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*Congratulations goes to Joe on winning his class at the
Concourse in Sydney*



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Presidents Report - Murray Forman

We are now starting March 2022. So far this year and the end of last year has been A very unbelievable time. We started off with fires all around us, then along came Covid, which was bad enough. Now we have excessive rainfall causing widespread flooding in NSW and QLD. Now that most of the covid requirements have been removed. So, Rod and I have been talking to start the breakfast runs here in Sydney. More information to follow.

We will be doing a Chapter Meet here in Sydney on **Sunday 29 May** Judging a 1991 Corvette. This will give the Chapter Members who are on Club Registration to qualify for their registration for 2022.

On the 14th May 2022, we will be doing a Chapter Meet in WA, in WANGARA to judge 1973 Corvette. This too will be the event for the Chapter Members who are on 404 registration in WA, to qualify for their registration for 2022.

On the 11th November we will be holding another Chapter Judging Meet in WA.
On the 12th November we will be holding the AGM in Perth as well.

Later in this year, Wendy and I will be travelling to America for the National Convention being held in Mobile Alabama as well as joining in with the Canadian Road Tour to the event. It has been a couple of years now since we have attended these Conventions, So We are really looking forward to participating in this event. If anyone would like information on these events, maybe joining in with us, please contact me and I will provide all the information you require.

At the moment, our membership 86 including international members is holding steady and in talking to Joe, our Membership Officer, he is quite pleased with the Membership response. There is a small number that have not renewed their Membership, if you are not going to renew, could you please inform Joe about your decision. Or if you intend to rejoin, please do ASAP.

In response to the flooding situation on the east coast, I have not received any information in relation to any of our Chapter Members that have been affected with the flooding, so this is good news.

As reported later in this Newsletter, there was a memorial held in Melbourne on March 6th Celebrate the life of Peter Whiston who passed away on January 15th this year. Our sincere condolences go to Peter's family. More information on this in this newsletter.

Please consider and join in the upcoming events organized for this year without your participation, the Chapter cannot survive.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.



Secretary's Report / Editors

We have received since our last magazines from other Australian Corvette Car Clubs their Newsletters.

Please consider doing a small editorial on your Christmas vacation this year and email it to us, so we can put it in our next newsletter.

I am sure the other members would like to experience your travels.

Please stay safe. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Wendy Forman

Editor Secretary.

Vice Presidents Report

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to my first report for 2022.

It has been an interesting start to the year in NSW with Covid, floods and road closures making it challenging to get together on our monthly breakfast runs. With the last of the forecast bad weather, lowering of restrictions, dam levels receding and potholes being fixed, we are looking forward to getting out and about without a snorkel or facemask!

We are very jealous of our Western Australian members who have had minimal Covid restrictions, fantastic weather, lots of get togethers at Terry's Shed and outings.

For our NSW Members, Murray and I will be publishing a Breakfast run calendar in the coming weeks with some new locations. Looking forward to finally catching up with you all. Hopefully the NSW GM day on 1st May will go ahead as planned and be a good day for us.

Rod Grogan VP





Treasurers Report

No report this month.

New Members

Welcome to these new Members

John Neskudla	WA
Rocky Potaka	NSW
Monia Toscano	WA
Steve McDonald	VIC
Bill Ryan	VIC
Horace (Horrie) Hamanluk	NSW

Sydney Harbour Concours de Elegance 2022

Sydney Harbour Concours de' Elegance - Sydney's Historic Hyde Park Barrack 3rd -5th March 2022

The Sydney Harbour Concours de' Elegance 4th anniversary and a new venue at Sydney's historic Hyde Park Barracks. A fantastic venue in the city of Sydney with easy access and a great backdrop of the city. With only 34 beauties on display, this exclusive event was always going to be special with the variety of cars from around the world including Italy, Germany, UK and USA (of course)..with a cross-section of Vintage, Classic and Sportscars. There was also some new car representation on display from Rolls Royce, Bentley, Aston Marton, Lamborghini and Maserati. Even a Continuation Ford GT40 in race livery colours in the famous Gulf colours.

