

NCRS AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER
Newsletter
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Jim Hornaday white Corvette collection ZR1, fuely, Z06 Very impressive



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Presidents Report at the AGM- Murray Forman

I apologise for the delayed distribution of this newsletter. Wendy and I needed to await the conclusion of the Australian National Convention, which concluded on 31 March 2025.

The National Convention saw an excellent turnout, with our members achieving remarkable success in the trophy awards. Congratulations to all winners for their outstanding accomplishments.

Special recognition goes to the WA members who undertook a challenging Road Tour to Perth. Their dedication was commendable, though the journey encountered setbacks: John Neskudla experienced radiator damage due to a pulley and fan malfunction, while Matt Alexander's sump drain plug failure earned him the Hard Luck Award. Despite these issues, both members demonstrated resilience by flying to Sydney, hiring a vehicle, driving to Parkes, and actively participating in the Convention.

Upcoming Events

- A Judging Meet is scheduled in Perth on 17 May.
- Planning is underway for additional Judging Meets in Sydney and Queensland—details will follow shortly.

International Engagement

Wendy and I, along with Glen Shreeve and Patrick Hehir, will attend the National Convention in Las Vegas this year. We encourage members to join us for this unparalleled experience.

In Memoriam

We extend our deepest condolences to the family of Tony Carnevale, a cherished member who passed away earlier this year. His absence will be profoundly felt within our chapter.

Murray Forman
President, NCRS Australia

Secretary's Report at the AGM/ Editors

This year has seen a significant shift in communication patterns, with club newsletters transitioning from postal mail to email distribution. This change has contributed to reduced physical correspondence. Members wishing to review these digital updates may request forwarded copies at any time—simply reach out, and I will promptly share the relevant materials.



Address Update

Our chapter's postal address has been updated to:

P.O. Box 292, Kurrajong, NSW 2758

Please discontinue using the previous Kurmond address to avoid delivery delays.

Newsletter Contributions

To enrich future newsletters, members are encouraged to submit **brief editorials accompanied by photos**, particularly highlighting travel plans or notable experiences. Sharing these updates fosters connection and keeps the chapter informed about members' activities.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement. I look forward to continuing my role as Secretary & Editor in the coming year.

Wendy Forman

Secretary & Editor

Wendy Forman, Secretary & Editor.

Vice Presidents

Nothing to report this Newsletter

Treasurers Comments 2025

Nothing to report this newsletter

New Members

Welcome to all new Members to our Chapter

Tom Maskrey WA

John Legate USA

Lewis Collins WA

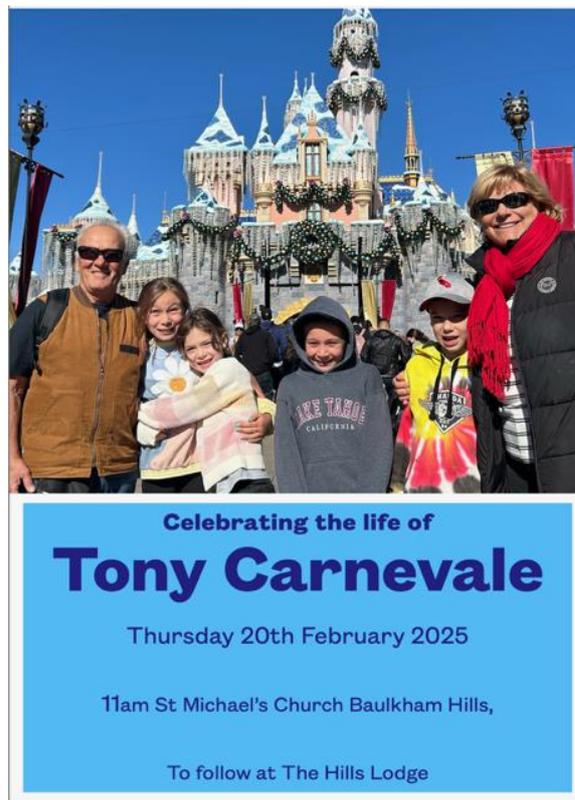
Wanda Jurek WA

Parts for sale

Nothing this month

Vale Tony Carnevale

NCRS Australia sends their condolences to Carla on the passing of Tony. Our wishes and thoughts are with you. May he rest in peace. He will be sadly missed.



