

The Lion's Roar

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



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The good fine weather is STILL hanging in and giving us ample opportunities to enjoy getting out in our cars.

Pity fuel prices have continued to soar, which may curtail some of our cruising a little, not that you would know, by the number that met up to cruise to the Foxdown Car Museum. Great cruise, great tour, and great meet-up at the tavern afterwards.

This is the type of stuff that makes the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch such a great car club. Thank you to all the committee, and members, that keep coming up with great events for us all to enjoy.

HECC is 30 years young in June, which is quite a milestone for any club, let alone a single make car club. Membership is still growing, with more families making inquiries, and new potential members showing up at our cruises. The high standard of members driving, and the presentation of their cars is a great reflection on the club as a whole, and I am sure this helps to attract more people to our events.



Speaking of events, we have our anniversary cruise and dinner on 18th June at the Redwood Tavern, if you weren't aware, and would love to see you all there. This dinner is open to members and non-members, but bookings are essential. Please RSVP as soon as possible to avoid missing out on a fantastic evening.

Let's hope the weather stays clear so we can enjoy our rides..

Allan

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We are turning 30 and you're invited to celebrate with us!

Saturday June 18th



Lunch time cruise: 10am, Mitre 10 Mega Carpark Ferrymead

Pre-drinks/mingling: 5pm, The Redwood Bar

Dinner: 6pm, The Redwood Hotel Styx Room

ENTREE	Bread rolls with a selection of chicken, beef, prawn, and veges	
MAINS	5-spiced pork belly in a cauliflower puree (gf)	
	Beef sirloin (gf, df)	
SIDES	Bacon wrapped stuffed chicken breast (gf)	
	Salads:	Vegetables:
	Farmhouse potato salad (gf, df, v)	Roast potatoes (gf, df)
	Classic Caesar	Honey roasted vegetables (gf, df, v)
	Basil pesto pasta salad	Steamed vegetables (gf, df, v)
DESSERTS	Chocolate brownie in raspberry compote (gf)	
	Fresh fruit salad with cream (gf)	
Followed by: Tea and coffee, Cheese and crackers		



RSVP for the Cruise and/or Dinner by Friday June 10th
Email general@holdenclub.co.nz with number of attendees and any dietary requirements

Cost: Adults \$75 per financial couple membership (Dinner + gift)
\$45 per financial single membership (Dinner + gift)
\$45 per non-financial member (Dinner only)
\$20 Under 12s menu available

HECC bank account number: 03-1591-0099827-00
(use 30TH and your NAME as a reference)

Please note this meal is non-refundable



Foxdown Museum & Greta Valley Cruise - Robyn Cameron

Sunday 3rd April 2022

The day was great for a cruise to the country to visit Foxdown farm in Scargill Valley, Waikari. With cars meeting at Cranford Street to start their trip, there was a good turnout for the drive.



As the group made their way up, they came through our beautiful Weka Pass, where the road has the Historic Weka Pass railway line, and brings you into Waikari from Waipara. On the side of the road there are rocks of interest that look good; one being called frog rock as it looks like a frog sitting on top of it, another called Lizard rock, and a one called queens head and it does look like that.

The cruise turns towards Scargill, for another beautiful view of the countryside, and we arrive at Andy Fox's farm called Foxdown. All the cars park up with a few cars new to the run so there was a walk around to view them first. We are met by Andy and Brian. Andy welcomes us and gives us a talk on the history of the family, the farm, and a bit about the area.



Both Andy and Brian have their own displays of cars. Andy has two sheds for his museums which are filled with a lot of different things, some of which were found on the farm from the olden days, and there were many interesting collections like the number plates he collected from all over the place. There was stuff my grandmother would've had when she was younger, which brought back some nice memories for me.

SCARGILL



He has his collection of older cars in another shed, done out as a function room for either private or community events. He invites us to view the first cottage that his Granddad built for his wife. That cottage was really nice and well looked after. After a few hours and lots of chat and photos, we left for the Greta Valley pub for lunch and a catchup.

