

# **Corvette Club of South Australia Inc**





**MAY NEWSLETTER 2018** 

# \*\* CORVETTE NATIONALS \*\*

### Corvette's Convene—WA



# **Robs Rod Run**

### 6 May 2018

Meet at McDONALDS Munno Para 9.15 am for 9,30 am departure up through Kapunda towards Marrabel then turn right to Eudunda our first stop. Leave Eudunda to Kapunda left onto Truro Road to Belvedere Road then to Nuriootpa and our second stop. Lunch will be at the Greenock Creek Tavern. We will be viewing hot rods and hot rod trucks at both locations, something that you would not normally see and we will be able to speak to the guys that built them!

### **Club Dinner**

18 May 2018

Tower Hotel, 621 Magill Road, MAGILL

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# **Presidents Report**



Hi all

Just returned from the Nationals in Fremantle WA and what a great Nationals it was! Run perfectly by the Corvette Club of WA and well supported by the contingent from the Corvette Club of South Australia. I think that they thought it was a take over due to the number from our club attending! ongratulations to our trophy winners Peter Bartlett (Best Original C3) Alan Litchfield (runner up Original C3) and taking out the charities choice trophy as well (making 2 for Alan) Dave Nitschke (runner up Original C5) and yours

truly for the hard luck award (apparently for putting up with Catherine all the way over – according to Stuart).

I know that USA has Route 66 but the run Adelaide to Perth on National highway 1 is just as good and to do it with a group is just fantastic, I can see another run to the West happening, just because we can.

We ran into the Mustang club on the way over and was having a wonderful dinner at the Ceduna hotel until the Jarrett name was brought up and then the fight started – never saw them again!

Jim has a book coming out apparently, similar to the "Bush Mechanic", his bush version of the fuel gauge is very technical and hints on how you can run your car without an alternator will make for riveting reading.

Great run, great Nationals and most important great company, bring on Queensland next Easter.

Happy Vetting.

Pres.

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### Mustang Owners Club—Ceduna Hotel.

Hope you guys had a great time in the West and all got home Safely.



Emailing of Newsletters will reduce costs to the Corvette Club. For those members who are happy to receive their newsletter via email, which means you will get it quicker too, please send an email to

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Club Rego No more Inspections required, however, if you need a new Log Book, they will be \$10ea

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#### Corvette Club of SA - General Meeting 4 April 2018

Meeting Opened: 8:00 p.m.

David Daw chaired the meeting in the absence of the other members of the Executive Committee, most of whom had gone to Perth for the Nationals.

Present: as per attendance book.

Apologies – AJ & Julie Martin, Rob McConnell, Dave & Karen Nitschke, Rudy & Kay Rygucki, Alan Litchfield, Dale Goldsmith, Peter Bartlett, Ruth & Stuart Van Doorn, Jim & Catherine, Laurie & Margaret, John and Jenny Randall, Peter & Wendy Jellesma, Goof & Mel Katzorke, Lynda & Peter McBride and Helen Falconer.

Visitors and New members - Frederick Welsh

Minutes of Last General Meeting read true and correct.

Moved :- Gary McPhee Seconded: Graham Walker

:- Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Balance start at 1st March 2018 \$17,093.58

Closing Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 \$13,402.58

Moved :- Graham Towsin Seconded :- Gary McPhee

:- Carried

Secretary's Report: Couple of newsletter, nothing further to report

Club Registration:- Two cars added. A 1986 Corvette and 1988 Corvette

Membership:

Full members 156 Associates 39 Total 195

Merchandise: - nothing further to report

**Newsletter**:- nothing further to report, early print to get mailed out went well.

Events Past;

