

Corvette Club



South Australia

AUGUST 2024 Newsletter



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Presidents Report: by Sean



Sean's President report.

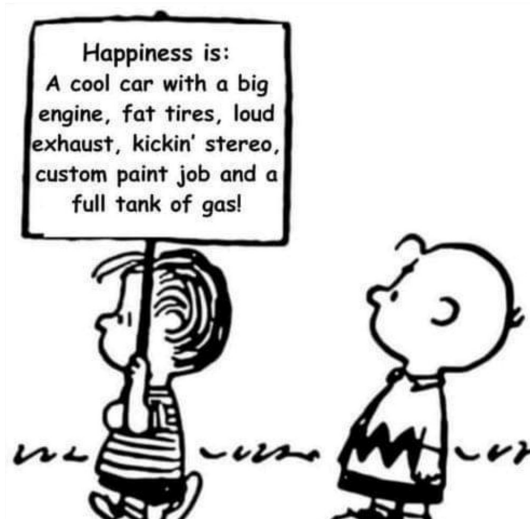
Well, it's the middle of winter already. Things have slowed down a bit but there are still activities to be had. On July 7 we had the run to Gladstone organised by Debbie and Graham. The weather wasn't the best, but it is the middle of winter. We had lunch at the Booyolee Brewery, try saying that after a few drinks! A good time had by the crew that went, thanks to Deb and Graham for organising the run.

Serge organised the Bocce challenge on July 20. Another successful outing doing something non car related. The mid year dinner at the Windsor Hotel on 26/7, organised by Maelyn will have been done by the time you read this.

Some people may have also noticed that the new Ultra High Performance Vehicle licence is now a thing in S.A. You will need this licence class if your vehicle is 276 kilowatts or more per tonne. So, what is that in English? If your car has 370 hp per 1000 kilograms, so what is that in simple English? Most Corvettes weigh around 1500 kg, some a bit less, some a bit more. A C4/C5/C6 is 1400 to 1500 kg, a C3 at least 1600 kg. Our C7 Z06 is just under 1600 kg (extra weight due to the supercharged engine). So, if my maths is correct (and I'm sure that I will be told if it isn't) that equals 555 hp per 1500 kg. The C6 Z06 is 505 hp and the C7 Z06 is 650 hp.

The bottom line is unless you have a C7 Z06 or C8 Z06 you won't need to get the licence upgrade. If you do, there is online training to complete on the government website.

Sean.



CORVETTE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting: 3/7/24 **Meeting Opened:** 8:08 pm

Present: As per sign in sheet **Total Attendees:** 54

Apologies: Gerry Brine, Catherine Neagle, Jim Dornan, Graham Townsin, Tim Epton, Norene Portlock, Cathy McPhee, Dave Schrapel, Karen McConnell, Alan Litchfield.

Visitor and New members: John Cotton & Gina—'76 Silver C3; Brenton Pumpa & Jan-Maree Johnso—'87 Black C4.

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.

Moved: - Peter McBride **Seconded:-** Tony BeerSmith

Treasurer's Report:

Term Deposit Balance \$51,887.97 until 20th October 2024

Operating Account:-	Opening Balance as at 1 st June	\$20,315.81
	Income	\$6,292.90
	Expenditure	\$1,127.64
	Closing Balance as at 30th June	\$25,481.07
June Raffles	Income	\$309.90
	Expenses	(\$43.00)
Heart Kids	Profit/Loss	\$266.90

Heart Kids from 1st March 2024 **\$633.30**

Membership Draw Prize: July \$80

Moved: - Jemma Kitto **Seconded: -** Neil Portlock

Secretary's Report: Emails sent to club members: **26/6:-** CCSA July N/L. **27/6:-** QCC link to July Vetteletter. Link to Register for Bay to Birdwood 2024 Registrations. CCSA Xmas in July Dinner. **26/6:-** CCSA July N/L. **3/7:-** Entertainment Book Multi City Offer, QCC event details for 25/8/24. Aus Post: NSW Corvettes June/July N/L

Conditional Registration: Tim Epton apology. 2 new C3s added.

Membership:

Full & Life members: 228 Associates: 84 **Total: 312**

Merchandise:

July 2024 Merchandise General Meeting Report:

Winter Range is currently in stock.

Orders are in and available for collection.

2025 Corvette Club of South Australia Calendar

Everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting is in the draw to have your car featured in the Calendar

To make this a fair and equitable selection this will be a random draw of vehicles.