Restoring Hard Top Richard Geiger

Restoring a 1961 Corvette hardtop can be a daunting task, but it's an essential step to preserve its classic charm. If your hardtop's rubber seals are cracked, the plexiglass is scratched or dull, or there are cracks near the rivets, you have three main options:

- **Buy a replacement hardtop** outright for \$9,454 USD (\$13,977 AUD) * plus international shipping.
- **Ship your hardtop to the U.S. for restoration** at \$6,453 USD (\$9,540 AUD) * plus round-trip shipping.
- **Purchase a repair kit** for \$2,011 USD (\$2,973 AUD) * plus shipping. This kit includes rear plexiglass, side quarter windows, rubber seals, screws, and more.

A Word of Advice: Consider Professional Restoration

While the repair kit may seem like a cost-effective solution, restoring a Corvette hardtop yourself can be incredibly challenging. Based on my experience, I strongly recommend sending your hardtop to a U.S.-based specialist for restoration. Here's why:

My DIY Experience

In June 2021, I embarked on restoring my hardtop using a repair kit. The process was far from straightforward:

1. **Disassembly:** Removing parts like the header bar was tricky but manageable with patience.
2. **Replacing Seals and Windows:** Installing new seals and side quarter windows went relatively smoothly.
3. **Rear Window Installation:** This step proved to be the most challenging. The holes in the rubber seal didn't align properly with the window frame retainer, requiring me to drill new holes in the rubber —a defect acknowledged by the supplier.

Despite my best efforts, installing the rear window required more than two hands and specialised tools. Even professionals struggled; one auto shop attempted the job but returned it incomplete after charging \$300 and advising me not to disclose their involvement!



The completed Hard Top

The Mental Toll

The project consumed countless hours and caused significant frustration. Each obstacle forced me to pause for days or even weeks to figure out my next steps.

Lessons Learned

- **Specialised Tools Are Essential:** Drilling plexiglass requires low-speed drills and lubrication (e.g., WD-40). Rivets demand tools like the Aero Rivet-II Tool (\$100 USD).

- **Precision Is Key:** Aligning steel retainers with rubber seals and securing them with studs and barrel nuts is painstaking work that requires patience and accuracy.
- **Professional Expertise Matters:** Specialists can complete these tasks efficiently without the trial-and-error that plagues DIY efforts.

Final Thoughts

Restoring a 1961 Corvette hardtop is not for the faint-hearted. Unless you have extensive experience and the right tools, outsourcing this task to professionals will save you time, money, and frustration.

While DIY might seem economical initially, unexpected challenges can quickly escalate costs and stress levels.

* **Note:** Prices correct in 2023.

Photos of the Process

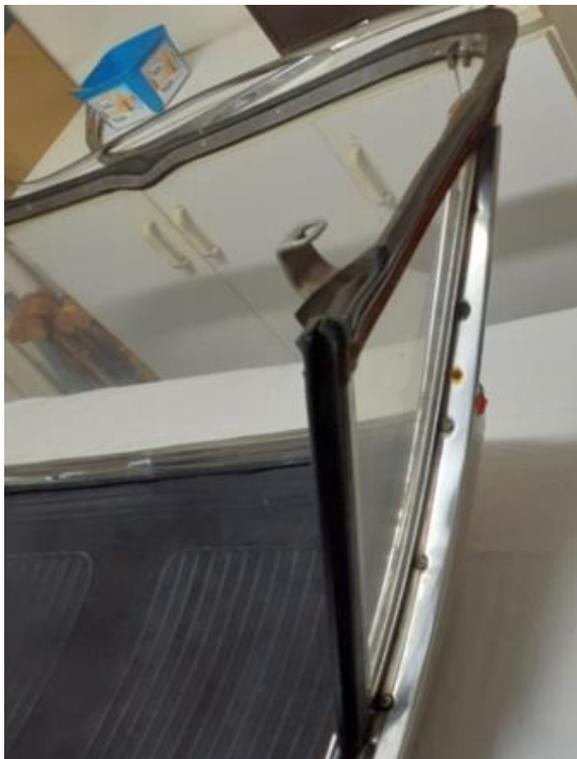


Figure 1. Crack in the rear corner of the plexiglass



Figure 2. Old hard weather strips



Figure 3. New rubber for the rear windows is all one piece, including side windows. Here with new side windows in. Protective tape to avoid slipping and scratching the top.



