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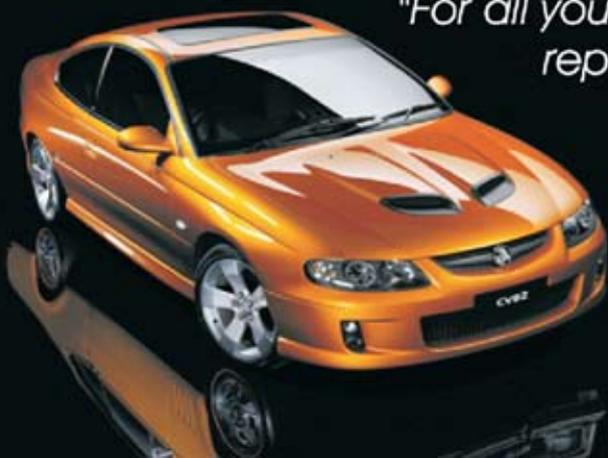
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# PRESIDENTS

# REPORT

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope 2017 is a good year for you all.

My year finished on a sour note and I am hoping that this year will be a better one for me, not being able to drive or being able to play on my Vette has been a big blow, but I have a lot of good friends that have helped me to do the daily chores that I used take for granted, thank you to all the well wishers it has been appreciated.

Being laid up has given me extra time to keep the 2018 Convention on track, the Convention Committee are doing a great job and a big thank you to the members for putting in their time on this project.

We have started to get some interest from East Coast members that would like to come over. We will find out more after the NSW Convention at Easter.

Membership is still strong with new members joining all the time. Some members have sold their Corvettes, and the new owners have joined Corvettes of WA and are getting along to club events.

General Meetings still do not draw a lot of interest, just the same old members that like to get together, that is a shame as we have a lot of financial members that do not make the effort to come along. There are so my members out there that I, and others, have never met.

We are trying to get social events moving again so keep a look out on the Web Site Calendar. Friday night and Wednesday cruises are well attended, thank you to the members that put their hands up to run these events, If you would like to help with Social events it only takes a phone call to the Social Director.

Till next time safe Vetting,

Greg Walker.

# FENDER SKIRTS AND SUPPER

I know some of you will not understand this message, but I bet you know someone who might. I came across this phrase yesterday.

“Fender Skirts”

A term I haven't heard in a long time, and thinking about 'fender skirts' or “spats” started me thinking about other words that quietly disappear from our language with hardly a notice like 'curb feelers'

And 'steering knobs.' (AKA) 'suicide knob,' 'neckers knobs.'

Since I'd been thinking of cars my mind naturally went that direction first.

Any kids will probably have to find some older person over 50 to explain some of these terms to you.

Remember 'Continental kits?'

They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we quit calling them 'emergency brakes? At some point 'parking brake' became the proper term.

But I miss the hint of drama that went with “emergency brake”.

I'm sad, too, that almost all the old folks are gone who would call the accelerator the 'foot feed.'

Many today do not even know what a clutch is or that the dimmer switch used to be on the floor. For that matter, the starter was down there too.

Didn't you ever wait at the street for your daddy to come home, so you could ride the 'running board' up to the house?

Here's a phrase I heard all the time in my youth but never anymore - 'store-bought.'

Of course, just about everything is store-bought these days.

But once it was bragging material to have a store-bought dress or a store-bought bag of candy.

'Coast to coast' is a phrase that once held all sorts of excitement and now means almost nothing. Now we take the term 'worldwide' for granted.

On a smaller scale, 'wall-to-wall' was once a magical term in our homes. In the '50s, everyone covered his or her hardwood floors with, wow, wall-to-wall carpeting!

Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go figure.

When was the last time you heard the quaint phrase 'in a family way?' It's hard to imagine that the word 'pregnant' was once considered a little too graphic, a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about stork visits and 'being in a family way' or simply 'expecting.'