The process to select cars to feature in the Calendar will occur at tonight's Meeting.

- ticket numbers will be randomly drawn
- members who are drawn out, can choose whether or not to have their car in the calendar

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Cont.

- if a member declines to have their car entered in the calendar, the ticket will be redrawn
- details of how to submit images of vehicles selected are on the reverse side of the ticket 1
- once you submit ticket 1, you will be issued with ticket 2, detailing instructions on how to submit your image
- images will need to be submitted via email in JPEG or PNG format by 31st August 2024
- image needs to be of the car only, no people in the image.

Shirelee Mourdoukoutas

Corvette Calendar 2025 Draw.

One withdrawn due to car not being on the road and one back up drawn.

Vehicle photos have started to be received. All photos need to be in by 31 August 2024.

Month	Name	Model	Year
January	Jane Harvey/Andrew Harris	C3	1977
February	Chris Wild	C5	1998
March	Stuart Van Doorn	C6	2014
April	Tony Beer-Smith (Faye)	C3	1974
May	Roger Hall	C3	1970
June	Dave Langley	C4	1985
July	Alan Orchard	C6	2005
August	Goof (Gunther Katzorke)	C4	1986
September	Stewart Jury	C7	2017
October	R4 Arthur Hasse - 2 Cars	C3	1972 + 2016
November	Gary McPhee	C8	2022
December	Paul Gilbert	C3	1978
Withdrawn	Kevin Nagel - March	C3	1970
Back Up	Rod Prime	C5	2004

Newsletter: Always looking for “Car of the Month”

Events:

Past: Club Dinner at Littlehampton went really well. Thanks Serge.

Club run 9/6 to Wellington Hotel for lunch. Thanks McBrides for a good run & lunch.

Future: Sunday 7/7 Johns’ run to Gladstone Booyoollee Hotel. Meet OTR Boliva 9:30 for 10:00 dep.

Sat 20/7:- 4 pm Bocce Challenge Modbury North. \$25 for pizza & pasta. \$15 to play. Need cash on the night. Serge needs numbers tonight.

Friday 27/7:- Xmas in July Windsor Hotel. \$25 for members. Must pay into club account by 15/7. Book with Maelyn & advise any dietary requirements. Club subsidising \$25 for members.

Sat 9/11:- Kegel bowling. Pizzas provided by the club. (This has since been postponed)

14/11 – 17/11:- Meet the Vics. Staying at Hahndorf Discovery Park. Need to book direct by phoning 08 8388 7921. Any questions ph Neil on 0407 726 546 or Rob on 0408 820 819

Web Master: Added July Newsletter, Car of the Month, Merchandise Catalogues, Now have SA Car Grant funding for the website remake.

Public Officer: Nothing to Report

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Cont.

General Business:

Sean Hayter advised that our club was successful in receiving just under \$4,000 from applications for the SA Car Grant Program. These funds are for PA System, Website Remake & Corvettes Rock the Bay 2025. Sean acknowledged SA Government's contribution & also thanked the Committee members who submitted the applications.

Neil Bailey spoke about Meet the Vics 14/11 to 17/11 being held at Hahndorf Caravan Park. 25 cabins have been reserved & you need to book direct with the CP. Finer details are being organised. Your hosts are Neil & Rob McConnell. You can join in day events without staying at Hahndorf CP.

Gary McPhee received a message from Judy Beyer advising they are selling their bronze '72 Corvette. Contact them if you know of anyone who may be interested in buying the car.

Peter Bartlett advised entries are now open for Bay to Birdwood 2024.

Chris Wild advised he knows of a '99 C5 for sale for \$45K.

Debbie Johns advised Entertainment Books are still available. Your 12-month eligibility starts when you make the purchase.

Membership Draw: #42. Leon Mylonopoulos. Not present so Jackpots to \$100

Raffle prize winners: Peter Mourdoukoutas, Book. Alan, Chocolates. Peter Bartlett, Tin Sign. Arthur Hasse, Hot Wheels. Peter Fitzgerald, Hot Wheels.

Raised \$305.50 tonight from raffles.

Meeting Closed: 8:55 pm

Recorded By: Lynda McBride

Date: 3/7/24

Signed by: **President:****Secretary:**.....



TIM NEEDS A FAVOUR

If you're an owner of a Conditional Registered Vehicle with our club, our Conditional Registration Coordinator Officer - Tim would appreciate, if or when you sell your car, to please call him or one of the other C.R.V. officers and tell them that you no longer own the car.

