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MAY NEWSLETTER 2014

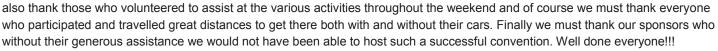
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No 'President's Report' this month I'm pooped!!

That was the official response from our President, so while Rob is having a well deserved break I will try my best fill this space for him.

Unless you have been living under a rock, or there has been a breakdown in the time/space continuum and you have been transported to some parallel universe you would know that the 26th National Corvette Convention has just been held in the Barossa Valley.

Wow, what an absolutely fantastic convention it was! First and foremost we must thank the organising committee for delivering a truly excellent event. A big thanks must also go to the multitude of people who helped out behind the scenes doing everything from preparing food to driving buses. We must



Rob we hope you don't feel too burnt out from the convention. If things start getting on top of you and it all becomes too much you know you can always go to the back of your shed and check on that little box that you keep your feelings in!!!





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Foundation Shine Inc is a newly formed fund raising organisation which has been established to create awareness and assist organisations that are dealing with the broad issues associated with mental health. The name deriving from the idea of helping people to overcome issues with the view to reach their full potential and to shine.



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Memberships—due by 1st January every year

Web Master:

Peter McBride

Email: robinhill67@gmail.com

Membership Fees:NewRenewalFinancial Member\$85.00\$80.00Associate Member\$20.00\$20.00Country Member\$40.00\$40.00

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Historic Rego A \$50.00 inspection fee is applicable each year of inspection. This does not include a log book if required.

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Note: Contributions may be edited for reasons of space. The editor has the right of refusal to publish.

Corvette Club of SA - General Meeting held 2nd April 2014

Meeting Opened 8.07pm

Present: As per attendance book.

Apologies – Peter McBride, Arthur Hasse, Kevin Nagel and Les & Judy Bever.

Visiting for the first time - None

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct: -

Moved: Tina Bryers Seconded: Ruth van Doorn

Welcome to David Daw as our new Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report:

 Balance start of 1st March 2014
 \$14,290.10

 Cash & Cheques in
 \$1,179.00

 Cash & Cheques out
 \$4,535.97

 Closing balance 31st March 2014
 \$10,933.13

Questions :- None

Moved as true and correct :-

Moved: Stuart van Doorn.

Seconded: Bob Butler.

Due to the Treasurer change the club financial books will be audited as a matter of process.

Secretary's Report:

Mail received

- Sporting Car Club Speed Week 12th to 20th April.
- Corvette'n America 10th Anniversary tours. Through June, September and October 2014.
- Aust. Historic Motoring Federation National Classic Rally 17th to 20th September 2014. From all Capital cities to Canberra. This is for cars manufactured prior to 1974.
- Copper Coast Rock N Rev Weekend May 3rd & 4th. Wallaroo Town Hall 7.30pm on the 3rd & Aussie Muscle Car Sprints at the Airport 10am to 4pm. 1963 77 cars only. Spectators \$20 / car.
- Foundation Shine Mother's Day Lunch 8th May Banquet Room, Adelaide Festival Centre. RSVP 29th April.
- Foundation Shine movie night fundraiser. Piccadilly 6th April 6pm \$17 for 2 movies. Noah & The Monuments Men.
- Milwaukee Tools would like two Corvettes to attend their sales day Friday 11th April. Shop open 8am to 5pm but we do not necessarily have to stick to these times.

Newsletters received:- from other clubs available at the front desk for review... Any over 3 months old will be forwarded to Club Historian (Gerry Brine).

Historic Code of Practice:-

- Club advice to Registrar of unregistered vehicles under Historic Registration will be finalised by next meeting.
- Request to have a motorbike inspected under historic rego last month.
 The committee has declined.
- Reminder to all members with vehicles under Historic Rego that they
 need to have all procedures done by 31st Dec 2014. This will be advertised in
 the September newsletter to the end of the year. The registrar will be advised
 who does not comply.

An additional Corvette has been inspected with two more to be done.

Membership:

Full members 145 Associates 38 Total 183.

Merchandise: -

Any orders previously requested see Kathy and Catherine.

- Still require this position to be filled. Interested members to see a committee member.
- Hat pins and beanies have been ordered.

Members interested to work in the Merchandise tent for the Convention on Sunday at the Show and Shine please let Catherine know.

Newsletter:-

Congratulations to Breck for a great newsletter for April and also to Neil for the assisted hand over.

The May edition of the newsletter will focus on the National Convention over Easter.

