

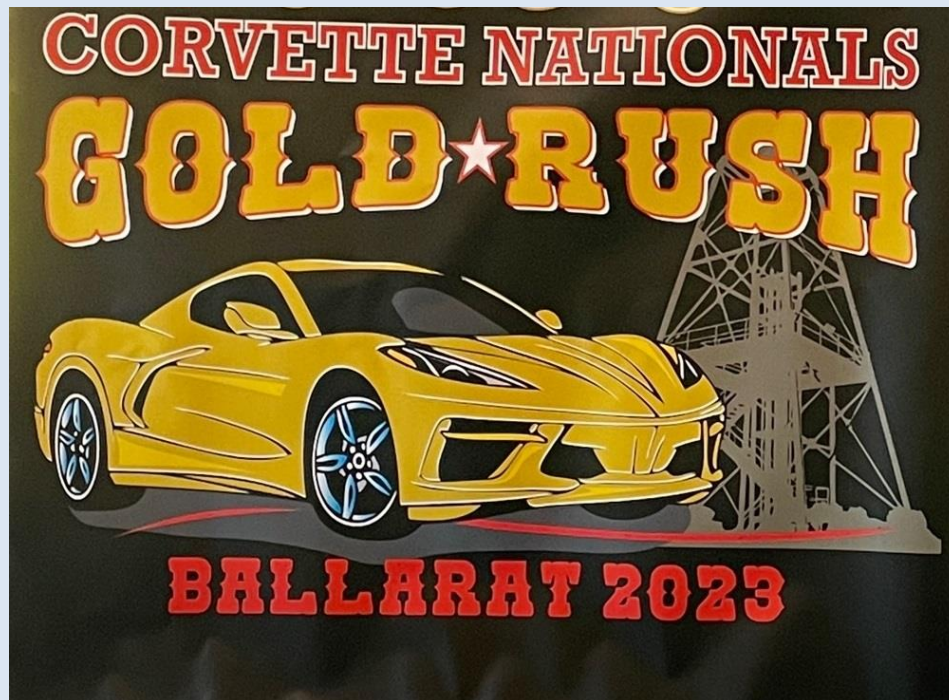


# CORVETTES OF CANBERRA CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**2023 CORVETTE NATIONALS REPORT**  
with  
**SOUTH COAST MEMBERS PRE- and POST- NATIONALS ROAD TRIP**



**Canberra Club Members and Vettes at the Nationals 2023!**



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Hi All,

After three years of COVID cancellations of the Corvette Nationals, including the Canberra Nationals, there were over 125 Vettes and well over 200 attendees for the 2023 Corvette Nationals – and well done to the organisers for an excellent event. It was also the first Nationals since the launch of the C8 and there were eleven of the new generation mid-engine Vettes at the event.

This is a special edition of the Club Newsletter with a report and pictures from the Nationals.

Four Canberra Vettes and Jaffa's C8 departed early on Thursday morning from Canberra.

Our South Coast members left a day earlier for an eventful 2,500km scenic drive to the Nationals, and after, which included Tom Carson and Tom and Cheryl – thanks to Lyn and Rob for their interesting report which follows.

Our new Committee will also have its first formal meeting soon and work on the Club program of events for the year ahead – the Committee is also looking for fresh ideas from members – including new members!

Looking forward to a return to a more normal year and regular events!

Happy Vetting!

*Terry Ruse*

## SOUTH COAST MEMBERS SCENIC ROAD TRIP, TO AND AFTER THE 2023 NATIONALS

- Thanks to Lyn and Rob!

As planned the South Coast road trip for the Nationals in Ballarat- departed Ulladulla on Wednesday 22nd March with 3 corvettes, Rob, Steve & Pat heading to Narooma with an overnight stay and great catch up with some of the Canberra club members.

Departing Narooma with now 6 Corvettes and heading to Albury (via the mountains) passing through Nimmitabel stopping in Cooma for a fuel stop & unfortunate for Steve a meeting with the Law, and Pat with a spin out into a ditch. But all good and back on the road we then headed via Adaminaby, Adelong and onto Albury for a great catch up with more Sydney & Canberra members staying overnight at The Siesta Resort Lavington/Albury.



Departing Friday morning with many Corvettes in unison & quite a few shopping trollies we departed Albury and heading to Ballarat via Strathbogrie, Violet Town and onto Bendigo for a great pub lunch then heading through Daylesford and onto Ballarat to book in for the Convention.

The first convention in almost 4 years - And what a great convention was had by all. Friday night saw some long awaited catch up's with other corvette enthusiasts & Saturday car show saw some 150 plus Corvettes on show in true Victorian cool weather. Saturday night was at Sovereign Hill with the beautiful replicas of the old buildings. Back on the road again for the Sunday cruise down the Avenue of Honour through the country side and onto the Goldfields Resort for lunch. Sunday night saw all the glitz & gold of the Ballarat Goldfields with participants dressing in gold for the evening event.



## POST-NATIONALS ROAD TRIP



We departed Ballarat on Monday morning in the rain with only 3 Corvettes heading to Lorne via Port Campbell, Apollo Bay along The Great Ocean Road stopping at the 12 apostles (now only 7) even in the rain some fantastic photo opportunities. We stayed overnight in picturesque Lorne.

Tuesday departing Lorne and heading to Inverloch via Torquay & onto the Queenscliff Ferry for a very smooth trip.

Then disembarking at Sorrento heading via Rosebud for lunch then onto the lookout at Arthurs Seat with spectacular clear day to enjoy the views, then passed Philip Island, Wonthaggi & onto Inverloch staying overnight.

Wednesday, departing Inverloch now with only 2 Corvettes and heading to Orbost – via Fish Creek, Foster, Yarram with a stop at Bruthen Pub for lunch and then an overnight stay in Orbost.

Thursday morning sees us departing Orbost with only 1 Corvette and heading home via Cann River, Bomballa over the mountain to Candelo for lunch with a lot of great memories, new friendships and more Corvette stories for the next Corvette catchup.

Just over 2,500KM in total.

## CORVETTE NATIONALS 2023, 24-27 March 2023

It was an early start from Canberra for the 700km drive to Ballarat. Four Canberra Vettes joined by a C8, with members from the South Coast travelling a different route.



Morning tea break



But the weather deteriorated quickly and promised a lot of car cleaning for the next day – and thanks to Craig for sharing his car cleaning gear!



The Nationals motel accommodation was excellent for the over 120 registered Vettes – and over 200 participants for the return of the Nationals after three years of COVID cancellations.....including the Canberra Nationals.



Friday was a long day of car cleaning, with final detailing on Saturday morning.....



.....before the judging for the Nationals Show 'n' Shine





Great display of over 100 Vettes at the Show 'n' Shine-including eleven C8 models



Many excellent Vettes from C1 to the latest C8 examples on show







Great to also see Tom Carson at the Nationals with his sharp ZR1!



Former Canberra C5, now in Queensland with many body and engine enhancements, was a Show 'n' Shine winner.



Many other Corvette-inspired exotica on display!



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Now for the other news from the 2023 National!

*First, How much for this rare Canberra Convention jacket - from 1991?*



## The Saturday Cruise, Lunch and Awards





Congrats to Terry!



## The Ballarat Gold theme for the Gala Dinner