#### MARCH 2018

- · 7<sup>th</sup> AGM Election of Committee and Vote on Constitution.
- · <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> 41st CAMPBELLTOWN SWAP MEET NEW VENUE: Kilburn Oval
- · <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> Moonta Show & Shine
- $\cdot$   $11^{\text{th}}\,$  MANNUM HOT ROD SHOW- 14 Corvettes on display beautiful day.
- · 18<sup>th</sup> Historic Motor Vehicle Gathering-
- <u>DINNER 23<sup>rd</sup></u> Dave Sargent & Rachel Hopkins, Buckingham Arms great nite
- · <u>25<sup>th</sup> Show -</u> GM Day Show n Shine, Prices Park Oval, Gawler full house
- · <u>30<sup>th</sup> Nationals</u> 30th National Corvette Convention Perth 2018, run a supercharger run out of fuel? Damned gremlins! Great that Peter B, Alan L, Dave N & Da Pres picked up trophies.

#### Future Events;

#### **APRIL 2018**

- <u>7-8th Show</u> Hot Rod and Kustom Showdown Anzac Hwy, Hwy Hotel Info 0419 774 588
- $\cdot \,\,$   $\,$   $\,$   $\,$   $\,$   $\,$  8th Event- Rock & Roll Rendezvous, National Motor Museum, Shannon Street, Birdwood
- 15<sup>th</sup> Run Breck Falconer meet Maccas TTP @ 10:00 Lunch Stanley Bridge Tavern Verdun @ 1:00

- <u>DINNER 20<sup>th</sup></u> Danny & Jenny British Hotel, 13 North Parade, Port Adelaide @7:00pm.
- <u>22<sup>nd</sup> RUN</u> McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic Serafino's, McLaren Vale for Grand Parade,
- 29th- Motorfest @ Tailem Bend Motorsport Park, Horsepower Crew event \$40 for 2 tickets to sprint event & show n shine display of car.

#### MAY 2018

- 6th Run Rob McConnell [Rob's Rod Run]- Meet Maccas Munno Para 9.15 for 9,30 am departure to Eudunda - to Nuriootpa - Lunch at Greenock Creek Tavern
- DINNER 18<sup>th</sup> ORGANISER REQUIRED

\*\*REMINDER\*\*

#### JUNE 2018

9 – 11<sup>th</sup> - Weekend @ Berri – book with Stuart & Ruth

#### Advance Notice:-

- October long week end Mt Gambier Hosts Peter & Wendy lellesma
- · Xmas @ Nitschke's Littlehampton Date TBA
- · Kegel Night Goof & Mel Date TBA [Goof is in trophy hunt!]

#### ORGANISERS

We still need assistance for runs and dinners, to keep our club active.

Thank you to those members who have already put their hands up for future events. We will give you plenty of assistance if needed to ensure the event runs smoothly. But, we all still need to be more active

Web Master: nothing to report

**General Business: -** Entertainment books are available. See Debbie Johns.

Frank Sicari and Bill Simmons donated \$200 to Heart Kids from the use of their cars at a recent wedding.

2018 Nationals in Perth trophy winners.

C3 Original 1<sup>st</sup>-Peter Bartlett, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Alan Litchfield

C5 Original 1st-Dave Nitschke

Hard luck award-Rob McConnell

**Membership Draw**: No 97:- Randall Edson [Country Member] \$20.00 cheque to be posted.

#### Raffle prize winners. -

C16 John Harry Cadbury Favorites

D15 Faye Beer Smith Scorched Almonds

C4 Sammy [Bar Lady] Model Corvette

C12 Jack Bottle of Port

D29 Graham Johns Corvette Tin Sign

D16 Graham Hay Cadburys Favorites

Supper – Finger food. Spring Rolls, Sandwiches, Pies and sausage rolls.

Meeting Closed 08:30pm

# BERRI JUNE LONG WEEKEND GETAWAY

Berri Riverside Holiday Park

Friday 8th to Monday the 11th June

Time is running out, we only have room for 10 more people!! With two Group Stay "Bunk rooms" available at \$60 a night, but there are still plenty of cabins available, or you could bring your van!!

