## NCRS AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER

# Newsletter October November December 2024





Our new member- Dusty magnificant 63





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## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



Graham Tydeman



Ross Reynolds



**Harry Turner** 

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## STATE REPRESENTATIVES





WA: Terry Martin QLD: TBA NSW: Murray Forman

VIC: TBA



## Presidents Report at the AGM- Murray Forman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their **excellent work** over the past year. Without their commitment, it would be challenging to operate our Chapter effectively.

I am pleased to congratulate the new committee for 2025 and look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.

Our Chapter maintains a **steady membership** and a stable financial position, as detailed by our Treasurer Glen Shreeve. We have been particularly successful in gaining new Members in Western Australia.

#### **Chapter Highlights**

- **Membership Achievements**: Congratulations to the WA Membership for their growth and engagement
- Chapter Meets: Successfully held events in Sydney and Perth
- Upcoming Events:
  - Rescheduling the cancelled WA Chapter, Meet 17<sup>th</sup> May
  - Planning Chapter Meets in Sydney and Queensland

#### **National Convention**

Wendy and I attended the National Convention in America this year, with a full report published in our Newsletter. We are already planning to attend next year's Convention in Las Vegas and encourage members to consider joining us. For more information, please contact me directly.

#### Remembrance

This year, we mourned the loss of two valued committee members:

- Richard Dickens
- Neil Bishop (WA)

We honoured their service to NCRS Australia with a Corvettes presentation at their funerals. May they rest in peace.

#### **Chapter Activities**

I urge members to support our ongoing activities:

- Terry's workshop in WA
- Sunday events in NSW

**Member participation is crucial** for the Chapter's survival. Your attendance and support at Chapter Meets and events ensure our continued success.

Wendy and I wish you and your families a safe and wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Sincerely,

Murray Forman

President, NCRS Australia



## Secretary's Report at the AGM/ Editors

#### **Communication Channels**

In the past year, our communication methods have significantly evolved. Previously, club newsletters arrived via traditional mail, but now we predominantly receive communications through email. Members interested in reviewing these digital correspondences can request me to forward them.

#### Administrative Updates Public Liability Policy

I am pleased to report that we have successfully secured and activated our Public Liability Policy for the year.

#### **Postal Address Change**

Please note our chapter's postal address has been updated. Effective immediately, all mail correspondence should be sent to:

P.O. Box 292

Kurrajong, NSW 2758

#### **Newsletter Contribution Request**

I encourage all chapter members to contribute to our newsletter by:

- Sharing short editorials
- Submitting personal photographs
- Providing insights into personal experiences, such as holiday celebrations

These contributions will help enhance our newsletter's engagement and community connection.

I look forward to continuing to serve our chapter in the coming year.

Warm regards, Wendy Forman Secretary & Editor

## Vice Presidents Report at AGM

Good morning/afternoon,

It is my privilege to present the Vice President's report for this year's Annual General Meeting of NCRS Australia.

Reflecting on the past year, we have much to celebrate, but also moments to pause and remember those we have lost.

#### Acknowledgement

I would like to start by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to Murray and Wendy for their outstanding efforts in running NCRS Australia. Your dedication and hard work continue to inspire and strengthen our club.

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A big thank you to Joe and Gary for managing memberships and maintaining our website. Your efforts ensure that our members stay connected and informed, which is vital to our success as a club.

To all the committee members, thank you for your unwavering commitment and contributions throughout the year. Your efforts have kept the NCRS running smoothly and made our events enjoyable and memorable for everyone.

#### **Membership Growth**

This year, we welcomed 13 new members, bringing our total membership to 106. It's wonderful to see our community grow, and I extend a warm welcome to our new members.

#### In Memoriam

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Dicko, a long-time member of our club, after a long illness. Dicko's contributions and camaraderie will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

#### **Looking Ahead**

We are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming **Corvette Nationals**, scheduled for 28 to 31 March in Parkes. After the unfortunate cancellation of the last Nationals, it's exciting to finally have this opportunity to come together and celebrate our shared passion.

#### **Activities**

NSW has had an active and successful year with 11 club runs to a fantastic range of venues. Thank you to Terry and John from our WA Chapter for your dedication and enthusiasm in organizing a fantastic range of activities. The events, including the ever-popular gatherings at Terry's Shed are greatly appreciated by all.

These events continue to showcase the spirit of the NCRS and provide wonderful opportunities for members to connect and enjoy their Corvettes.