Figure 4. The holes in the new rubbers do not match any of the holes in the frames surrounding the side and rear windows. New rubbers had to be drilled to match frames.

Sharon & Andrew's shed meeting.

Today's NCRS Corvette Shed meeting at Sharon & Andrew's was an absolute blast! The turnout was fantastic, and it was wonderful to catch up with old friend Ray Thompson, who we hadn't seen in years.

Andrew's impressive shed, showcasing three stunning Corvettes, was the perfect backdrop for our gathering. With coffee and beer flowing freely, everyone felt right at home.





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But the real star of the show was Sharon's incredible BBQ spread—absolutely delicious! Thanks very much Sharon & Andrew!

We can't wait for the next one. It's events like these that remind us why we love being part of this vibrant NCRS Corvette Community



Unveiling Hidden Gem in Wangara

Imagine strolling into a typical Saturday morning gathering of the West Australian NCRS Members in Wangara, only to be blown away by an unexpected arrival: a stunning **1957 Fuel Injected Corvette**. This beauty emerged from a nearby mechanic's business, drawn by the allure of our Corvettes. Glen and Terry were immediately captivated, as evident from the photos.



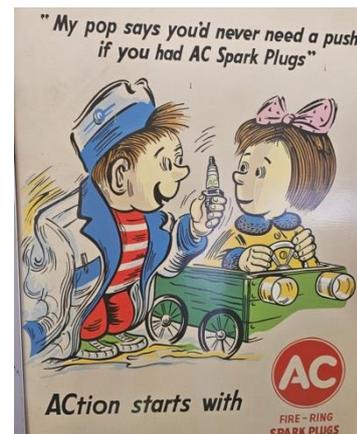
But that was just the beginning. We followed the Corvette back to its garage, where we stumbled upon a treasure trove of automotive history. The owner, Alan Little, had once run a Holden dealership in Kalgoorlie and had relocated his incredible collection to Wangara.



The shed was filled with meticulously restored **1940s and 1950s FX and FJ Holden** models, including Utes, Panel Vans, and grey motors. The pièce de résistance was an impressive collection of Holden memorabilia, showcasing the rich automotive heritage of Western Australia.



And if that wasn't enough, we also celebrated a special moment when John and Mick generously lent their Corvettes for a friend's wedding in Dwellingup. As a heartfelt gesture, the groom gifted John a **toy replica of his 1973 Corvette**, complete with a 3D printed registration number and side pipes. Meanwhile, Mick received a bottle of fine whiskey, a fitting tribute to their contribution to the special day.





These meetings are a testament to the camaraderie and passion that defines our NCRS Corvette community, where unexpected discoveries and heartfelt gestures make every gathering unforgettable.



Road Tour to Core Cider

What a fantastic Day!

Yesterday, our West Australian Members of NCRS Aust. embarked on a spectacular road tour to Core Cider in Pickering Brook.



The morning began with our traditional meet-up at BP Southbound Baldivas, where we were greeted by a humorous "Watch for Snakes" sign - a classic West Australian welcome!



Our Routeman carefully outlined the day's journey, highlighting the route through the magnificent Darling Range. The drive was spectacular, with our line of gleaming Corvettes cutting through the landscape, passing the impressive Canning Dam and winding through the picturesque Perth Hills.

As we arrived at Core Cider, the dedicated dusty parking area welcomed our convoy. The venue was looking spectacular, with the orchard bathed in beautiful summer sunlight. The dust kicked up by our arrival only added to the authentic West Australian Road trip atmosphere.