We are planning a stack of fun over the weekend from trips to a newly completed Distillery for lunch, with optional Tour and /or Tasting, Dining in Renmark taking in the beautiful River Murray set in one of the most magnificent settings, heading off on a cruise (the driving variety) with a surprise or two as well, or simply standing around the large fire pit in the evening chewing the fat. Bring your marsh mellows, sense of humour, or make

time for yourself to do your own thing. The idea is to simply chill out and have fun.

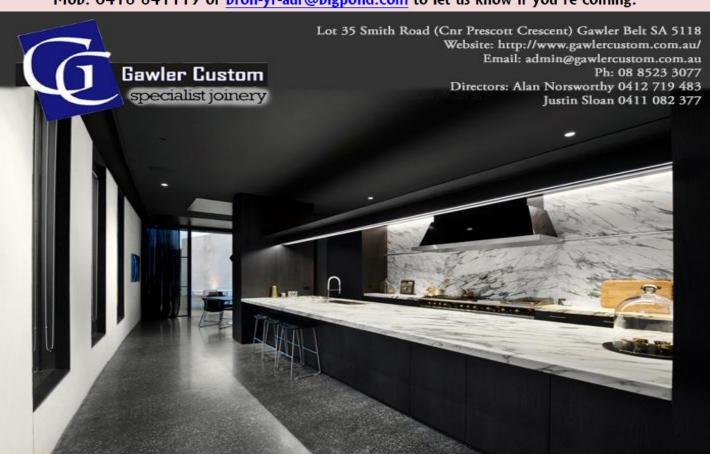
Also bringing your Corvette is optional. This will be a social weekend away with an emphasis of having fun and relaxing.

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# **Corvettes Convene 2018**

#### **Adventure to the West!**

This year's Australian Corvette Nationals were hosted by the Corvette Club of Western Australia in Fremantle.

A good number of SA members decided this was a trip worth doing so we all started to work out our individual ways of getting to the West to attend.

Much planning went into this well before Easter so we all could leave with the attitude of - What could possibly go wrong?

Ruth & I only got our car back from getting the once over at the mechanics the night before leaving. This left no time for a shake down run so with crossed fingers, we packed the beer fridge, a couple of tools and a few jocks and socks. Not much else fitted but we did prioritise!

Early meet up at Bolivar with Jim and Catherine and then Rob a little down the road. We were set for a great couple of weeks.

That afternoon we made it to Ceduna where we crossed paths with members of the Mustang Club who were also heading West. We enjoyed a few laughs and wished them well on their trip.



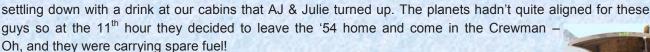
Next morning, we only had a short run to Border Village. During this leg, a somewhat amusing (for some) thing happened! The previous fuel stop, Jim's car required far less petrol than Rob's or ours which left me trying to convince Ruth that we now needed a supercharged C4 motor installed. All was sweet until 20kms out of Border Village and Jim suddenly loses power and comes to a very silent halt on the side of the road. (This is where we were hoping the Mustangs were in front

of us and wouldn't witness our little dilemma). As we looked under the bonnet scratching our heads on what could be the issue here, Jim decided to check the fuel level through the filler as the gauge had started to play up. Sure enough — one



fuel tank was bone dry. While I stayed back to 'protect' the girl's ③, Jim & Rob shot into Border Village to buy the world's most expensive jerry can and 20 litres of juice and all was good again.

We arrived in Border Village where we had a practice run through the Western Australian fruit checking station, before dropping the usual U turn to drive back into SA, as this is where our accommodation actually was for the night. Not long after



Next morning, off we set for Norseman, WA. Once we got past the Fruit Nazi's at the checking station, we settled in for a big days drive only broken when the Nullarbor Nymph was spotted at Eucla. Besides now wearing jeans and a CCSA T shirt, she still looks wild.

While having brekkie next morning at Norseman, the second group of cars from SA rolled up. Now we had Dave & Karen, Dale, Peter B, Alan and Rudi & Kaye join us for the run into Kalgoorlie.



