NCRS AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER Newsletter July August September 2025





Patrick and Glen receiving the Chapter Top Flight Award.



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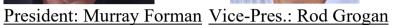
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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STATE REPRESENTATIVES





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Presidents Report at the AGM- Murray Forman

Wendy and I, along with Patrick and Glen from West Australia, participated in the Rocky Mountain Road Tour and the 2025 NCRS Convention in Las Vegas. It was fantastic to have two additional Australian members attending this year.

Once again, the Chapter achieved Top Flight Status. A big thank you goes to Gary Cowans for the excellent work he continues to do with this program.

Following the Convention, we attended the NCRS Board Meeting. After discussions with representatives from other international chapters, I decided to present a statement to the Board expressing our disapproval of the membership fee increase to \$95. A full report on the outcome of this discussion appears later in this editorial.

In conversations with several American Chapters about judging points, I learned that many now conduct two-day judging events combined with a Judging School. On the first day, they perform the operations checks on the vehicles being judged (earning judges 2 points), followed by the Judging School session (worth 1 point). On the second day, they complete the judging of the cars (worth 2 points), giving a total of 5 points per event.

This approach allows members to accumulate judging points more quickly compared to single-day events. I believe adopting a similar structure would be beneficial for our Chapter.

Please also remember that we are proudly sponsored by **Corvette Central**, **Zip Corvettes**, and **Keen Parts**. When ordering parts for your Corvette, please support these sponsors, as they generously support us.

Murray Forman President, NCRS Australia

Secretary's Report Editors

Hi everyone,

Just a quick update on a few important changes:

• Communication Shift: We're now receiving Club newsletters almost entirely via email, rather than in the mail. If you'd like to read any of these, just let me know, and I'll forward them to you.



- New Postal Address: Please update your records! Our Chapter's mailing address has changed from Kurmond to: **P.O. Box 292 Kurrajong, NSW 2758.** Please use this for all future mail correspondence.
- Editor's Request: I'm putting together the next newsletter and would love your help! Please send me any short articles or photos about your travel plans so other members can catch up on what you've been doing.

I look forward to serving you next year.

Thanks,

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

Peter James WA
Luciano Giacc WA
Rick Rodclyffe-Smith WA

Parts for sale

Nothing for sale in this editorial.



Wendy and Murray's 2025 Trip

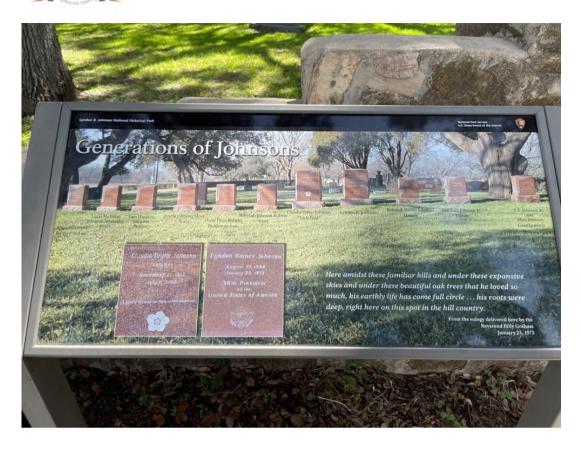


Once again Wendy & I are in America to attend the National Convention in Vegas this year. Once we had flown into LA, we then caught another flight to San Antonio to our friend's place Bob & Cherri Dremel. One of our first outings was to drive past the new Tesla Factory in Austin, I have been following the construction of the factory on U-tube Great to see it in person, spectacular.



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Bob & Cherri drove us to the Lyndon Johnston Farm, where the LBJ is now buried with the rest of his family on the estate



Down Town San Antonio has this magnificent waterway in the middle of the city



They have barges that traverse around the internal waterway.







Cherri had already been on the boat-rides, so she waited patiently for our return. enjoying a Margarita



We also went to the Alamo where the Mexicans over-run the resistance fighters that were stationed there, one of the well-known persons, was Davy Crocket. Everyone in the Alamo were killed and none were left standing. This was very moving.

