

The Lion's Roar

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

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Presidents Report

Welcome everyone to another HECC monthly newsletter. Wow, where has this year gone?

Christmas is rapidly approaching, and the committee is reminding everyone to ensure that they have paid their membership fees. For the last few years, we have reminded members for several months to renew their membership. This takes extra time and effort away from other club business so please remember that your CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE!

All Oz Car Show & Cruise is our premier club event and will already have happened by the time this report is published. It will be interesting to see how it all panned out and I look forward to the report in next month's newsletter.

Show and Shine is the next club event, and we will be meeting at the Supercheap Auto carpark on Cranford Street before we head to Shane's in Waikuku. A non-perishable item is required to enter your car, and subs must be paid. Additionally, anybody that has been fined over the year must also bring along a non-perishable food item for each fine. It is mostly committee members that seem to get caught out and fined for making silly mistakes. Most of us have been there (some more than others), or we enjoy picking on each other. As always, we ask that all members keep an eye on each other and report any possible infringements to try and balance the distribution of fines each year.

Don't forget to clear your schedule for the HECC Christmas meal & awards on December 4th, which is preceded by a Farewell to Motorsport Cruise.

Spring is here and summer cruising is knocking on the door!

*Editor
on behalf of the President*

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Cruise to Waipara & Weka Pass Railway

Sunday, 18th, September, 2022

A Joe's Garage carpark get together, is always a nice start to a Sunday morning cruise, two weeks into Spring. We had good group of cars head off along the Northern Arterial motorway, where we picked up one at Waikuku.

North Canterbury turned on a lovely day for those that travelled on the A428 old timer steam engine up from Glenmark station Waipara, through the Weka Pass to Waikari. The train headed off at 11.30am with three enclosed carriages, and two open viewing cars.

Everything about the Weka Pass is run by volunteers; from the train drivers to the ticket conductors, to the many people that have, and are painstakingly restoring the carriages.



Travelling partway through the 12.8km railway line, the train came to a halt and for those that wanted to take photos of the train, can get out onto the farmland by the edge of the railway tracks. The train then backed down the line and fired up a magnificent show of smoke and power. This gave a great photo opportunity for those steam buffs on-board.

Arriving at Waikari, the steam engine moved onto the other railway line and joined the train at the other end, to allow it to then pull it back down to the Glenmark Station. Heaps of people took the opportunity to have their picnic lunch at the Waikari station, whilst watching the changing of the engine to the other end of the train.

For us, we knew that a few dedicated committee members were at the Glenmark Reserve cooking up our BBQ lunch [thanks Robyn, Denny, Annie, Pam and Henry].

The afternoon was a nice relaxing finish to the day and some fabulous photo opportunities we captured.

Sarah M



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November 6th 2022

Whip out your polishing cloths and elbow grease,
its time again for the annual.....

HECC Show and Shine

Entry: non-perishable food item for the Xmas hamper raffle
(awards presented at our Xmas function)

Location: Contact the club for details, OR meet us at the
Supercheap carpark, Cranford St. 9:45am and follow us to
Shane's house (Waikuku).

BBQ Lunch provided
advise any dietary requirements



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general@holdenclub.co.nz

'This book is fascinating reading.'
John Williamson AM

'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.

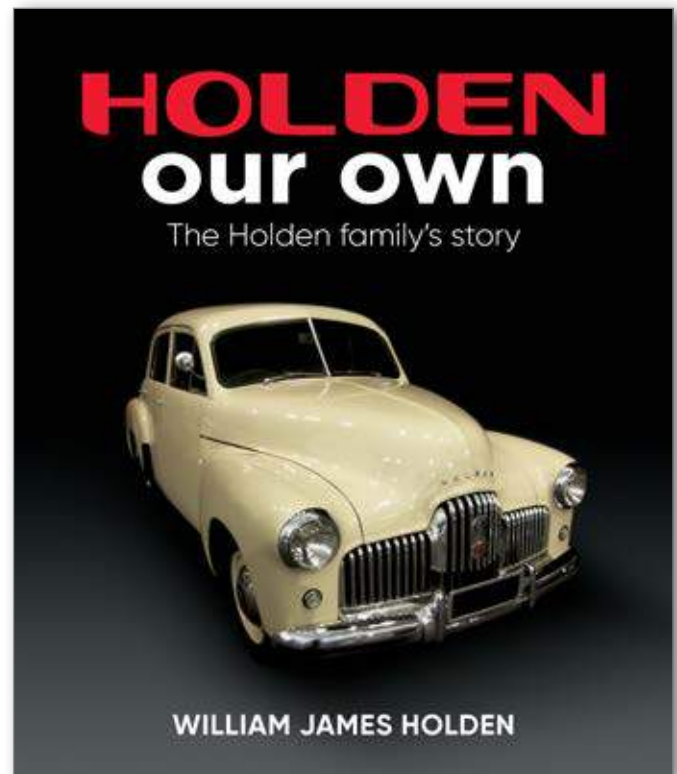
About the Book

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

October

- 4th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 9th Bathurst at Big Als
A get together for the big race!
RSVP required
- 15th All Oz Cruise
a) Start at Bishopdale Village Mall
b) Start at 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
Meet at Supercheap Auto carpark,
Cranford St. 9:45am, and follow us to
Shane's house in Waikuku.

December

- 3rd Farewell to Motorsport Cruise
Details to come
- 4th Christmas Meal & Awards
RSVP required
- 6th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

January

- n/a No HECC Meeting
- 14th Pie n Pint Run - Bealey Hotel, Arthurs
Pass, Details to come

RSVPs to the club email, or committee member:
general@holdenclub.co.nz

*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.*