Lunch was the highlight of the day - a set menu that impressed everyone. Terry was particularly delighted to discover they had beer on tap, which was an unexpected bonus at a cider house. The food was exceptional, and the conversation flowed as freely as the drinks.



It was wonderful to see some members brought along friends and family to share in the day, including Morten's mother visiting from Norway. We hope the day was not too warm for her.





After a leisurely lunch and some socializing, we headed home to wash the dust off our Corvettes, another memorable club run completed.

Total distance: Approximately 120 km

Participants: 19 Corvettes

Weather: Warm and clear

Highlight: The scenic drive and excellent lunch at Core Cider

Special Thanks to John Neskudla

A heartfelt thank you to John Neskudla for orchestrating another outstanding NCRS road tour.

His meticulous planning and attention to detail made the Core Cider event a resounding success. From selecting the scenic route through the Darling Range to coordinating the lunch venue, John's efforts ensured every member enjoyed a memorable day out.

John's skill as our club's "Routeman" was evident in the carefully mapped journey, which took us through some of Western Australia's most picturesque landscapes. His commitment to creating engaging club experiences continues to be a cornerstone of our NCRS community.

We deeply appreciate the time and energy John invests in planning these events. His passion for Corvettes and dedication to the club do not go unnoticed. We eagerly anticipate his next road tour and the unique experience it will undoubtedly provide.

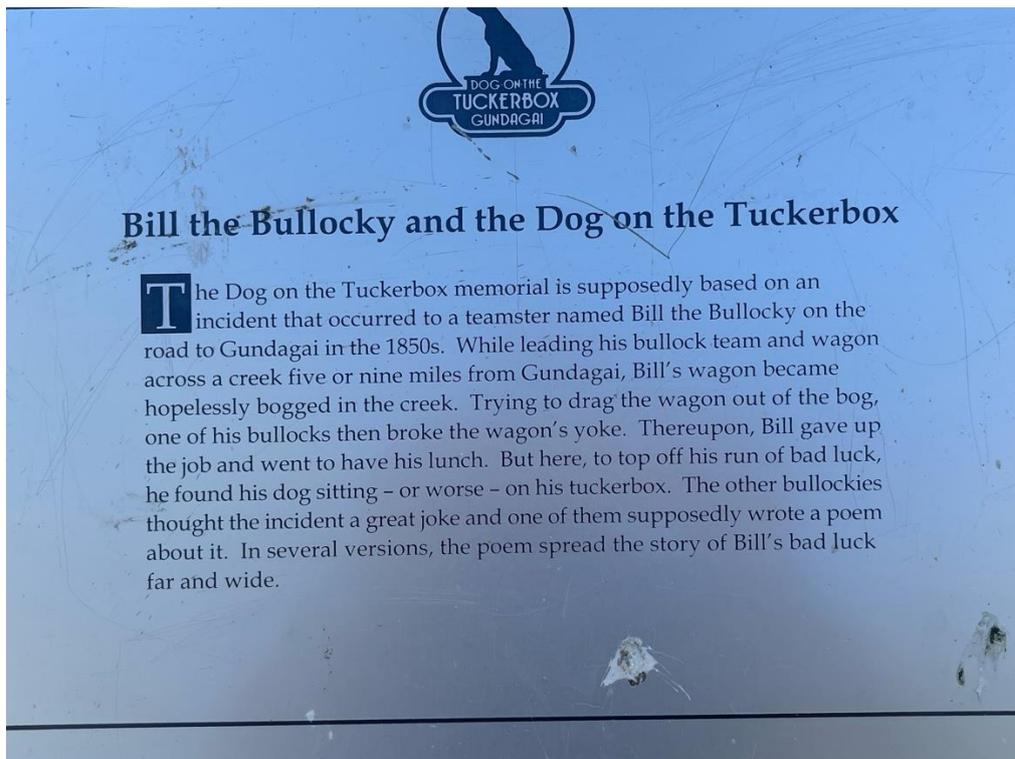
Thank you, John, for making our NCRS experiences extraordinary.



