

# The Lion's Roar

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



April 2022

## Presidents Report

Hello everyone and welcome to our first Autumn newsletter.

The weather gods have been kind to us so far, which has allowed us to enjoy getting out and cruising in our beloved cars.

Our Akaroa cruise was evidence of this with a great turnout of both current, and hopefully, new members, although increased fuel prices have now become a topic of conversation. With Covid restrictions now eased, eateries at our cruise destinations will be able to accommodate us easier, but getting there is now dearer! Curveballs are becoming commonplace in our society.

With the relaxed restrictions and a "promise of no more lockdowns", the club can now look forward to finally running our All Oz Car Show in October. This is very exciting news, as we have not held this event since 2019, but for this show to run smoothly, we will need to set up an All Oz Car Show organising committee, and a list of volunteers to help in the weeks leading up to, and includ-

ing the show day. If you are keen to help organise, or help out, please get in touch with Alistair or myself.

The first shipment of William Holden's book, HOLDEN, Our Own, has finally arrived in the country and is available for sale at \$49.95 for members and \$54.95 for non-members. All those who have pre-ordered a book will be able to pay and collect them at our Club meeting on May 3rd. There are also additional books for sale. This is a limited edition, high-quality, hard-covered book outlining the history of the Holden family and business, written by the last family member working for GMH when the company closed. A definite must-have for any Holden enthusiast's library collection!

HECC polos and hoodies are also available for sale, and if we don't have your size, we order on a very regular basis. Please see our Club Captain, Sarah McKenzie.

Hopefully, we can enjoy this driving weather a bit longer, and if so, please remember to be kind to your car, drive safe, and love the cruise.

*Allan*

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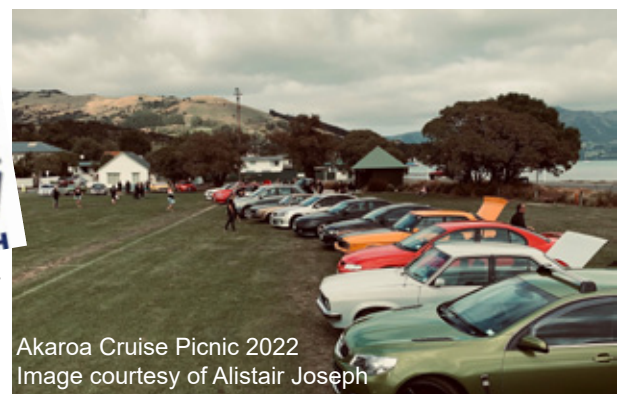
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Akaroa Cruise Picnic 2022  
Image courtesy of Alistair Joseph



## **Akaroa Cruise - by Alistair** **Sunday 13th March 2022**

The morning of Sunday started off sunny. The plan was to meet in the carpark of the Halswell Bowling Club. However, the Halswell Bowling Club had other plans and was very busy Sunday morning, so we all gathered on Halswell Road, with the flags flying.

An excellent turnout with such a variety of Holdens, it was awesome to see. Then at 10.00am we were off to Akaroa, with Akaroa being a popular destination there was a steady stream of traffic. We regrouped at Little River, for a photo stop and a coffee and then off through the hills to Akaroa.



Images courtesy of Alistair Joseph & Allan White



We arrived in pretty good time and then took over the Akaroa Reserve, for a very nice picnic.

Thanks must go to the dropkick on a motorcycle who provided some entertainment of the two-wheeled variety, which made the local news.

Welcome to a number of new members who attended the picnic, and I am sure everyone would agree that the day was a success.

After lunch and some stories shared, everyone went their separate ways. Julia and I went for a cruise through Akaroa for a look around before heading back to Christchurch.

A really good event with no pressure, it was a great idea, and thank you to all that attended.

*Alistair*

## **Akaroa Cruise - by Allan** **Sunday 13th March 2022**

Left home early to ensure I was the first at our meeting point of The Halswell Bowling Club carpark, to find that the carpark is full, of bowling club member's cars. Who would have thought that would happen!

A light bulb moment and I decide parking on the road is a good option as everyone will see the mighty Sunbird and park behind me. Denny Ryan has already beaten me to that idea. They do say great minds think alike. Once I am parked up behind Denny the queue starts to form and continues to grow, and grow, and grow. This is shaping up to be a great cruise.

Leaving in convoy to Little River should have been easy and stress free, until we encounter a Subaru Forester intent on travelling at 20kph under the posted speed limit. If you want to split a convoy, and cause stress to other road users, this will do it. At least we are all able to regroup in the carpark at Little River.



The drive over the hill to Akaroa was enjoyable and uneventful. Arriving en-masse at the domain created interest from the locals, some of whom made their way to check out the cars during the day. What started as an overcast day on arrival at Akaroa slowly cleared to become a reasonably sunny day, allowing everyone to enjoy their picnic lunches and company of fellow car enthusiasts.

The afternoon finished off nicely with a bit of entertainment from a motorcyclist coming off his ride in the main street, while attempting to show off in front of the club. Definitely not his best moment.

*Allan*



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# **THE GREAT WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT**

**SUNDAY**  
**15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022**

**Start & Finish:**           **The Redwood Bar Carpark**  
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**Departure:**               **10:00am**

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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

## 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.

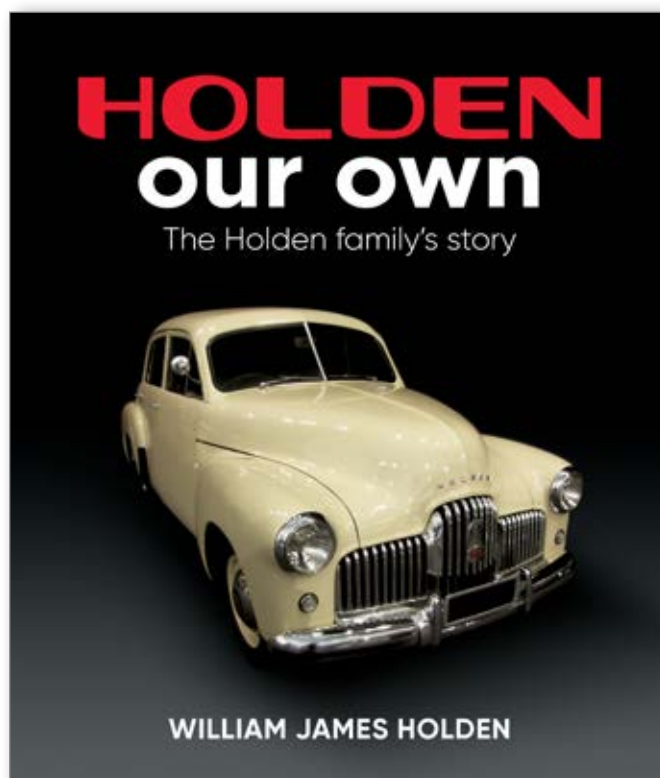
### About the Book

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

### April

3rd Scargill Museum Cruise  
Meet at Joe's Garage Carpark (Cranford St), 9:30am

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

### May

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

15th HECC Scavenger Hunt  
Meet at the Redwood Bar Carpark  
9:45am

### June

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

18th HECC 30th Anniversary  
Mid-Winter Cruise & Meal - Details to Come

### July

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

17th Game Over Christchurch  
211 Blenheim Rd  
Details to come

### August

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

14th Poker Run  
Details to come

### September

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

11th Cruise  
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!



## 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.*

