

The Lion's Roar



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

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Christchurch Inc.

AGM

6th September 2022!
Be there!



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Presidents Report

Welcome to our last winter 2022 newsletter, and it sure looks like it is the wettest and coldest month so far.

The thought of working in a cold garage meant my plans to work on my car went out the window very quickly, but at least the weather meant I haven't missed too many good cruising days.

I am writing sections of this report each night as I am travelling around the lower South Island on business, and I am still amazed at the number of cars that are hidden in workshops. On this trip alone, I come across an HQ Commonwealth Games car that's only done 63000kms in Balclutha, an HT Brougham running an LSx engine and getting a turbo fitted by a workshop in Gore, and a 2-owner FJ ute being slowly restored in Oamaru, and these are only the Holdens!

With values increasing every month, I expect we will see more of these classics back on the road, and owners looking for cruises and events to join.

Positive times ahead for clubs like ours.

While I was unable to attend our famous Poker Run last month, I have heard that a great time was had by all members that attended. Again, another enjoyable event hosted by your club, and I am sure that you all join me in thanking the organisers.

Without trying to sound repetitive, we have our AGM and elections coming up very soon, (next month to be exact), and some of us have to relinquish our current positions. If you are interested in joining our illustrious committee, even for only 12 months, then get your nomination in. There will be a heap of backup support for any new executive members.

2022/2023 Subs are also coming due soon.

We have a good selection of club merchandise and HOLDEN Our Own books available for sale. Please contact Club Captain Sarah for a list and prices.

Stay warm and dry and I'll see you all at our September meeting and AGM.



Allan



Poker Run

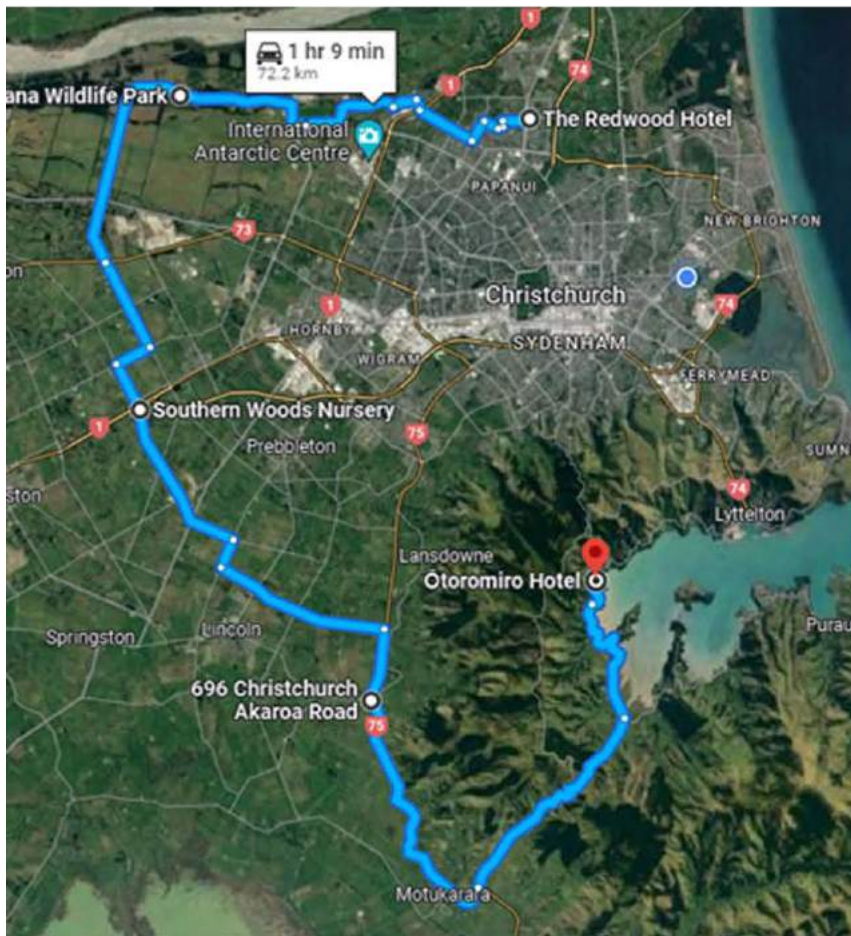
Sunday, 17th, July, 2022

The Poker Run, an expensive way to get a winning hand at poker. Especially with petrol the way it is.

We all met at the Redwood Hotel at 9.30 am to get ready for a good excuse for a cruise around Canterbury. We were worried that we may have got the time wrong, as Josh arrived around 9.55 am. For a start at 10.00 am.

