

# The Lion's Roar

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

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## Presidents Report

Hello everyone, and welcome to winter. Just like last year, the weather is still quite stable, if a little colder.

Unfortunately, one of the few cooler overcast days we've had was on the club's Scavenger Hunt resulting in fewer members attending, but, as you will read in Sarah's article, those that did, had a great time.

We welcomed one new member to the club this month, Bevan Grooby, and his wife Paula. Bevan, an avid Holden fan, is restoring a 1938 Pontiac, and has a Holden Captiva as a daily driver. Welcome to the club!

Our committee takes great pride in organising and providing the club with monthly events, many of which are subsidised by the club for members when a cost is involved. As I have stated many times, this makes our car club fairly unique, as many clubs only organise a cruise or enter car shows, with not a lot of thought for family-based outings.

Speaking of committees, we have our AGM in September, and both Josh and myself, MUST step aside from our current positions this year. As most of you will be aware our club constitution states that we can only hold an executive position for 3 years.

I joined the club only 3½ years ago and have been part of the executive for 3 of those years, and am thoroughly enjoying the experience. Josh has been on the executive committee in one position or another for many years, and while he also enjoys his time on the committee, he wishes to take a break so he can focus on his business.

Our club is filled with great members who would do a fantastic job on our committee, so if you are keen, please come and see Josh, Alistair, Shane, or myself, and have a chat.

As always, enjoy your drive, keep safe, and I'll catch up at our next event.

*Allan*



Images courtesy of the Bulley family



## The Great Winter Scavenger Hunt - Sarah M

Sunday, 15th May 2022

May 15th arrived, and typically the weather was very chilly, and to make matters worse, not long after the cars left the Redwood the rain came. There was a good turnout of teams for the 2022 Great Winter Scavenger Hunt: seven teams in person and one team working remotely from home due to health restrictions.

Getting 100% of the items in the scavenger hunt would have yielded you 500 points. For the first 100 points, you had to collect items ranging from a yellow flower through to a black singlet, to an empty wine bottle.

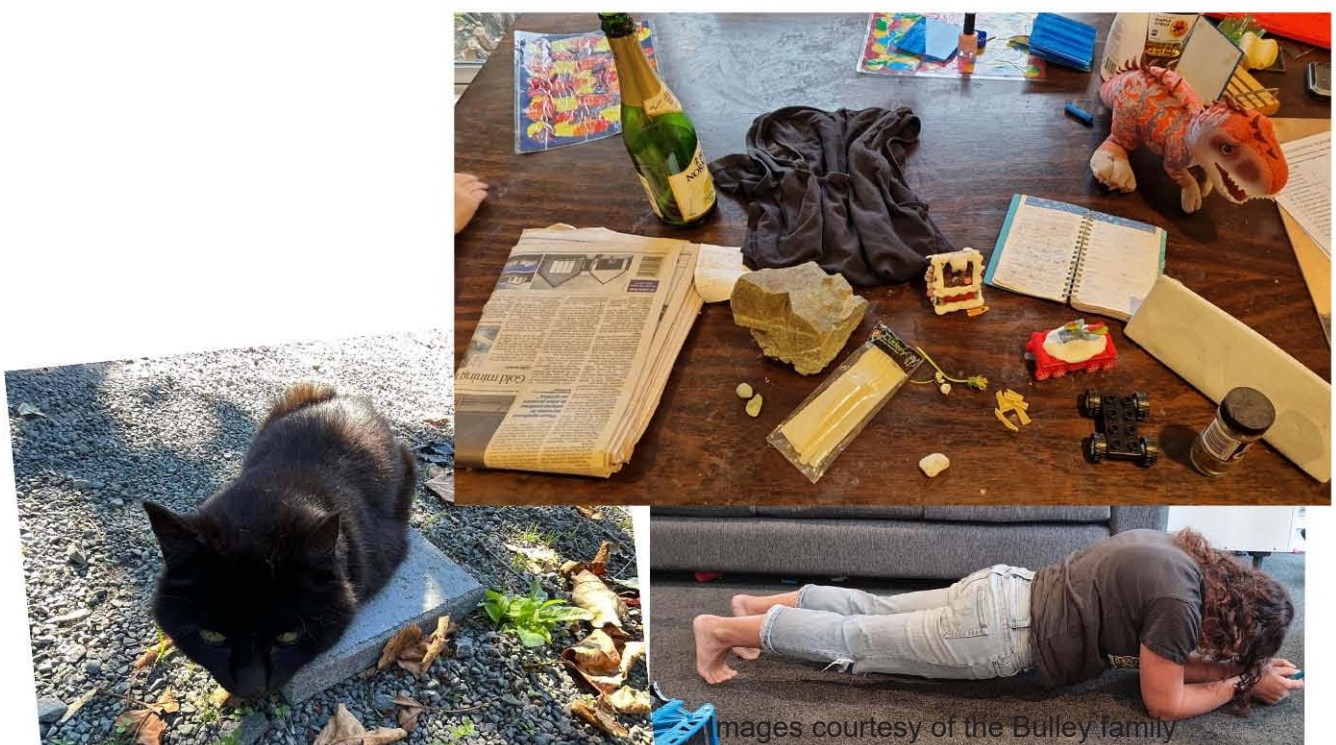
The next 200 points required photos of various items and of team members showing off their flexibility and creativity. From a photo of a black cat to a team member riding a bike, planking, or wearing a road cone as a hat. One of the requirements was to have a team member walking someone else's dog. For Allan White, this meant convincing a lady that he really needed to take her dog's lead and have his photo taken. I believe this took a bit of convincing. The lady probably thought she would never see her dog again. But with the reassurance from her husband, she handed over her dog to Allan for a fantastic pic!