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Apparently 'brassiere' is a word no longer in usage. I said it the other day and my daughter cracked up. I guess it's just 'bra' now. 'Unmentionables' probably wouldn't be understood at all.

I always loved going to the 'picture show,' but I considered 'movie' an affectation.

Most of these words go back to the '50s, but here's a pure '60s word I came across the other day 'rat fink.' Ooh, what a nasty put-down!

Here's a word I miss - 'percolator.' That was just a fun word to say. And what was it replaced with 'Coffee maker.' How dull... Mr. Coffee, I blame you for this.

I miss those made-up marketing words that were meant to sound so modern and now sound so retro. Words like 'Dyna Flow' and 'Electrolux' and 'Frigidaire'. "Introducing the 1963 Admiral TV, now with 'Spectra Vision!" Wow!

Food for thought. Was there a telethon that wiped out lumbago? Nobody complains of that anymore. Maybe that's what Castor oil cured, because I never hear mothers threatening kids with Castor Oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. The one that grieves me most is 'supper.' Now everybody says 'dinner.' Save a great word. Invite someone to supper. Discuss fender skirts.

Someone forwarded this to me. I thought some of us of a 'certain age' would remember most of these.



This, supposedly, actually happened to an Englishman, in France, who was totally drunk. A French policeman stops the Englishman's car and asks if he has been drinking. With great difficulty, the Englishman admits that he has been drinking all day, that his daughter got married that morning, and that he drank champagne and a few bottles of wine at the reception, and many single malts scotches thereafter.

Quite upset, the policeman proceeds to alcohol-test (breath test) the Englishman and verifies that he is indeed completely hammered.

He asks the Englishman if he knows why, under French Law, he is going to be arrested.

The Englishman answers with a bit of humour, "No sir, I do not! But while we're asking questions, do you realize that this is a British car and my wife is driving . . . on the other side?"

Never let the truth get in the way of a good story...Ed

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## STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% IN AN EXAM

I would have given them 100%! Each answer is absolutely grammatically correct, and funny too. The teacher had no sense of humour.

- Q1 In which battle did Napoleon die?  
A His last battle.
- Q2 Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
A At the bottom of the page.
- Q3 River Ravi flows in which state?  
A Liquid
- Q4 What is the main reason for divorce?  
A Marriage
- Q5 What is the main reason for failure?  
A Exams
- Q6 What can you never eat for breakfast?  
A Lunch & dinner
- Q7 What looks like half an apple?  
A The other half
- Q8 If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become?  
A Wet
- Q9 How can a man go eight days without sleeping ?  
A No problem, he sleeps at night.
- Q10 How can you lift an elephant with one hand?  
A You will never find an elephant that has one hand.
- Q11 If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?  
A Very large hands
- Q12 If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?  
A No time at all, the wall is already built.
- Q13 How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?  
A Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

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# C7 Fire and Rescue

The United Arab Emirates has become known for its outlandish fleet of police vehicles including Corvettes, Bugattis, Ferraris and more. But, the police force isn't the only fleet full of rad rescue vehicles.

The Dubai, UAE fire and rescue department has added a 2016 C7 Corvette Stingray, and it's likely the quickest fire engine in the region. Dubbed "Unit One-Seven", the C7 Corvette is done up in canary yellow paint with red striping and graphics to announce itself as a true part of fleet.

But, this isn't the first Corvette in the fleet actually. Dubai fire and rescue already employs two additional C7 Corvettes. It allows crews to maneuver the Dubai city streets with ease over the traditional fire engine. No kidding.

Yes, it has sirens, but the 6.2-liter LT1 V8 engine will likely announce its presence first and foremost.







## WEEKEND AWAY Busseton 2017

The Corvette Club had a lovely weekend away during November 2016 for four days travelling to Busseton and staying at Geographe Bayview Resort.

We had a stop over for lunch at the Beach Kiosk, situated in front of the beautiful pristine waters of Koombana Beach in Bunbury. Perfect setting for a lovely sunny day to enjoy our lunch.