It did not take long to get organised though and once all the teams had our first envelope, we were off.

Next stop Orana Park carpark, however, we all had time for a photo stop as we were waiting for the next sealed envelope to arrive. Once Leanne arrived and we received our envelopes, it was off to Southern Woods Nursery and to the front counter to collect the next envelope.



Then it was a challenge traversing from Rolleston to Tai Tapu to collect the next Card. Collecting the fourth card there was just one last one to collect, in Governors Bay.

Now when you are in Tai Tapu you are, I am sure, directly halfway to Governors Bay, no matter which way you go. Over Dyers Pass or Over Gebbies.

Now even though it was never a race, with the speed limits changing on the way to Akaroa, a chance for one quick sprint to Motukarara and over Gebbies Pass was the choice for us.

Over the Pass and down through Teddington and onto the Governors Bay Hotel for the final Card.

After admiring the views of the harbour, we all went in and had a bit of food and drinks, swapped cards, and showed our hands.

Congratulations to Sarah Coote, who had the winning hand and Shane Genet who was second. And I thought I had a good hand with a Pair of Twos.

Thank you to Josh and Leanne for putting this together and the Governors Bay Hotel for a good feed. And thank you to all the gamblers who took part. A very enjoyable event.

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**Saturday 15th October 2022
Evening Cruise**

Two start points: A) Bishopdale Village Mall, Farrington Ave/Harewood Rd
B) New World, Halswell Road/Nicholls Road, Halswell

Time: 5.30pm meeting time with 6pm departure

Combined conclusion of cruise is at
Mitre 10 Mega Carpark, Ferrymead

Open to all Australian cars and the public

Sunday 16th October 2022 Car Show



From 10am to 2pm; A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Rd, Christchurch

Open to all Australian cars and the public

Gold coin donation for spectators; \$10 entry per display car

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'This book is fascinating reading.'
John Williamson AM

'It is a must-have addition to any automotive library.'
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'A unique perspective on the history of the Holden family
and its long association with the Holden company.'
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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.

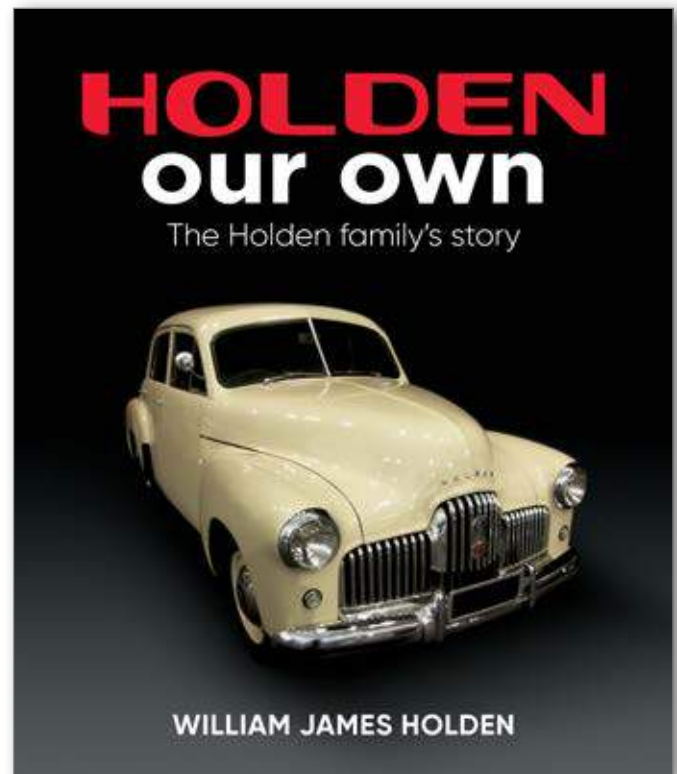
About the Book

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

August

- 2nd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 14th Game Over Christchurch (Cruise first)
Bunnings Harewood 4pm, to 211 Blenheim Rd by 5:30pm

September

- 6th HECC Meeting & AGM
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 18th Cruise to Waipara for a BBQ lunch via Weka Pass Railway,
Details to come for costs & times
Meet at Supercheap Cranford St
- 21st VCC Daffodil Rally
Check details with the organiser (VCC)
(This is not a HECC organised event)

October

- 4th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 9th Bathurst at ...
Details to come
- 7-9th VCC Swap Meet
HECC to attend. Refer VCC for other details
- 15th All Oz Cruise
a) Start at Bishopdale Village Mall
b) New World Halswell Road
(5:30pm meet, 6pm leave)
- 16th All Oz Car Show
A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Road
10am - 2pm

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	

Contact a committee member for further details.



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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.*

