

# The Lion's Roar

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



December 2021

## Presidents Report

So, the end of our second frustratingly abnormal year is almost here. As much as our committee tried to operate this year as normal as possible, we were constantly having to second guess our Covid levels.

Being a responsible car club, our committee erred on the side of caution and chose to not promote any events involving mass gatherings while under the old Level 2 restrictions. Looking back, this was the correct option to take and will better prepare us for our club to do our own cruises in 2022. Make sure you check out our Facebook page and this newsletter for upcoming events!

Unfortunately, in November we had a committee member resign from the club for health reasons, so we are now looking for another person. If anyone is keen to join or wants more info, please contact a committee member for a chat.



## REMINDER

Annual membership subs are now due. \$40 per year for individual members, or \$60 per year for a couple.

Our Xmas dinner and prize-giving had the largest attendance of many years, and everyone that attended certainly enjoyed the food on offer and a chance to enjoy the company of fellow club members. Sooty and his staff again provided fantastic service and a great venue.

Our club received an email from William Holden, promoting his book, 'HOLDEN Our Own', on the history of the Holden family, and famous brand. The book is a 200-page, hardcover edition available at AUD 39.99 plus freight (refer flyer in this email). I have contacted the publisher enquiring about discounts for a bulk purchase. Depending on the quantity, the discount may equate to free freight from Australia to New Zealand. I am after expressions of interest from any members who are keen to purchase this book so that I can negotiate with the publisher.

Please search HOLDEN Our Own, through the website below and I will have more info for you all at our next club meeting.  
[www.bigskypublishing.com.au](http://www.bigskypublishing.com.au)

On behalf of myself and all the committee, have a safe and enjoyable Xmas, and New Year, and we catch many of you on our Pie n Pint cruise to Methven.

Allan



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## HECC Christmas Lunch & Awards

On Sunday the 28th of November the club had our End of Year, Prize giving and Xmas Dinner at the Redwood.

It was our biggest yet with 44 club members and family attending. Very much highlighting that even with the year somewhat topsy turvy, the club was still very strong. Once again Sooty and Emma put on an awesome meal, and it was an afternoon of good times and good stories.

Then we watched a video of our furthest club member getting some good coverage on the Repco Garage, well done Clint, awesome piece of tv.

There were the serious parts of the afternoon with the raffles being drawn, the winners were

- 1st The Moffatt Family off the Moffat Family Raffle sheet.
- 2nd George off the Joseph Raffle Sheet
- 3rd Pat McGarva off the Harris Raffle Sheet

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you all for selling so many sheets.

The raffle draw was soon followed by the presentation of the Show and Shine Awards;

### Category: 48-215

1st Heather Harris  
1960 FB Holden

=2nd Josh Bentham  
1964 EH Holden Special

=2nd Leanne Bentham  
1964 EH Holden Premier

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48-215 to EH Class  
**FIRST**

1964 EH Holden Special  
10th October 2021

Heather Harris

Alan White - President  
Shane Genet - Vice President

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48-215 to EH CLASS  
SECOND

1964 EH Holden Special  
10th October 2021

Josh Bentham

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1964 EH Holden Premier  
10th October 2021

Leanne Bentham

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HD to WB CLASS  
**FIRST**

1965 HD Holden Special  
10th October 2021

Josh Bentham

Alan White - President  
Shane Genet - Vice President

### Category: HD to WB

1st Josh Bentham  
1965 HD Special

### Category: Torana

1st A & J White  
1979 UC Sunbird

2nd Rob Gordon  
1979 UC Holden Torana

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TORANA  
**FIRST**

1979 UC Sunbird  
10th October 2021

A & J White

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Shane Genet - Vice President

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TORANA  
SECOND

1979 UC Holden Torana  
10th October 2021

Rob Gordon



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**Category: VN to VS**  
 1st D & T Mitchell  
 1995 VS Statesman

VN to VS CLASS  
**FIRST**



*Don & Tania Mitchell*

1995 VS Statesman  
 10th October 2021

Allan White - President

Shane Genet - Vice President

**Category: VT to VZ**

1st Dean Tucker  
 2005 VZ Maloo

2nd Koren Sullivan  
 2003 VY SS Holden Commodore

3rd Shane Genet  
 1999 VT SS Holden Commodore

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*Dean Tucker*

2005 VZ Maloo  
 10th October 2021

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VT to VZ CLASS  
 SECOND



*Koren Sullivan*

2003 VY Commodore SS  
 10th October 2021

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VT to VZ CLASS  
 THIRD



*Shane Genet*

1999 VT Commodore SS  
 10th October 2021

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Shane Genet - Vice President

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VE to VF CLASS  
**FIRST**



*Keegan Bully*

2013 VF HSV  
 10th October 2021

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Shane Genet - Vice President

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VE to VF CLASS  
 SECOND



*Tim Harris*

2015 VF Sportswagon SS  
 10th October 2021

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VE to VF CLASS  
 THIRD



*Ross Gray*

2015 VF Holden Sandman  
 10th October 2021

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Shane Genet - Vice President

**Category: VE to VF**

1st Keegan Bulley  
 2013 VF HSV

2nd Tim Harris  
 2015 VF SS Holden Sportswagon

3rd Ross Gray  
 2015 VF Holden Sandman

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| People's Choice   | Heather Harris  | 1960 FB Holden       |
| Most Improved     | Alistair Joseph | 2013 Z-Series Sedan  |
| Presidents Choice | Koren Sullivan  | 2003 VY SS Commodore |
| President's Award | Alistair Joseph |                      |
| Hard Luck         | Sarah McKenzie  |                      |

For persevering with All OZ two years in a Row, when Covid made things very difficult.

