## **Corvette Club of South Australia Inc**



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## **CLUB INFORMATION**

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**MEETINGS** - Held on the first Wednesday of every month at the Glenelg Baseball Club, Anderson Ave, Glenelg North at 8pm

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION** Newsletter will now only be distributed via email. If you have a change of address please advise the Membership Officer.

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

due by 1st January each year	NEW	RENEWAL
Financial Member	\$85.00	\$80.00
Associate Member	\$20.00	\$20.00
Country Member	\$40.00	\$40.00

BANK DETAILS for Direct Debit BSB 105 900 Account 9543 73840

**CONDITIONAL REGO** Inspections are no longer required. However, if you need a new Log Book, they are \$10 each.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi All

We are now at that time of the year! Whats that? Concessional Registration time.

November and December meetings you can get your log books signed and pay your membership for 2024, we will be opening the doors from 7pm at these meetings.

If you cannot make the meetings then you need to contact Mark and make arrangements with him. **The conditional registrars do NOT come to you**. If you forget you will be reminded when the Department sends you a letter to advise you that you car is NOT registered, so we look forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Our club is getting more members all the time and at last count we have 231 full members and 86 associate members for a total of 317, I can remember how excited we were when we hit the 100, now a distant memory.

Our long weekend at Hahndorf was a success with 25 Corvettes on the Sunday run, not all were staying for the weekend but decided to just go on the run for the day.

We are helping the Extreme Auto Show with a display of Corvettes for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Corvette with Corvettes from C! to C8 and they will be there on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Don't forget our Christmas Dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> December, only \$20 for members, non members a bit more, should be a great night contact Catherine to book, we will be the only ones at the venue and we will have a band.

Check out the events calendar for runs and shows over the summer and we will see you there, or if you have and idea for a run, dinner or event let Sean know and we can add it to the calendar, maybe a mid week, mid month run?

Happy Vetting

Pres

## **CORVETTE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**

#### **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

General Meeting: 4/10/23 **Meeting Opened:** 8:00 pm

**Present**: As per registration sheet. **51 Attendees** 

Apologies: Les & Judy Beyer, Karen McConnell, Peter Fitzgerald, Ruth & Stuart Van Doorn, Noreen Portlock, Larry & Kathy

Stanojevic, Helen Falconer, Ed Murray, Peter & Wendy Jellesma, Kevin Nagel, Steve Bryers & Zoe.

**Visitor and New members:** 

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.

Moved: - Peter Bartlett Seconded:- Neil Portlock

**Treasurer's Report:** 

Opening Balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> September \$28,449.55

> Income \$2,099.20 **Expenses** \$1,866.32

Closing Balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September \$28,682.43

Term Deposit, interest 3.9% to 20/10/2023 \$40,315.66

September Raffle Income \$309.20

Expenses \$714.86 (Stocked up on Lucky Envelope prizes \$592 & CRTB Raffles \$70)

**Heart Kids profit/loss** \$405.66

Heart Kids from 1/3/23 \$683.84 Membership door prize October \$40.00

Our bank fees have finally reduced! Only \$29.98 for September instead of \$47.30

Moved: - Jemma Seconded: - Tim

Secretary's Report: May need to change email address again. Issue with members on adam.com. Emails sent out: - Heart Kids Walk link, Kegel night, Rezz Hotel lunch, Entertainment Book, Our club's October N/L, GM attendance.

Conditional Registration: No cars added this month. Logbook signing next 2 months!

Membership:

Full & Life members: 231 Associates: 86 Total: 317

Starting to get renewals for 2024.

Merchandise: All orders have arrived. Spring / Summer collection is in October Newsletter.

Club Merchandise October General Meeting Sales Total Club Takings

Summary \$860. EFT \$785 - Cash \$75.

Sales Breakdown: Merchandise \$240 -Membership \$620.00

**Membership Renewals:** Dawe, Maelyn B & Tammy: Graham Townsin: Rob & Carol McConnell: Tim Epton: Wayne

& Lynn O'Grady

\$75 Cash Sales will be transferred by EFT by 08/10/2023

Sales details, Settlement Inquiry & Transaction History EFT records attached in this email.

Compiled by: Shirelee Mourdoukoutas. Date: 05/10/2023.

