

# The Lion's Roar

Mumblings from across the desk in the den of the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch



April/May 2021

## Presidents Report

Welcome Everyone.

Firstly, sorry about no newsletter last month, but as much as we love to keep you all informed, sometimes life gets in the way.

Five months into this year already and our club, and its members, have enjoyed the weather to the maximum with shows and cruises keeping many of us busy most weekends.

The Holden Nationals in Timaru over Easter Weekend had many of our members who had their cars entered, busy finishing engines, and polishing and detailing their cars in the weeks prior and didn't that pay off for them. The trophies awarded to our club members must have left the rest of the clubs in awe of us.

Even the supporter's cruise from Christchurch was well attended and would have looked impressive. The car park attendants at the Timaru venue also commented on the standard of our cars and drivers when we parked up. Well done to all!

Our new club polos and hoodies have been getting delivered over the past month and look great. Every time we wear these in public, we are generating interest in our club.

Remember to follow us on Facebook, and through this newsletter to keep up with upcoming events.

Drive safe and look after your Holden.  
(Appreciating asset now)

*Allan*

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Holden Nationals - Timaru

After months of patience and preparation, Easter weekend was finally here!

Some members had gone down Thursday, but a group of five cars met in Rolleston before the sun rose to head for Timaru. We regrouped in Ashburton as we awaited Dennis to catch up. Upon arrival to Timaru at 7.15 we needed to offload clothes, drinks, etc so we met up with club members already at the Top10 holiday park and dumped our belongings in Shaun's room as it was a bit early to check-in. After waking a few nearby campers to the rumble of v8s we left for the stadium with eight vehicles. There was already a large group of cars in the stadium carpark and daylight had barely broken.

Those with early Holdens had little time to wipe off the early morning bugs before being ordered into a queue into the Stadium. Others had a bit more time to wipe down their cars and others, unfortunately, had wasted their time as it rained. Within three hours all 140 cars had been parked and shuttles rushed entrants around town but not for me. It was time for my first experience of judging, which, took three hours to judge my category's cars.

Upon returning to our accommodation, we were left with 10 minutes to get ready for a bus pick-up to go to the meet and greet at Craig & Toni's. This was a fantastic meet with grazing tables, lots of other cars, a man cave that so many envied, and an auction to set the mood of the weekend. Some of us returned to our accommodation and carried on into the wee hours whilst others slept.

Daylight broke on Saturday morning and it was time to load our property, which was removed from the cars for judging, to be put into the car. Others that had to display their cars outside, due to the huge entrant numbers, had to wipe down their cars for the 4th or 5th time of the weekend due to the rain show-



ers that had hit on Friday. We walked around our club's 19 entered cars and put sashes on all of them.

Just as the public was about to be allowed in, we got the unfortunate news that a club member's car was leaking fuel, so we pushed it out of the Stadium as it wasn't worth the risk of trying to fix and make it worse. Entrants had the opportunity to relax and chat with one another and talk with members of the public and the supporters that came down for the day. Lunch was served, and the public continued to pour through the doors to view the collection of cars on show.







As the show came to an end, we were charged with getting all our vehicles back out of the arena and an evening to do what we liked.

On the cruise day, we assembled in the stadium carpark, parking in decade rows, and headed out the back roads of Timaru to Pleasant Point where the 140 cars filled the car parks, grass berms, and back street. A mechanic was open to walk through with a small memorabilia shop and coffee machine, which would have needed a service after people waited up to 40 minutes for their caffeine fix. We jumped back in our cars and, in any order, drove to Geraldine to the Museum where the local Lions served us a sausage and burger for lunch whilst those who hadn't attended the museum took a look around. We could leave at our own leisure and head back to Timaru for a break before the Prizegiving.

We made our way to the Prizegiving Dinner, found a seat, chatted amongst each other as canapes made their way to the tables, and dinner was served. As dinner wrapped up, we had to take our seats into the other room for the prizegiving. We had a large number of our clubs' entrants achieve the highest of their categories which showed the calibre of vehicles our club had entered were of a very high standard. Unfortunately, there was a slight technical issue, and some categories couldn't be an-

nounced on the night. The evening finished prematurely due to this issue but not before the host club had auctioned off some of their Nationals memorabilia which often went for a large sum of money.

