

The Lion's Roar



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

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Presidents Report

It's been rather quiet lately, not much going on within the club. The year has started rather slow, with a couple of cruises down and winter approaching fast.

The trip to Hanmer Springs was a small gathering of members. But a great day, and a good turnout with a variety of cars on show. Take a look at Alistair's report in this edition of the newsletter.

Following on from the Caroline Bay Rock and Hop there was a short cruise around Christchurch and a BBQ at the Groynes which had a good turnout, with quite a few people taking a shortcut. Fines will be listed.

I'm in the process of sorting out the mid-winter dinner, I have been in

contact with Bernie's diner they're keen to have us.

The 20 or so, over 30-year Holdens to go on display at the NZ hot rod nationals has probably died of a natural death due to lack of interest, unfortunately.

That's about all I have, please remember the committee is always trying to come up with things for members to do, cruises etc, but if you have something you think the club would like to do, please don't hesitate to bring it up.

See you at the next meeting.

*Shane
President*

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Hanmer Motorfest

Saturday 25th February, 2023

While the Hanmer Motorfest is traditionally dominated by Fords, it is held in a stunning location that helps attract many other makes of classic cars and owners.

While I never travelled up in convoy with other club members on the Saturday morning, I was driving in a convoy of mixed classics on the Friday night, which still attracted a lot of attention from other motorists. The rain was very persistent and kept everyone's speed down, with nobody trying to tailgate, or overtake stupidly. Also, sadly, the fatal crash earlier in the day probably played on many drivers minds.

Being in Hanmer on the Friday meant that I did not have to have an early morning on Saturday. With the rain looking like it would stay away for the day, I arrived at our agreed meeting place to find Steve and his boys already waiting, having driven over from the West Coast early that morning. Dedication Steve, well done!

Once the rest of HECC club members arrived, we made our way into Hanmer Domain, where we were greeted with a massive number of cars already parked up on display. The sheer volume of entrants meant that we could not all be parked together, as we got separated into different ticket stalls. Because of the split, a decision was made to not fly the club flags and only use windscreen banners. (Note to self. Need to leave Christchurch by 7.30am next year).

The large number of entrants, spectators, and interesting stalls made for an excellent day with a lot of banter exchanged between vehicle owners, and I am sure all the club members that attended enjoyed the day.

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HOLDEN our own

Author:	William James Holden
ISBN:	9781922615503
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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
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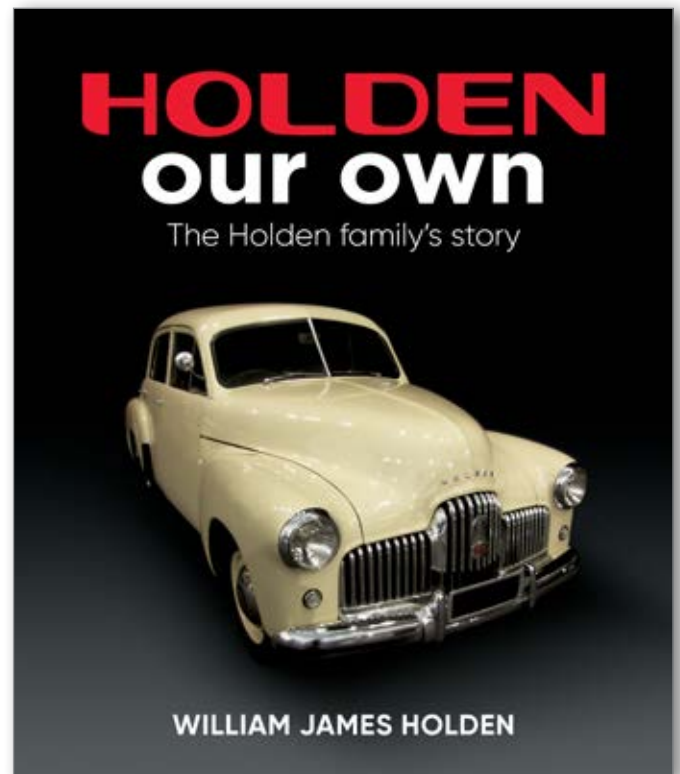
About the Book

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

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
Drivers meeting: 9:50 am
The Redwood Bar Carpark
1st car departs: 10:00 am

May

- 2nd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 21st Grass Karna
Details to come

June

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

July

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

August

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

September

- 5th 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:

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	
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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.*