If you don't, Tim will get angry!! 😞



Meet the Vics 2024

It's South Australia's turn to host the annual meet the Vics weekend for 2024.

This years destination will be Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills

Thursday 14th to Sunday

17th November 2024

inclusive

**We will be staying at the
Discovery Holiday Parks - Hahndorf
145A Mount Barker Road Hahndorf SA
5245**

P: (08) 8388 7921

All bookings must be made by phoning the park as we have placed cabins on hold

Make sure you mention the Corvette Club when booking !

There are a number of cabin configurations available which can be seen at their web site <https://www.discoveryholidayparks.com.au/caravan-parks/south-australia/adelaide-hills-hahndorf-resort?>

So if you want to share a cabin with friends or more it's possible.

For further information contact

Rob McConnell 0408 820 819

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Mark Andre mark.andre3@gmail.com

Once you have made your booking please advise one of the organisers.

A full itinerary will follow.





Upcoming Events 2024

AUGUST

Wednesday 7th @ 8.00pm—CCSA **General Meeting** at Glenelg Baseball Club
Anderson Ave. Glenelg North

Saturday 17th Dinner Event 6.30pm

Hot August Night

722 Club

Port Road Beverley

Host: Ian Gregor 0427870649

Club Run – no booking

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 4th @ 8.00pm—CCSA **General Meeting** at Glenelg Baseball Club
Anderson Ave. Glenelg North

No other events booked.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd @ 8.00pm—CCSA **General Meeting** at Glenelg Baseball Club
Anderson Ave. Glenelg North

Saturday 12th @ 6.00pm— **Kegel Night**, Tanunda

Tanunda Kegel Club (Historical Building, Park St Cash only venue.

Host: Goof Ph: 0417 869 368

REMEMBER GUYS, IF YOU HAVE AN AMAZING IDEA FOR A CLUB RUN, DINNER OR ACTIVITY, BE SURE TO RUN IT BY SERGE TO LOCK IT IN. DON'T BE SHY.



Upcoming Events 2024

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6th @ 8.00pm—CCSA **General Meeting** at Glenelg Baseball Club
Anderson Ave. Glenelg North

Thursday 14th – Monday 18th

“Meet the Vics”

Staying: Discovery Holiday Park, Hahndorf

PH: 08 83887921

Cabins on hold – please book direct to holiday park

Daily events to be set by Neil and Rob

Neil Bailey: 0407726546

Rob McConnell: 0408820819

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4th @ 8.00pm—CCSA **General Meeting** at Glenelg Baseball Club
Anderson Ave. Glenelg North

Saturday 14th **CCSA Christmas Dinner at Dirty Devils**

Greenfields

Further details to be supplied

Maelyn: 0498187148

Meet the Vics - November 2024.

Please note guys, these catch ups are very popular & tend to book out early.

So, if you are interested in going, you need to phone the Hahndorf Discovery Park direct on 08 8388 7921. Let them know you are part of the Corvette Club group as they are holding a block of cabins for the club.

If you try to book online you will possibly find they are sold out, due to the block booking. They are also offering 10% discount to our group.

Any questions contact **Neil Bailey 0407 726 546 or Rob McConnell 0408 820 819.**



HEADS UP – CLUB TALK

ETIQUETTE FOR CLUB MEMBERS ATTENDING EVENTS

DINNERS

We would like to highlight some housekeeping rules for club members conduct when booking and attending events.

Please have consideration of the vendors and organisers of club events.

If you have booked a place at a seated event and are no longer able to attend, please ensure that you inform the organiser with reasonable notice or by due date allowing other members to attend.

Do not attend an event expecting a place if you have not made a prior booking.

We must respect the vendors capacity to hold the numbers allocated as this impacts their level of seating availability and staffing for meals and serving.

Not providing notice that you can't attend, could become a cost to the club if we have prepaid deposits for attendees.

RUNS

When attending a club run that has two (or more) meeting points (eg. a North and South meeting point), the organiser may designate a mid point rendezvous location. It is important to adhere to that location and timing for the following reasons.

This ensures we all arrive at the final destination as a group at the same time without creating disorganisation / misunderstandings.

If there are incidents along the way, club members will be aware to provide support to those affected.

No changes to be made to the route of the event unless approved by organiser of the event.

It is our intention to create an ethos that demonstrates professionalism and unity which in turn gives us credibility in the public arena.