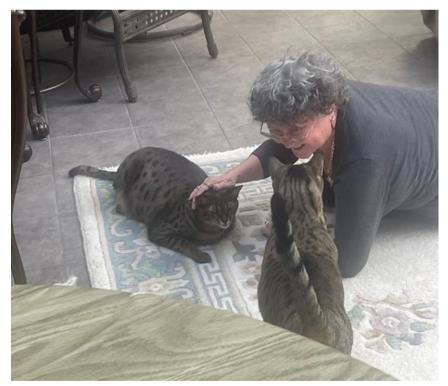


Moving on to our friend's place in Harvest Alabama Jim & Shirley Hornaday, A big thanks goes to them for looking after our C5 which we will be driving to the National Convention in Vegas. Thank you, Jim & Shirley, without your input this would not have been possible.





Jim had completely serviced the car for this journey.



Jim & Shirley also own 2 magnificent servals and Wendy being a loving cat person, was in heaven playing with these 2 beautiful animals

On one of the days, Jim & Shirley drove us to Vintage Corvettes. Which is owned by Greg Wyait



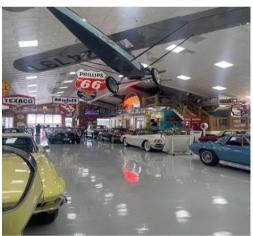






Greg's collection of cars for sale is incredible. He purchased a GM Dealership building and totally re-vamped it with memorabilia to display all his cars for sale.







As you can see, no expense has been spared on displaying these vehicles for sale. He also has for sale a pair of 1955 Corvettes, the last 2 ever to be produced. #699 and: #700 they were purchased by a gentleman for his twin daughters. There are only 25, three speed corvettes built in this colour. Harvest Gold with woodland green accents





The next day we drove to the Jack Daniels distillery, which is very interesting.



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Here we are, Jim & Shirley, Murray & Wendy at the distillery.



We start our driving to the Convention at 65465 miles so I will report later our final mileage.

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From Harvest we drove to Tulsa, where we stayed with our dear friends Roy & Cherry Sinor. They took us to the Route 66 Auto Museum.





This is very hard to comprehend, that in 1924, this model T sold for \$260, but in the same year, this 1924 Packard sold for \$3,875 it is unbelievable that Packard could demand that sort of money back in 1924, there would not have been that many people that could afford this car.





Here is the route of Route 66 from Chicago to LAX, some of it still exists today, but a lot of it has been by passed and no longer there

Roy Wendy & Cherry checking out the other vehicles in the museum.







After driving from Tulsa directly to Denver, we met up with the Rocky Mountain Road Tour at Tom Di Ritos place where we met up with all the participants on the road tour Also, this year it was great to have Glen and Patrick on the road tour as well.







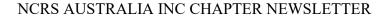
The next morning, we all met in the Hotel carpark to depart to Santa Fe.



Here we are in our group, Glen and Patrick are driving the magnificent Kia Sole Glen was not that keen on the car, but Patrick loved it.



At the Inn of the Governors Motel, they had closed off their car- park specifically for the Corvettes.











We were staying at Santa Fe for 2 nights. One of the days we went downtown and were blown away with this shop was selling brass statues. Unbelievable.

Each morning, Tom would assemble all the Road-Tour drivers and passengers and discuss the plans for the day Discussing the route we would take to our next destination.











Here is our Australian group, all ready to drive in the Kia and the C5 Corvette.

Heading out of the carpark and down the road. Glen in the passenger seat while Patrick drove,





At the end of the day, we had reached our destination in Winslow staying at the La Posada motel. This motel is renowned for it is located directly adjacent to the railway line and also every room has the name of a special person who has stayed in that room. Our room was 210 and it was Mary Elizabeth Colter who was a very famous woman architecture







The Australian group stands on the famous corner in Winslow, Arizona, at the Standin' on the Corner Park. The site commemorates The Eagles' iconic song, "Take It Easy.".





As the song states, the red pick-up truck is parked there as well.