Past Events:

- 10th March Barossa Valley Bowl Land cruise arranged by Neil.
- 21st March Dinner at the Windsor Hotel arranged by Laurie.

Future events

As outlined by the Events Coordinator.

Please note the Mid Year Dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel on 5th July.

Web Master

• Foundation Shine is now linked to our home page with all their latest news available on the link.

AGN

The March AGM minutes have been distributed to all members. See John if there are any questions.

'Vettes in the Vines' Corvette Convention.

- Individual event nominations and fees were to be in by 31st March. Any last minute entrants to be in by the end of this week.
- Members reminded to put their name down to assist at the Convention.
- Sponsorship money is still being accepted for trophies and the like.
 Trophy sponsorship is \$100.
- Please indicate if you are going to be staying in the Barossa area over the weekend as we may need your assistance.
- Collingrove Hill Climb cancellation announced. All entrants will now be able to go on the cruise to the Birdwood Mill.
- Cruise captains required for the Saturday from Novatel to Birdwood and on to lunch.
- Those interested to park cars on the Tanunda Oval on Sunday to see Laurie or John.

Car wash facilities available at the Novatel on the Saturday afternoon. 1pm to 6pm.

General Business:

- People's Choice Credit Union Community Lottery tickets available from Kathy.
- Stu is celebrating a special birthday and to share with us he and Ruth have provided supper for us tonight. Thank you and happy Birthday.
- Debbie Johns is obtaining 30 Entertainment Books for sale. Should be available next meeting.

Membership Draw: \$40 this month.

• The member number drawn was – 22. Belonging to Robert Doolan. As he was not in attendance the prize jackpots to \$50 next month.

Raffle draw. Prizes – Thanks to Lynda and Peter for putting together prizes with an Easter theme.

Winners were – Garry McPhee and Goof.

Supper

Organized and presented by Stuart and Ruth. Thank you.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

GM Day at Tanunda







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26th National Corvette Convention

For those of you who were unable to attend the convention below is an account of what happened.......although some names and exact details may have been omitted to protect the identity (and reputation) of those involved.

Convention Day 1 - Welcome to one and all

It was once said that all roads lead to Rome, but on Good Friday it was more a case of all roads lead to Rowland Flat!!! A steady stream of Corvette's from all over this wide country converged on the secluded and idyllic hamlet of Rowland Flat between Lyndoch and Tanunda in the Barossa Valley. Travellers from near and far checked in at the registration desk throughout the day to collect their goody bag and prepare for the eagerly anticipated days ahead. We were fortunate to have guests attending from almost every state and territory of Australia as well as from Canada the USA and just across the ditch from New Zealand.

The first event on the calendar was the 'Meet and Greet' Dinner which gave everyone the opportunity to meet new Corvette owners and reunite with old friends from conventions past. The venue for the convention was the Novatel Barossa Resort who provided us with a delicious dinner on the opening night.

Convention Day 2 - Cruisin' the Valley



Saturday morning saw an early start for some to begin preparations for the day ahead while others chose to work on their beauty sleep. In order to try and avoid losing anyone during the scenic cruise it was decided to break into smaller groups for the day. Seven groups of approximately 10 cars each made their way through the picturesque scenery of the Barossa Valley to the first stop at Birdwood some 45km away. The National Motor Museum at Birdwood provided the ideal backdrop for the morning tea break with a fantastic spread been supplied by the Birdwood Lutheran Church Auxiliary. Some took the opportunity to view the wide array of vehicles on display at the museum as well as the large number of XU1 Toranas that were also on show outside the museum. We then returned to our cars and rumbled out of the grounds en mass for the return trip to our lunch destination at Lyndoch. The Country Kitchen from Angaston did an excellent job of

lunch and everyone enjoyed the chance to check out the vast array of Corvettes circled around the perimeter of the oval.

Originally when the convention was being planned it was proposed that lunch would be held at the Collingrove Hill Climb track near Angaston but unfortunately there were only limited numbers of Corvette owners who were interested in testing their skills on the track which didn't make it a feasible event given the level of support services required eg, fire and ambulance officers, track marshalls etc. so the decision

was made to cancel the event and move the lunch venue to the Lyndoch Oval.

After lunch was designated as free time for everyone, some chose to explore the many wineries in the area, while others decided to return to the Barossa Resort to take advantage of the time to spruce up their pride and joy before the Show 'n' Shine scheduled for the next day. A makeshift car-washing facility was set up outside the Novatel and Mothers car cleaning products were kindly supplied to help bring people's car back to showroom condition. The rest of the afternoon was spent relaxing... aka..Nanna napping....ready for the night ahead.

