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Our upcoming events

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FEBRUARY	2023	
Thursday 16th	CODGERS RUN – ORGANISED BY PETE Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN2/23
Friday 17 th - Sunday 19 th	NELSON BAY – WEEKEND – ORGANISED BY MANDY Please see Itinerary for details. If you haven't already done so, please advise Mandy on 0409-668-341, that you are attending this weekend, as bookings are essential Looking forward to a great weekend. <i>If you are not attending this weekend, I have been informed the Gerringong Car Show Motor Fest is on @ Michael Cronin Oval Blackwood Street Gerringong, if anyone is interested.</i>	CE3/23
Sunday 26 th	BLUE MOUNTAINS – LUNCH IN THE PARK- ORGANISED BY JIM Meet McDonalds/Bunnings car park on Woodville Rd, Fairfield East @8.30am, stopping at McDonalds Eastern Creek leaving Eastern Creek @9.15am to head to Richmond, stopping at the lookout before heading off to Jackson Park Faulconbridge where we will have Lunch and car display. There will be prizes to be won. If interested, please contact Jim Carruthers on 0402-016-995 or jimc21@iinet.net.au by February 20 th . In the event of poor weather on the day, the run will proceed but Lunch will be transferred to the local club in Faulconbridge.	CE5/23
MARCH	2023	
Tuesday 7th	CLUB MEETING – THE CROSSROADS HOTEL CASULA General Meeting starts @7.30pm, All Welcome, Bistro opens from 5pm if you wish to have some dinner before the meeting.	CM2/23
Thursday 16th	CODGERS RUN – TBA Please contact Pete, on 0438-323-744	CRN3/23
Friday 24 th – Sunday 27 th	CORVETTE NATIONALS – BALLARAT Please see details in the Magazine. There has been a bit of a road trip organised by Lyn & Rob Departing Ulladulla on Wednesday 22 nd and returning to Ulladulla on Thursday 29 th , I have enclosed further details in the magazine, if you are interested, please contact Rob on 0419-418-070 or via email willo26@bigpond.net.au	CE4/23

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO COVID 19, SOME EVENTS MAYBE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED, PLEASE CHECK OUR ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR, FOR ALL OUR MAJOR EVENTS.

AS MOST VENUES TAKE BOOKINGS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ADVISE THE ORGANISER, IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING AN EVENT BY THE RSVP DATE, OR YOU MAY MISS OUT.

FOR ALL UPDATES, PLEASE CHECK FACEBOOK THE FORUM OR CONTACT

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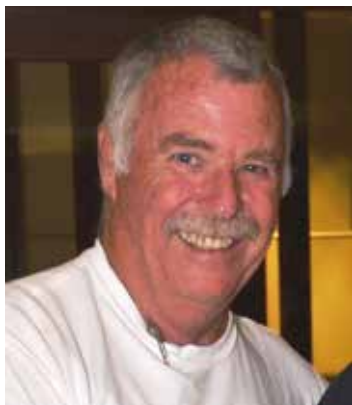
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JANUARY 22 ND	ALL AMERICAN DAY – ORGAINISED BY THE MUSTANG CLUB – MACARTHUR SQUARE GATES OPEN @8AM
FEBRUARY 17 – 19 TH	NELSON BAY - WEEKEND
MARCH 24 TH - 27 TH	NATIONAL CONVENTION – BALLARAT
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AUGUST / SEP T.B.A	CLUB’S SHOW & SHINE
OCTOBER 13 TH - 15 TH	PORT MACQUARIE (WEEKEND)
OCTOBER	BATHURST
OCTOBER	CHROMEFEET – THE ENTRANCE
OCTOBER	JAMBEROO CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN DAY
NOVEMBER	WINGS OVER ILLAWARRA – ILLAWARRA AIRPORT-ALBION PARK
DECEMBER	SOAR & ROAR – EASTERN CREEK

MESSAGE FROM THE

President



G'day Corvetters,

Another year so let's get started.

Went to Macarthur car show and it was quite a good day considering the weather outlook. Registered the car for that event in Rhonda's name and she got a 3rd place trophy! Well done to all who turned up, especially those club members who turned up even though they didn't have a Vette, so come on guys let's get some more vettes on the runs.

First meeting this year and a lot to talk about, so please start attending our meetings.