"DEBBIE DOES GLADSTONE"



19 people set off for a pleasant drive to Gladstone, all with their fingers crossed hoping for no rain.

Picked up 2 more near Dublin, so 21 in total. And no rain 😊

The roads weren't too busy, only had to pass a couple of caravans so Graham's arm didn't get hurt at all.

When we arrived at Booyoolee Brew, we were greeted by Shawn Adams (owner) and a couple of Corvettes from Pt Pirie.

After being guided by Graham for the mandatory pictures, we had a C3 C4 & then C5 out the front of the pub. Shawn said it looked great. Then we wandered inside for drinks & lunch of pies, pizza, sandwiches with fancy cakes for desserts. So much there were even left overs.

Teresa & Shawn did a great job.

Shawn gave us a brief history of the pub.

He has sold his Corvette but is on the look out for another one.





"DEBBIE DOES GLADSTONE"



EDITOR NEEDS YOUR HELP 😊

Hey, I'm always looking for members old and new to send me write ups and photos of their Vettes for a "Car of the Month" feature.

I'm also needing members to provide write ups and photo's from any club runs and dinners. Your help here is always appreciated.

Lastly, I'm always on the lookout for any "entertaining" fun photo's of members that we can publish without being sued.

Articles and photos can be emailed to me at:

sturuthvandoorn@gmail.com



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Welcome to our new members



Shawn Adams (Full) and
Teresa Adams (Associate)
James Campbell (Full)
Steve Umney (Full) and
Jo Umney (Associate)
John Cotton (Full) and
Gina Pedoulas (Associate)
Imad Haddad (Full)
Brenton Pumpa (Full) and
Jan-Maree Johnson (Associate)

Christmas in July dinner

Our "Christmas in July" dinner was held at The Windsor Hotel on Friday 26th July. The evening went off, but not-without a hitch. Unfortunately, the Treasurer (Doh!!) mis-counted the number of attending members by a couple. Luckily the amazing staff quickly and comfortably accommodated the 40 of us in our own private function room.

Maelyn and Joy helped transform our alfresco heated room with their decorations and Tony provided both Christmas & Corvette related visual effects on their TV.

After our delicious entrees of prawns or arancini balls, we helped ourselves to the all-you-can-eat salad & veg bar and then welcomed our selected main meal of rump steak/cajun chicken/Atlantic salmon, but not before Maelyn pulled out some lucky door prizes for 8 lucky random winners.

Thankyou to Maelyn, Joy, Tony and anyone else that helped to make the dinner a success.



Photos of the big night, next issue.



Club Merchandise



2024 Winter Range



Adults Fleece Varsity Jacket FL11 - Mens XS – 3XL \$70

Poly/Cotton Fleece, 340gsm--85% Polyester, 35% Cotton Fleece. Heavy ribbed collar, cuffs & waist band with contrast strips. Two front welt pockets. Press stud front closure. Winning spirit. Mens/Unisex.

Sizes: S-3XL.

Colours: Black/White, Royal/White, Red/White, Navy/White, Reg/Gold, Bottle/Gold, Bottle/White, Navy/Sky

Art Leather Baseball Jacket - Mens \$180 / \$220 w Back Logo
 400gsm Wool/Polyester/Acrylic/Nylon/Viscose. Lining: quilted polyester taffeta. Sleeves: PU Leather. Full front interlined for reduced creasing
 Two hand pockets with snap closure and one internal pocket.
Sizes: S-5XL.
Colours: Black/White. Grey/Marle. Red/White. Maroon/White, Navy/White Royal/White



Olympus Soft Shell Vest- \$95

Outer 95% polyester 5% elastane. Inner 100% polyester bonded fleece. Light water repellent and wind resistant finish

Mens 1515 XS - 5XL. Ladies 2515 Sizes 8 – 24

Colours: Black, Navy, Slate, Royal

Roll Up Beanies - Unisex - \$22

Acrylic Knitted. 70gm weight 21.5cm H x 20cm W.
 8cm Roll-Up

Sizes: One Size

Colours: assorted colours available

Cable Knit Scarf SCF02 - Unisex: \$27

100% Acrylic 166gsm knit with cable row feature.
 110cm x 18cm at 166gm..