At 6:00pm people began to board the buses that were provided to take them to the Wolf Blass winery near Stockwell. After having the opportunity to try some of the many wines on offer we made our way into the Barrel Room for dinner. In the Barrel Room we were privileged to have on display examples of each and every generation of Corvette ever produced from AJ and Julie's 1954 C1 through to one of the stars of the show Performax's C7 which was brought all the way from Queensland.

The evening's entertainment included an interesting presentation by Sharon and Bob Middleton which described their long involvement in racing from speedway through to the touring car masters. We also got to watch an exciting video of the thrills and spills encountered in truck racing after which we were introduced to race driver George Miedecke and told about his racing career. One of the highlights of the evening was the chance to listen to Mr Wolf Blass AM welcome us all to the winery that bears his name and to hear about his involvement in the wine industry. As a sign of respect to our host many of us wore a bowtie......but without all of the formality that would usually ac-





Neil explaining a few of the finer points of the C6 Corvette to Wolf Blass.

company it. Bob Butler then took on the role of auctioneer to try and raise some money for Foundation Shine through selling everything from Corvette memorabilia to signed bottles of Wolf Blass wine. Throughout the night we were also entertained by the band 'The Left Overs' who successfully got lots of people up dancing.

After dinner the majority of us headed back to Rowland Flat on the bus while some dedicated helpers stayed behind to clean up the aftermath of the night.....thank you all very much! 5

Convention Day 3 - Time to Show 'n' Shine

Easter Sunday saw another early start for some.....even the Easter bunny had to rush to do his rounds!!!

A perfect autumn day greeted everyone as they readied themselves....Easter eggs in hand....for the 9:30am departure to the Tanunda Oval for the Show 'n' Shine event. Some 75-80 vehicles positioned themselves on the oval to be inspected and judged by officials, other entrants and of course the admiring public.

Entrants then had plenty of time to wander around the oval checking out all of the cars or to pick up some advice from the guys at the Shannons Insurance and Mothers car care products stands. There was also club and convention merchandise available at our own stand.



The Show 'n' Shine event finished up shortly after 2:30pm and entrants had the rest of the day to either do their own thing or to take the opportunity to visit some other wineries in the area. The blue C6 convertible owned by Jan & Peter Cox from NSW was enjoying the ambience of the day so much that it didn't want to leave! However our friendly local RAA rep Barry was able to get the problem sorted for some very happy customers. Sunday evening was the Gala Din-



ner which saw everyone meet in the Shiraz Room at the Novatel Barossa Resort. Dinner was a lavish affair with many of the ladies....and some of the blokes dressed to kill. A terrific dinner was put on by the staff at the Novatel as we enjoyed the evening's entertainment. Sharon who gave us an interesting insight into Whiteline's racing achievements the night before was back to share one of her other many talents. She gave us a moving solo singing performance of a wide range of different musical genres....there was everything from ABBA to Jimmy Barnes classics. Sharon also took the time to explain the background behind her involvement in Foundation Shine and the objectives of this charity organisation. (continued on page 9)

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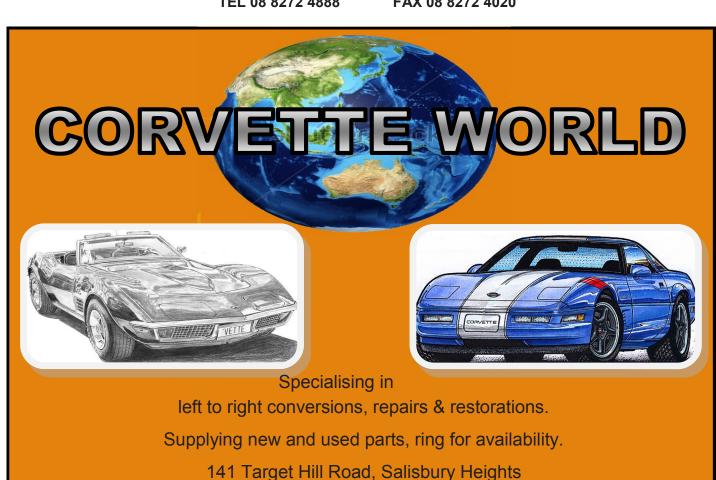


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Convention Day 3 (Continued)

As the night progressed we came to the prize giving ceremony from the days Show 'n' Shine event where a number of local entrants managed to score an award. (Please note that due to the limited space available the full list of prize winners will be given in next month's newsletter).

