

The Lion's Roar

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

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Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Members,

It's been a while since I have had to submit a report, but my role is to back up our President when he is busy, so here I am.

The start of Autumn has been amazingly warm and dry, enabling us to get out and enjoy our cars for longer, which may have helped make the member turnout for the Mystery History Cruise our best ever. A great day and a lot of fun by all who attended. A shout out to the Hornby Club, who provided us with a private room and member access to their bar and restaurant facilities at the finish.

We have a gymkana with the Vintage Car Club members at their Mcleans Island premises later this month. Come and participate, or spectate, and enjoy a BBQ after wards.

As many of you will be aware, the Holden Nationals were held in Palmerton North over Easter weekend. Our club members were entered in six categories, and won seven trophies, including the prestigious People's Choice.

Well done to our team, firstly on get-

ting there and back with the ferry issues, and the huge effort you all put into prepping your cars to represent our fine club.

While it is quite early to be thinking about our A.G.M in September, we will need a new Secretary, as Alistair will have concluded his 3rd term. Our constitution states that executive committee roles can only be held for a maximum of 3 consecutive years. If anyone is specifically interested in the Secretary position, and would like to know more, please contact us. Whare, our Editor, will also be resigning from his position at the A.G.M. Obviously all other positions will be open for nomination, and voting also.

Welcome to Kerry Hill, who joined our club this month. He has a 2013 WM Caprice.

Don't forget to come along to our monthly meetings to have input in the clubs activities.

Enjoy the weather and the roads!

Until next month,

Allan W
Vice-President

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Caroline Bay Rock and Hop

Saturday 18th March, 2023

Cars, motorbikes, and caravans right from the get-go, cruising down to Caroline Bay and stopping at the Rakaia Bakery for a compulsory pie. Onto Timaru, we booked in at the Top Ten; a very safe haven to stay and park up. We then hit the shops and did some damage.

On Thursday you could attend the laps around Levels International Raceway, which sounds like it was pretty cool. Then on Friday, a Geraldine cruise leaves Marine Parade 11 am in a pack of 350 cars, to cruise to the Geraldine village, Auto Restorations, Vintage car museum, Barkers, Café were some of the places you could visit.

There was a Friday night cruise starting at 5.30 pm through the streets of Timaru. 750 cars, and what a sight! We were in it with the mighty Monaro. This was a highlight for Jac and I. We ventured onto Pleasant Point, and then Temuka for the main street party. It was a great atmosphere, and everyone came out to see the amazing cars.

Saturday; is the big Show & Shine with around 1,000 cars on display at Caroline Bay. Stalls, bands, food, best-dressed competitions. The show wound up with the vehicle prizegiving and a lucky ticket draw of \$10,000 dollars. There was a crowd of well over 20,000.

South Canterbury Hospice truly did one great job organising this.

Summary of the weekend

Wow, what a great show. Four days of fun. Definitely, a must for all of us car enthusiasts to attend. Jac & I had a fab time away car cruising and meeting people. Loved it all, and we will be back next year.

Craig & Jacqui M

Cruise to the Groynes

Sunday 19th March, 2023

The day turned out beautiful so was good day for cruise and BBQ to the Groynes.

There were about 8 cars that did the cruise but not all did the whole run arriving early Shane was last to arrive for BBQ.

Allan did a great job cooking a good feed it was a very social afternoon real relaxing with heaps food to enjoy along with talking to old new members was good to get to meet other members that some of us hadn't meet before.

Robyn D

Mystery Car Rally

Sunday 16th April, 2023

It all started on a brisk Sunday morning, coffee in hand with groups gathered. Seeing all the different cards arriving, the car talk has begun. Team name chosen and waiting for it to begin.

As the grunting engines begin to light up, the queuing begins.

Rugging up warm was a bad idea, never knew it was going to be the running and counting on the fly.

