

# The Lion's Roar

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

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## Presidents Report

Wow, wasn't our cruise and dinner a great event? Everybody that attended either, or both, had a great time. Again, thank you to all members who helped make the day and evening so enjoyable. The 30th-anniversary pack was a great gift for the dinner guests.

Everyone who attended the dinner will know that the club has inducted its first-ever life member. He is one of the founding members of Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch, is a current committee member, and has continued to support the club, our members, and our events.

Congratulations Denny Ryan, we look forward to your company for many more years to come.

Now that we have entered the second half of the year, which seems to have come around waaay too quickly, it is going to get very busy for the club from now to the end of the year. Monthly events, our AGM, All Oz Car



Show, Show n Shine, and our Christmas Dinner and prize giving are happening over the next few months.

While I mentioned the AGM and election of executive committee members last month, it is important for the club to have a good active committee. Our constitution states that an executive member can only hold a position for no more than three consecutive years. This allows the executive to remain fresh, and new people to step up if they feel they want to contribute to the club.

Both our Treasurer, Josh, and I must step down from our current positions as we each will have done our three years. I am happy to remain on the committee, and Alistair will complete another year as secretary to assist new committee members.

It should also be noted executive members are not required to hold their position for three years, and you may choose to not put your name forward after one year. Please feel free to contact any of the executives to discuss the roles if you are interested.

We still have Club picnic blankets, key-rings, and registration sleeves for sale, as well as club clothing, and a limited number of HOLDEN, Our Own books, so get them before they sell out.

Enjoy your Holden and drive safe.

Allan



## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise, Lunch, & Dinner - Robyn

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>, June, 2022

The 18th of June saw our 30th Anniversary kick off with a meeting at the Ferrymead Mi-tre10 Mega carpark for a cruise to the Southbridge Hotel for lunch. It was an overcast and cold day but many brave souls turned up with 34 cars and 60 ppl which made for a good run.



We headed out through the Lyttleton Road Tunnel and over to the bays to meet up at the Wheatsheaf Tavern carpark (Teddington) for a group photo and wee chat. Then it was off to the Southbridge Hotel for lunch, going through places I haven't been to in years.





All of the cars arrived at the Southbridge Hotel. This made for a great display of all sorts of Holdens and a few other cars, this was a great run. After we had lunch, people went off to do their own stuff until we all met up at the Redwood Bar later in the afternoon for our Anniversary dinner and drinks.

48 people attended the dinner, and again the Redwood outdid themselves with our meal, with many thanks to the staff for how nice they made the dining room look.

After the meal, the club did a special presentation to Denny Ryan who became our club's first Life Member. Denny did the cutting of the cake, which was a proud moment for the club. We drew raffles and offered gift bags as people retired for the evening.

This was a great day for all who attended both events, or just the meal, and was well worth the organising by the HECC Committee and the hard work that went into this event, it went really well.

*Robyn*





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# 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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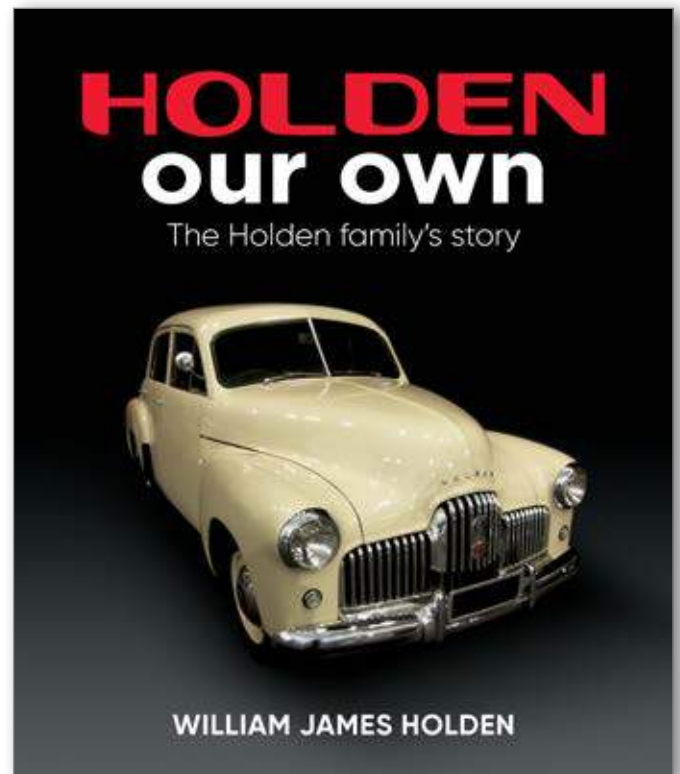
### About the Book

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

### 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

### July

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

17th Poker Run  
Meet at the Redwood Bar Carpark (off  
Prestons Rd) 9:45am

(note: the Game Over event has been postponed)

### August

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

14th Game Over Christchurch **\*\*tbc\*\***  
211 Blenheim Rd

### September

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

18th Cruise to Waipara, Weka Pass Railway  
Details to come

21st VCC Daffodil Rally  
Check details with the organiser (VCC)

### October

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

9th Bathurst at ...  
Details to come

7-9th VCC Swap Meet  
Details to come or check with VCC

15-16th All Oz Cruise and Car Show  
Details to come

### November

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

6th HECC Show & Shine  
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

### HECC Clothing & Merchandise:

Razor Polo (light)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
Piping Polo (thick)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
Hoodie (zip)	\$65.00	(Unisex)
HECC Stickers	\$ 5.00	
HECC Sashes	\$20.00	
HECC Cups	\$ 2.50	
HECC Keyring	\$10.00	
HECC Blanket	\$25.00	
HECC Registration pouch	\$10.00	

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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.*