**Newsletter**: Huge thanks to Stuart & Ruth Van Doorn for putting the October Newsletter together while Adrian Worsley is overseas. Still need cars of the month & other articles.

#### **Events:**

**Past:** Oct LWE – great weather. Had some withdrawals at the last minute. Had some previous members attend in their new C8. Also had a couple from Victoria. Sunday run to Birdwood went well. Near miss with a 4WD & a cyclist.

#### Future:

14/10: Sat Dinner @ Jimmy Deane's, South Adelaide Football Club. 7 pm. Per Catherine Neagle.

**15/10: Heart Kids Walk.** Starts Henley Sailing Club. Lunch @ Henley Beach Hotel 12 noon. Book with Greg Woods, ph 0412 390 877. Donation to register \$30.

29/10: Hills run to Rezz Hotel for lunch. Need numbers by 22/10. Meet Saints Shopping Centre, Salisbury Plains.

4/11: Kegel bowling. Goof needs names, numbers & dietary requirements ph 0417 869 368.

8/11: Meet the Vics

18/11: Auto Expo & Zippel Cruise

9/12: Club Xmas Dinner. See Newsletter for more details.

23/12: AJ & Julie's Xmas BBQ

11/2/24: Corvettes Rock the Bay

**3/3: GMH Heritage Museum @ Holden Factory Centre** \$15 per person. Will choose a meeting spot, cruise to Holdens. Tour takes 90 mins. Lunch at Sneaky's, Angle Vale afterwards.

March 2024: ACT, Not the Nationals.

Web Master: CRTB Registration form being upgraded. Newsletter uploaded soon. Car of the month uploaded soon.

Public Officer: Nothing to report.

#### **General Business:**

**Tim Epton** is now the contact person for ordering name badges.

Peter said 3 CRTB trophies still available. Claimed by Rob McConnell, Ian Gregor, Tony BeerSmith.

Graeme Walker advised he is planning an Australia Day run for 2024. Details TBA.

Membership Draw: Member 228 Jane Harvey wins \$40.

Raffle prize winners: Phil Turbill, Peter Mourdoukoutas, Alan Litchfield, Alan Orchard, Rudy Rugucki.

Halloween Lucky door prize: Gerry Brine.

Meeting Closed: 8:45 pm

Recorded By: Lynda McBride Date: 4/10/23

## Are your contact details up to date??

Please advise us if your phone number, email address, mailing address have changed.

Otherwise, you may be missing out on important information.

#### **Club Cruising**

In this gripping episode, we will look at the following points of club cruises.

- The club has seen an increase in club members, and not surprisingly an increase in how many people attend a club cruise. Our club is very active and club outings form a big part of what we do.
- The meeting point access in, parking spaces available and access out needs to be able to support 25 -30 cars.
- Maintain the speed limit throughout the run slower cars regroup at catch up spot.
- Include a planned catch up stop in a quiet, low speed limit if required.

Keep moving - In the event of a car breakdown - one car to stop with them to assist, not the whole group. When I first joined the club, about 10 to 15 cars was a typical roll up. Now it's not unusual to have 25 or 30 cars on a run.

As an active club that takes pride in our outings, we need to pay attention to a couple of things as numbers increase.

For anyone organizing a club run, first things first – the meeting point. When we had 10 or so cars arriving we could meet up just about anywhere. Now we need to take into account access in, parking spaces available, and access out. A lot of take away joints have reduced parking spaces to allow 2 or 3 lanes of coffee drinkers, soccer mums and screaming kids to get their Sunday fix. Always scope out a prospective meeting area (by visiting it at the meeting time prior to the run) to allow for those things.

Next consideration is hitting the road, and this applies to everyone on the run. Getting 10 cars moving is fairly easy, getting 30 cars moving not so easy, it can be like herding cats. When the Corvette Caravan gets moving, then it needs to get moving. Try and be up to the speed limit (or close to) to stop the Corvette Caravan becoming a Corvette Chicane. Another change in the modern world is Maps and GPS, everyone's mobile phone will tell you how to get to the destination. Sunday mornings aren't as quiet as they used to be so we don't need 20 cars travelling well below the speed limit waiting for the last 5 or so cars to catch up – catch up they eventually will.