Glen decided to let Glen Frey wear his hat!

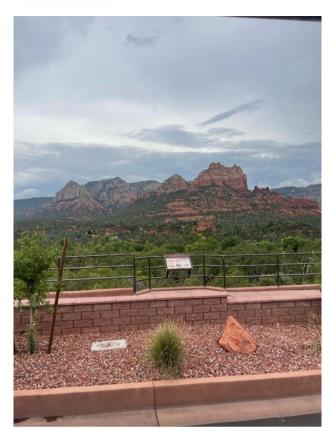


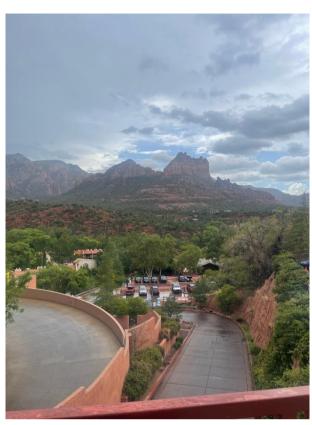
On the second day, the 4 of us jumped in the Kia-soul and drove to Sedona, the views there are nothing but spectacular











Incredible views of Sedona.

The next day, we then drove to Las Vegas where we completed our road tour to the Convention. Below is a photo of everyone that was on our Road Tour. Thank you, Tom, you do an awesome job on organising these, Road Tours.





You would have thought I would have learnt my lesson about entering the C5 for sportsman award. But just like last year, I misjudged my fuel consumption, leaving too much fuel in the tank, so once again we could not park our car in the Judging Hall.





Here are some photos of the cars waiting to be judged, awesome display.













This sportsman display car holds the lands peed record of 237 miles per hour







We were very lucky to have on display the very first production corvette No:1 The owner of this car new about its existence and tried to buy it over a 20-year period. Eventually he was able to make the purchase, but unfortunately the motor and some of the other parts on the car were missing.









Wendy is enjoying the company of the owner.

The first night of the Convention, is the Membership Meeting, this is where the Chapters with their Flight Awards, once again Australia has been awarded Top Flight Status. Here is Glen & Patrick receiving our award. Thank you, Gary Cowans, for the fantastic job you do in qualifying us for this award.







Great job Glen and Patrick.

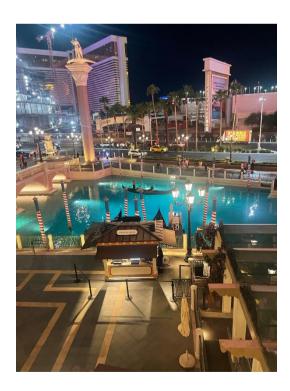


It was great to meet up with our old friends Dave & Karen Hill; it was good to see them attending the convention each year.



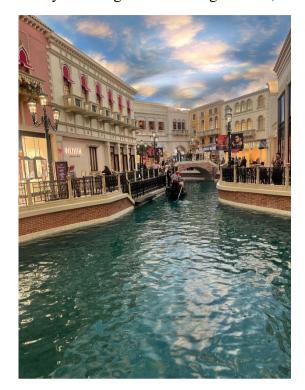
One of the nights, the 4 of us decided to go downtown to see Vegas at night-time.







We went inside the Venetian Resort where they have an internal gondola system inside the casino. Wendy checking out the ceiling artwork, It's hard to believe you are actually inside a building.





This is the Palazzo lit up at night







One of the spare days, we decided to go to the MOB Museum in Vegas. The museum displays all the memorabilia they have accumulated about the mob existence in Vegas





This is the actual brick wall that was used in the Valentine Day Shooting where they assassinated 4 of the gangsters.

This display features one of the Thompson submachine guns believed to have been used in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. The brutality of the 1929 killings is evident in the victims' autopsy reports: Frank Gusenberg sustained 13 wounds, his brother Peter Gusenberg 14 wounds, and the nongang associate, Dr. Reinhardt Schwimmer, was struck multiple times





We were fortunate that we were able to get Glen strapped into the electric chair and pulled the leaver



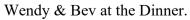


The last night consists of Presentation Dinner and the Judging Awards handed out.