Dave Nitschke then showed us his auctioneering skills by putting a wide range of different items from posters to handbags under the hammer. A silent auction was also

conducted, this involved those on each table writing down their highest bid for the table centrepiece (a mounted C7 car model), after many sideways glances the concealed bids were then returned to the officials to reveal the winner.

The night finished with the baton for the next convention being passed to representatives from the 'Corvettes of Canberra' club in the form of the perpetual trophy.

Convention Day 4 - Farewell

The last day of the convention was a casual breakfast next to the golf greens at the Novatel which gave everyone the last chance to say their goodbyes and munch down on some yummy breakfast cooked by the convention team.

And before we knew it the National Corvette Convention was over for another year. We can only finish by once again thanking everyone who made this event the success that it was. You can be proud of your efforts in creating what was an exceptional convention, we really appreciate the time that you have given up to make this happen. A special thank you must go to Catherine for organising perfect weather over the entire weekend, apparently she had to send 4 letters to the big guy to make this happen......no not Rob, the other big guy.

Hope to see everyone again in Canberra next year......only 337 days to go!!



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EVENTS CALENDAR FOR MAY 2014					
<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>
Sat 3 rd	Rock 'n' Rev Weekend	7:30pm	Wallaroo Town Hall	'Rock for the Sailing Club' from 7:30pm to midnight, \$20 Entry	
Sun 4 th		10:00am	Copper Coast Airport Kadina	Aussie Muscle Sprints, Show n Shine & Static Aircraft Display from 10:00am to 4:00pm	
Wed 7 th	General Meeting	7:30pm	Seaton Ramblers FC West Lakes	Meeting starts at 8:00pm	
Thu 8 th	Charity Lunch	12:00pm	Adelaide Festival Centre	Mothers Day Luncheon 2014	Foundation Shine
Sun 11 th	Club Run	10:00am	Hungry Jacks ANZAC Highway	Run to 'Old Tailem Town' at Tailem Bend	Catherine & Jim 0418 828 354
Wed 14 th	Committee	7:30pm	Hilton Hotel, Mile End		
Fri 23 rd	Club Dinner	7:30pm	Ginling Chinese Restaurant	Practice your chopstick skills	Kevin Jarrett
			South Plympton		0401 779 609



ANZAG Day Dinner

ANZAC Day saw 14 club members meet at the Lighthouse Hotel, Port Adelaide for the end of month dinner. Perhaps the locals had heard that we were coming and evacuated the building early as a precaution because we had the entire dining area to ourselves!! Anyway we took advantage of this exclusive setting and enjoyed a delicious dinner. A great night was had by all.





Lorna Florence Lange November 18, 1932 — April 10, 2014

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Mother's Day

Sunday 11th May

Run to Tailem Bend - Take a step back in time and join Catherine and Jim on a run down memory lane to 'Old Tailem Town' pioneer village.

Meet at Hungry Jacks, 12 Anzac Highway, Adelaide for a 10:00am departure. Entry to 'Old Tailem Town' costs \$18 per head.

BBQ lunch to be held at 'Old Tailem Town', please ring Catherine with any special dietary requirements. Ph: 0418 828 354



Friday 23rd May

Dinner at Ginling Chinese Restaurant

Thanks to Kevin Jarrett for "offering" to organise this dinner venue again. The restaurant is located at 609 Marion Road, South Plympton. Be there from 7:30pm.

Phone Kevin on 0401 779 609 to book you seat.

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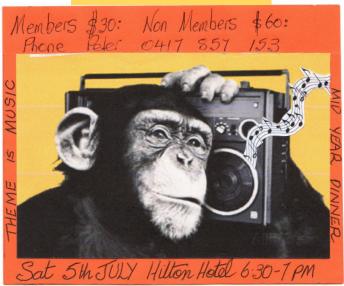