Kalgoorlie was interesting but the stand out attraction was a visit to the Super Pit gold mine. Hooley Dooley that hole was big. Cannot express it in words, but

definitely worth a look when in town. That night

everyone but AJ & Julie (who wanted to eat at a nudie pub apparently) had dinner out on a balcony in one of the grand old hotels in the main street. Enjoyed a few cold beers, great food and even better company. A superb night.

Next day, some of the group stayed back in town for a Super Pit mine tour while the rest of us headed off to Perth and surrounds for a couple of days R&R before the Nationals started. Besides almost causing a multi car pile-up on the freeway when I found myself in the wrong lane and trying to squeeze in front of AJ with car horns blasting from all sides, we had a nice trip down to friends at Busselton. Thanks for letting me in AJ!



# Corvettes Convene 2018 cont

Come Friday, everyone converged on the Trade Winds Motel at Fremantle which was the base for the Nationals. Mel & Goof turned up leaving a trail of sweat through the foyer (Bloody C4 air-conditioning) and headed straight for the shower. John & Jenny, Laurie and Margaret and Peter & Wendy were already there. The bottom line is, we all made it there safely.

Meet & Greet that night was a friendly affair except for when some Nuf-Nuf dropped a full pint glass covering me in glass and beer. Some people!!

Saturday morning, we cleaned and fired up the cars and all headed off for the Show n Shine in Perths Supreme Courts Gardens. A beautiful location in the city plus Perth turned on perfect weather. The West Australian guys were well organised with the parking and the judging which made for a relaxing day for the rest of us.

That night, we walked down to nearby wharf where we boarded a Dinner Boat for our evening meal while cruising the Swan River. Great atmosphere and a great vibe, everyone mixed, enjoyed great food and had another superb night.

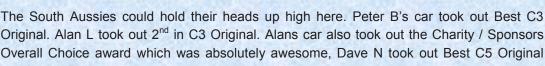
Sunday, was a cruise up into the Perth Hills. Not that dissimilar to the

being held at the Gold Coast.

Adelaide Hills. First to a winery complex for morning tea, and then onto lunch at a huge Garden venue. From there, we all found our own way back to Fremantle.

The gala dinner and trophy presentations were held that night at the Trade Winds. Again, well organised, great speeches and a comical spill from the Queensland guys to promote next years Nationals

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and I think Rob took out – not sure, but I think it was for the Fastest Corvette Original. That may be a little inaccurate but my memory is fading.



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# Corvettes Convene

# 2018 Cont

Need to make a special note here regarding the West Australian Nationals committee and the West Australians Vetters in general. They were so welcoming, organised and a great bunch of people that it made it an absolute pleasure for all of us attending. We had no regrets what so ever in making the trek over. Loved every bit of it.

Anyway, it wasn't over here. The WA Club also organised a post Nationals cruise down to the states South Coast and back up to Perth for anyone that wanted to come along. This was a great idea and from all accounts, a great success. Saying that, us and Jim & Catherine toured the South coast separately as we were driving the cars back home and this worked better for us. We crossed paths with the organised group (We were the unorganised group!!) at the Valley of the Giants forest and tree walk. Farewelled everyone and we were off again.

Gotta say, touring the WA South Coast in the Vettes was awesome. Particularly, the Albany and Esperance coastline. Add it to your bucket list.

6400 kilometres later, we rolled back into Adelaide with our 40 year old C3 and Jim and Catherine in their 33 year old battery powered supercharged C4 after having one of the best Corvette adventures you could wish for. Two weeks of great times, plenty of laughs and the best of friends.

Article by S van Doorn, Photos by A Litchfield and others!





Stay tuned for next month to hear all about the Post Nationals Cruise!

# APRIL AUTUMN RUN

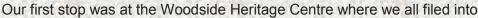
Well Sunday morning definitely had an autumnal feel about it with light drizzle as we made our way to Tea Tree Plaza ready for the day ahead.

