

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 all,

Hope you're all well considering this rubbish weather. For those of you who don't like getting your cars wet or dirty, we have had a couple of excellent runs lately.

The grasskhana was a hoot, watching cars destroy the VCC's nice grass. All involved had a ball. Have a look at the report from Allan in the latest newsletter.

The Kaikoura mid-winter run was a great drive considering the weather. It was a great turnout, thanks to those who came from the Coast and Nelson, good food, and good people.

There are heaps of pictures and videos from Colin Medd, a Kaikoura icon, and an all-round good bugger. Follow him on Facebook it's amazing what he can do with a phone camera.

The club has introduced soft toy lions, complete with it's own club tee shirt. Don't forget to pick yours up from Sarah if you have already ordered one or emailgeneral@holdenclub.co.nz to place an order.

The committee spends a lot of time organizing runs, events, etc. We need your support to make these events happen. You won't know what you're missing if you don't come along.

That's about it folks, stay well, stay warm. See you at the next meeting.

Shane Genet
President



Images courtesy of Alistair J



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Grasskhana

Sunday 28th May, 2023

Waking up to a beautiful warm Sunday morning, I decided to use Jeanette's Holden Cruze for the grasskhana event as I felt it would be more fun, being front wheel drive, and smaller, than the mighty Sunbird.

After arriving at the Vintage Car Club Canterbury grounds at Mcleans Island, Jeanette and I mount our club banner at the gate to let our members see the location, and unload our car of picnic chairs, and anything else that may move around the car, then wait in anticipation.

Rules are explained at the drivers briefing, and are quite simple. 2 runs per course, trying to match your 2nd run time to your 1st run. Speed is not of the essence. The first course is mapped out on the whiteboard. At first glance it looked like a web spun by a marijuana smoking spider, but on closer inspection I realised I could tackle this 6 pointed star thing.

After watching the crazy MX5 guys complete the course I line up with my grandson as ballast, (navigators are not required), and at the nod of the timekeepers head I'm off. 1st cone and I'm feeling confident, 2nd cone gets a bit close to the car and falls over, bugger, but the rest of the run is fine, and I finish with a 5sec penalty added to my time. My second run was slower to try and match my first run with the time penalty. I was 3 seconds under, but was more concerned about the fact nobody else has knocked a cone over. A fine at club night was looking likely!



Second course of the day is a crazy slalom "T", which I chose to cruise around. THEN, fellow club members inform me I am the slowest in our club, so next run I nail it, finishing 9sec under my first run, killing any chance of improving in the points rankings. One good thing out of this course was an MX5 driver taking a cone for a ride under his car. Fine averted!

After a fine BBQ lunch cooked by Shane and Craig, we line up for the final course of the day, an oblong run in decreasing circles. 1min7sec on both runs helped redeem myself for the day. While the length of this course should have made it a sprint, the terrain meant this could not happen, with Alistair popping his front bumper at the first dip on the first run.

Placings for HECC participates:

1st Keri White
2nd John Poole
3rd Josh Bentham and Allan White on equal points.

The day was enjoyed by all members, including those that only watched and the driving of the VCC members in the Morris Minor and Ford Model A were great entertainment. Hearing the childrens laughter from the back seat of Alicia's as she navigated the "star" was priceless.

Thank you to VCC for the day and heather Harris for arranging it between the clubs.

Allan W



Grasskhana

with thanks to the Vintage Car Club



Images courtesy Alistair J





ALL OZ CAR SHOW CHRISTCHURCH

Sunday, October 15th 2023
(All Oz Cruise Oct 14th)

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general@holdenclub.co.nz*

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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

June

- 6th HECC Meeting
- 18th Mid-Winter Cruise & Lunch at Bernie's Diner, Kaikoura

July

- 4th HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 23rd Ten Pin Bowling, Iversen Terrace
12:00 pm, *Details to come*

August

- 1st HECC Meeting
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm
- 19th Curious Cruise and Curiosity Gin Tour
12:30 pm, *Details to come*

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

November

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

December

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

January

- n/a No Meeting

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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| 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 | |

Contact a committee member for further details.



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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.*