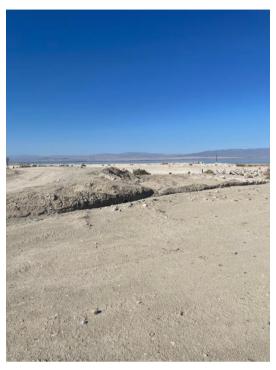


Glen & Patrick polishing off their deserts



After the Convention, Wendy & I drove to Desert Springs and stayed with our dear friends Norm & Shirley Sheer. They took us out to an inland lake, called the Salton Lake which is salt water.





We then moved on to Ramona where we stayed with Bev & John Legate.

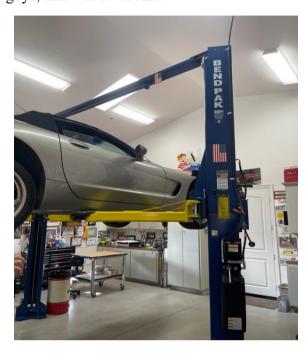






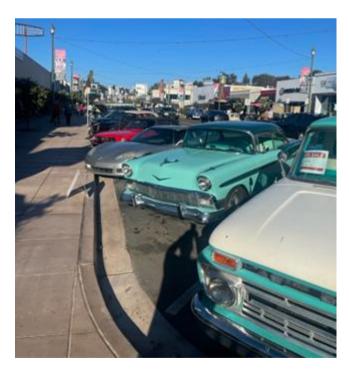


The problems with not being able to read the fuel gauge on the car is the fuel sender was faulty. So, John and some friends decided to replace the sender before we shipped the car home. Thank you, guys, that was awesome.





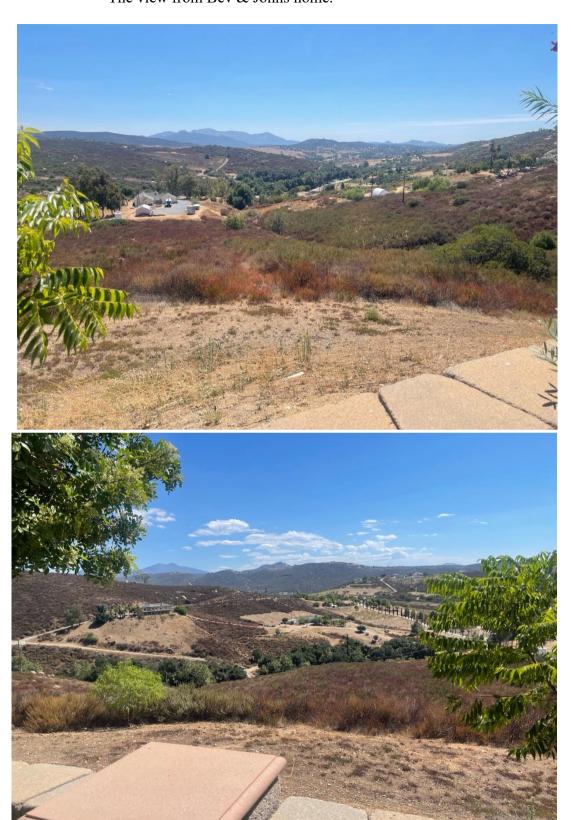
One of the nights we went to Escondido Street display, it was great to see all different types of vehicles. I loved this truck, the eyes on the screen actually moved, it was so cool to see when someone walked near the truck, they would move from side to side.







The view from Bev & Johns home.











The final step was driving the car to LAX and handing it over to the shipper. It's now prepped for its long journey to Australia inside a container. We included a spare gearbox, a side-pipe exhaust system, a set of vintage antique tires, and the four new tires designated for Graham.



Our total mileage for this trip was 2933 miles,

Here is our plane landing at LAX & the view from our room in the Hilton overlooking the airport.

