A catch up stop in a quiet, low speed limit, plenty of room area can work if its already been planned, 20 or 30 Corvettes suddenly stopping or slowing in a 100/110 kph zone is a recipe for disaster. If a car breaks down then 1 other car stopping with them is appropriate, not the whole group – keep moving. Tail end Charlies (usually in their Daily Driver) are normally tasked with this duty, particularly if the Corvette occupants end up needing to be DD occupants.

Recent attendees at the Ballarat Nationals cruise with 120 cars (including a planned catch up stop) showed that a well-planned and thought out cruise can go flawlessly taking into account the above points.

Sean Events Coordinator.

#### Car of the Month

This months car write up is by .... Ray Preston

My love for Corvettes started when I was 21, I purchased a framed photo of a C3 in red with a tan interior, had it on my bedroom wall for years, it's in the Man Cave today, After seeing David Daw driving his yellow C3 in the same complex I lived in, I eventually went over to have a chat about it, within minutes Dave kindly took me for a drive on the northern expressway, I was hooked! Not long after that I bought a 25th anniversary C3, needed a little work but was unmolested, eventually had the 350 sb fitted with alloy heads, mild cam etc etc, now it drove like a Corvette, circumstances came that I had to sell it, but I missed the club runs so I purchased a cheap red C4, however the footwell was too narrow for me and the conversion was a nightmare so eventually sold it and a Jaguar XK8 to raise the money for the C5 I now have, I bought it from Andrew Temby from Vic, (ex racing driver) who did a few mods to engine but was otherwise stock and only 30k on the clock, After having previously sat in in Rudys C5 I like the comfort and more modern cockpit so i looked for a C5 and found it on CCSA web site, Andrew spent 5 days in his work shop fitting new tyres, new road/track brakes, changed all fluids in car, polished it up, ready for me to drive it home to SA, needless to say it poured with rain all the way home, I also found out on the journey home that if you turn off traction control you can overtake a combie van sideways, but you need to carry spare underpants.

The C5 has done me proud over the last 6 years and has 50k on the clock never letting me down.

Recently the harmonic balancer started to fail but still didn't let me down,

Decided to do a few mods while the front end was coming off, summit racing balancer and oil seal, new Cam they tell me it's slightly bigger than the Walkinshaw cam they put in the Holdens

New timing chain and sprocket, new high pressure fuel pump, heavier valve springs, push rods, roller rockers, new belts, and idler pulleys.

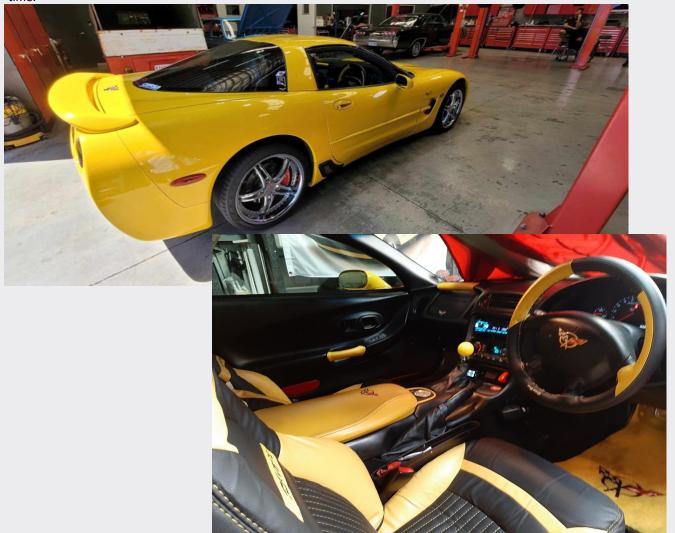
Air con regas, new coolant and finally a Dyno tune.

New carpets front and back

6k later it's now up to Zo6 power.

So obviously it's now a keeper

Kate and I really enjoy the club runs and the people who make up the club, so I guess I'm gonna have a Corvette for a long long time.



#### HAHNDORF OCTOBER LONG WEEKEND '23. Write up Sean, photos Neil & Catherine

The planning was done, and I decided with Kirsty that a return to the Adelaide Hills for the Corvette club October long weekend was in store. After a search the little gem of the Hahndorf Discovery Park was found.