#### **Appreciation for Our Sponsors**

A special thank you to our sponsors, **Corvette Central** and **Keen Parts**, for their generous support throughout the year. We deeply value your partnership and look forward to continuing this collaboration in the future.

#### **Season's Greetings**

As we close out the year, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season. I hope you enjoy the Christmas parties, and the time spent with family, friends, and fellow members.

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. I look forward to another fantastic year with the NCRS and to seeing you all at the Corvette Nationals in March.

Rod Grogan

Vice President

National Corvette Restorers Society Australia

## **Treasurers Comments 2023**



## Nothing this newsletter

## **New Members**

Welcome to all new Members to our Chapter

Dusty Powter NSW
Jonathan Crockett WA
Brett Smith NSW
Joe De Filippis WA

## Parts for sale

Nothing this month

## **AGM Report**

#### **MINUTES**

Re: NCRS 2024 AGM
Date: 30 November 2024

**Time:** 13.00 AEDST

The agenda of the AGM was tabled ahead of the commencement of the meeting.

#### **Attendees**

All financial members were present.

#### **Apologies**

Scott Munter, Neil Summerson.

#### **Prior Minutes**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were tabled and moved that the minutes would be adopted.

Proposed Peter Graham Seconded Murray Foreman: Carried.



**Office Bearer Reports** were made and delivered in accordance with the rder of business from the President, Vice President, Secretary, Editor and Treasurer

**Office Bearer Positions** were then vacated and nominations received in accordance with the proposed nomination schedule (attached)

Motion for appointment of 2025 Office Bearers, there being no proposals or nominations to the contrary, was endorsed and adopted unanimous decision. **Carried** 

#### **General Business**

- 1. Membership fees No change
- 2. Membership requirements No change
- 3. Proposed Chapter meets 2025:
  - Two (2) for Western Australia, one (1) for New South Wales, one (1) for Queensland
- 4. National Convention Discussion was held regarding a meeting point for WA members en route to National Convention in Parkes New South Wales. Gary Wilkinson will coordinate WA members. Murray Forman will coordinate NSW members.
- 5. Motions Terry Martin moved for the reimbursement of Judging Chairman costs for travel to and from Chapter meets. Submissions in support were made by Morton Benjaminsen.

After discussion amongst the Members, the following motion was put:

- 1. The reasonable air travel and accommodation expenses of the Judging Chairman to Chapter meets to be reimbursed by the NCRS.
- 2. Judging fees increased to \$250 per vehicle.
- 3. Membership fees increased to \$75.
- 4. Christmas party allowance increased to \$800 per state.

Proposed Terry Martin seconded Glenn Shreeve. Carried.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 14.00 AEDST

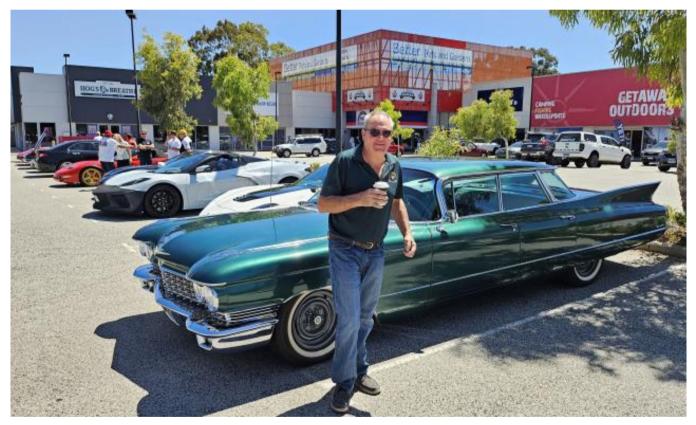


## WA Christmas Lunch - Pinjarra

NCRS WA members gathered for a memorable Christmas lunch at the Exchange Tavern in Pinjarra, creating cherished memories filled with camaraderie, stunning Corvettes, and delectable cuisine.







#### A Scenic Journey

The day began at the Hog's Breath Café on Albany Highway in Kelmscott, where our enthusiastic members assembled. Under the guidance of our trusty Routman, we embarked on a picturesque journey southward for approximately 30km. The drive included a delightful 13km scenic route through Jarrahdale, leading us to Kingsbury Drive. This route offered breathtaking views as we crossed the Serpentine Dam, culminating in an exhilarating 25km drive to the Southwest Highway. After an additional 29 km of openroad excitement, we finally arrived at our festive destination—the Exchange Tavern Pinjarra.