Sizes: One Size

Colours: available in Black, Charcoal, Navy, Stone

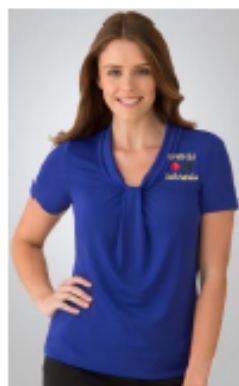




Club Merchandise



2024 Ladies Wear & Accessories



Pippa Knit CITY-2222 \$90 Short Sleeve

The unique and versatile draped neckline with gathered front detail creates a feminine look for the corporate environment., soft and cool to wear. The stretch Matte Jersey is easy care and flatters all body shapes and sizes. 100% Polyester Matte Jersey.

Sizes: S-3XL

Colours: Aqua, Black, Charcoal, Cobalt, Dark Lilia, Grape, Jade, Kelly Green, Navy, Red, White

CITY-2221 \$95 ¾ Sleeve

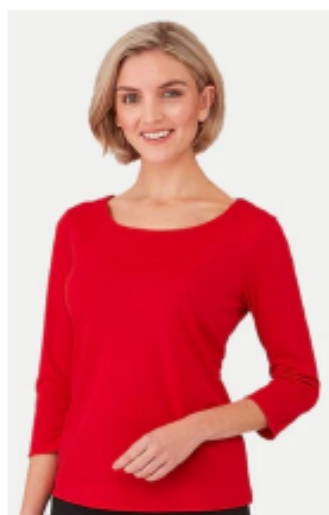
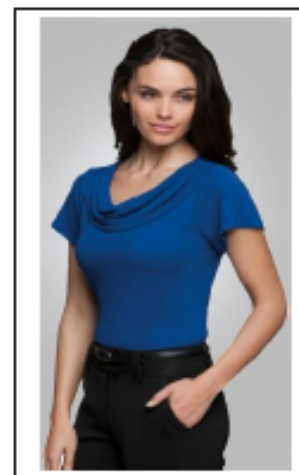
Eva Knit CITY-2227 \$90 Short Sleeve

Short Flutter Sleeve. Fitted. 100% Polyester Matte Jersey. Cowl neck that eliminates gaping when you lean forward. This soft yet durable knit is specifically designed to shape and flatter your figure.

Sizes: XXS-4XL (6-22)

Colours: Black, Charcoal, Chilli, Royal, Silver

EVA Knit CITY-2226 \$95 ¾ Sleeve



Smart Knit CITY-2290 \$95 ¾ Sleeve

A scooped neckline, a flattering silhouette and is trans-seasonal. 100% Polyester Matte Jersey

Sizes: XXS-4XL (6-22)

Colours: Black, Chilli, Navy, Royal, Silver

AP Tasman Backpack - AP-4000 \$60

Double zipped main compartment. No10. Heavy duty Zips. Elasticised mesh pockets on one side

Sizes: One Size

Colours: Black/Black, Black/Red, Black/White, Black/Gold, Black/Cyan, Navy/White, Navy/Sky, Royal/White

Assorted Caps - \$20

Black, Cyan, Royal, White, Charcoal, Navy, Red



BOCCE 20.7.2024

CAMPANIA SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
WEATHER: Grey, wet, windy and who cares!
GATHERING: 26 PERSONS

Good to see another great turnout on a typical winters afternoon. Yes, it was windy and rainy but indoors at the Campania Sports and Social Club it was game on, play on.

The elbows were out and cheering bellowed through the building as CCSA Bocce diehards played their heart out until Dinner was served after the end of Round 1.

After all the food and drinks were consumed and a little rest there was no slowing down as Round 2 kicked off at a frantic pace. More of the same with a sharper focus on winning. Yet here we were watching one another's skills, style and postures and trying to use different tactics to get the competitive edge for one of us to shine. Well that wasn't the case as 1st place was tied and after some squabble over the alcohol first and second prizes were sorted, the real winners were the people that turned up and the game of BOCCE.

Final Scores

Team 1

Rachel, Neil and Noreen - 26

Team 2

Peter B, Peter McB and Graham - 26

Team 3

Serge, Kay and Rudi - 20

Team 4

Dave, Dave S and Ray - 21

Team 5

Christeen, Jo and Neil B - 17

Team 6

Tim and Gary - 16

Team 7

Chris, Lynda and Joy - 15

Team 8

Goof and Mel - 8



I would like to acknowledge that Bling, Graham Walker and Peter Barlett donated their prize to Heartkids and Serge donated the trophy Bocce Ball set to the Campania Club.
Good on ya guys 😊

I would like to thank all of the volunteers at the Campania Club for making the venue available out of normal operational hours, especially Genaro for his organizational and persuasive skills.