Australian National Convention Parkes 2025



We loaded up both the cars Wendy & I in the C8 & Tony in Rocky



Our first stop was at the Dog on The Tuckerbox at Gundagai





After staying the night in Gundagai, we headed off to Hay to meet up with the NCRS Road Tour from Perth to Parkes. On the way we passed this magnificent Packard Clipper





Gary Z06 Corvette

On arrival at Hay, we met up with the guys from Perth



Mick & Peter's Corvettes



Patrick's Corvette



Shane and Lee's Corvette



We decided to go to the Pub next door for a welcome dinner.





The next morning, on our way to Parkes we had the opportunity to do a photo opportunity in front of the Parkes Railway Station, what a magnificent building.





Next morning, Wendy, Tony & I decided to have breakfast at the little cafe next to Our Motel.



Glenn and Bryan in deep conversation



The first night was the Welcome Dinner held at the Conference room in the Bushman



Tony was asked to give a report on the Take-over of Corvette Central, Paragon, Long Island and Zip Corvettes.



The next night the dinner was held at the local golf club with a band



Harry, Joe, Anthony deep in conversation.



The Thomas Family decided to bring 6 magnificent C1's and a C7. The C1s were all traitored in convoy.



Bob Thomas is the proud owner of this 53. I believe it is the only 53 in Australia. Bob & his 2 sons have done a fantastic restoration on the 53





On the Show Field, there were 110 cars, C1s through to C8s





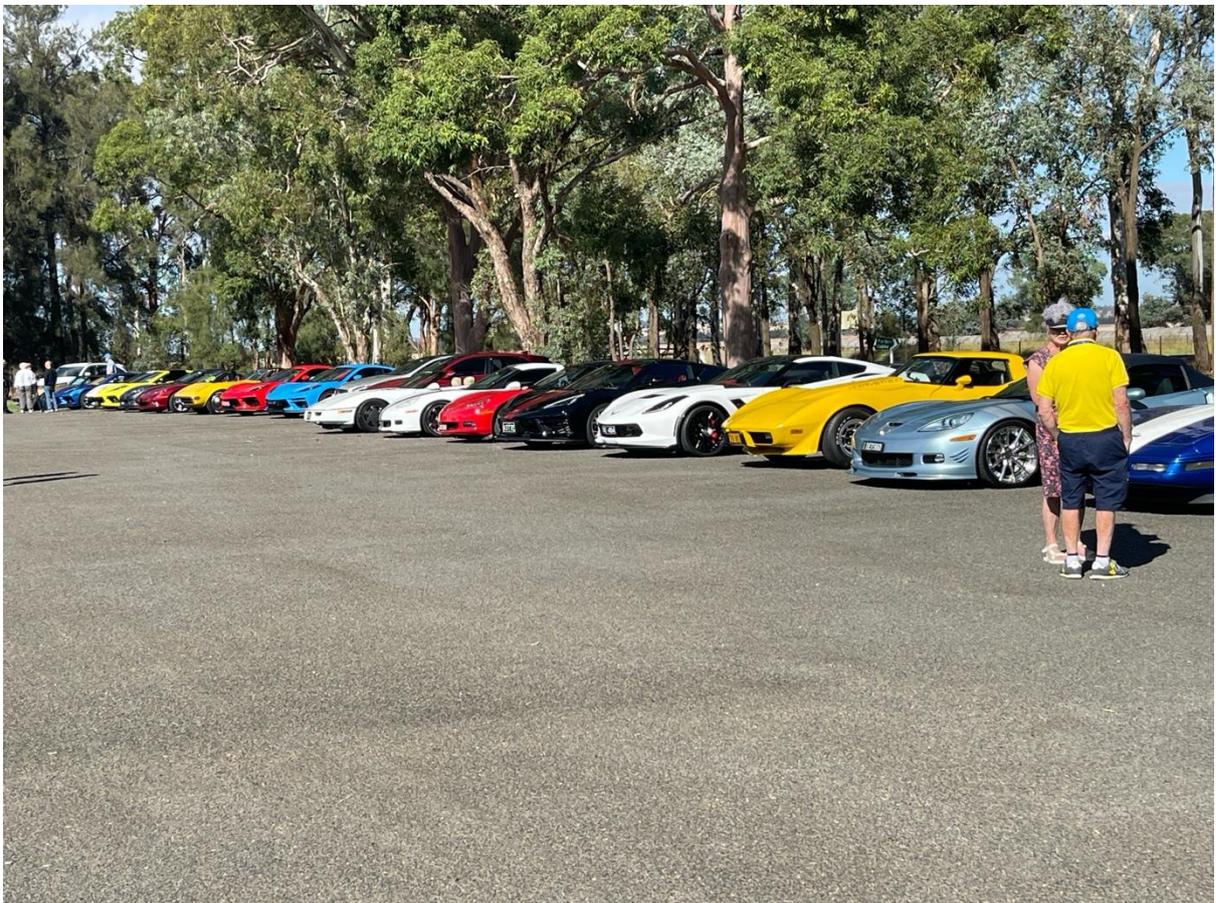
There were 4 lines of Corvettes on the Showground.



