

The Lion's Roar

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



February 2022

Presidents Report

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022. Hopefully a year of better times for everyone, although having us operating under RED also poses some challenges.

As mentioned in the December newsletter, we as a committee had decided to concentrate on organising more club runs and events rather than promoting car shows etc, that have the potential to be cancelled, leaving us with no event for a month.

This has proven a good move with us running our annual Pie n Pint run with an excellent turnout of both current and potential members.

Operating under RED does mean we need to keep a track of numbers attending an event, so that we can inform the café or eateries where the run ends. RSVP's will need to be replied to by the due date to enable us to do this efficiently. While vaccination passes will be required at these

venues, the cruise part of the event is still open to everyone to attend and be enjoyed, as each car is a bubble.

At the time of writing this report, the weather has become our enemy, but postponements, not cancellations, now become an option, making life for us all a little easier and pleasant. I wish to welcome Denny Ryan onto our committee. Denny has been a long serving active member of the club and brings many years of experience to our meetings.

Jock Dalley was voted in as a new member. Jock is from Hororata, and has a 1995 VS Commodore SS Sedan, and a 1996 VS Commodore Ute. Also, welcome back Sarah Coote, who has re-joined HECC.

Hope to catch up with you all at our next event. Until then, drive safe and have fun. Life is way too serious at the moment.

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Pie n Pint Run 2022 - Image courtesy of Whare Ward



Pie n Pint Run

The first cruise for the year, the Annual Pie and Pint Run. This year we meet at the Supercheap car park on Cranford Street.

After the now standard, scanning, coffee stop, and cruise briefing, we were on our way.

This was the second time leading and I must say I get nervous wondering if I am going too slow as I don't want to lose anyone. I did try to lose Keegan up the Motorway though, making a slick lane change to line myself up for the Tram Road turn off.

After meeting our northern club members on Tram Road, it was a leisurely cruise up to Oxford, where the next challenge was trying to find enough room for about twenty-five cars to park. Ironically, I parked outside an address and who should drive up the drive but a guy in an XR6. I am sure he was impressed.



Image courtesy of Alistair Joseph

After a quick stop for photos, we were on our way again, across the Waimak River at the gorge, then onto the West Coast Road, next a quick right and we headed for the Rakaia Gorge. Those who did the Mystery Rally last year will remember some of the scenery looked familiar through Glentunnel. On the way to Rakaia there was a number of long straights to give the car a chance to really hit top gear. At 100 kmph, of course.

Over the Rakaia Gorge bridge we followed the signs to Methven. Following the Navman it said turn left at the Blue Pub. How wrong that was which meant a little victory lap around Methven to let the locals know we had arrived. Finally making it into the Blue Pub car park, and a perfect photo opportunity, we sat down for some enjoyable conversation, tasty food, and a pint.

After a catch up on everyone's Christmas and New Year, it was back to reality and a quiet cruise home. For us, it was up to the West Coast Road to say Goodbye to Shaun and Lisa from the coast then homeward. Thank you guys, for coming over to join the event.

Good company, and pleasant weather and even the chance to meet some potential members. Another successful event. Thank you everyone.

Alistair





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John Williamson AM

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*'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
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Release date:	November 2021
Format:	Hardback
Pages:	206 pages

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
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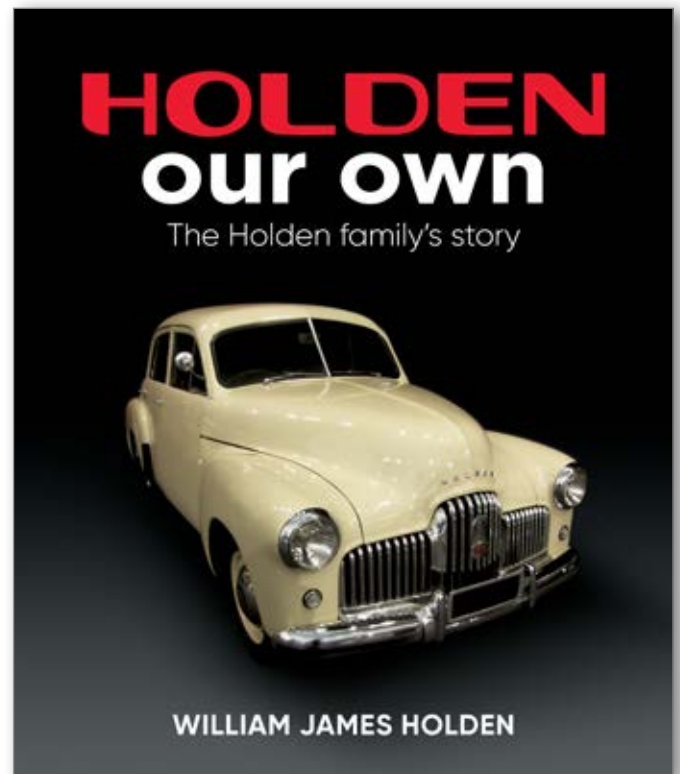
About the Book

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

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~~ **Cancelled**

13th Akaroa Picnic Cruise
Meet at Halswell Bowling Club Carpark
9:30am

April

3rd Weka Pass Railway *on hold*
Let us know if this interests you.

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

May

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

15th HECC Scavenger Hunt
tbc

June

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

18th HECC 30th Anniversary
Mid-Winter Cruise & Meal - 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.*