We hope that our donation of a wooden Bocce set goes to a worthy cause and future Bocce challenges again.
Ciao for now,
Serge



SAVE THE DATE- SUNDAY OCTOBER 13

2 Feet and a Heartbeat Walk 2024

Yes it's on again, our charity, **HeartKids**, are holding their annual charity walk. Starting from West Beach Surf Life Saving Club to Henley Beach and return. Its an easy 4km walk along paved footpaths next to the beach.

Arrive early and have some breakfast.

The walk kicks off at about 10.30am(TBC) and takes about an hour. I will be booking a table for lunch afterwards at the Henley Bch Hotel.

This is a great event so please support by participating.

More details to come in future newsletters.

If you plan to participate please contact me either by text or email, with your name and how many.

Regards

Greg Woods

0412390877

vetwood86@gmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Set of PO2 Wheel trims fitted as an option on late 60s and 70s Vettes. \$150.00 for the set. Also, a set of C3 hubcaps — not perfect. \$120.00 for the set.

Call Ross Ph: 0414 561 276





CORVETTES ROCK THE BAY

THIS IS A WRITE UP FROM OUR FRIENDS AT THE SURF COAST CORVETTE CLUB FOLLOWING THIS YEARS CRTB

The Corvette Club of South Australia held their annual big summer event, "Corvettes Rock the Bay" on Sunday 11th February, 2024 at the Wrigley Reserve, Glenelg, SA. The event was superbly run as usual, with a team headed by Peter McBride, who must be congratulated for his ongoing role in bringing this very special event to Glenelg every year, on the second Sunday of February. CCSA had organised a large table of their members and our visiting group for Saturday night dinner at the Watermark Hotel in Glenelg. The hotel was right next door to the Wrigley Reserve, and was just close enough for the fit members of our group to walk to and from our motel, the Adelaide International. A couple of members of our host club also stayed at this motel, so it was quite a social occasion. The pool was quite popular, as were the garden tables where the smokers regularly gathered!

CRTB again managed to crack the "100 Corvettes" barrier, with 102 being the official count. But do the math: Remove the 4 Corvettes we VICS contributed to the number, and what do you get? Ninety-eight Corvettes is what you get – two short of the magic 100! Thank God for the VICS. As a reward, old friends Rhonda & Rob, who traveled to SA with our group, won the trophy for "Best C1". Congrats!

We finished off the weekend with an invitation to the McBride household where we socialised with other CCSA members, checking out Peter's impressive man-cave and his brutal Dodge Hell Fire with 100 HP upgrade kit! Betty was even able to sit in the car and start it up. She had to begrudgingly admit it had more "growl" than her blown V8 Jag.

Getting to the McBrides' home proved difficult with a group of two-seater C8s required to transport an uneven number of people. At one stage Jade took off his shoes and was trying to fold himself into a C8 rear trunk. Thankfully we found a better (and legal) solution.

After a few drinks and a serve of take-away Chinese, we headed back to our motel to recover from our big day out.

As we have planned to do every second year, a group of Surfcoast Corvettes members, plus a couple of friends of the club, made their way across to SA to join the CCSA at the event. In total we organised for 5 Corvettes to make the trip, plus another group of people who, for various reasons, came without their Corvettes. There was Jenny & Stu, Maria & Rob, Betty & Mark, Chris & Graeme, Fiona & Jeremy, Jade, and Peter.

CORVETTES ROCK THE BAY: Cont.

We did lose Peter's car on the way, due to brake problems - as in, who wants to drive down the Adelaide Hills with dodgy brakes? Not me, and obviously not Pete! But he got safely home, although he was told it was fortunate he turned around! However, we did eventually contribute 4 Corvettes to the show which, as it turns out, was very important to the event.

Several of us stayed another day to explore Glenelg and chill out with a nice, quiet day. We finished our stay with dinner at the Stamford Grand Hotel where we were again joined by the great friends of our club, the McBrides.

Thanks Lyn & Peter for making it a great weekend away!



Hosted by NSW Corvette Car Club
28th March 2025 – 31st March



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PARKES ALIVE 2025

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE 2025 CORVETTE NATIONALS IN PARKES NSW, GO TO OURS OR THE NSW CORVETTE CAR CLUBS WEBSITE FOR THE FULL REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION BROCHURE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Committee has implemented a question and answer strategy.

If you have any questions that are keeping you up at night about the running of the club, please approach any of the Committee members with that question.

