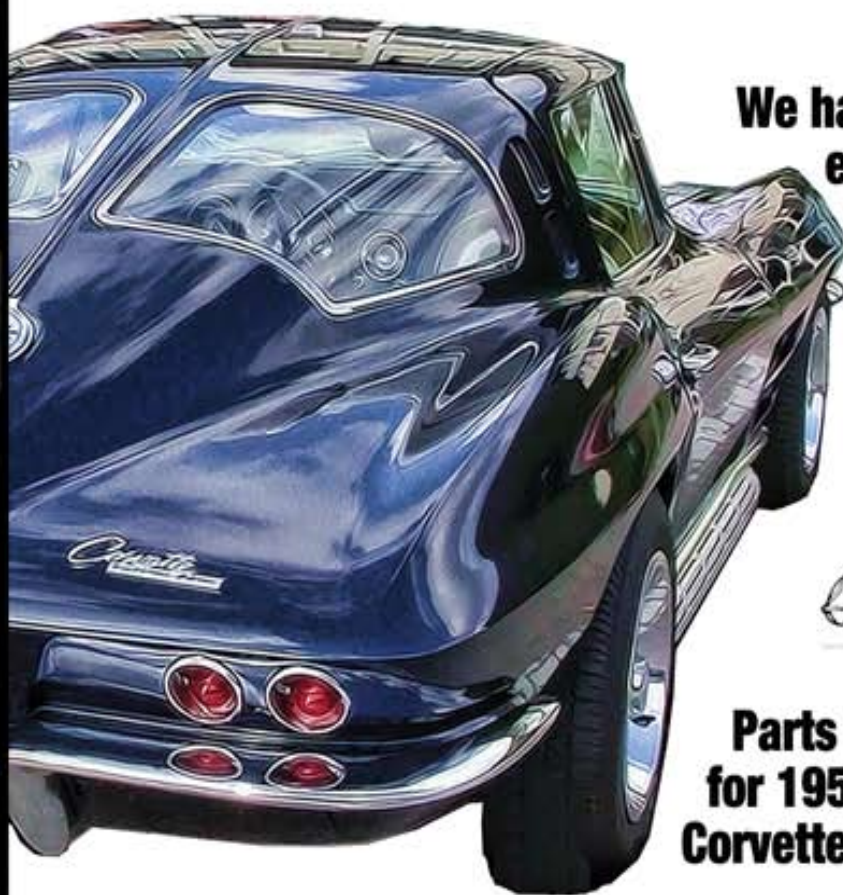
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