#### A Feast to Remember

Once settled in, we enjoyed a fantastic lunch that catered to every palate. As a special surprise, our treasure presented gifts from the NCRS to <u>active</u> club members—a gesture of appreciation and goodwill (and a cheeky reminder to vote for him at our upcoming AGM!). The atmosphere was filled with laughter and engaging conversations about our beloved Corvettes, making this Christmas lunch an unforgettable occasion. The combination of great company, stunning vehicles, and delicious food truly encapsulated the spirit of the season. As we reflect on this wonderful day, we look forward to more gatherings that celebrate our passion for Corvettes and the friendships we've built along the way.













Members attending; David Alder, Matt Alexander & Brom, Carolyn & Tim Allard, Danielle & Morten Benjaminsen, Doug Connel & Dorothy, Gary Cowans, Jenny & Mick Delich, Richard Geiger & Louis, Elaine & Shane Gifford, Jenny & Peter Graham, Harriet & Alan Grime, Marie & Pat Hehir, Wendy & Peter Jellesma, John Neskudla, Sharon & Andrew Ridge, Aidan Shreeve & Friend, Claire & Glen Shreeve, Willie Underwood & Anita, and Tania & Gary Wilkinson.



## Journey to Jennacubbine

#### A Chrome-Kissed Journey to Jennacubbine

On a sun-drenched November day in 2024, the NCRS WA Members set off on an epic road tour that blended automotive passion with local history. The journey commenced in Sawyers Valley, where gleaming Corvettes lined up like polished jewels against the golden landscape.



#### The Route

The convoy, expertly led by Routman, navigated a scenic path:

- Departed from Sawyers Valley
- Travelled along Great Eastern Highway
- Turned left at Chidlow
- Explored the Toodyay Road

However, an unexpected twist occurred when Routman took a wrong turn at Chidlow, leading the group back onto Great Eastern Highway. Undeterred by this detour, the Corvette enthusiasts pressed on towards Northam and continued north through freshly harvested wheat fields, all while sharing laughs about their little adventure.

#### **Destination: Jennacubbine Tavern**

The historic Jennacubbine Tavern, established in 1902 by Archie Sydney Webb, awaited them as a culinary oasis in the middle of nowhere. With roots tracing back to the Noongar language—potentially meaning "salt water"—the tavern offered more than just a meal; it was a journey through local heritage.







#### **Culinary Highlights**

Upon arrival, owners Machelle and Brett welcomed the Corvette enthusiasts, surrounding them with walls adorned with fascinating local memorabilia. The star of the lunch was undoubtedly Routman's mammoth 500g blue steak, cooked to perfection right before their eyes. Succulent steaks, fresh salads bursting with flavour, and icy cold drinks completed the outback dining experience.















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#### The Return

After relishing their meal and soaking in the atmosphere, the group set off along the Goomalling-Toodyay Road for their return journey. Their Corvettes gleamed under the Australian sun as they celebrated another memorable club adventure, complete with unexpected detours and delightful discoveries.

**Members attending;** Danielle & Morten Benjaminsen, Doug Connel, Gary Cowans, Nick Falconi, Shane Gifford, Jenny & Peter Graham, Dave Jenkins, Terry Martin, John Neskudla, Claire & Glen Shreeve, Willie Underwood & Anita, and Tania & Gary Wilkinson.



## Eastern Christmas Party





Eleven Club Members met at Rod's place, then drive on to Paradise Cafe.

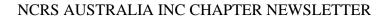




Arriving at the ferry then boarding to get to Paradise Cafe



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Rod had arranged with the owner for us to park on the grass, we had a great roll up 7 Corvettes & 3 shopping trolleys.





This is an incredible venue, for our eastern states Christmas party, it is incredible to imagine when this river floods, the high-water line is 6" below the top of the TV mounted on the wall between the skis.





We had a total of 23 members turn up, the service & food was fantastic and Everyone really enjoyed themselves.





## NCRS Members WA report on AGM

West Australian members gathered for the **NCRS Australia Inc. Annual General Meeting** on Saturday, November 30, at John's Factory, Marine Plant Systems Pty Ltd, in Cockburn Central. The meeting was accessible via ZOOM to the eastern states, allowing members to participate on a big screen in John's Boardroom.



The event was marked by a sense of community and engagement, with attendees discussing key updates and future directions for the organisation.







Following the formal proceedings, members enjoyed a delightful **sausage sizzle**, which provided a perfect opportunity for networking and camaraderie among participants.





This year's AGM successfully fostered a collaborative atmosphere, highlighting the importance of connection within the NCRS Australia Inc. community.



## Body Off Andrew's C3



Andrew has asked me if I would recondition the chassis on his 72. So, I thought I would take you along on this experience.

