

The Lion's Roar

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

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February 2023

Presidents Report

Hi all, I hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas break.

This year started off with the Pie and Pint run to the Bealey pub. Unfortunately, I was unable able to attend due to work commitments though sounds like it was a blast. Check out the report in this edition of The Lion's Roar.

I attended muscle car madness for the 5 days. Alistair called me on the Saturday and said I've got cars coming. I'd previously seen the organizers and got permission to let our club into the centre ring. Just the three cars turned up, four including mine. The weather turned pear shape and let rip with a good old downpour. A lot of people disappeared but within 30 minutes it was fine again. Thanks to those who made the effort.

The whole five days were insane, including a twin-town cruise through Rangiora and Kaiapoi with hundreds on the roadside watching. Then there was another cruise on Friday morning to the Ashley Gorge with over 100 cars on that one.

I've been approached by one of the organizers of the NZ Hot Rod Association to get some cars together for the New Zealand Hot Rod Nationals. So I posted on the club's Facebook page for up to ten, 30-year-old plus Holdens to attend their Nationals, and along with projects and early Fords, will be on display on entry to NZ's 150 best hot rods.

This is for one day only, Easter Sunday, and the cars must remain until 4pm. Email me at shane.genet@outlook.co.nz if you're interested.

Hanmer Motorfest is on in February which normally sees a good turnout representing the club. Looking forward to another good turnout and the report in the next edition of The Lion's Roar!

*Shane
President*

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Pie and Pint Run

Sunday 15th January, 2023

Saturday the 15th of January, 22 cars left the Talbot Carpark. Destination: The Bealey Hotel. This was where we were meeting up with fellow Holden supporters from the West Coast, who joined us on our Annual Pie and Pint Run.

The arrangement was to meet at the Talbot Carpark 9.45 am and then head up the road to the Bealey just in time for lunch. We left at 10.00 am and cruised up the road. Trying to keep the group together was a challenge as we had to stop for traffic control lights at West Melton.

Once we all got through them it was a leisurely cruise up through Kirwee, Darfield, and a quick pitstop in Springfield. The challenge, finding suitable street frontage for 22 cars. It looked very impressive.

Then into the Alpine bit, it looked awesome with the fleet weaving through and up Porters Pass, then down the other side, fitting in a mandatory photo stop at Lake Lyndon. Running a wee bit late we were off again and we arrived at the Bealey around 12.30pm, where we met 7 cars from the West Coast.

Introductions aside, it was in and lining up to place our order for a pint and a choice of handmade pies: Venison, Jalapeno, and Smoked Cheese or a Smoked Brisket in Red wine. You could even have it served with Mash and Peas or with Fries and Salad. Or just the Pie by itself.

Awesome food, great company, and good conversation made the day a success, not to mention the weather played nice as well. Unfortunately though, the day did not end so well for a fellow club member and our thoughts are with you as you make a speedy recovery. Special thanks must go to Heather Harris, for how the situation was handled. It just proves when it is needed the teamwork within the club is very special indeed.

Thank you Matty, under pressure your team performed excellent service for the club once again. Thank you very much and we look forward to popping back again soon.

Alistair J





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The Holden family's story

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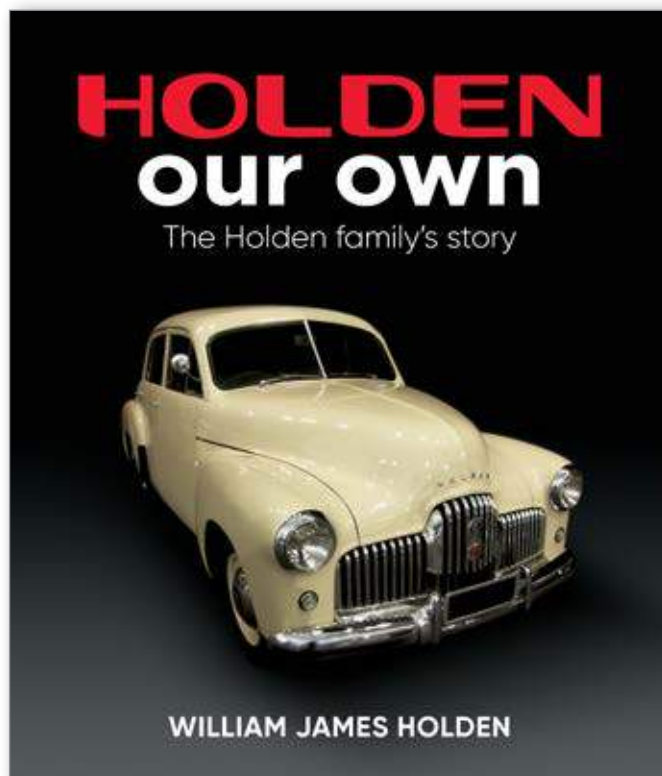
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Take a drive down memory lane ...

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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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

February

- 7th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 25th Hanmer Motorfest
Meet 8:00am
Supercheap carpark, Cranford St
Depart 8:15am

March

- 7th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 18th Caroline Bay Rock and Hop
Meet 7:45am
Supercheap carpark, Rolleston Drive
Depart 8:00am

April

- 4th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 16th Mystery Car Rally (tentative)

May

- 2nd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 21st Grass Karna (tentative)

June

- 6th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 18th Kaikoura Cruise, Lunch at Bernie's
Diner

July

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

August

- 1st 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

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