We then headed to our accommodation at the Geographe Bayview Resort, after settling into our lovely rooms we ventured down to the grassed area and had a lovely BBQ dinner, drinks and enjoyed socialising and catching up. The night was perfect; it was a beautiful balmy night and no mozzies!!

On Saturday most met up for breakfast at the café on the resort grounds, we then made our way to the Berry Farm where we sampled and bought their jams, sauces, pickles, oils and liquors. We then had a delicious lunch outside under the pergolas and enjoyed seeing the little blue wrens fluttering about.

We then had some free time so some members chose to visit friends that live in the area, some had coffee together and others went to a winery or two.

In the evening of Saturday we all had dinner at Spinaker's Restaurant and then pulled out our thinking caps and enjoyed a Quiz night.

On Sunday there was the Motorfest Show & Shine at the football grounds which was an all day event; feedback was that it was a great day. Unfortunately Mike and I did not go as we had car trouble. In the evening for those of us that did not return back to Perth we had a pizza night which started at the grassed BBQ area and ended up at Jacky and Zelko's villa.

On Monday we all headed back home, we had a great fun weekend catching up.

Social Directors  
Morena & Mike







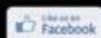
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December 2016 Mid Week Run To

# SERPENTINE



A happy group of Corvette cruisers met at the Tradewinds Hotel for the December mid week cruise.

Around a dozen travellers in 8 cars enjoyed a drive over the Serpentine Dam, through the bush, down Kingsbury Drive and onto the Serpentine Pub.

Unfortunately, when we arrived the computerized till was not working, the staff had not yet arrived, and our prearranged table had not been prearranged. The ladies powder room was in desperate need of a visit by the electrician, plumber, and cleaner, all of whom had, apparently, not visited for some time. The food and drinks were good, when we got them, but all in all the pub experience was not what it should have been. A recent drive by saw that they were closed. Maybe running a pub was just too much for the management.

A great drive through the Serpentine forest, good weather and good company made this mid week drive another success for Corvettes of WA and those members who regularly get out their cars mid week. All members should note that the first Wednesday of every month (except January) we have a great drive, nice lunch in good company with almost equal numbers of ladies attending and/or driving. Come and join us next month!



# Mid Week Run Feb. 2017



Mid week cruise on 1st Feb saw members meet at Muzz Buzz Midland . From there we went through Guildford and The Swan Valley, then onto Great Northern Highway to Bullsbrook . We then took Chittering Road to Stringybark Winery . It was a beautiful drive through winding roads .

Nine corvettes made the trip and I think everyone enjoyed themselves . A bit of wine tasting and then a lovely lunch followed.

All in all it was a fantastic day as the weather was absolutely perfect



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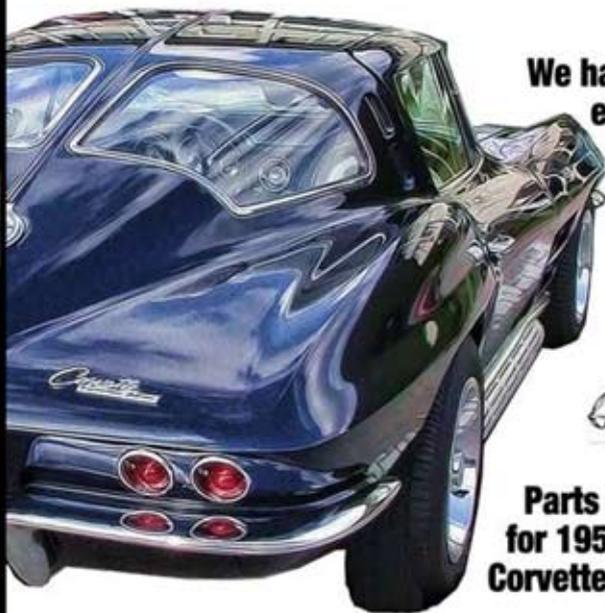
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# Christmas Luncheon 2016



Our 2016 Christmas luncheon was once a again a great success with more than 20 cars making the journey from the Innaloo Shopping Centre meeting point to Yanchep Inn in Yanchep Park.