Congratulations to all the award winners, there are some awesome cars in the club and the whole club really presents themselves to a very high standard. Well done everyone.

The afternoon finished up with everyone wishing a merry Christmas and looking forward to the next event the Pie and Pint Run on January the 8th 2022.

*Alistair*



*'This book is fascinating reading.'*  
John Williamson AM

*'It is a must-have addition to any automotive library.'*  
Mark Behr, Executive Marketing Manager – Shannons

*'A unique perspective on the history of the Holden family  
and its long association with the Holden company.'*  
Hon. Paul Fletcher MP Minister for Communications,  
Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

# HOLDEN our own

Author:	William James Holden
ISBN:	9781922615503
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Release date:	November 2021
Format:	Hardback
Pages:	206 pages
Price (incl. GST):	\$39.99

## The Holden family's story

### Key Selling Points:

- The first and only book to be written by a member of the Holden dynasty
- A complete and informative compendium of one of the world's famous automotive marques worthy of a place in any car museum, private collection, library or home
- An accurate account of the car company that has shaped Australia in so many ways, for so long
- Includes never-before-told, myth-busting facts about the Holden family, car and story
- Supported by a national PR and media campaign.

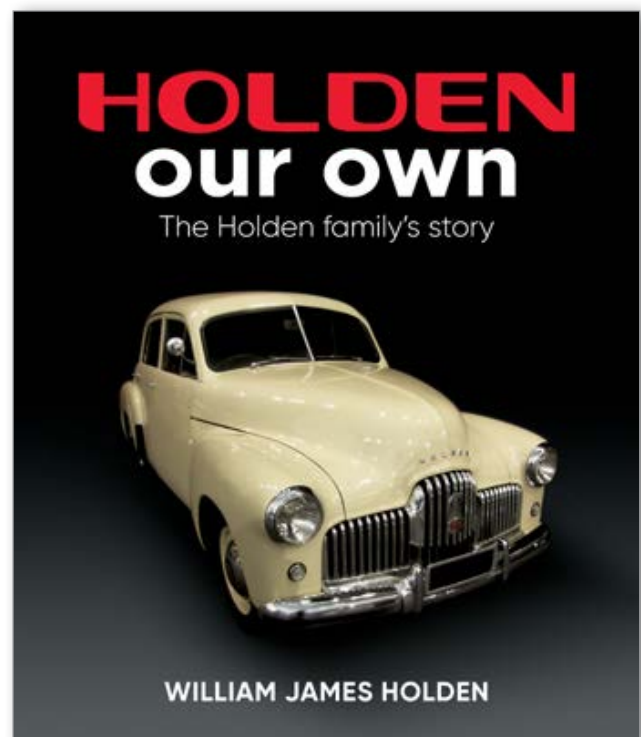
### About the Book

Take a drive down memory lane ...

A small leather goods and harness-making shop in England became a fledgling horse-drawn carriage and coach-building business in colonial South Australia. It then morphed into Holden, a multinational company and a much-loved Australian icon. Holden endured through overwhelming wartime hardships, depression and adversity to be a respected marque of the Australia automotive industry and recognised around the globe.

In this thoroughly researched book, author William Holden goes deep to examine the key branches of the Holden family tree and the Holden car story. *HOLDEN our own* explores the history, events and personalities that created the Holden business – from its birth to its ultimate sale to automotive giant General Motors and beyond – all through the lens of the Holden family dynasty.

This book is a rare offering not only for the motoring enthusiast and Holden aficionados and historians but for every true and proud Australian.



### About the Author

William James Holden was born in East Melbourne. His first involvement with General Motors-Holden's Ltd. came during his years at university when he performed a wide range of maintenance work on plant and equipment at both Fishermans Bend and Dandenong. His first white collar job was as an engineer in the company's Central Laboratory. He is the last member of the legendary Holden Family who has worked in the automobile industry founded by his family and who bears the Holden name. He and his lovely wife Rosario have two wonderful daughters and now a grandson. And yes, he does drive a Holden. Always has.

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## EVENT LIST

Please note that due to Covid Alert Levels:

\*Club meetings may be held online via Zoom. Please check your email for links to such meetings.

\*Always refer to the organiser of the event for the most up-to-date information

### December

5th Bathurst Day @ ... Don & Tania's  
RSVP for details

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

### January 2022

n/a No club meeting

8th Pie n Pint Run - Blue Pub Methven  
Meet at Joe's Garage/Supercheap,  
Cranford St. 9:45am

### February

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

13th Lake Hood & BBQ Cruise  
Meet at Rolleston Park and Ride  
Kidman Street, Rolleston 9.45am

### March 2022

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

13th Mt Lyford Lodge Cruise  
Meet at Joes Garage / Supercheap  
Cranford Street, 8.45am

### April

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

3rd Weka Pass Railway tbc  
Let us know if this interests you.

### May

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

15th HECC Scavenger Hunt  
tbc

*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!



### COMMITTEE

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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.*