I decided to ask other Chapter Members if they were interested in helping with this project. It was great to see a good attendance on the day. Thank you to Joe, Anthony, Bill, Mick Andrew and myself.

The first thing to do was to get the car onto my 2-post hoist. We decided to have 2 teams, one team on the front, the other on the back, while I supervised the procedure.

I have done a body-on C3 but never a body-off, so it was quite interesting to see the differences between the C3 front section and the C2.





One of the major problems we had on the day was the setting the height of the car so we could all work on it. As you can see, it was too low for Andrew and too high for Bill. If Bill and I were just working on the car, we could have had it at a good height.







It was decided to remove the hood and remove the radiator and the associated brackets all in the one operation.

There is so much support equipment in the front of these C3's to support the longer body work.





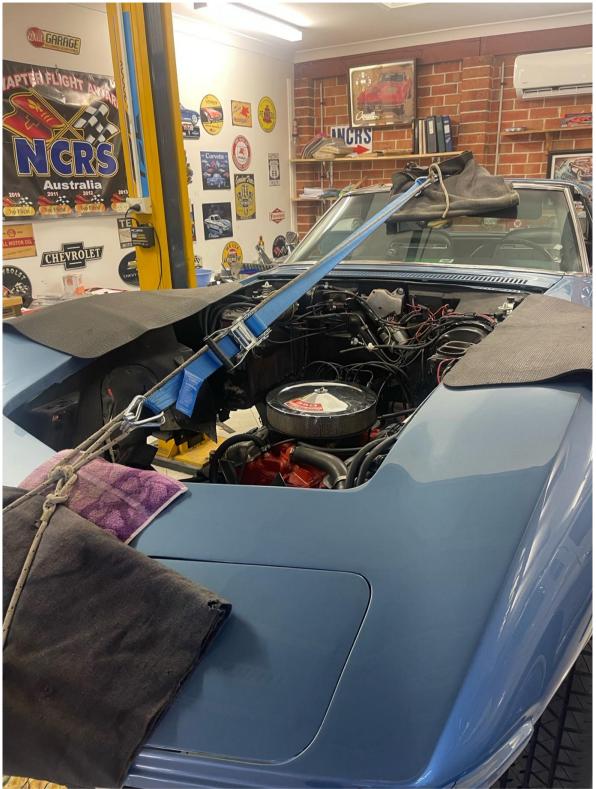






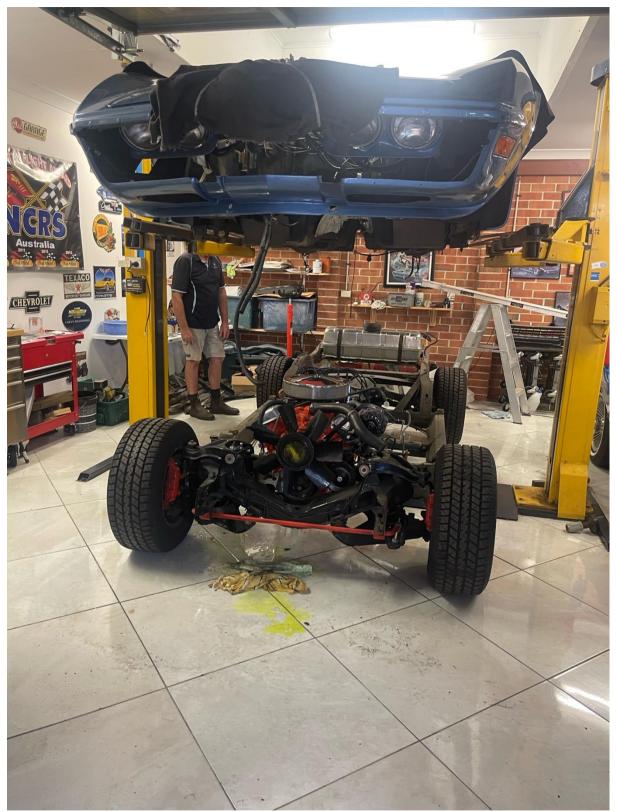
The system I use with my 2-post hoist, is I made up this 150 x 50mm RHS and located 50mm steel pins through it, into the holes on the hoist frame to support the RHS. I then made sliders that can be poisoned anywhere on the RHS with a 12mm x 200mm Welded to them, I then have a 90 deg, by 60mm turnup. This then can make contact with the bottom of the birdcage, so we are lifting the whole car by the bird-cage.