We would like to thank Andy and Brian for opening the farm and sharing their time and interest with our club. I had some really nice feedback from this run, thank you to all who were able to come.

Robyn



Foxdown Museum & Greta Valley Cruise - Alistair Joseph

Sunday 3rd April 2022

On the 3rd of April this year, the Club was off on another cruise. This was a cruise to Scargill, North Canterbury, through Waikari and turn to the right to Foxdown, a working farm, with so much history.

We met at Super Cheap Cranford Street at 9.30am. Once everyone arrived, it was a cruise north up the motorway. Always worried when leading, whether I was going to slow or not fast enough, we just took off. From the front it looked awesome, a very steady stream of Holdens and a Green Lambo?

Arriving in Amberley to pick up a couple of members, we headed up to Waipara. Turning left inland, we headed up to Waikari where we collected our North Canterbury members then a final little cruise, before a left turn up a long driveway to Foxdown.

Once we got there we were met by Andy Fox who gave us a bit of a story of the family farm and the history, then we were allowed to have a wander.



Then we were off in a small cloud of dust to Greta Valley Pub for Lunch. After a very nice lunch, and some really good company, and some awesome Weather, we will headed home.

To ensure Coasters Shaun and Lisa left Canterbury in the right direction, we took them on a little excursion over to Springfield via the gorges.

With our goodbyes, it was a final sprint home to Christchurch. For a very early night sleep.

Alistair



For me, it was to see the cars. You walk into a couple of sheds and it would seem you have gone back 100 years. The items collected by the family and stored was truly amazing. A special thanks to Andy and Family and Hash the dog for entertaining us.





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HOLDEN our own

Author:	William James Holden
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The Holden family's story

Key Selling Points:

- The first and only book to be written by a member of the Holden dynasty
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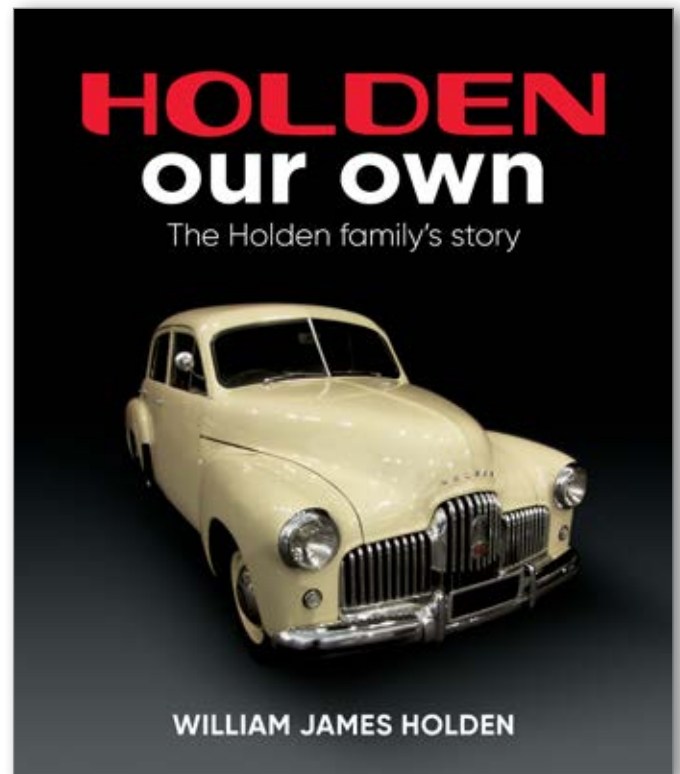
About the Book

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

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
Cruise & Lunch - Meet at Mitre 10 Mega
Carpark 10am
Dinner - Mingling 5pm
- Meal 6pm

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
The Redwood Bar Carpark 9:45pm

September

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

11th Cruise
Details to come

October

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

15-16th All Oz Cruise and Car Show

*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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may have.*