The next day, the group was broken up into 2 separate groups. One group drove to the Parkes Dish, the 2nd group drove to Forbes Car Museum. Then both groups swapped over.



Group 1: which we were in went to the Dish. The C1 group put on an awesome display in front of the dish, as shown below.



From the Dish and the Car Museum, they did have a display on the Showground. To do an aerial Drone Shot, form there we all met up in the Park for pizza lunch.





The Presentation Dinner was done at the local RSL Club





The WA group consisted of Peter & Jennifer, Shane & Lee, Tanya & Gary, Patrick, Glen, Mick, Matt & Bronwyn, John, it was awesome that they made the commitment to drive all the way over for this event.





Dusty Powter won Best C2 Engine Bay & Runner-up Original C2



Joe Caruana won Best Original C2 & Interior



Harry Turner won Best Modified C2.



Gary Wilkinson won Best Modified C8



Wayne Petrouteols won Best C4, Best Paint, Best Interior, Best Engine. Trophies supplied by Corvette Central, represented by Tony Genty.



Bryan Wharton received Best C2 Paint.



Mick Delich got Best Interior C7



Steve Thomas won Best C2 Paint.



Murray presented the American Spirit Award supplied by Jim & Shirley Hornaday From Harvest Alabama to Bob Thomas for his magnificent C1 1953.



The Thomas Family received 10 Awards on the night. Congratulations goes to them and all the NCRS Members that received Awards on the night.



The next day on our drive home, we were given a magnificent sunrise.



We had 3 cars on our return to home Road Trip, Anthony & Evette in his C3. Tony in Rocky and Murray & Wendy in C8. We each drove around Panorama then swapped cars and did laps in them.





After our final Run, we all said our goodbyes, departed the track and headed home.





Australian National Convention 2026

36th Corvette Nationals on the Sunshine Coast (2026)