As the daylight broke through it was time to leave and head home to drop our furthest travelled member off to the airport so that he could get home by dark. For my first entered Nationals, there were a few learning curves as the delegate for our club, but the event was fantastic and I look forward to in two years time somewhere in the lower North.

Thanks to all our entrants and all the supporters who came down for the day.

*Josh Bentham*



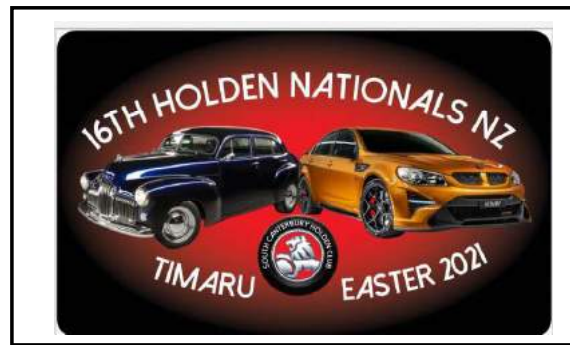




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# 16th Holden Nationals NZ H.E.C.C. Awards

1st	48 215-FJ Modified.	Clint Wheeler
1st	FB-EK Original.	Heather Harris
3rd	FB-EK Original.	Dennis Wiersma
1st	EJ-EH Modified.	Paul Williams
3rd	HK-HG Original.	Kurt Wilson
1st	HK-HG Modified.	Kurt Wilson
1st	HK-HG Monaro Original	Sebastiaan Bastiaanse
1st	HK-HG Monaro Modified	Paul Saunders
1st	HQ-HZ Monaro Original	Toby Dimmock
2nd	HX-WB Original	Mark Lawson
2nd	VK-VL Original	Phil Waterreus
1st	VT-VZ Original	Koren Sullivan
3rd	VT-VZ Original	Terry Webster
3rd	HSV VE Modified.	Shaun Soal
2nd	HSV VF Modified.	Keegan Bulley
1st	1948-59 Decade Modified	Clint Wheeler
1st	1960-69 Decade Original	Sebastiaan Bastiaanse
1st	1960-69 Decade Modified	Paul Williams
1st	1970-79 Decade Original	Toby Dimmock
1st	1970-79 Decade Modified	Paul Saunders
	People's Choice.	Paul Williams



# Sunset & Cruise

# Mid-Year Dinner

**Saturday 19th June 2021**

**Cruise: 3:30pm, Mitre 10 carpark Ferrymead  
Dinner: 5:00pm, Redwood Styx Room**

**Bread Roll and Prawn Cocktail or Chicken Kebab Entree**

**Ham, Lamb, Turkey, with Roast Veges, Carrots, Cauliflower,  
Broccoli and Cheese Sauce**

**Steamed Xmas Pudding with Custard and Cream**

**Tea and Coffee**

**RSVP by Thursday 3rd of June**

(Email [general@holdenclub.co.nz](mailto:general@holdenclub.co.nz) with number of attendees and any dietary requirements)

**Cost:** Adults = \$28per HECC financial member  
\$40 non-financial members

**HECC bank account number: 03-1591-0099827-00  
(use MY21 and your NAME as a reference)**

**\*Please note this meal is non-refundable\***





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May

4th HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

16th Cruise to Bealey Pub  
(weather dependent - alternative run  
to Methven via the Gorges)  
Meet at the Talbot 9:30am

### June

1st HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

19th Sunset Cruise and Mid Year Dinner  
Meet Mitre 10 carpark Ferrymead  
3:30pm, Dinner 5pm onwards

### July

6th HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

11th Karting  
Meet at Action Karts 10:30am

### August

3rd HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

### September

7th HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

7th HECC AGM  
The Redwood Styx Room - following  
the general club meeting.

### October

5th HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

### November

2nd HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

*Events are current at time of publishing.  
Always check with the organiser of the event for the  
most up to date information!*

## FOR SALE

### Club Clothing Range:

Razor Polo (light)	\$45.00 (womens or mens)
Podium Polo (thick)	\$45.00 (womens or mens)
Hoodie (zip)	\$65.00

Limited stock of older style womens "red and white"  
club shirts available \$10.00 (sizes 8-18).

Contact Sarah McKenzie or a committee member for  
further details.

### Club Merchandise:

Club Stickers	\$ 5.00
Club Sashes	\$20.00
HECC Cups	\$ 2.50

## New Clothing Range!



## COMMITTEE

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questions you may have.*

