

# The Lion's Roar

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



May 2015

## Presidents Report

With winter nearly upon us it is time for us to head indoors for some warmer events.

The inter club challenge may turn into just a HECC event due lack of response from the other clubs I have invited, so if you are keen get your names in. At a guess it will be something around \$20 per event but this is being confirmed.

## Kaikoura Train Trip

This was a great day out with 19 attending and the man upstairs turned on sun for us.

Vicky Brown is going to write a wee story on this but she has been away on holiday so I am hoping it will be here for next month.

## New Members

Welcome to our new members; The Vincent family Trina and Selwyn with a 02 VX2 Senator and Jayden with a 06 VZ Calais. Scott Hawkins and partner Kelly Blair with a 1966 HR Special Wagon a 1967 HR Special Sedan and a 1996 HSV VS GTS 215kw. Nathan Robinson with a 2010 VE SV6.

Have fun Guys and Girls.

## Pioneer Classic Car Display

We have the 2 cars for the weekend. They are Craig's VH and Josh's EH Special which is currently in the paint shop getting a full respray then it needs to be put back together so it should be looking pretty good. We still need members to spare a couple of hours to man the site. Let me know.

*Ray Miles*

## Photos Request

If anyone has any humorous or interesting photos from the Scavenger Hunt that they think would make a good addition to next months newsletter, please email them to the club email address:

[general@holdenclub.net.nz](mailto:general@holdenclub.net.nz)

Thanks

*Darryl*

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## Holden 2016 Commodore - Exclusive: Holden's final hurrah

Last but not fast Aussie Holden Commodore under development with 6.2-litre V8

[GoAuto](#)

By RON HAMMERTON  
5 May 2015

HERE is the car that Holden fans have been simultaneously looking forward to and dreading – the last-ever locally developed, locally manufactured Commodore.

Seen here in Commodore SS guise under secret shakedown testing by Holden engineers, the Commodore VF Series II is due in showrooms towards the end of this year when it will carry General Motors' Australian manufacturing operation to its scheduled closure in 2017, thus bringing down the curtain on almost seven decades of true-blue Holden large cars.

At minimum, GoAuto expects the hand-me-down Corvette V8 destined for the Commodore to have at least 310kW of power – the same output as the LS3 engine fitted to the Australian-built, Commodore-based Chevrolet SS sold in North America.

It is also possible the Commodore will get more – perhaps the 317kW/550Nm version of the LS3 previously fitted to the Holden Special Vehicles ClubSport sedan and Maloo ute before these vehicles moved up to 325kW and 550Nm in the latest iteration of the HSV Gen-F.

As our pictures show, the engineering 'mules' have been camouflaged to cover cosmetic changes to the front, but judging from the shapes under the bagging of the Commodore, little will change from the VF's twin-port fascia with its hexagonal lower air opening.

The grille inserts are expected to get a new design that looks similar to the black plastic pattern of the just-released, born-again Holden Astra's grille.

But more intriguing is that Holden has gone to the trouble of disguising the bonnet of both the Commodore SS and Chev SS – unusual in a mid-model facelift when such sheetmetal rarely changes.

This might be to hide what appears to be Buick-style 'ventiports' in the bonnet, just forward of the A-pillars (see separate story).

Notwithstanding the switch to LS3 power in the Commodore, HSV's models will retain a power and torque advantage, topped by the 430kW/740Nm supercharged GTS that remains the lion brand's king of the mountain.

*\*Full Article w/Pictures at Link*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June

2nd Monthly Meeting at Robbies Cranford at 7.30pm

28th Midwinter Lunch (more info to follow)

July

7th Monthly Meeting at Robbies Cranford at 7.30pm

August

4th Monthly Meeting at Robbies Cranford at 7.30pm

8th Interclub Challenge Round 1 Laserstrike

23rd Mystery Car Rally

Sept

1st Monthly Meeting at Robbies Cranford at 7.30pm

6th South Canterbury All Australian Day Caroline Bay  
10am to 2pm, \$5 Car Entry

17th-20th Kaikoura Hop

26th Interclub Challenge Round 2 Archery

Pioneer Classic Car Show

October

6th Monthly Meeting at Robbies Cranford at 7.30pm

10th-11th Swap Meet

11th Mighty Bathurst Race at Ray's Garage

17th Interclub Challenge Round 3 Dirt Carts

## FOR SALE

Marg Club Shirts - \$55  
Polo Shirts - \$40  
Club Stickers - \$5  
Club Sashes - \$20

For more information contact her on 021 138 7046

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Contact him on 027 432 8051

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0275 960890

Scott Hawkins 18x8 ROH Junk Yard Dog Rep and tyres \$1000

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