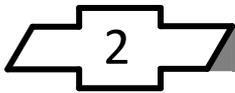


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**Official Newsletter of the  
55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria**



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## *Membership*

**Full membership** to the 55-56-57 Chevrolet Club of Victoria requires that you own a Chevrolet vehicle (of any year or model) and attend three meetings or club outings before becoming a "Full Member".

**New membership fee** is \$85 - new members receive a club polo shirt, stubby cooler and car club sticker. Renewal fees are payable at the August meeting and are currently \$60 per year, for both metro and country.

**Associate Membership** is open to those who do not currently own a Chevrolet but would enjoy our Club and its activities.

## *Meetings*

First Wednesday of every month. (No meeting held in January) Starting time is 8:00 pm.

The Pines Learning Centre. 520 Blackburn Road, East Doncaster. Melways reference: 34 / D5

(The hall is directly behind the Pines Shopping Centre & The Pines Learning Centre is clearly sign posted)

## *Bank Details*

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# Presidents Report

## *G'day Members*

Just when you thought the light at the end of the tunnel was getting brighter someone blew it out! We're going backwards, so no relaxation of the restrictions and back to five visitors at our homes and not looking like we'll be going anywhere soon! No meetings, no club runs until further notice.

Still waiting on news from Manningham council about when the Pines meeting rooms will reopen. I think the next instalment from Dan the man of what restrictions will be in place from is around July 12th. We will keep you all up to date with the latest developments via the usual channels.

Members using the Club Permit Scheme must keep your membership up to date so your registration does not lapse. We are sending a renewal letter to members.

Stay safe and in good health.

*Cheers Steve*



# Meeting Minutes

Hi Members,

With the current restrictions regarding gatherings our meeting room is still closed. Consequently there will be no July general meeting tomorrow night (Wed 1/07).

# Letters From The Editor

Hi everyone,

This month newsletter we feature our club member Tony Cappola 1957 Red Chevy Convertible story. Congratulations on the restoration.

For those of you that like cooking, I have included recipes that a friend of mine Mary Grace Mercadante, has shared on social media.

If any of you have any favourite recipes, please email them to me for sharing.

Once again thank you for sending your articles.

Cheers

John

Drive carefully, stay safe and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

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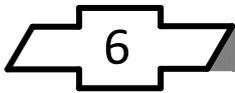
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## *LOIS'S LINES*

Hope everyone is keeping warm on these cold mornings & nights. We have had some lovely sunny days so I guess that is the bonus.

I thought at one stage we were getting closer to organising a club run with a cruise with a nice lunch but now we have had this outbreak I think it is still more sensible to stay away & stay safe.

As Vera Lyn sang ``We'll meet again, don't know where don't know when but I know we'll meet again some sunny day`` RIP Vera Lyn.

I think President Steve has mentioned it has been decided by committee we will not be having a presentation dinner this year. Maybe we will get to organise a dinner without awards. Let's hope so.

I have been hobbling around on crutches due to a foot operation but it is all looking good now.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Kaye & Nick Duyvestyn on the passing of Kaye's mother Mary. I had known Kaye's mother for many years. The last time I saw Mary we met up for lunch, running a bit late she finally arrived in her tight leotard leggings, she had just been to her exercise class. Not bad for an 89 year old. RIP Mary.

*Cheers Lois*



## TONY CAPPOLA 1957 RED CHEVY CONVERTIBLE STORY

I purchased the convertible on the 15/12/1999 from Gary West from Wakeeney, State of Kansas, USA.

The vehicle arrived in Melbourne in April 2000, it was a driver. I was happy with the condition of the car, only had the common convertible floor rust, but very solid throughout. I took pleasure and enjoyment cruising in the car as it was with my family and friends for the next year.

In the year 2001 I made the decision to begin restoration. The law required the car to be converted it to right-hand drive and I was running my wedding car business, so this was preferable for me.

I began a full off chassis rotisserie resto. My intention was to use all right hand drive Australian components, as if it were built in Australia from factory. I handpicked and re welded the complete Aussie firewall and converted a right hand drive drag link to suit a power steering ram system with Aussie steering box.



## TONY CAPPOLA 1957 RED CHEVY CONVERTIBLE STORY

Accelerator pedal was left on floor position and used all factory right hand drive.

Accelerator mechanical rods. As for the transmission linkages, I used a 60's R/H drive Chevy rod and crossover bracket, which was fitted from the bottom of the steering column to the original cast iron power glide extension housing, to shift the gears.