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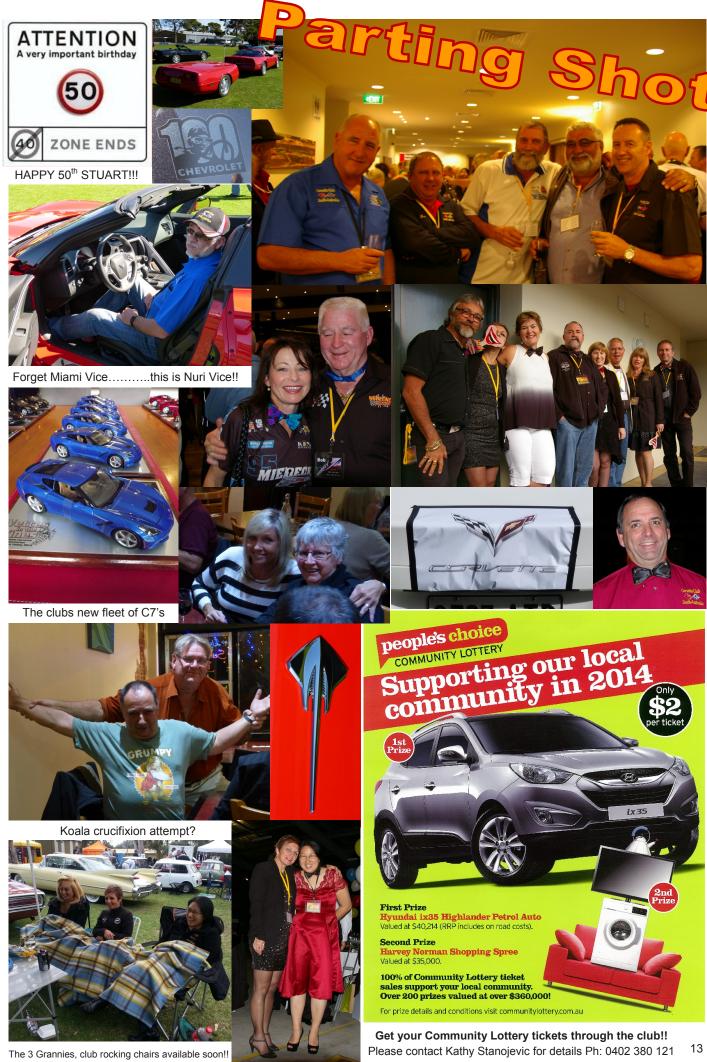
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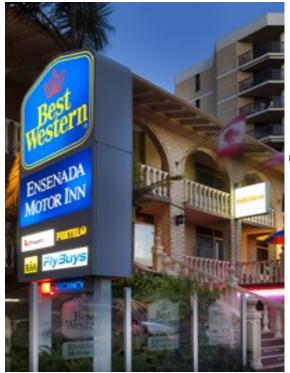
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Executive Room Individual control split-system air-conditioning-heating/cooling, remote control colour TV, video players, mini bar, tea and coffee making facilities, refrigerator, direct dial STD/ISD phones, iron & ironing board, hairdryers, data/modem ports, sofa beds, modern bathrooms, queen sized beds, non-smoking rooms available, RAA, NRMA, RACV rating - 4 star.

Deluxe Room All features of the Executive Rooms plus superior bedroom furnishings, individual control split system airconditioning and heating, dining table and chairs, queen sized bed and single bed, sofa bed, non-smoking rooms available, RAA, NRMA, RACV rating - 4 star.

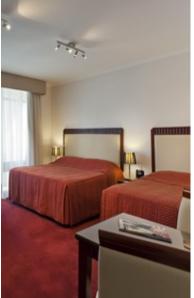
1 Bedroom Suite (Kitchenette) All suites contain remote control TV, VCR, reverse cycle air-conditioning, mini-bars, direct dial cordless phones, data/modems ports. Kitchenette contains 120lt fridge, tea & coffee making facilities, microwave, hot plate, ducted range-hood, crockery, cutlery, pots, microwave dishes, toaster, dining table and chairs. Queen sized bed, built in robes, iron and ironing boards, en-suite bathroom, hairdryers. All suites are strictly nonsmoking. Absolute ground floor access.

2 Bedroom Suite (Kitchenette) All suites contain remote control TV, VCR, reverse cycle air-conditioning, mini-bars, direct dial cordless phones, data/modems ports. Kitchenette contains 120lt

> fridge, tea & coffee making facilities, microwave, hot plate, ducted range-hood, crockery, cutlery, pots, microwave dishes, toaster, dining table and chairs. Queen sized bed in main bedroom. Contains either 2 • single beds or double bunk beds.

- Queen sized beds
- High-speed Internet access
- Remote control TV with Foxtel / cable
- DVD/VCR players
- Air-conditioning-split system heating and cool-
- Ceiling fans
- Voicemail
- Secure off-street and under cover parking access by PIN code
- Tour desk
- Same day dry cleaning / laundry service
- Guest laundry on premises

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