A small group of dedicated members weren't put off by the wet weather and after a quick coffee we were all ready to hit the road. Given the windy weather the day

before we thought it would be wise to take things a bit cautiously as we didn't know how many tree branches etc would be strewn over the roads.

4 Corvettes and 2 other cars set off towards Chain of Ponds before cutting across to Forreston then back towards Birdwood and then on to Lobethal. Unfortunately the views which can usually be seen from these roads

where non-existent due to the cloud but it was still a nice drive through the hills.



Melbas Chocolate Factory to have a look and try out the free samples. Seems Debbie must be preparing for the zombie apocalypse as she was seen carrying out a year's supply of liquorice! We then moved

across to the Woodside Cheese
Wrights where we got to taste
lots of different styles of cheese and spreads
etc.

The time came to hit the road again as we took the scenic route through to Verdun to our lunch destination at the Stanley Bridge Tavern. The pub was very busy and we were forced to do the

obligatory U-turn in the carpark as it was full.

The rest of the run was spent in the usual manner, a good feed, a couple of quiet drinks and a nice chat with our fellow club members.

Thanks to everyone who made the effort to come out for the day we hope you all enjoyed it!!

Cheers, Breck & Helen Falconer









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| EVENTS CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018  |                 |              |  |   |   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|---|---|
| DATE                          | EVENT           | EVENT TIME   | LOCATION   | DETAILS   | ORGANISER   |
| 2nd                           | General Meeting | 7:30         | Seaton Ramblers FC   | West Lakes  |   |
| 5th                           | Show N Shine    | 9:00 - 2:00  | Waikerie   | Civic Centre Lawns, Strangman Road<br>:- FREE entry           | Info Ian 0409 811 158   |
| 6th                           | RUN             | 10:00 - 5:00 | Meet - McDONALDS Munno Para 9.15 for 9,30 am departure   | to Eudunda - to Nuriootpa - Lunch at<br>Greenock Creek Tavern | Rob McConnell - Robs Rod Run  |
| 16th                          | Committee       | 10:00 - 5:00 | Hilton Hotel   | Mile End  |   |
| 18th                          | DINNER          | 7:00         | Tower Hotel  | 621 Magill Rd, Magill   | Jim & Catherine   |
| 20th                          | SHOW            | 10 - 3:00    | Civic Park 995 North East Road, Modbury -<br>Free Entry Vehicles built before December<br>1988 | CIVIC PARK HISTORIC CAR &<br>MOTORCYCLE SHOW                  | Adelaide Cruisin' Classics -<br>www.stickytickets.com.au/63942/civic<br>_park_historic_carmotorcycle_show |
| EVENTS CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2018 |                 |              |  |   |   |

| DATE    | EVENT           | EVENT TIME  | LOCATION                     | DETAILS            | ORGANISER             |
|---------|-----------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 3rd     | RUN             |   | TBA                          |                    | Breck Falconer        |
| 6th     | General Meeting | 7:30  | Seaton Ramblers FC           | West Lakes         |                       |
| 9-11th  | MID YEAR        | 10:00 - 5:00  | Berri Riverside Holiday Park | Berri Long Weekend | Stuart & Ruth         |
| 20th    | Committee       | 10:00 - 5:00  | Hilton Hotel                 | Mile End           |                       |
| 22nd    | DINNER          | 7:00  | TBA                          |                    | Simon & Sharon Wilson |
| ADVANCE | ADVANCE NOTICE: |   |                              |                    |                       |
| 9-11th  | OCTOBER 2018    | Long Weekend at Mt Gambier. Contact Peter & Wendy Jellesma for availability and further info. |                              |                    |                       |

| ADVALUE | Notice.        |  |  |  |
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| 9-11th  | OCTOBER 2018   | Long Weekend at Mt Gambier. Contact Peter & Wendy Jellesma for availability and further info.                |  |  |
| TBA     | XMAS 2018      | Dave & Karen Nitschke are hosting Xmas at Littlehampton. Further details to follow as they become available. |  |  |
| TBA     | NOV - DEC 2018 | Keggel Bowling hosted by Goof & Mel. Details to follow closer to confirmation.                               |  |  |

# **Classifieds**

#### 1989 C4 - Automatic \$24,000 Neg

Previously restored by an aeronautical engineer in Sydney. Engine 30 though, overbore, balanced mid Jones cam. New electrics, upgraded ECU etc. Recon. Gearbox and rear end, new brakes, rubber seals, paintwork, R Hand conversion etc.