The delivery in, was on Thursday and Sydney was very wet, luckily, I had a truck booked to take the car in. The Car was put in position and covered up until the evening as they had a cocktail opening event for owners and sponsors. The Barracks was quite spectacular at night with the lighting and the awesome cars on display. Champagne was flowing as well and a great evening was had by all.

The event was ticketed and I must say not cheap at \$150 per day as food, drinks and coffee were on offer to all, a very relaxed environment except I had to keep wiping the car down on Friday as the rain was on and off like a light switch! Judging was on Friday with 4 judges, 2 men and 2 women. There was a new head judge as the previous had died in an accident late last year, so they brought in Filip Bourgoo from Belgium who runs events over there and is very well respected in the world of Concours de' Elegance, plus Madam Mohan from India, Sofija Virgo from Adelaide



and Mars Marsonic from Sydney. Just as they arrived, it started to sprinkle. Very professional as they asked questions about the car and its history and were really interested. They get you to start the car which was nice, who doesn't want to hear a Fuel- Injected small block Chevy! They seemed quite impressed. I was among 4 other cars in my category "ACTION": 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder, 1965 Sunbeam Tiger v8, 1955 Porsche 914/6 and a 1973 BMW 2002 Turbo. Some great competition!

Friday evening was another cocktail event that included an auction of cars and items that started at 7.00 pm with the night finishing at around 10.00 pm, long day but most enjoyable!

Categories:

- Class 1 - Super Leicht
- Class 2 - Puttin' on the Ritz
- Class 3 - Action
- Class 4 - Italian Automotive Jewels
- Class 5 - Convertibles of the '50s
- Class 6 - Coupe's from the Kingdom
- Class 7 – Class 7 – Super Duper 1904 Napier L48 Samson

Saturday, the weather changed with sunshine all day, which was great to see! Another great day, you meet the most interesting people at these events. Some of the stories and the cars are just amazing. I do recommend going to an event like this. The day finished at 4.00 pm, a mad rush to get the cars out and get ready for the black-tie awards dinner at the Sydney Automobile Club in Macquarie Street, Sydney. I wasn't sure what the weather was going to do, so I had a truck pick the car up... yes, I know!

It had been a while since I got my tucks out and to my surprise, it still fitted! Thanks to the side extenders on the pants...phew! It was nice for both Carol and me to get dressed up as it has been a while with COVID and everything. The event is organised and hosted by James Nicholls who has been around the automotive industry for some time and is well experienced in these types of events and a likeable character!

The champagne was flowing but boy was I just after a cold beer!

And winners are...

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| - Super Leicht | 1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gulwing |
| - Puttin' on the Ritz | 1928 Rolls Royce New Phantom |
| - Action | 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 Coupe |
| - Italian Automotive Jewels | 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4 Spyder |
| - Convertibles of the '50s | 1957 Buchanan |
| - Coupe's from the Kingdom | 1997 Bentley Continental R |
| - Gary Coope Super Duper | 1932 Rolls Royce 20/25 hp |

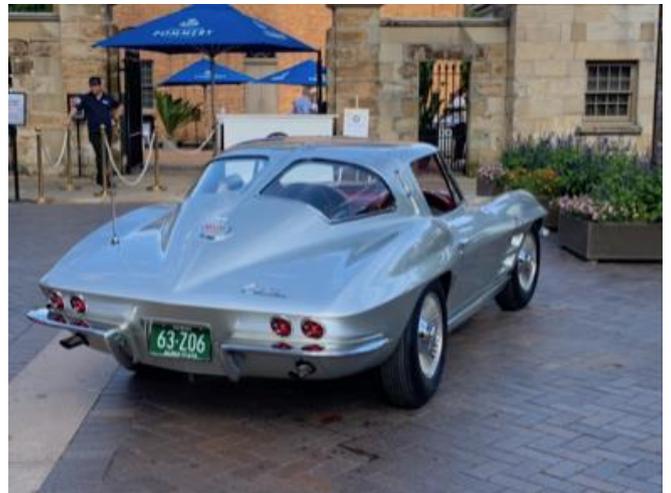
More champagne, still chasing that beer...