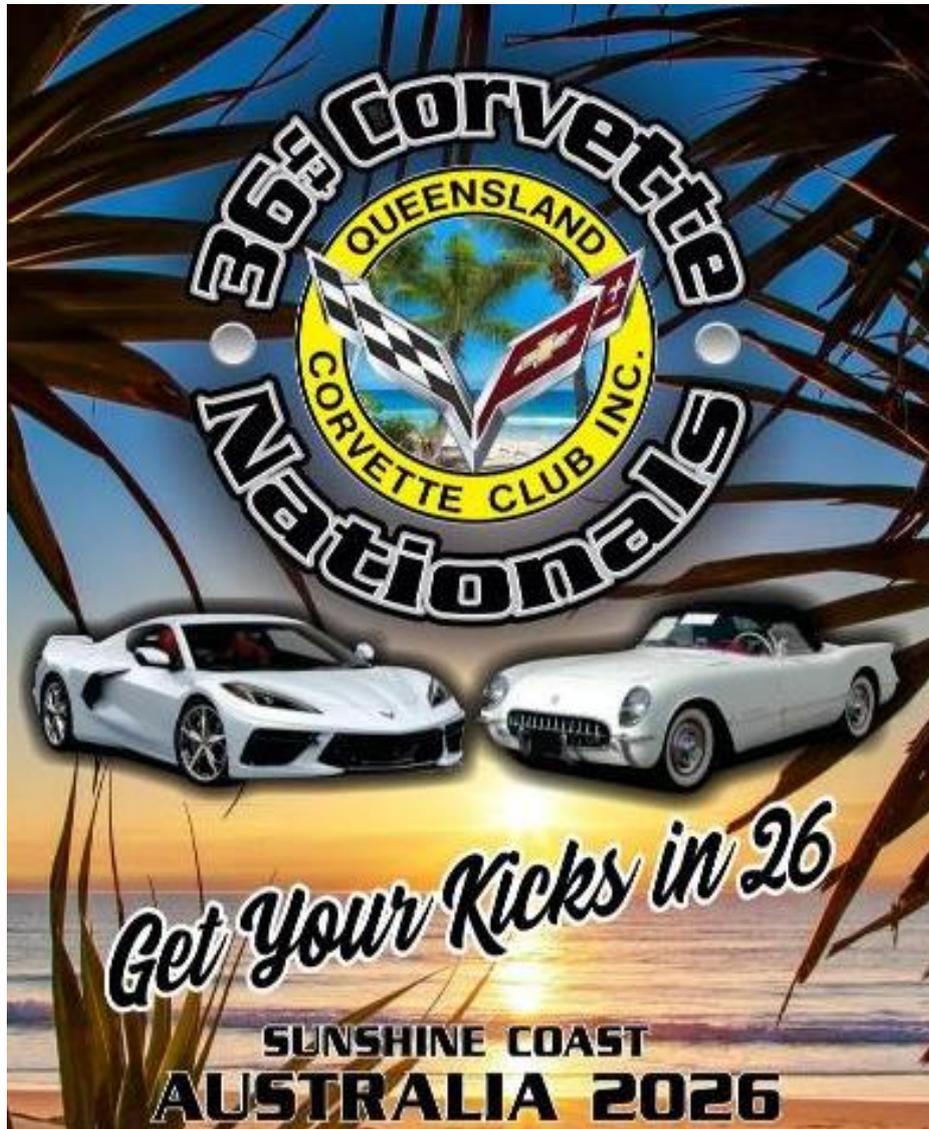
Mark your calendars for 20–23 March 2026, when the Queensland Corvette Club hosts the **36th Corvette Nationals** in Noosa Heads. This flagship event celebrates Corvette's legacy with a showcase of iconic models spanning generations, from classic designs to cutting-edge performance vehicles like the C8 and hybrid E-Ray.

Attendees can expect scenic drives, Show 'n' Shine displays, and community-building activities tailored for enthusiasts and families alike. The event emphasizes camaraderie, offering opportunities to connect with fellow owners and admire the evolution of Corvette's engineering and style.

Details:

- **Dates:** 20–23 March 2026
- **Location:** Noosa Heads, Sunshine Coast
- **Highlights:** Family-friendly cruising, technical showcases, and social events

Stay tuned for registration updates and prepare to join a vibrant celebration of Corvette culture



C5 AND C6 OWNERS

Panic Attack

A panic attack are the words to describe my emotions. When I started my corvette and selected drive, to move the car from the garage, to prepare the car for the upcoming Nationals in Parkes in



one week's time.

The Beginning of the story

I had taken the car out for a breakfast run 3 weeks earlier and returned home, reversed the car back into the garage, without any issues.

Then Panic Hits

When I went to drive the car out of the garage, I selected drive, I noticed that the shifter, was moving freely and didn't feel like it was engaging into **drive**. A slight push on the accelerator pedal, confirmed that it wasn't moving, and it was stuck in **park**.

The Reality Sets In

With the sense, of dismay and disbelief, I informed Angie that we may be taking the shopping trolley to the Nationals.

Research and Problem Solving Required

I began to ponder what may have failed and how I was going to rectify the problem, in time for our departure.

I immediately opened the laptop and began searching Corvette Forum sites, for the answers.

The most discussed cause was either the transmission cable broken, or the nylon bushes attached at the end of the cable had failed.

