

The Lion's Roar

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

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Presidents Report

The Show and Shine was held on Sunday with a cool and windy day but had a reasonable turnout. Thanks to Sarah and Whare for cooking the BBQ. Good cars, good people.

Please be assured that this is not a gripe, but it seems to be the same few at all meets. I know sometimes it's not possible to attend, but there could be a major event on the horizon that will need more than just a few members to pull off the event.

As a committed committee we try our best to make this club the best holden club around. These events are held to bring us together as a club, they are fun and enjoyable. We are open to your suggestions for future events. Once again, this isn't a gripe, and please don't be offended. We just want you and your Holden out there showing up the other car clubs.

On a better note, the All Oz Cruise was a big success, the Bishopdale carpark was chocka. I thought this was a massive turnout until a member of the public said there were more cars in the back carpark! The North cruise went very well apart from a couple of legends who thought racing to the front was a great idea. The run through the tunnel was deafening.

All in all, everyone I talked to enjoyed the cruise and couldn't wait for the next.

Well done once again HECC! Thanks.

*Shane Genet
President*



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Bathurst at Big Al's

Sunday, 9th October, 2022

Special thanks has to go to Allan Buckingham for putting on a really good Bathurst Day this year.

As with all Bathurst days, it starts with an email to the Club email to get the address. This year though, it was also a hall pass to a chat made up by Allan inviting all to his house, "Doors open at 10.00am till racing finishes or till the last man or woman standing".

And if you drive a ford, please park 4 houses down.

There was talk of sweepstakes on who was going to win, what wildlife was going to cross the track this year, and even when will the rain affect the Big Race. Who knew?

So, 10.00am and everyone started gathering. With Josh and Leanne arriving at 12.59pm, what time did the race start? You guessed it 1.00pm.

Once the race started, the food started coming out and the group was catered for very well. Josh provided the entertainment, but unfortunately killed it just after these photos.

We all had a really good time, and the right car was the winner on the day.

Thank you again to Allan for opening his home up to the Club. An awesome day was had by all.



Alistair J



All Oz Car Cruise and Car Show

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October, 2022

The All OZ show weekend. We haven't had the whole event since 2019 (pre-covid). So we weren't sure what to expect of the weekend. First off, the members were called upon to help with set-up Saturday afternoon. There were more helpers than jobs to do. But it is better to have too much help than not enough. The jobs were completed, and a plan was made for the final prep in the morning. Then everyone headed away to get ready for the cruise either South or North.

I attended the North cruise. When we turned up to the Bishopdale mall car park, wow, there was a lot of cars that had turned up. It was great to see. Unusual for an event allowing Fords. But it is pretty much the only event you will see that we allow Fords. The collection was done, and everyone was wandering around the car park checking out the cars that had ventured out. It was exciting to see that many cars and gave us hope that we could have good attendance for the next day at the car show.

It took a while to get out of the car park. Once out we managed to keep up with all the cars, but it also helped that we knew where the route was for the cruise. So, we didn't mind if we got left behind at some stages at lights and intersections as it meant we could lead people behind us the correct way. We didn't meet with South until we got to the meeting point at the end of the cruise at Mitre 10/Burger Fuel carpark at Ferrymead. Once there we mingled with people at the carpark. Checking out more cars. But it got quite chilly so headed home ready for a big day the next morning.

Sunday arrived and members meet first thing in the morning the complete the setup for the All Oz Car Show event. Just as we had finished setting up, people started arriving, with the stalls being first, soon followed by cars for display. From this point on the day seemed to zoom past.

It was such a busy, successful day. The display car space was almost full by 11.00 with us struggling to find places for any more cars later on. We managed to get to 311 entrants. Our best year yet. We even had the trouble of some people leaving very early. There was such a great amount of helpers that helped for the day, there was not much time if any to get around and view the cars on display.

Including collections made by Riding for the Disabled on the day, we managed to collect a total of \$3,874.34. This was the most we have collected for donations since we have held the All Oz Events. We look forward to seeing how we can do again next year.

Thanks for all those that attended and helped throughout the weekend.

Alicia B

As a club we can certainly say that 2022 was the most successful All Oz Car Show that we have had. With COVID-19 putting our 2020 and 2021 plans amuck, this year certainly surpassed previous show numbers. With 311 spectator cars this year, this beat 2019 [247 cars], 2018 [201 cars], and 2017 [235 cars].

Riding for the Disabled Canterbury was our charity this year, and they are based very nearby at the Canterbury Agricultural Park. They support clients and families, to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people experiencing disability, or who have specific challenges or needs. It was great to see their volunteers, and clients walking around the crowds.

The registration and merchandise tent was busy as ever, and we sold a lot of club merchandise. This is fantastic, as it helps support our club throughout the next year.

We have some great donated prizes this year for the raffle. From wheel alignments for Bridgestone Shirley, club merchandise, and a donated car number plate 'AHOLDN'. This was won by a Riding for the Disabled volunteer, who with her husband is currently restoring a Holden! Very deserving winner!

It was great to see our club members out helping the committee on the day, from guiding cars in the gate, to directing spectator parking, to helping in the tent.

Sarah M





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HOLDEN our own

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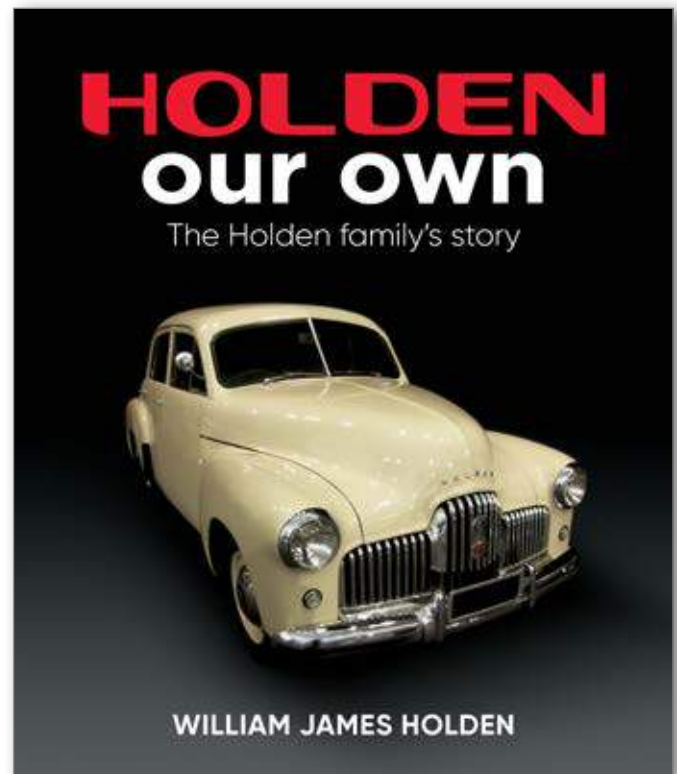
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Take a drive down memory lane ...

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.

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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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- *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

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

February

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

March

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

April

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

May

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

June

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

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:

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Piping Polo (thick)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
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