I'm at Nelson Bay and looking forward to returning here for the Corvette weekend. Please if you have not booked for the Convention Do It NOW!!!!

See you all soon - get your motor running, and join in. **JEFF**

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Hi everyone hope you are well,

Happy New Year for 2023 - looking forward to seeing all old members and new at an event or Corvette Meeting at the Crossroads Hotel.

Not much to report this month.

January saw the All-American Day at Macarthur Square Campbelltown. Early in the day there was heavy showers but these cleared and the rest of the day went off without a hitch. A few of our members attended which turned out to be a good day.

Jeff and Rhonda Wilson collected a trophy for their blue Corvette and Robert Harding collected 2 trophies for his beautiful Corvette, Congratulations to all our members on receiving these awards.

Nelsons Bay weekend is another event we have planned - please check your magazine for all the information if you are planning to go. It will be a really good weekend as it always is and thank you to Mandy for organising it.

Cheers

Cathy



Secretary's Report - Belinda

HI CAR CLUBBERS,

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a lovely time with family and friends over the festive season.



2023 brings new experiences and fun. We will have our usual annual events happening such as:

- All American Day – January
- National Convention – March
- Port Macquarie Weekend – October
- Nelson's Bay Weekend – Feb
- Shannon's - August

I have confirmation that 14 Corvettes from our club will be required for the first round of the much-anticipated Gen3 era Driver Parade in Newcastle. An email was sent out to all our members asking for interested parties to provide information to be forwarded to the Operations Manager of The Supercars Championship.

I have also asked Michael Stocker to be the point of contact on that weekend with the Contact of Supercars'.

With club support and the success of our participation, it will put us in good stead for further inclusion in the ongoing events.

Round 1 – Thrifty Newcastle 500

Round 10 – Repco Bathurst

Round 7 – Beaufort Sydney SuperNight

Anniversaries

30 Years ... John Magyar ... Jeff Wilson ... Colin Harrison

20 Years ... Robert Harding ... Garry Smith ... Ray Hawkins

Congratulations



Born in February

Those born in February
are honest and creative with a
unique and original sense of style.

Others admire them for their
positive outlook on all aspects of life.

Color of the month is purple
Happy birthday February babies!

Jeff WILSON
John GILLESPIE
John MOORE
Daniel LEONARD
Stewart LOCKREY
Don FERGUSON
Robert HARDING
John MACRAE
Allan GILLAN
Ron CAMENZULI
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CODGERS CRUISE TO THE DAM HOTEL

The weather might have been pretty dreary but lots of us were keen to get out and about to get 2023 off to a good start.

Except for a few spots the rain held off and we cruised along to the nursery at Ourimbah for our coffee stop and picked up some more people.

As often happens it was hard to break up the chatter and to get everyone moving again, however lunch was waiting for us at The Dam so we took off via some less travelled roads where it's easier to keep the convoy together and not lose anyone.

I had warned everyone that we would be having a bit of a discussion about future cruises but that didn't happen mainly because I hadn't done anything about a calendar. Maybe next time!

I hope you have already marked the **3RD Thursday on every month** on your calendar so you will know when to be ready.

The date for next month is Thursday 16th February. Details will be posted as soon as they are all sorted

CHEERS,

Pete

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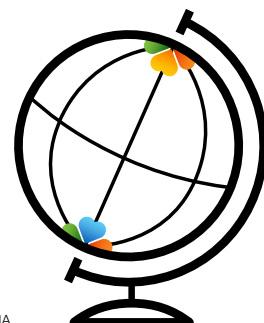


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BLUE MOUNTAINS LUNCH IN THE PARK



Sunday February 26th - Fairfield East to Faulconbridge

Blue Mountains Lunch in the Park Cruise

Commencing from the McDonalds / Bunnings car park on Woodville Road, Fairfield East (Villawood) a club run to the blue mountains finishing at Faulconbridge for a picnic in the park. For those who don't want to start at Fairfield, the group will briefly call into McDonalds at Eastern Creek. We will head to Richmond from this venue at 915am.

The day will start out at 830am from Fairfield East, then stopping briefly at Eastern Creek. From Eastern Creek, we will travel to Richmond, and then travel up into the hill stopping at the Lookout to see the views across Sydney. Then we will be off to our spot in the mountains (Jackson Park Faulconbridge), where we will have an area for cars and end up for lunch and a car display. There will be some prizes for the winners on the day. There will also be prizes for the winner of an observation run, plus the 'car of the day' as selected by the females who are in attendance on the day.