You can send it on an email to the Secretary, or even just write it on a piece of paper.

The Committee will formulate a correct answer and that answer will be promulgated to the club members, via newsletter and general meeting.

This way a correct answer is given, and the entire club including the committee, can learn something new along the way.

The only stipulation is that you put your name to the question. We will only answer bona fide questions, from bona fide members.

The published answer will not have your name attached, unless you specifically want it to be.

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We have some exciting opportunities coming up over the next few years with our club's 50th anniversary and the 2027 Corvette Nationals.

For further information contact

Public Officer: Peter Mourdoukoutas on 0402 447 688

CAR OF THE MONTH - BLACK JACK

Hi, My name is Catherine and I would like to report a crime. We were blackmailed into buying a C6 ZO6.

Well, Jim may have been... well, maybe not blackmailed, maybe slightly forced....

OK, so, here is the story.....

Way back when the first Silver C5 (Silver Fox – George Clooney – hence the name George) was born to Kirsty and Sean, someone (Catherine) may have said to the new mother (Kirsty) that if she ever decided to sell her firstborn, she would love first dibs on him.

Sean and Kirsty spent a couple of years personalising George to fit their needs and then one day, Kirsty came to Catherine and said, we are upgrading, would you like George. No hesitation – yes was the answer. (Jim was happy with this.. I think!)

The only problem was Sean and Kirsty upgraded to a Black C6 ZO6. (Named Jack) Oh wow.

Catherine said a very, very, extremely silly thing to Kirsty – Yep – you guessed it – If you ever want to upgrade, can I have first dibs. (Can you see a pattern forming?). To my defence, I thought they would have Jack for at least 10 years....!!

Jim and Catherine were very happy with George. Jim did some personalisation and also signed him up for club rego.

We headed off to the Ballarat Nationals in 2023. Was such a joy to drive a reliable, comfy, spacious car.

But then the problems started... no, not with the car, with Sean and Kirsty. See, Sean hurt his back in Ballarat and ended up in hospital. He may have slightly blamed Jack and his harsh ZO6 ride. Kirsty and Sean also put their names into a draw to get a C8, so that made them start looking at other cars. They didn't win the draw, but they did get a bug... a 'lets upgrade the car' bug...

Hence 2 years after we purchased George, we received a phone call from Kirsty and Sean - "We are upgrading... would you like Jack"? After some deliberation, "No" was the answer. We were happy with George, he was on Club Rego. We didn't need a C6... Are you still with me? Hang in there, we are getting close.... OK, agreement made. We will stick with George. (Don't tell Jim, but secretly, I really did wanted



Jack... but it was a joint decision).

Phone call made to Sean and Kirsty and it went something like this.

"Thank you very much, but we will pass on Jack. It's only been a couple of years and we are really happy with George".

"Why don't you come and take Jack for a drive, just to be sure – and we can have lunch.. (See, that's blackmail, isn't it?).

"Oh, OK, lunch sounds great".

I knew as soon as Jim drove Jack, he would probably fall in love.

So, off we go down to have lunch with Sean and Kirsty. Sean and Jim go for a drive in Jack. When they came back and Jim got out the car, I said to Kirsty – Yep. He is sold. The grin on Jims face was mammoth...!

So, a few weeks after that and some juggling of funds, we picked Jack up.

No regrets. We love driving him. He is so much fun and love that power that he gives.

Life is too short. Sure, we could have stayed with George and been very happy, but I think that would have been a regret if we didn't take Jack.

And Yes, some silly person said again – if you ever want to upgrade the C7, give us first dibs – but thankfully that won't be for a long time... I think..... I hope...!!

Catherine and Jim.

*****IMPORTANT*****

2025 Corvette Club of South Australia Calendar

If your car was picked at the July meeting for the 2025 Club Calendar,
Shirelee needs your car photo emailed to her by the **31-08-2024**
Images will need to be submitted via email in JPEG or PNG format.

To Shirelee Mourdoukoutas on sokolata@internode.on.net



Chuck Jordan's 1967 Corvette Batmobile

Randy Leffingwell's outstanding book – Corvette Sixty Years – offers this rare photo of a 1967 427 "Corvette Batmobile" that apparently was the result of a request from officials with the 1960s TV show, Batman.

"I've met Chuck Jordan several times over my career writing Corvette histories. This photo seems so implausible: dapper, disciplined Chuck sitting on a cartoon. Series creator Bob Kane and executive producer William Dozier asked GM Design's help in creating a suitable escape car for their lead character, Batman. The TV show ran from 1966 through 1968 and starred Adam West."