Very Happy and tired! 😊 Cheers Joe





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Sydney Breakfast Run

On the spur of the moment, it was decided to do a breakfast run to Pie In The Sky, Bilpin. Rod and I sent out the information and we had 9 members, 4 corvettes and our 32 Tourer. We will be releasing soon, the events and destinations for our Breakfast Run on the last Sunday of each month. Come along and support your Chapter at these upcoming events.





Vale Peter Whiston

VALE PETER WHISTON 1951 to 2022

NCRS Australia would like to pass on their condolences to Gail Whiston and the family in the passing of Peter.

Peter was a Chapter Member who participated in many judging events. He has completed Flight judging events with some of his corvettes. Peter operated with his son Kane, Corvette Clinic in Melbourne carrying out right hand drive conversions in Corvettes.

He experience and technical ability will be sadly missed within the Corvette fraternity in Australia. I must say his technical expertise he held was incredible. He would share it with you if you asked. Rest In Peace Peter.



Peter receiving a Top Flight Award for his 63 Corvette coupe.





AUSTRALIAN CORVETTE LEGEND PETER WHISTON PASSES AWAY AT 71

Whilst I have known Peter Whiston for just 28 years, many Corvette enthusiasts around the world have known Peter a great deal longer.

Peter had been an early instigator (40 + years) in converting Corvettes to Right Hand Drive. His successful conversion shop "Corvette Clinic" in Melbourne was established in 1980.

Many hundreds of Corvettes (C3-C7) were professionally converted to RHD at "The Clinic". Not only for the Australian market, but for overseas clients as well.

I recall one of my earlier visits to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green KY, (Dec 97) the front desk guy quoted "The only place in the world to get a RHD Corvette is from Corvette Clinic in Australia".

So yes, Peter's Corvette Clinic was an international leader in Corvette RHD conversions.

Ultimately when I brought my new '98 C5 into Australia there was no hesitation on where I would have my Vette converted to RHD.

From that time Peter & I became good friends along with Peter's wife Gayle.

In more recent years my wife, Dianne & I were fortunate to "Travel all about Australia" alongside the Whiston's. The really hard part was the wining & dining, the card playing & the loads of laughter.

Many, many memories.....

A talented Aussie, not to be forgotten.

Harry Turner

(February 2022)





Farewell picnic for Peter Whiston.
August 3 1950 - January 15 2022.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Peter was held in Melbourne on Sunday March 6 2022. Approximately 200 family, friends & members of Peter's Corvette club (Corvettes of Melbourne) attended. Pleasant tributes by family & friends shared special memories & an insight of Peter's family life & of his Corvette passion.







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King Brewery

West Australian members and friends attended a cruise down the Kwinana Freeway for lunch at the King Brewery on January 30th, 2022.



We met at the Bull Creek Shopping Centre car park and travelled south down the Kwinana Freeway for lunch at the famous King Road Brewery.







This was our biggest turn out to date with 33 people attending.

Members attending; Antonella & Terry Martin, Tim & Carolyn Allard, Morten Benjaminsen and Danielle Atkinson, John & Tena Neskudla, Brad & Nicola Watkins, Tania & Gary Wilkinson, Jenny & Peter Graham, Wendy & Neil Bishop, Louis Lange & Richard Geiger, Harriet & Allan Grime, Pat Hehir, David & daughter Elise Alder, Sharon & Andrew Ridge, Gary Cowans and potential new member Jack Rudas and friends, Dave Jenkins, Charlie Barron & Ron Baker.