If interested, please Contact - Jim Carruthers – 0402 016 995 or jimc21@iinet.net.au by February 20th. In the event of poor weather on the day, the run will proceed but lunch will be transferred to the local club in Faulconbridge.



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ROAD TRIP TO NATIONALS BALLARAT

Departing Ulladulla Wednesday 22nd March and heading to Narooma (1.5 hours)
staying overnight.

Thursday 23rd March departing Narooma and heading to Albury (via the mountains) (6.5 hours)
and meeting up with some of the Canberra Club,
staying overnight at the Quality Resort Siesta Wagga Road Albury (P:6025 4555)

Friday 24th March departing Albury and heading to Ballarat booking in for the Convention.

HOME TRIP

Departing Ballarat on Monday 27th March heading to Lorne via The Great Ocean Road
Overnight at Lorne

Tuesday 28th March Lorne to Inverloch via the Ferry – Overnight Inverloch.

Wednesday 28th March departing Inverloch to Orbost – Overnight Orbost

Thursday 29th March departing Orbost and heading to Ulladulla

People are more than welcome to join all or just part of the trip

Email (willo26@bigpond.net.au) or Phone Rob (0419 418 070) for more information.



Ballarat Town Hall



Congratulations to:

ROBERT HARDING
received 2 trophies
for Best Engine Bay
and Best C3

and

Jeff & Rhonda Wilson
3rd Place trophy

Just a few photos from All
American Day on Sunday
22nd January.
Unfortunately the weather
kept the numbers down
but those who did go said
it was a great day.

Mandy.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Supercars is poised to open the 2023 season in Newcastle and keep racing there for a further four years after applying for Heritage NSW approval.

March 10-12 date for the 2023 event has been confirmed.

Newcastle is to become the first round of the much-anticipated Gen3 era, with the new Chevrolet Camaro and Ford Mustang debuting in 2023.

"Supercars can confirm that permission has been granted with Heritage NSW for the proposed 2023 event date, and another four years of racing in Newcastle. "That permit would allow all key stakeholders, including Supercars, Destination NSW and City of Newcastle to discuss the future of the event beyond 2023.

Our club has been asked to provide 14 Convertible/Coupe Corvettes for the Chev Drivers in the upcoming Driver's Parade at the Thrifty Newcastle 500.

As part of the start to the Supercars season for 2023, they would love to have a car show for the entire three days and have a designated Secure area for club members to display their cars.

"If required, you will be able to leave your vehicle parked up".

*IT IS NOT COMPULSARY TO HAVE YOUR VEHICLE ON DISPLAY FOR THE ENTIRE 3 DAYS,
HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE GREAT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISPLAY WHILE ENJOYING THE RACES.*

The cars will have to arrive before gates open, and they must stay stationary until the completion of egress at around 6pm before they can leave.

They are looking to follow the same process for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, meet with a Supercars team member at 5:30 in the morning and then be escorted into position, they will be able to leave after the completion of the race at roughly 6pm.

Each vehicle that is provided for the event will receive a 3 Day General Admission Pass (\$132.00) to the event.

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From the Trea\$ury

The December reporting period is very quiet, but still had a few transactions;

First the Term Deposit account.

Of course the Term Deposit Account has no movement and still stands at \$41,411.04 and is due for renewal on the 25th March, 23. Indications at this time are that the Federal Reserve will again increase the Cash Rate, whilst this is good for us, not so for anyone with a mortgage, however, the first Tuesday of the month is our meeting day and also the day the Reserve Bank hands down its Cash Interest Rate review, hopefully upwards, then in March we can re-invest our Term Deposit at a higher rate, but at this time we need to consider the long term repercussions and ask the following questions.

1. Get highest rate for 12/24 months?
2. Get a shorter time 3 or 6 months at lower rate?

Number One above is fine if the economy goes into a small recession or resetting, we will get higher guaranteed return but are locked in.

Whilst Number Two gives a lesser return, but we are only committed for shorter periods and can respond to any money market changes which may effect us.

However, the elephant in the room is the "Nationals" and if we are locked and need up-front monies, we may invoke penalties to get funds.