We originally had 13 cabins booked, but the usual Corvette General Hospital erupted, and several couples had to withdraw. We had 23 arrive on the Friday (including a few local club members) as we headed down to Sidewood Restaurant, a short walk away. After some food and drink we headed back for a few more drinks at the park.

Saturday saw 14 cars head off after drivers briefing. Along for the ride were Hans and Val in their new C8 and Graeme and Christine from Victoria in their C6 Z06. We cruised north to Woodside where we visited Melba's chocolate factory and the Cheese Factory. There is a Gin joint there, but it wasn't opening till later, much to the severe disappointment of Jim, who had to be consoled by Gary. After some coffee and chocolate and cheese buying it was time to head back, we had a date for lunch and the AFL Grand Final.

Coming back through Balhannah we were leading the Corvette Caravan in the C7 Z06 when a Range Rover came blasting through a give way sign, without giving way, hell he didn't even slow down. Unfortunately for him there was a female cyclist just ahead of us, he had to slam on the brakes and somehow evaded smashing straight into her. Unfortunately, that left him stopped and sideways across the main street directly in front of us. It was time for those big Brembo's to step up and Vette stopped nicely without T boning the numbskull.

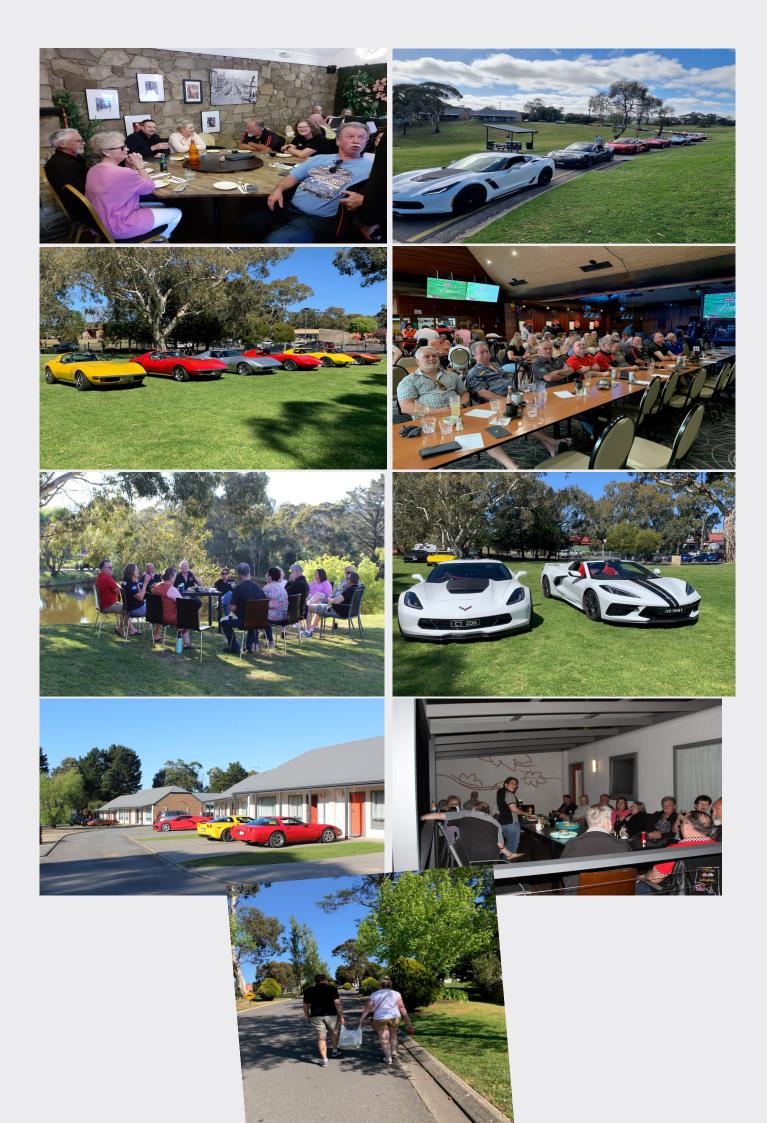
Back at Discovery Central the Vettes were parked and everyone began the leisurely stroll down to the Old Mill Hotel for lunch and the grand final. After eating, drinking and unfortunately watching Collingwood win it was time to stroll back again. Once the gang was back at the park, we engaged in that other Corvette club tradition of rearranging the furniture and the stage was set as we settled in for the evening overlooking the lake and being attacked by hungry ducks. The funny oblong pizzas arrived and after a few drinks Jim regaled us with slightly exaggerated tales of the good old days. The winner of the AFL tipping was Antoinetta, and the mug punter award went to Catherine.