The next points were 50 for solving anagrams, and another 50 for car questions. The anagrams were scrambled words associated with Christmas (just in case you had forgotten Christmas was 7 months away). The car questions were random questions, for example: 'What make of car has been used by James Bond the most times in the Bond franchise', to 'What car company makes the Econoline?'

The last section was about car badges (with the manufacturers' names removed). If you managed to name all ten correctly, this would have got you another 100 points.

All the teams sounded like they had a lot of laughs completing the tasks, and a lot of laughs telling their stories back at the Redwood while the results were being collated. A great winter activity.

|          |     |                    |                          |
|----------|-----|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Results: | 1st | Very Xotic         | Rochelle & Dave          |
|          | 2nd | VZ Cruisers        | Alistair & Julia         |
|          | 3rd | Team Rah           | Heather & Tim            |
|          | 4th | White Lightening   | Allan & Jeanette         |
|          | 5th | Hotaaz             | Sarah & Leigh            |
|          | 6th | The Yellow Raccoon | Sam & Asti               |
|          | 7th | Team Rabbit Rescue | Josh & Leanne            |
|          | 8th | Team Iso           | Keegan, Alicia, and kids |





**Extra! Extra! (Read All About It!)**

A couple of our members managed to make their way into the Westport newspaper. Many thanks to *The Westport News*, Lee Scanlon and Raquel Joseph for allowing us to use their article in our Newsletter.



Julia and Sarah Joseph enjoyed their flying visit to Westport on the weekend. Photo: Raquel Joseph

**Rumbling through Westport**

Christchurch-based Holden enthusiasts Alistair and Julia Joesph, and their daughter Sarah, rolled into Westport briefly on Saturday.

They were on the coast for a car meet and made their way to Westport for a pitstop at their niece’s house.

The group were staying with a Greymouth enthusiast, who also made the “detour” to Westport, Julia said.

They spent the morning at a Holden enthusiasts’ meeting in Murchison, where Holdens lined the street, and rumbled through the Buller Gorge in the afternoon.

After a quick coffee they were off to Greymouth, looking forward the drive down the Coast Road.

The group always enjoyed their trips to Westport, which usually included a drive up to Denniston, Julia said.