The main problem we have is the amount of overhang on the front end which is unsupported once it is off the chassis. Bill said he had seen this system used before so we thought we would give it a go. Normally I would be putting the body onto my dolly, but in this case, we intend to leave it on the hoist. As I need to park one of my cars under the body.





With having so many pairs of eyes, while lifting the body off the chassis was awesome. That we could cover all areas at the same time, checking out if we had missed things that needed to be disconnected. Needless to say, there was one little earth-strap on the aerial, but it was soon picked up





We then moved the chassis from under the car and placed it on my scissor hoist where I could then work on totally dismantling the chassis and rebuilding it. The total time it took us from the start to this point, was 4hrs. which was a pretty good effort, that's all for now, the rebuilding of the chassis will be in part 2.

Murray



## 2024 Calendar

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

We are working on Chapter Meet in WA and 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 17 May 2025

AGM in WA TBA

Sydney Chapter Meet TBA

Australian National Convention 28/31 March 2025



## NCRS Apparel

**BLUE DENIM \$48.00** 



**GREEN POLO \$ 45.00** 



LADIES SHIRTS \$ 38.00 CLUB JACKET \$120.00







WINDCHEATER JACKET \$52.00.00



CAP \$ 25.00



**WOOLLEN VEST \$45.00.00** 



**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.

#### **T-SHIRTS** \$35.00



**CUPS \$10-00** 



BLACK & GREEN POLO \$45-00



**CAP \$30-00** 



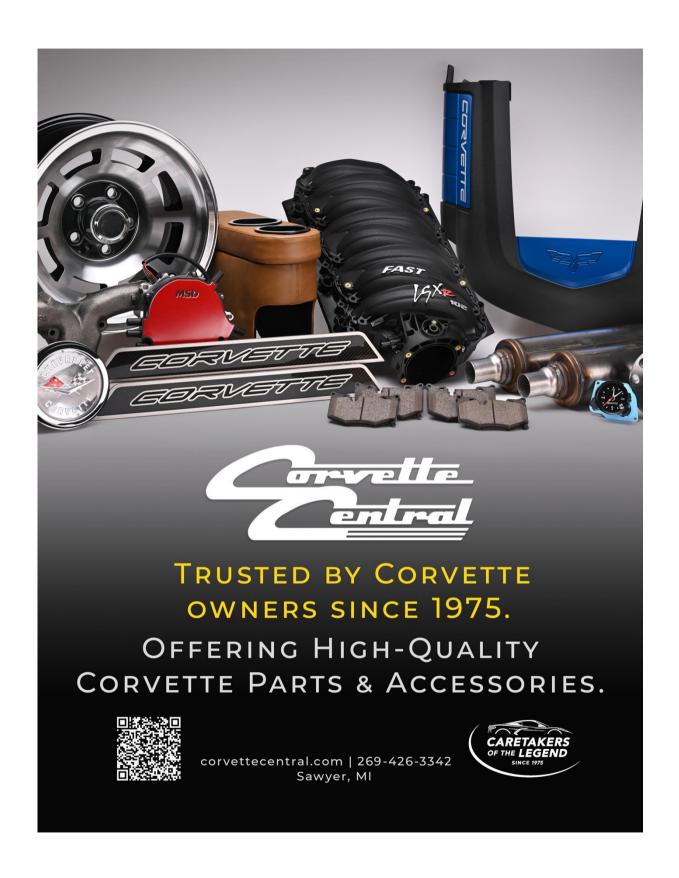




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## Corvette Car Club Links

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NCRS USA <u>www.ncrs.org</u>

NCRS Pittsburgh <u>www.NCRSPITT.com</u>

NCRS Rocky Mountainswww.NCRSRMC.orgNCRS Texaswww.ncrstexas.org

Corvettes of WA Inc. <a href="https://www.corvettesofwa.com">www.corvettesofwa.com</a>
Qld Corvette Club Inc.
<a href="https://www.qldcorvetteclub.com.au">www.qldcorvetteclub.com.au</a>

GM Corvette Assembly Plant <u>www.bowlinggreenassemblyplant.com</u>

Corvette Forum

National Council of Corvette Clubs

www.corvetteforum.com

www.corvettesnccc.org

National Corvette Museum

Corvettes at Carlisle

Bloomington Gold Corvettes

Www.carsatcarlisle.com

www.bloomingtongold.com

Chevy Vettefest <u>www.chevyvettefest.net</u>

## Membership Officers Report

## NCRS Austral Inc. Club Membership - RENWALS

- The 12-month period runs from 1<sup>ST</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> 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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USA NCRS Membership No: \_\_\_\_

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