That's what Leffingwell writes in his book of this photo, which makes one wonder how seriously GM took the request of the series executives.

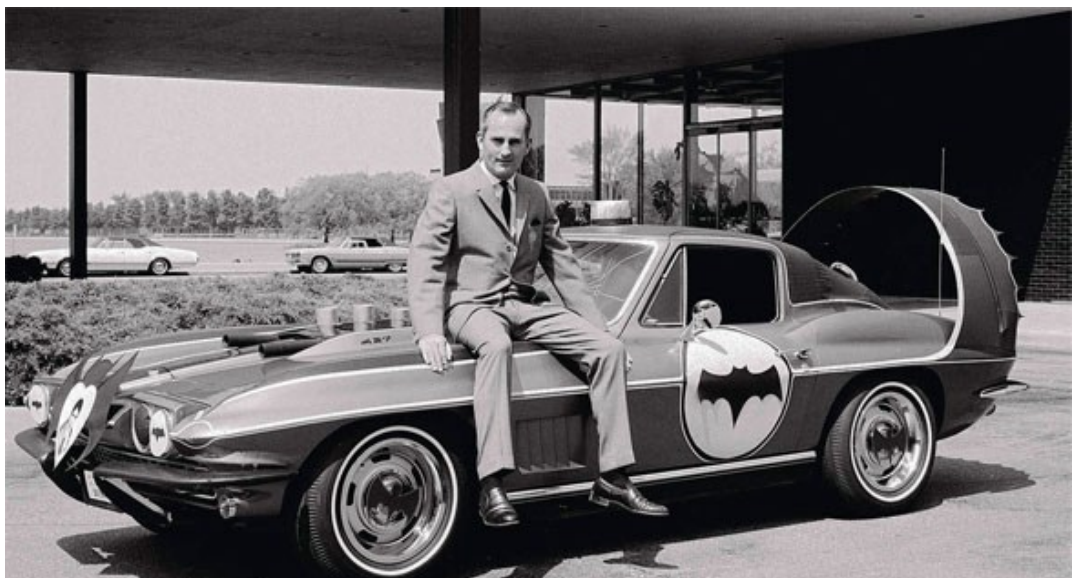
While a C2 Corvette is one of the most beautiful cars ever made, the 1967 Batmobile is hopefully a tongue-firmly-planted-in-cheek idea of what Chevy thought the Batmobile should look like – completely with stick-on Batman logos on the front end and headlights and huge rear spoiler.

For those who have been critical of the C7's new rear treatment, they should take a good look at this 1960s creation!

Obviously, most folks will be glad that the TV show stuck with George Barris' excellent Batmobile which recently sold at Barrett-Jackson for \$4.2 million!

At least we can rest easy knowing that this Corvette Batmobile was easily able to be converted back to a normal – and beautiful – C2 Corvette!

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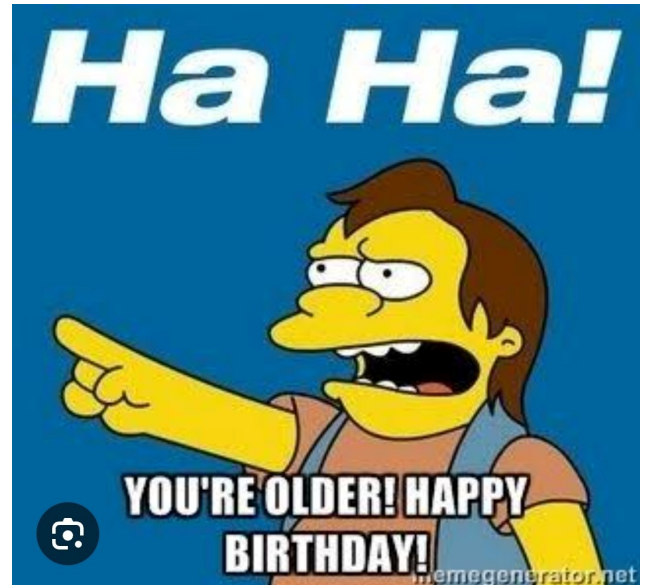


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Mark Dixon
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Craig Stafford
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John Coyne
Carrie-Anne Jacob
Dale Goldsmith
Alan Litchfield
Roydn Bailey

Libby Long
Terry Rayner
Ruth van Doorn
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Lena Dimasi
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