We had a great display of “vettes” on show in the fore gardens of the hotel. The Inn had gone to great lengths to “Chrissy” the place up, including the dining room, for our visit.

Morena had organised a free Christmas basket raffle, paid raffle, and a “Secret Santa” event for those wishing to take part. This has become part of the clubs two “Christmas” events and is a lot of laughs for all.

Once again we had great 3 course buffet food, drinks and great company all round.

Congratulations to Morena for putting together another top event. It was a great day had by all.



With the article on page 11 talking about a corvette being used as a fire emergency vehicle, it is worth mentioning that at many parts of the world, particularly the US, corvettes are being used as police cars.





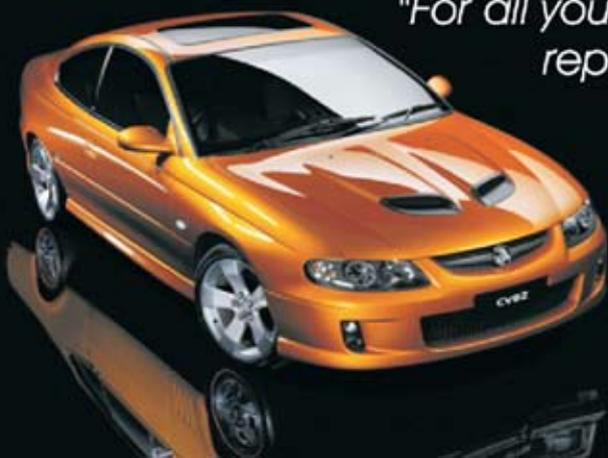
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## Subject: March Mid Week Cruise, March 1st 2017.

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Best Regards

Lorraine & Bob Sterling

I Really want to know what they are looking at..





Remains of a C6 corvette after a minor traffic accident. The car burst into flames and quickly burned to the ground. It is believed that the magnesium used in the car, to reduce weight, fueled the intense fire as magnesium is extremely flammable. It also is extremely difficult to extinguish. I have witnessed this first hand in a fire in the engine of a VW kombi van. Water and foam do almost nothing to extinguish burning magnesium, in fact an explosion usually results.



#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Tea is more dangerous than beer. Please avoid drinking tea.

I discovered this last night, I had 14 beers till 3am at the pub while my wife was just drinking tea at home. You should have seen how violent and angry she was when I got home. I was peaceful, silent and headed to bed as she shouted at me, all night and even into the next morning.

Please ladies, if you can't handle your tea, don't drink it...

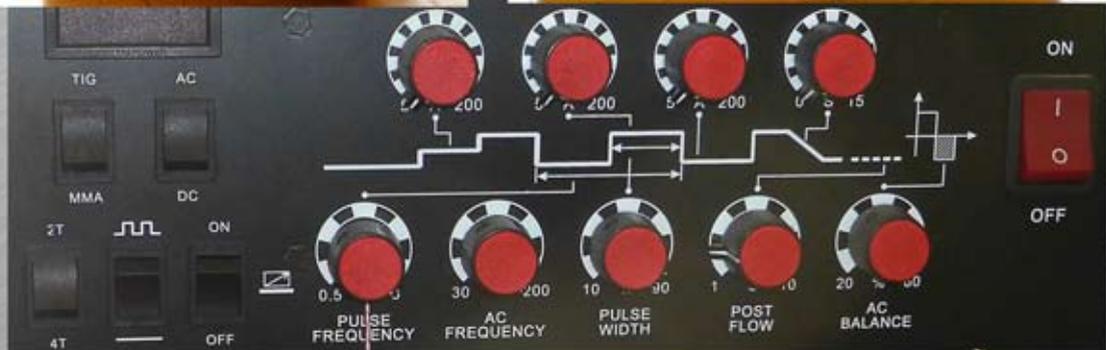


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