My personal thoughts are that we re-invest at the highest rate for at least 12 months, also the amount should be limited to a value of \$40K, all excess and new earnings on 25th March, 23 should be rolled over into our everyday account. This should ensure we have sufficient funds to get over the Membership renewals period and associated slow payments.

Also many Advertisers have been allowed to slip in an effort to allow our loyal supporters to recover after Covid and align back to a Financial Year of July - June. This will be difficult for our American Sponsors as they have already paid on their local Financial Year, thus we should leave them as is, and be grateful they always pay on time.

The everyday Account opens at \$6,095.07 with Debits of \$2,107.53, Deposits of \$757.04 and closes \$4,744.58.

Debits were: December Mag \$880, Xmas Prizes \$165.92, December Post \$159.56, Foreign Currency fee \$12, Badges \$825, Raffle prizes (Feb) \$45.05 and account fee of \$20.

Credits were: Wrigg Membership \$30, Crossley 2xMemberships \$150, ZIP Advertiser \$577.04.

Of course the above is correct at the time of writing, but by the meeting night the balance will be higher, by at least \$200 from two new members - Messers Fricker and Jennings. Welcome to the Club, hope to see you both at meetings and or runs.

No doubt you will have questions, and hopefully raise them at February Meeting, if not call me or bring your ideas along to the March Meeting especially since the Term Renewal is due 25th March, 23 and any and all input is appreciated - I'm not a bean counter so all help is very much welcome.

Treas.

"H" Plates

Please be advised that the H-plate scheme is an ever- evolving beast.

The RTA will send you, YOUR cars "Conditional Registration" plus a copy of the "Historic Vehicle Declaration" proformas.

At this time you should closely double check all the relevant details on your rego form - I've personally had details left off and "eng #" put in the "Vin #" position, and believe me this took forever to have fixed correctly at the RTA Service Centre. BUT ! the RTA keeps on file all your last submitted forms and transactions, these can be retrieved within approx 30mins, and allow the data on electronic file to be updated and or corrected as required.

Now! on this form is the wording:

"INSPECTION OR DECLARATION REQUIRED", this when read with the info on the forms top LH corner states that all "Historic Vehicles" are to have an applicable declaration supplied stating this Vehicle is suitable for Safe Use. This generally indicates that a pink slip of the paper variety is required (not all inspectors have paper pink slips - most are direct electronic on-line).

HOWEVER - the above also states " that it is the responsibility of the Owner or Applicant to ensure the vehicle is in safe operating condition" and if the club is more than two (2) years old, (as our club is) then the Owner may Declare in Section 3 the vehicle is safe and notarise and sign off. (ie. the responsibility is yours)

The "Club's" H-plate Registrar IS NOT a mechanic nor does the "Club" issue pink slips or declarations for Safe use of your vehicle. Either the Registrar or Sec will sign and notarise Section 4. - "Vehicle Eligibility" which covers the basic facts that YOUR car meets the basic eligibility for inclusion and especially that you are a "Fully Paid Member".


So at first glance the Scheme is getting better, but info from around the traps also indicate a tightening of the rules - ie if your vehicle has at manufacture two or three styles of OEM wheels and you have some other combination - you could be defected and registration cancelled or it now has AM side pipes fitted which were not originally OEM fitted. However, heaven forbid that RTA or Police ever get that knowledgeable with our cars and their bibs and bobs.

Last note: If your membership lapses and you're involved in ANY car altercation, your Rego and especially your Green slip will be null and void, not to mention what will happen to your car's insurance.

So stay safe and ensure membership is paid by 30th June.


Treas.

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Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray V8 hybrid confirmed for Australia

Chevrolet's fastest-ever Corvette, the all-wheel drive hybrid E-Ray, has been confirmed for an Australian launch.

William Stopford / Motoring



Front 3/4 view of 2024 Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray 3LZ convertible in Silver Flare with Electric Blue stripe package driving across a city bridge at night. Pre-production model shown. Actual production model may vary. Model year 2024 Corvette E-Ray available 2023. After decades without a factory right-hand drive Corvette, Chevrolet is now rolling out every new variant of its sports car with a right-hook option. The Chevrolet Corvette E-Ray – detailed here – is the latest member of the iconic sports car family to be revealed, and it's coming here. "It is with great excitement that we can confirm that the next-gen Corvette, the E-Ray, will make its way Down Under. Stay tuned for more details," said a spokesperson for GM Specialty Vehicles (GMSV).