I used HQ Holden front disc brakes and Torana brake booster. I installed Vintage-Air air conditioning with factory controls and vents. Electric windows and electric power seat, twin aerials, continental kit, spats, front over-riders, blue tooth Wonder bar radio.



## TONY CAPPOLA 1957 RED CHEVY CONVERTIBLE STORY

I fully rebuilt the original 283 ci engine and it is a matching numbers car.

If you would like to check out my TV interview with Rusty from 'Bumper 2 Bumper' here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NnQPvun-Vc>

It was filmed in my showroom 2018 and I talk about my knowledge and passion for my cars.

The car was on the road and registered on 25th September 2007. It has been part of my wedding car fleet for now 13 years.

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## AND NOW, THE END IS NEAR, SO HOLDEN FACE THE FINAL CURTAIN

(Apologies to "Ol' Blue Eyes")



The General Motors Holden Proving Ground at Lang Lang is on the market. The testing facility was established in 1957 and sits on 877ha (2152 acres). Since it opened in '57 it has been used to test all Holden's beginning with the FC. It contains 44 kilometres of roads, including a 4.7km four lane speed bowl oval track and a 5.5km ride and handling course. Around 120 million kilometres have been clocked up since it started.

Only two years ago in 2018 the proving ground received a \$15.9 million upgrade to refurbish road surfaces and improving test facilities. More than 7500 tonnes of asphalt was used to resurface the speed bowl circular track, more than enough to build a top quality championship grade dragstrip in the area, what a waste!

The Lang Lang Proving Ground is informally known as Australia's "Area-51" due to its secrecy and security. So if you've got a lazy \$20 mil (approx) you can get yourself a great place to burn some rubber.



## HOME MADE RECIPES

### *Spaghetti with Creamed Broccoli*

#### Ingredients

1 cup broccoli  
1 cup water  
250g spaghetti + water to boil (according to instructions on packet).  
1 clove garlic  
1 tablespoon oil  
1/2 cup cream  
1 tablespoon salted butter  
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese  
Tablespoon chopped parsley  
Four slices Prosciutto  
Salt and pepper

#### Method

Wash and chop broccoli and put in large pan with oil and crushed garlic. Cook 20 - 25 minutes until soft.  
Meanwhile bring water and salt to the boil in large pot and cook spaghetti until 'al dente' (just cooked).  
Drain spaghetti, reserving 1/2 of the water in a cup.  
Add it to the broccoli. Toss in rest of the ingredients and mix well for 2-3 minutes. Add more of reserved water if desired for thinner sauce!



## HOME MADE RECIPES

### *Dessert Fig biscuit filling*

2 cups red grapes  
 1/2 cup water  
 1 cup dried figs-finely chopped  
 1/2 cup sultanas  
 1/2 cup candied lemon and orange  
 Finely-grated rinds of 1 lemon and 1 orange + juices  
 1 tablespoon honey  
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 1/4 cup sweet sherry or Port  
 1 cup of Finely - grated nuts (almonds, pecans, walnuts).

#### Method:

1. Put grapes into pot and cook for 20 minutes until reduced.? Mash an add other ingredients. Cook on low heat for ten minutes, stirring occasionally.Allow to cool.

#### Pastry:

2 cups SR flour  
 1 cup plain flour  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 Grated zest of 1 lemon  
 Pinch salt  
 3 eggs slightly beaten  
 150g butter - softened  
 1/2 cup milk

Sift flours into large bowl and add dry ingredients. Make well in centre. Add wet ingredients and mix dough together. Dough should be soft but firm.

\*Add more flour if too sticky or milk if too dry.

Chill for 30 minutes.

Roll out to a thickness of 5mm and cut into long strips about 10cm wide. Spread mixture along centre, brush along sides with a little water. Fold pastry over and press along edges (to make a log). Cut into 3cm pieces.

Place on tray and bake in 200degree oven until browned- 25 to 30 minutes.

Dust with icing sugar.



# HOME MADE RECIPES

*Dessert Fig biscuit filling cont'n*



# From Elvis Kitchen

## CHEESEBURGER

FROM **ELVIS' KITCHEN**



- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1 slice onion
- 1 slice tomato, lettuce leaf
- 3 slices of cheese
- 1/2 stick butter
- 2 buns

Make ground beef into patty, fry hamburger well done, place cheese on top. Melt butter in skillet and brown buns in melted butter. Place patty on bun, add onion, lettuce and tomato.