Sunday morning and the sun was out bright and early. 23 Corvettes were assembled for the briefing. The club member that owns 3 Corvettes arrived in his Camaro. The caravan headed off on a Bling inspired magical mystery tour of the back roads, through rolling hills and onto Birdwood. There were a couple of Vettes waiting and 25 cars formed up on the lawns behind the National Motor Museum building. A separate lineup of C3 to C8 Vettes was assembled in front. Shannons sponsor car club entry, so it was free entry for the club members. The Fold Café across the road offered discount to club members, so over we went, rearranged all the furniture and made the most of that discount.

The weekenders made their way back to the Park later in the arvo. After some drinks, crackers and cheese, the ducks were pretty happy and brought more of their friends over. After that we headed down the main street to the Chinese Restaurant, should have taken some of those ducks with us. Some industrious members realised there was a bus stop at the Park entrance and headed down there on public transport.

We left the Park on Monday morning and headed down to Beerenberg for breakfast. 18 people plus George's new owners attended in a private area for a scrumptious breaky, before everyone headed home for a well-earned rest. Thanks to everyone who attended at some point during the 4 days.





### **Friday Night Dinner**

Friday night dinner which we changed to Saturday night was held at Jimmy Deane's at the South Adelaide Football club on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2023..

So, this is how it went.... Jim and I hadn't actually been there before! We booked the dinner on a recommendation and then a couple of club members also backed up said recommendation. What could possibly go wrong, I hear you say?!

Well, nothing! We had 27 people turn up after a few pulled out due to illness. They gave us a function room, so we weren't making too much noise in the main dining area. Ffft.. as if we would do that.. much....!?

The food was amazing. It all came out at once. I don't think there were any errors or complaints and all in all, it was a great night.

We were thrilled to have new club members, Ed and Jo join us. Hope we didn't scare you off?!

And also thrilled to see Sheila Olley from Goolwa also join us, thanks to Rod and Jenny for bringing the 'ol' girl along.

The furthest travelled award going to Graeme and Joy from Salisbury and also Serge and Jo from Mt Barker.

Thank you to all that could attend and hope you got home ok with your packed lunch and water bottle bags.

Jim and Catherine.





Jimmy Dean—Packed Lunch Bags



Our charity, Heart Kids held their annual fundraising walk on Sunday







## HeartKids

## **Classifieds**





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I have photos on request email me. Contact Graham on 0417413136 or email <a href="mailto:corvette1969@live.com.au">corvette1969@live.com.au</a>

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## THIS IS NOT A NATIONALS—Easter 2024

The Corvettes of Canberra Club have started putting the arrangements in place for the proposed "Vettes Get Together" in Canberra, at Easter next year (Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April 2024).

They have arranged a special accommodation deal at the Pavilion on Northbourne. The hotel has already set up the rate code, "<u>VETTE</u>", for the event and it is ready, both for phone reservations or through their website, <u>www.pavilioncanberra.com.au</u>.

Please note that the rate given to us for an **Atrium Hotel Room** (image attached) is \$174 per night, which is below their Prepaid Advance Saver rate on their website.

The hotel will be offering the Vette guests who book, a flexible cancellation policy which gives them the flexibility to amend their reservation up to 24 hours before their arrival date.