The company's local arm hasn't confirmed when we can expect to see the E-Ray, the first Corvette with all-wheel drive and a hybrid powertrain.

Launched 70 years after the original Corvette made its debut at Motorama in New York City, the new E-Ray has a LT2 6.2-litre V8 behind the passenger cell rated at 369kW at 6450rpm and 637Nm at 5150rpm. It drives the rear wheels via an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission.

This is augmented by an electric motor producing 120kW and 165Nm. It is powered by a small 1.9kWh lithium-ion battery, and drives the front wheels. Boasting a total of 488kW, the E-Ray has a claimed 0-60mph (0-97km/h) time of 2.5 seconds, making it the fastest production Corvette of all time. Chevrolet is anticipating the car can complete the quarter mile (400m) in 10.5 seconds.



6.2-litre V8, and is capable of completing the 0-60mph dash in around 3.0 seconds.

The zestier Z06 uses a 5.5-litre V8 with a flat-plane crank rated at 500kW and 624Nm.

The car uses the front electric motor during “spirited driving”, in low traction situations, and to enhance vehicle stability. The driver can tweak the amount of electric assistance used via one of six modes: Tour, Sport, Track, Weather, My Mode and Z-Mode.

There are also two driver-selectable drivetrain settings: Stealth, which permits electric-only driving at speeds up to 72km/h (45mph), or until more performance is required or the battery is depleted; and Charge+ that prioritises recharging the battery pack, presumably for later use on-track.



As we've seen in spy photos and configurator leaks, the E-Ray utilises the wider body configuration of the Z06. The aero package is largely carried over from the Z06 too, although some parts are colour-coded rather than black.

The E-Ray rides on a new set of five-spoke alloy wheels that are 20-inch up front and 21-inch at the rear, and are paired with Michelin Pilot Sport all-season tyres measuring 275/30 up front and 345/25 at the rear. The optional Michelin Pilot Sport 4S summer tyres are required for the E-Ray to hit the car's claimed performance numbers.

Stopping ability comes courtesy of Brembo carbon-ceramic disc brakes with six-pot calipers at the front, and four-pot units at the rear. Magnetic Ride Control 4.0 suspension with three selectable settings is standard, as is black badging and a full-length electric blue body stripe.



The E-Ray Performance App on the infotainment system can display output gauges for the V8 and electric motors, a dyno graph, or data from electrical system.

Available options include carbon-fibre wheels, exhaust tips, chromed badges, exposed carbon-fibre elements, multiple interior colour schemes.

While the E-Ray will be faster than its siblings, it is also considerably heavier, so it will be interesting to see if it is as satisfying to drive. The E-Ray coupe has a dry weight of 1712kg, while the convertible with its extra structural bracing tips the scales at 1749kg. That's up to 185kg more than the Stingray coupe (1530kg), Stingray convertible (1576kg), and Z06 coupe (1560kg).

Despite the addition of an electric motor and battery pack, the E-Ray still has a storage space available underneath the bonnet.

US sales of the Corvette E-Ray begin later this year, with a starting price of US\$104,295 (\$149,300) for the 1LZ coupe, and US\$111,295 (\$159,400) for the 1LZ convertible. Stateside the slightly more powerful Z06 is US\$1005 (\$1400) more.

Chevrolet typically rolls out a succession of Corvette variants with the introduction of each new generation, and we don't expect the cavalcade of C8s to end with the E-Ray.

A report back in 2020, which correctly predicted the launch of the flat-plane Z06 and hybrid E-Ray, also said we should expect the return of the Grand Sport and ZR1 nameplates, plus a new flagship Zora.

The Grand Sport will reportedly feature a slightly more powerful version of the base Stingray's engine, along with bigger wheels and brakes and retuned suspension, while the ZR1 will reportedly take the Z06's 5.5-litre V8 and add a pair of turbochargers.

The Zora – named after Zora Arkus-Duntov, regarded as the “father” of the Corvette – will reportedly combine all the new elements of the C8 in one ultra high-performance package, with a twin-turbocharged 5.5-litre flat-plane V8, a hybrid system and all-wheel drive.

It will reportedly produce a stratospheric 1000 horsepower and 1000 pound-feet of torque, or 745kW and 1355Nm.

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