

# The Lion's Roar



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

July 2021

**AGM**  
September 7th

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## Presidents Report

Hello everyone, and welcome to our wettest month so far.

For members with older cars lacking good, or in some cases, no heaters, these are the months that test their resilience, and possibly, sanity.

I for one am paranoid about using my cars wipers as I had an 'incident' as a new member on my first run in the wet. My driver's side wiper and arm came off the spline mount and landed on the road. This in its self was fine. The fact I was mid field in the convoy meant that most of the cars behind me ran over the wiper, rendering it useless and requiring a visit to Rare Spares for a replacement.

Thankfully, the wet months are relatively short, and the committee organise indoor activities to keep us all amused.

Speaking of committees, our AGM is fast approaching, and nomination forms are now available. If you wish to nominate a member please ensure that you have their permission, as blindsiding them at the AGM becomes embarrassing for everyone involved.

Stay warm and dry and see you all at our next meeting and club event

Allan

## For your info...

*The next event is a club meeting, always the first Tuesday of each month (except in January).*

*July we had dirt kart action and August brings us The Amazing Mystery Car Rally. Check out the flier later in this Newsletter.*

*Don't forget about the AGM in September, who do you want representing you...maybe it's you? October is time for the All Oz Car Show!*

Ed...



## Sunset Cruise & Mid Year Lunch

On Saturday 19th of June, we had our Sunset Cruise and Mid-Year Dinner.

We all gathered at the Mitre 10 Ferrymead Car Park around 3.30pm, and there was a good number of members and cars slowly filling up the carpark. Chatting outside was a bit challenging due to the time of the year as the weather was very fresh.

It was decided that I would lead the cruise, an honour I have not had before. With worries of going too fast and leaving people behind, we headed out of Ferrymead via Ferry Road. A challenge getting through the Supermarket and Mitre 10 traffic, a note for next time, then out around Redcliffs and Sumner.



A quick regroup in Sumner before going up and over Evans Pass to Lyttelton and through the Lyttelton Tunnel (which I must add was amazing and managed well by the members). The roar and the sounds echoing through the tunnel was awesome! Well done guys and girls.

We took the ring road over the estuary and then left onto QE2 Drive, where there was a hint of competition at the traffic lights (read what you like into that) and then onto the new Northern Corridor.



It looked quite cool from the front with a stream of Holdens following along behind. Off the second exit and back through Kaiapoi, with a number of fans out to wave us through, then back down over the old Waimak Bridge.

We then turned left into Stewarts Gully and cruised through where Brooklands once was before the earthquakes, and lastly a strategic detour through the Preston subdivision to eliminate too many queues turning right into Preston Road.

Finally, without losing too many we arrived at the Redwood. We sat down for a lovely meal and some awesome conversations. We are lucky to have so many awesome members that are not scared to mingle and talk to everyone.

A really good night, I hope, was had by all. Thank you to The Redwood for hosting the meal, with their unique take on dessert (yum), and thank you to all that came and had a good time.

*Alistair*

Photos courtesy of Sarah McKenzie





## Reefton's Vehicle Display

A number of weeks ago we received notice of a car Show in Reefton. So, accommodation was booked, and we were looking forward to a great show and catching up with several club members. However, due to unforeseen circumstances we were going to have to cancel the trip and so we cancelled the accommodation.

Then with the talk of members from the Top of the South and a couple of our members still going, we decided to go anyway. With Craig Blackwell on a secret mission to the Coast on the Saturday morning, we thought it safer to follow.

Leaving at 5.00am in the morning before the frost actually hit, I might add, we headed to Reefton. Craig and Cherie were great company to follow and with Craig's knowledge of the road we were able to creep over most of the frosty patches.

Breakfast was recommended by Craig at Springs Junction. We stopped there at 7.00am and had a bite to eat. Back on the road and we arrived in Reefton around 8.30am. After saying our goodbyes and thank you to Craig and Cherie, we found Stephen and Debs and watched them eat Breakfast.

Then it was time to put the cars into the show. Stephen picked out a Yellow GTS in the line and we asked if the Holdens could sit together. Shaun and Lisa then arrived and we settled into a coffee at the local Coffee shop who was doing a roaring trade. If anything, the Show really helped the local economy that day.



Image courtesy of Alistair Joseph

After being fed and watered, we caught up with Bruce, Phil, Grant, and a few others from Nelson to say g'day and share our travel stories. After saying our goodbyes to the guys and gals we went for a walk down the main street. Now, if I can digress for a moment and say that the weather was bleak, cold, and miserable. But we did find a fire in the Hardware store which helped us thaw out.

Lunchtime was at Dawson Pub, and the grub was genuinely nice. Then it was back to collect the cars. With no accommodation for the night, I have to thank Shaun and Lisa for offering to host us for the night, and without a word of a lie two kilometres out of Reefton it was sunny and warm. The evening was filled with good food, good company, a couple of games of pool, and great conversation with Lisa, Debs, Shaun, and Stephen.

The next morning after a brief discussion on who snored and who did not, we went into Coffee Culture Grey-mouth for a bite of Breakfast. After goodbyes to Lisa and Shaun and special thanks for the five-star accommodation, we headed off.



Stephen and Debs then headed back into Reefton for us to meet up there at 3.00pm for the cruise home. So, we cruised up to Westport to visit family. Then after a coffee and a good catch-up, it was back on the road to Reefton. We meet up with Stephen and Debs and then started a slow journey back over the Rahu saddle, which was very icy and we were very respectful of the road conditions. Once back in Springs Junction the roads were definitely a lot better, and the speed increased to the actual speed limit.

The Hamner turn-off came and went that is where we started to meet traffic again. Including half, if not all, of the North Canterbury Police force. Respectfully just doing their job but making me nervous anyway. We stopped at Pineacres, to say our goodbyes to Debs and Stephen and thank them for a great weekend and then home to look forward to the week ahead.

*Alistair*



# **Reefton's Vehicle Display**

**SATURDAY 3RD  
JULY**

**11AM-3PM**

**REEFTON CAMP  
GROUND**

**OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES  
UTES, BIKES  
CLASSIC CARS, HOT RODS,  
MUSCLE CARS**







# Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch

# The *amazing* Mystery Car Rally



**SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 2021**

Meeting point: The Redwood Bar Carpark  
(off Prestons Rd)

Registration: 9:30am, first car away 10:00am

**OPEN TO ALL CARS - MAKES & MODELS**

Entry fee: Free for HECC financial members  
\$5 for non-financial (per car)

Ensure you bring a pen & a sense of humour!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July

3rd Reefton Car Show

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

11th Karting  
Meet at Action Kart Raceway,  
575 Sawyers Arms Road 10:30am

### August

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

15th The Amazing Mystery Car Rally  
Meet at the Redwood Carpark 9:30am

### September

5th South Canterbury All Australian Car Show  
Meet at Park N Ride area along Kidman  
Street 7.30am

Rock'n'Wheels Amberley  
Meet at Joe's Garage Carpark 10:00am

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

15-19th Kaikoura Hop

### October

1st-3rd Franz Josef Glacier Show

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

8-10th VCC Swapmeet

10th Bathurst Day @ ....  
*Details to come*

16th All Oz Cruise - *Details to come!*

17th All Oz Car Show - *Details to come!*

### November

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

7th HECC Show n Shine  
*Details to come*

*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

## Club Clothing Range!



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*If you have any issues, you can contact us directly.  
We are all willing to answer, or talk through any questions you  
may have.*