We have owned and enjoyed for approx. 5 years during which time we have added 18" Z06 chrome wheels, window tint, new leather bound steering wheel and a number of upgrading parts.

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# **British Hotel Dinner**

Friday night, 20 April 2018 we gathered at The British Hotel in Pt Adelaide for the club dinner and also to celebrate Danny's birthday!

A lovely night was had by all with great food, wonderful company and Birthday cake.

Unfortunately we didn't get to sing Happy Birthday to Danny as we were all too busy eating

Birthday cake!!! Thanks Jenny and Danny for a fabulous night!



#### **SEAN'S RANDOM RAMBLINGS—#3**

Being in the corvette modifying game (on an extremely non-professional basis) means a lot of time on the American car forums, such as corvetteforum.com and being subjected to the American culture along the way.

The country that has brought us the Corvette since 1953 and en-poored our lives really is a place of craziness and contradictions. Our news feeds are full of daily reports on the US of A, and whatever crazy stuff is going on with them. In contrast, most members of the Corvette club have been to the USA and thoroughly enjoyed the country and the American people.

The U.S. seems to be a country that is always divided inside of itself. You are either pro gun or anti gun, pro Democrat or pro Republican and Left wing or Right wing. The culture seems to be, you are either with me, or your my enemy! There has been a saying that has been around quite a while, "only in America!"

If you look at American history you can get an insight into how this culture developed, as soon as the new Americans arrived from Europe the went to war with the Indians, ultimately to take their land. Shortly after they went to war with the mother country Britain in the war of Independence, ultimately to take control of the country that Britain had established. They then went to war with each other in the Civil War, some say it was an anti slavery war, some say it was about financial control of the country – depends on which side you were on I guess. Then there was the 'acquisition' of Texas which was originally Mexico territory then the Mexican war in which New Mexico became another US state. And somewhere in all that they decided that the "right to bear arms" should be included in the Constitution, and we all know where that has ended up. All of this occurred in the early history of this new country.

The USA has gone on to become the Industrial and Military powerhouse of the world, so the influence of their country on everyone else, including Australia cant be underestimated. If you doubt that think back to the Global

Financial Crisis around 06/07 to understand how financial greed ended up with Australian house prices falling and Insurance rates for everything rocketing up around the whole globe. The situation was only resolved when the American government paid off the debts of some of the largest companies (GM being one) and Banking corporations in the USA. The individuals involved were allowed to walk away scot free, the biggest penalty for them was losing their job.

It is a country that seems to stumble from one crisis to another, while the world watches in bemusement. Mass shootings that occur on an almost daily basis are one, school shootings that horrify the world, yet the American people are powerless to stop it. Hard to imagine for Australians who had sweeping gun control measures brought in almost overnight in 1996 after the last mass Australian shooting at Pt Arthur, and have never had a mass shooting since. The whole world takes to social media to ask the Americans how can they stop it, but they defend their 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment right to bear arms. Nearly 50% of the privately owned guns in the world are owned by Americans.

The election of Donald Trump as president and the Republican party (right wing) taking over the government has certainly resulted in a whole lot more craziness, and doesn't the media lap it up and keep us informed all day, every day. The FBI being used to investigate allegations that the president had sex with a porn star, and then she was 'pawned off' with a few bucks, brings back memories of Bill Clinton doesn't it? Best thing to do is just sack the FBI Director, oh wait, that hasn't ended up so good, another crisis!

And I guess the best we can hope for is that in amongst all this turmoil and crisis is that the Corvette brand never gets killed off, remember Pontiac?



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