## BONELESS CHICKEN

FROM **ELVIS' KITCHEN**



- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon seasoning salt
- 1/2 cup butter

Mix pepper and seasoning salt in flour. Batter chicken in flour on both sides. Fry in buttered skillet browning on both sides.



## PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA SANDWICH

FROM **ELVIS' KITCHEN**



- 2 large bananas
- 6 slices white bread
- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup peanut butter

Peel and mash bananas. Mix peanut butter with bananas thoroughly. Toast bread lightly and spread mix on bread. Melt butter in skillet and brown sandwiches on each side slowly until golden brown.







### Steve McQueen's "Bullitt" 1968 Mustang sell for \$3,740,000 (Approx. \$A 5.5 mil )

The movie "Bullitt" was a trendsetter in the history of car chase scenes, the Highland Green 1968 Ford Mustang driven by the "King of Cool," Steve McQueen was the star of the show.

The 10-minute chase soundtrack of roaring V8's and burning rubber was all that was required. For the movie the cars' suspension was beefed up and the camera mounts are still visible.

After the movie this 1968 Mustang was sold to a Warner Bros. employee who used it as his daily driver, it still has the Warner Bros. parking sticker on the windshield. In 1970 the car was sold with confirmation from Warner Bros. that certified the Mustang had been used in the movie and then in 1974 it was resold for \$6,000.

Steve McQueen had made numerous attempts to reacquire the vehicle but the owner wouldn't sell. Around 1980 it was parked with just 65,000 miles on the clock, over thirty years later the family returned the Bullitt Mustang to roadworthy condition, unveiling it to the general public alongside Ford's third Bullitt Edition Mustang in Detroit early 2018, their goal was to retain the Mustang in as original condition as possible.

This Mustang not just another collector car, it was thought lost and now with its emergence it has become a piece of automotive and movie history.



Interesting but funny piece of info sent in by Jeff Wilson.

This was printed about 6 - 7 years ago.  
It is titled; Windows V Ford.

At a COMDEX conference Bill Gates compared computers with the auto industry, and stated that if Ford had kept up with technology as the computer industry has cars would now cost about \$25 and get 1000 miles to the gallon!!.

An executive of Ford responded stating;

If Ford developed a vehicle like Microsoft it would have these annoying characteristics.

1. For no reason at all your car would crash, sometimes twice a day
2. Everytime they painted new white lines on the road you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the road for no reason at all, you would have to close all the windows, shut off the engine, restart it, then reopen the windows before you could move off, for some reason you would accept this!!
4. Sometimes while making a left turn, your car would shut down and refuse to start, in this case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. The oil, water temp and alternator warning lights would be replaced with a warning, " This car has performed an illegal operation" warning light.
6. The air bag system would ask " Are you sure" before deploying.
7. For some reason your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, grabbed the antenna and turned the key.
8. Every time there was a new model released you would have to learn to drive all over again, this because all of the controls operated differently.
9. Macintosh could make a car that was powered by the sun, it was reliable, five times as fast, easy to drive, but would only run on 5% of the roads!!.
10. On both makes you would have to press the start button to turn the engine off???

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Contact: Ross Anderson 0438 557 704.

**Buy:** 5,6,7 Bench seat, any condition. Contact Ian Barnes 0402 082 685

**For Sale:** 1957 Nomad project. Complete car, all stainless good, have import papers, ring for more info Ed 0418 395 452

**WANTED TO BUY:**

327CI Large Journal crankshaft (1968-69)

Contact Sean 0425 828 333

**Wanted:** tall deck (10.2" deck height). Big Block  
Chev engine. 502 cubic inch or bigger.  
Contact: Barnsey 0402 082 685.

**Buy:** HT Holden disc brake front end.  
\$100:00.  
Contact: Chris 0430 222 755

**For Sale:** Set of extractors suit SBC, new not used, 1-3/4 primaries into 2. \$250 the set.  
Jeff Wilson, 0475 609 961.

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**Right:** Stubby Holder



**Below:** Ladies Shirt (cherry red and Mid Blue)



**Right and above:** Front and back Baseball Jacket



**Above:** Polo shirts (all members receive one when they first become members)

**Below:** Rugby Shirt



**Above:** Layer Jacket >New!



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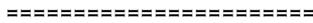
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