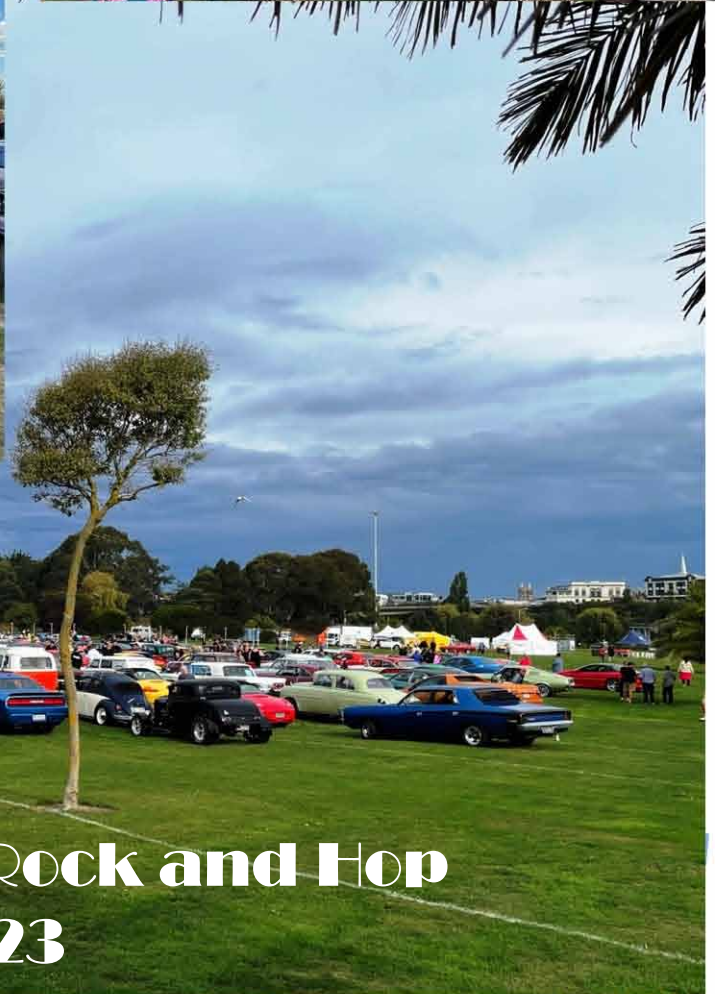
Uncle Google was not my friend, alas, Knob of the Day reared its naughty head. My driver didn't understand the brake was to stop, not a rolling away and jumping in.

In the end hitching onto another car, as we were well and truly lost, that way we managed to rest a lot and fill our bellies, before the dreaded awards.

All in all we are looking forward to the next one.

Steph P





Caroline Bay Rock and Hop 2023



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HOLDEN our own

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The Holden family's story

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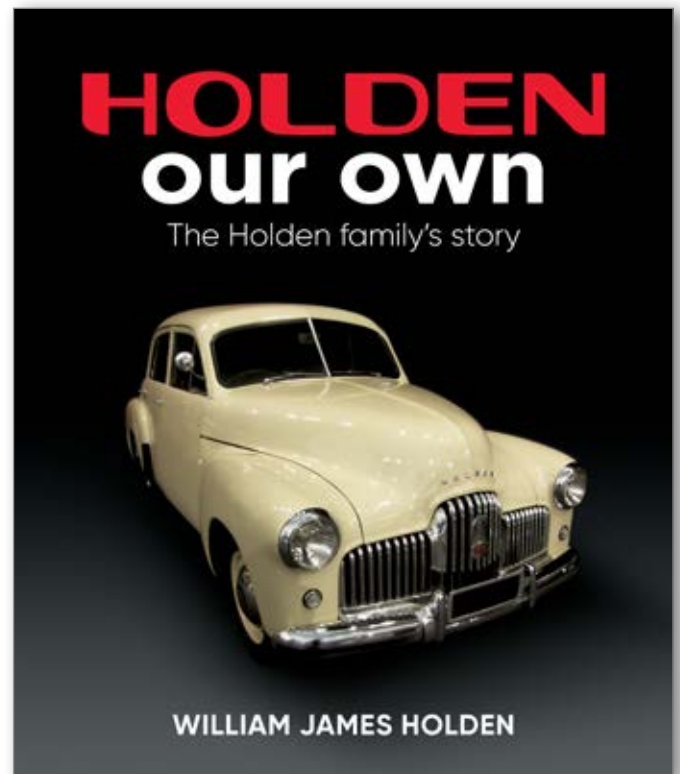
About the Book

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

May

- 2nd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 28th *Grasskhana, VCC Cutler Park,
Limited participation, check your email
for details. RSVP essential.
10:00 am, Cutler Park, McLeans Island Rd
BBQ available for lunch.*

June

- 6th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 18th Mid-Winter Cruise & Lunch at Bernie's
Diner, Kaikoura
Meet 8:45 am
Supercheap, Cranford St
RSVP 10.06.2023

July

- 4th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 23rd Ten Pin Bowling, Iversen Terrace
Details to come

August

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

September

- 5th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

October

- 3rd HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 15th All Oz Car Show and Cruise
Canterbury Agricultural Show Grounds,
Curletts Road
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

*Events are current at time of publishing.
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most up to date information!*

FOR SALE

HECC Clothing & Merchandise:

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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.*