We settled into our seats for the trip home. I've included a few photos taken from the plane as we approached and prepared to land in Sydney.

The eagle has landed! We hope you enjoyed this editorial on our 2025 trip.



Australian President Address to NCRS Board

After the convention Wendy and I decided to attend the board meeting and present a case that the NCRS board increasing the international membership fee to \$95 was not acceptable to the Int'l chapters hoping to get a reversal my presentation is below

My name is Murray Forman I am the president of NCRS Australia I am also the editor of the Australian Chapter and southern Arizona Chapter I started Australian Chapter in 2005 I believe we are one of the most successful international chapters you have we attend the conventions and participate in your chapter flight program constantly receiving top in saying this it has become extremely hard to maintain and get new members because of the high cost I stand in front of you today in state my disapproval for the increase of US\$95 for Int'l members as of 1 August US\$95 converted to

\$148.43 Australian \$161.01 New Zealand and Europe €87.30

I know the board cannot do anything about the conversion rates but they do need to take into consideration the extra burden that it puts on the international chapters each year on our Chapter financial report it's asked how can the board help the by increasing the membership fee to these levels does not help the Chapter in any way if you take the converted rate and add on the local Chapter fees. This is increasing the amount of money that current members and new prospective members have to pay it's all around or over \$200

As you will know we have to maintain the minimum number to qualify as a Chapter the burden of such high membership fees is making it so hard to maintain the Chapter status being an international member it is near impossible to participate in events being held in America the only participation the members received are having to editorials post to them If the cost of production handling postage these editorials to the Int'l members is causing the decision to charge US\$95 to the members, then something has to change this change should be that the editorials be emailed to the Int'l members only which will result in drastically reducing the cost to NCRS

Nearly every Chapter emailing out their newsletter so I can't understand why this is not done by NCRS USA

So please consider dropping the price back down to a reasonable amount and emailing out the editorials the cost will only be once set up if someone has to hit a button to all Int'l members to send it out

Murray Forman



Email in reply from NCRS President Mike Ingham



International Dues Change

Dear NCRS International Members,

Some weeks ago, the Chairmen of the NCRS International Chapters wrote to me and Vice-President Tony Stein requesting that the NCRS Board rescind the recently adopted dues increase for NCRS international members to \$95 U.S., and instead convert international members to electronic-only publications (the Restorer and Driveline magazines) and lower international dues to the rate of \$80 U.S.

The NCRS Board considered this request at our meeting on September 12, 2025, and voted unanimously to approve it. This dues change will go into effect on October 1, 2025, as will the shift to electronic-only publications. When new issues of the Restorer or Driveline are made available online you will receive an email with a link that will enable you to access those publications.

Thank you for being an NCRS member.

Mike Ingham NCRS President

At the board meeting after my presentation the directors discussed the situation and voted unanimously to drop the membership charge for Int'l members down to \$80 US and that they would email Out the two editorials this was a great step in helping chapters with membership

Prior to the meeting I had a conversation with the New Zealand president and also with the Dutch representative like me they all were not happy about the increase to \$95

So, as it is stated above as of 1 October Int'l members fees will be \$80.



WA Christmas in July

Mahogany Inn, 13 July

What a fantastic day out for the NCRS WA Members! Our annual Christmas in July run to the historic Mahogany Inn was a resounding success, filled with great company, laughter, and plenty of memorable moments.



Highlights of the Day

- **Impressive Turnout:** Members gathered from across Perth and as far as Lancelin, making for a vibrant and lively group.
- **Perfect Weather:** The sun shone brightly, setting the scene for a perfect winter drive.





- David's Grand Entrance: David arrived in style, showing off his freshly painted maroon
- Corvette—rumoured to be colour-matched to his Texan cowboy boots!
- Mahogany Inn Hospitality: The staff at the Inn truly delivered, treating us to a wonderful lunch and an entertaining gin and vodka tasting session. (Details get a bit hazy after that!)
- Historic Atmosphere: The Inn's storied past, complete with tales of ghosts and Moondine Joe's legendary escape route, added a unique charm. The cozy fireplaces dating back to the 1840s made it all the more special.