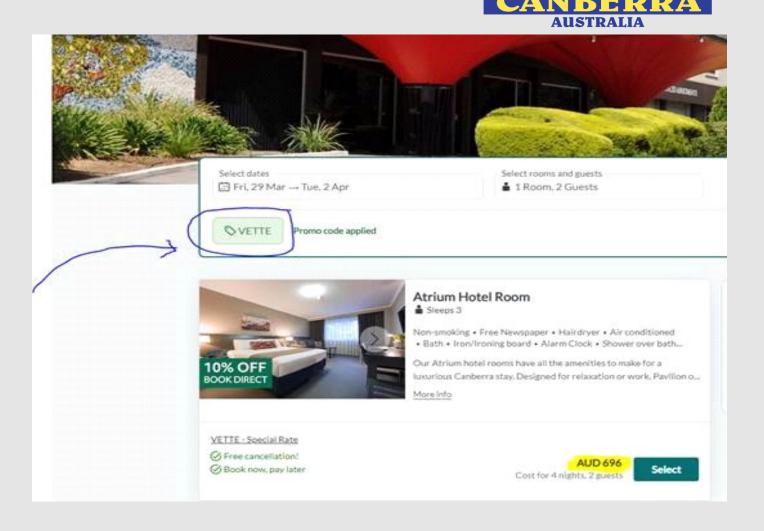
All discounted rates will be available to the Vette guests up until the 29<sup>th</sup> of February, subject to availability, and the preferred form of booking would be over the hotel website. For those members who plan to attend, **confirmation by 29 February, as well (email** 

to <u>lyndonandmichelle@hotmail.com</u>) so we can arrange appropriate venues.

We in Canberra are very much looking forward to hosting the members from the other Clubs

at this **Vette Get Together**. Terry Ruse

Club President Corvettes of Canberra Inc





## Birthdays In November for the following members...

**Brenton Filipsons** Noel Blythe Teresa Lynch Peter Voigt Stewart Jury Leon Mylonopoulos Mark Armstrong Michael Hallett Simon Harley **Tom Stanef** Joy Harry Michael Conroy Lynn O'Grady **Angus Smith** Sharon Wilson **Darle Conrad** Lesley Cogan Wayne Bennetts Jodie Imiela Bill Magias Liz Basuki Gary McFee Dimi Skinner Andy Hardy Mirella Harvy

Apologies If you have been missed. Club records may not have your Birthday

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Catch up with Shirelee at meetings to find out prices on these and other clothing options she has for members.

#### **Corvette Club Calendar 2023**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 1/11 Club meeting
- 4/11 Kegel bowling at Tanunda, Goof's annual event will feature a crooked wooden bowling alley and pizza and drinks. Professional bowlers will be banned. Contact **Goof 0417 869 368** with numbers & dietary requirements
- 8/11 Club run Meet the Vics is 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at Mildura for 2 nights, then Moama for 2 nights, **AJ** organising **0422355973**.
- 15/11 Committee meeting
- 18/11 Auto Expo/ Zippel Cruise Wayville There will be a club display celebrating 70 years of Corvette featuring C1 to C8 cars.

#### **DECEMBER**

- 6/12 Club meeting
- 9/12 Club Christmas dinner Whiteline, Belfree Drive Greenfields @ 7 pm. \$20 pp members Live Band, 2 Course meal, book with **Catherine** <u>0418828354</u>.
- 20/12 Committee meeting
- 23/12 Club Christmas BBQ with AJ and Julie the Annual event is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 2024

- 26/1 Australia Day Club Cruise—Details TBA
- 11/2 Corvettes Rock The Bay
- 3/3 GMH Tour
- 29/3 ACT not the Nationals

## Registration Link is now Active



## Membership Renewal and Log Book signing



Make a note in your phones and diaries now for the November and December meetings

- 1) Pay your membership by eft preferably, or attend a meeting to make payment.
- 2) To be in attendance either the November or December meeting so that if your car is registered under "Conditional Registration" you can have your Log Book signed off.

  Remember, if your Log Book is not signed at either of those meetings your car will not be registered come January 2024 and then you can't drive your car and enjoy the sunshine, and nobody wants that!

Maelyn has been busy organising some big prizes for our "Lucky Envelope" at the next few monthly General Meetings. There are currently still 70 'squares' available for you to put your name on (2 for \$5) to be in the chance to win a Retro Coffee Machine! As usual, all proceeds go to Heart Kids. Once all the squares have been filled, a winner will be announced on the night and the next prize will be up for grabs.

Good luck to everyone and thanks to those who have already supported us.

## "Lucky Envelope"

Your chance to get your coffee fix, and support a great cause at the same time!



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