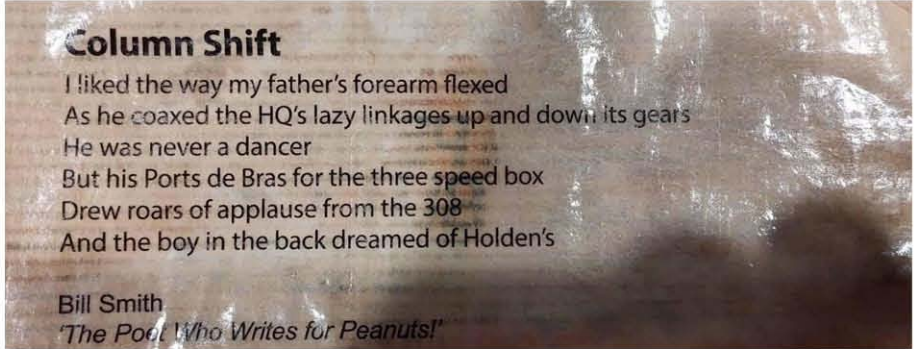
“We love the drive and being able to catch up with our niece as a bonus.”

*Raquel Joseph*

**On another note,**



look at what Allan found under the label of his favourite spread....



**Column Shift**

I liked the way my father’s forearm flexed  
 As he coaxed the HQ’s lazy linkages up and down, its gears  
 He was never a dancer  
 But his Ports de Bras for the three speed box  
 Drew roars of applause from the 308  
 And the boy in the back dreamed of Holden’s

Bill Smith  
*'The Pool Who Writes for Peanuts'*



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'This book is fascinating reading.'  
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'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            |

## 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.

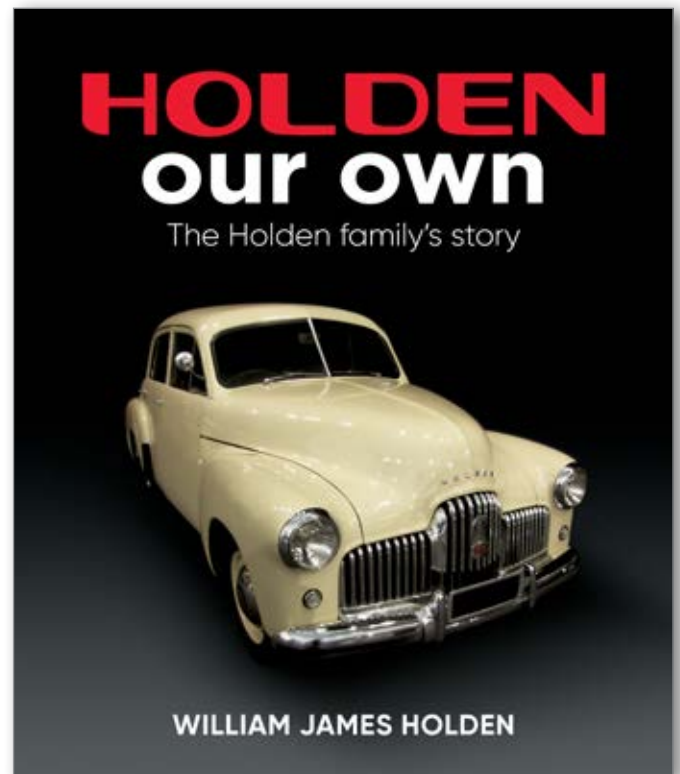
### About the Book

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

### Note:

- \*Covid Alert Levels may affect events at any time,
- \*Club meetings may be held online (tba via email),
- \*Always refer to the organiser of the event for the most up-to-date information

### 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  
Details to come

### November

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

### December

- 6th HECC Meeting

*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

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| President      | Allan White<br>027 282 8015                               |
| Vice President | Shane Genet<br>027 578 8744                               |
| Secretary      | Alistair Joseph<br>027 731 5003                           |
| Treasurer      | Joshua Bentham<br>027 321 2571                            |
| Club Captain   | Sarah McKenzie<br>021 0249 2550                           |
| Committee      | Julia Joseph<br>Robyn Cameron<br>Tim Harris<br>Denny Ryan |
| Editor         | Whare Ward  |

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