A quick phone call to S R Performance in Sydney, confirmed that this was the most likely. Thanks to Steve (Sharky) advised me on the steps required to confirm.



I have a scissor lift on which I park the Vette on while it's in the garage. I lifted the car and confirmed that the cable and bush, were intact at the transmission end. The next step was to remove the console, a job that I had previously done on two occasions. Next was removing the shifter assembly, from the transmission tunnel (you tube video available on the procedure).

Once removed it was clear, that the nylon bush had disintegrated from the cable eyelet, the spline could not engaged.



In my conversation earlier with Steve, he advised me the if it was the bush, Corvette Corner in Burleigh Heads QLD, had three in stock. I jumped on the web site and ordered the part, this was Thursday, noon. They promptly dispatched and the order was on my doorstep 10.30 the next morning

The Panic is Over

I fitted the part, reassembled and test drove, all was working smoothly and operating as intended.



2025 Calendar

At Terry Martins new workshop,
The Address **Unit 1 101 Motivation Drive WANGARA WA**

We are working on Chapter Meet in WA and also Sydney later this year.

NSW Members and partners welcome to the eastern states Club

Breakfast Runs held every 3rd Sunday of the month NSW
QLD members meet on third Saturday morning of every second month
at Cars & Coffee Jindalee Depart, 7-30 to drive to the venue.

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Chapter Meet in WA	16 May 2025
AGM in WA	TBA
Sydney Chapter Meet	TBA
Qld Chapter Meet	TBA

NCRS Apparel

BLUE DENIM \$48.00



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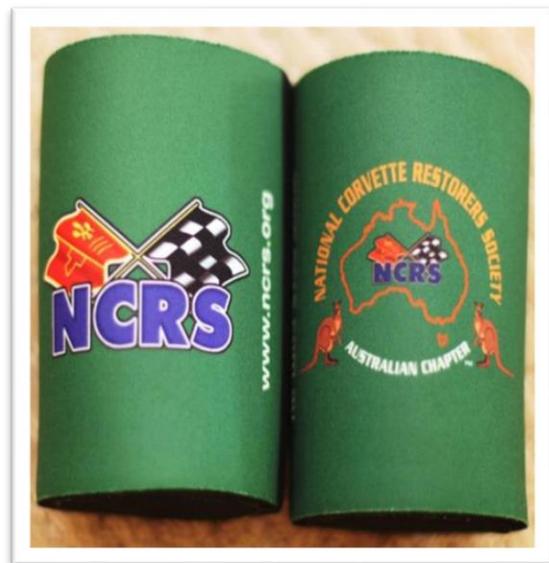
WOOLLEN VEST \$45.00.00



CAP \$ 25.00



DRINK HOLDERS \$10





Some new merchandise has been added to our range, including (very comfy) T-Shirts, Mugs, Pens and Tote bags. See photos of merchandise and samples of new Polo shirts below.

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Membership Officers Report

NCRS Austral Inc. Club Membership - RENEWALS

- The 12 month period runs from 1ST February to 31ST January of each year.
- Renewals are therefore due each February, reminder notices will be sent.
- Membership fee is \$75.00 per annum.
- Payments can be made by either:
 - EFT to NCRS Australia Inc, A/C No.10245414 BSB no. 062:595

Please note your membership numbers with all payments to ensure confirmation receipt by email.

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Surname: _____ First Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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H/ Phone: _____ W/ Phone: _____ M/ Phone: _____
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Spouse /Partner Preferred Name: _____

CURRENT VEHICLE(S) OWNED (for publication in the *Members Directory*)

Please use the following code to denote condition: **(R)** Restored, **(UR)** UN Restoration, **(EO)** Excellent Original, **(GO)** Good Original, **(PO)** Poor Original, **(LH)** Left hand Drive. (If insufficient space – please attach a further, separate listing).

Year	Body Style	Registration No. (indicate if not reg.)	Colour	Condition (code as above)	VIN ID Plate No.

I wish to join the NCRS Australia Inc. I agree to be bound by the current rules.

Please delete whichever is not applicable:

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