Along with the terrific company, the food and cold beer was spot-on especially for those without A/C in their cars (sorry Mort but won't be long before your '65 has A/C hey ☺). A great spot was put aside for the corvettes which resulted in a fantastic viewing-point for the admiring fans in the brewery – of which there were many – as usual of course ☺

As with most of our get-togethers, new friendships were made, and old acquaintances re-established (great to see you Tim & Caroline – it's been toooo long ☺)

Looking forward to another gathering in a month or so when the weather cools-down a tad – we've had enough of those 40degC days for this summer ☺ And who knows, maybe Peter & Jenny's C8 might be here for the next one!



2022 Barret Jackson

Once again, our Southern Arizona Chapter staffed the NCRS Booth. This year was the 50th Anniversary of the Auction. This was our 14th year selling our Manuals and Memberships. Also, a big part of our involvement is giving the public a chance to find out who we are and what we do. We also provide Barrett Jackson confirmation on the Corvettes that claim to have been judged by us. It is a 9-day event, and it should be on every car person's bucket list. The pictures in this issue are just a small sampling of what there was to see. We hope to see you next year



Attendants slightly down on other years, but the enthusiasm is still there.



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The quality of cars was at a high level, all models well represented.





Southern Arizona Chapter Meet

Our chapter held the annual Chapter Judging Meet at the DMI building located in Tucson. Many thanks to Don and Ken Mackey for providing the beautiful facility to host our event. The event kicked off on Friday evening with Bill Calorico, our Judging Chairman, hosting a Judging School at the DMI building on the recent changes to the Standard Deduction Guidelines in the 9th edition of the JRM (Judging Reference Manual). Bill handed out laminated copies of the Standard Deduction Guidelines, courtesy of our chapter, for those in attendance at the judging school.

The judging event took place at 8:00 am with a continental breakfast courtesy of Golden Corral Catering. Many thanks to our member Jeff Shaufel for the great food that his team provides at our events! Bill Calorico was the Judging Chair for the event and Pete Bergmann served as the Team Lead for the team of judges. We had 1 car for Flight Judging and 1 Sportsman Award entry from Ron Fairs. The Flight Judging entry was my 1994 Corvette ZR-1. Operations judging took place at the side lot of the DMI building and then the rest of the judging was done inside the building.



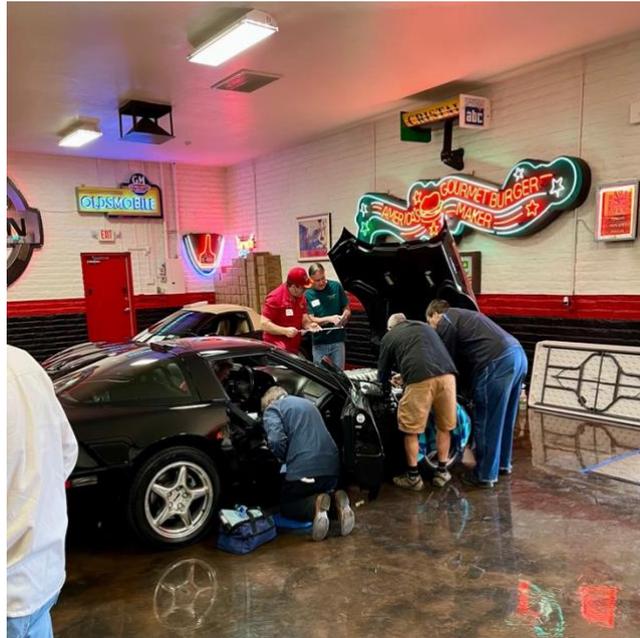
Thanks to our members in attendance as well as members from the Phoenix chapter, we had a great team of Judges and OJ's for judging the Operations, Interior, Exterior, Chassis and Mechanical sections of the car. As an owner, it's a little intimidating watching the team of judges swarm over the car, but all the judges were extremely courteous and professional in taking the time to detail out their findings, regardless of whether or not points were taken for either Originality or Condition. I found that to be very helpful as it provides a roadmap on what steps to take to enter the car into the next level judging event.





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The LT5 presents a unique opportunity to the Mechanical judging team to enhance their knowledge of the engine.



Chapter events always offer the opportunity for members to re-connect and share their most recent and past experiences.