- **Delicious Food:** Meals were served promptly and with a smile—even after a minor incident involving Nick Falcone and an unsuspecting server (don't worry, we covered her rabies shot just in case).
- **Great Company:** It was a pleasure to catch up with fellow members, share stories, and enjoy the camaraderie that makes our club so special.











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Special Thanks

A huge thank you to Glen Shreeve for his excellent organisation and attention to detail. The day ran smoothly from start to finish, and everyone left with smiles and full stomachs.

Until Next Time

As the clouds rolled in from the northwest, it was time to head home, Corvettes gleaming and spirits high. The Mahogany Inn has definitely earned a spot on our "let's do it again" list. Now, if only I could remember where I put those three bottles of vodka...



2025 Calendar

WA Members meet every Saturday, 10AM – 2PM, at Terry Martin's workshop, Unit 1 101 Motivation Drive_Wangara.

Queensland Members meet on third Saturday morning of every second month at Cars & Coffee Jindalee Depart, 7-30 to drive to the venue.

NSW Members, breakfast runs held every 3rd Sunday of the month.

Chapter Judging Meets.

- WA Chapter Meet, Trade Winds Hotel, 21/22 November.
- Queensland, to be advised
- Sydney, 6 December. Location TBA.

AGM: 23 November in Perth, 11AM, 13 Tacoma Cct, Canning Vale WA 6155. Will be available by Video Conference, details to be advised.

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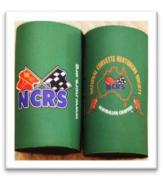
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HERE IS OUR NEW POLO JACKET, \$80, ORDERS CONTACT ANDREW IN MERCHANDISE

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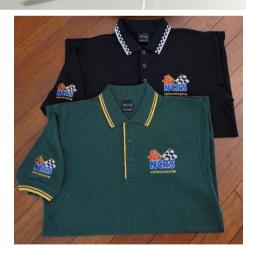


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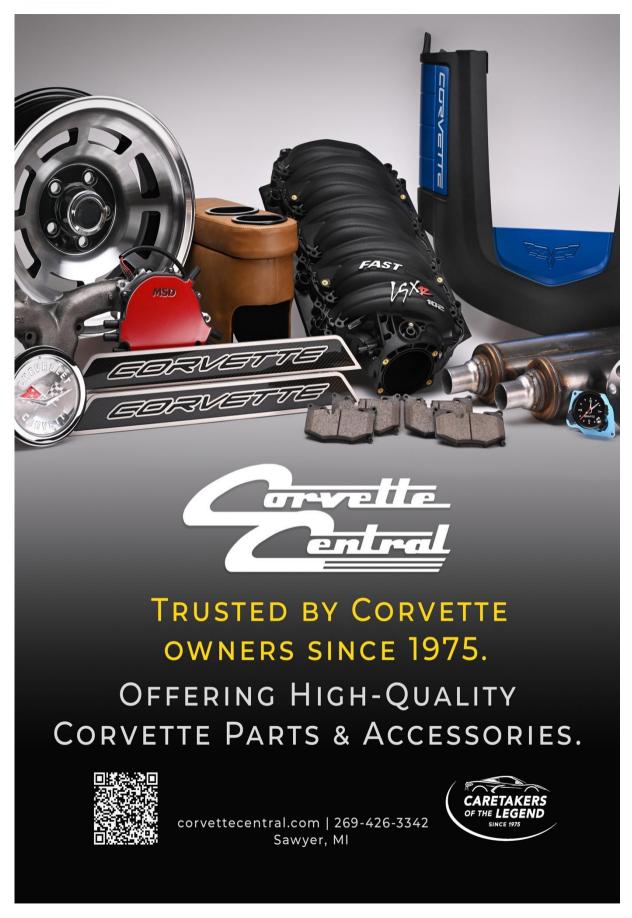
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Membership Officers Report

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 \$75.00 per annum.
- Payments can be made by either:
 - o 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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