Many thanks to the members of our **Tab team** who travelled from the Phoenix area to tabulate the judges scoring sheets.



Here's Ron Fairs beautiful **2001 Corvette** with that unique dark green and tan colour combination for the Sportsman Award. Ron had achieved a **Top Flight** judging status at our 2019 Chapter event





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Lunch was again provided by Golden Corral Caterers and featured juicy roast beef, barbequed chicken, creamy potatoes, assorted vegetables, fresh rolls, coffee, lemonade, iced tea and incredible chocolate cake and cookies for dessert! Thanks to Jeff, we always eat well at our events!

Here's Ralph Klestadt's beautiful C8 corvette that he brought to the event!



It was a great event, typical of a Judging meet, with great people, great cars and great food! In the end, I was fortunate to be awarded a Chapter Top Flight ribbon, which after hours and hours of preparation, is a great feeling to know the car has done well! Many thanks to **Bill Calorico** for organizing the Judging event and to the many chapter members from our chapter and the Phoenix chapter who supported our Spring Judging Event.





2022 Calendar

In Perth, members meet every Saturday morning at Terry Martins new workshop, the Address **Unit 1 101 Motivation Drive WANGARA WA**

NSW Members and partners welcome to the eastern states Club

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

May 14th 2022 WA Chapter Meet

May 29th 2022 Sydney Chapter Meet

Nov 11th 2022 AGM Perth

Nov 12th 2022 WA Chapter Meet

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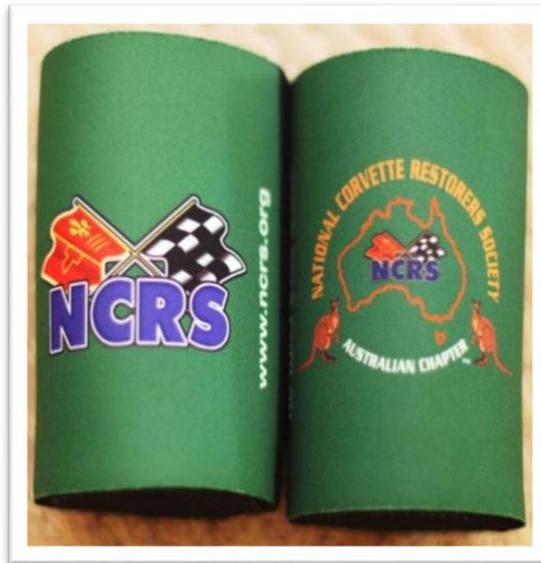
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Some new merchandise has been added to our range, including (very comfy) T-Shirts, Mugs, Pens and Tote bags. See photos of merchandise and samples of new Polo shirts below.



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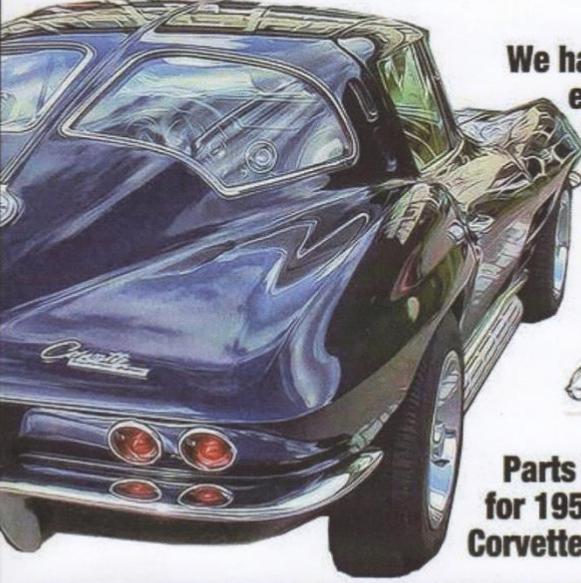


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Chevy Vettefest	www.chevyvettefest.net

Membership Officers Report

NCRS Austral Inc. Club Membership - RENWALS

- 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 \$50.00 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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