

The Lion's Roar

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



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Presidents Report

The AGM was short and sweet with the main officers back in with a few changes on the committee.

The offices are as follows:

President: Ray Miles
Vice Pres: Leonie Harris
Secretary: Marg Miles
Treasurer: Milton Souster
Editor: Darryl Cowens
Committee:

Josh Bentham
Rob Gordon
Jane Bibby
John Steele

Mystery Car Rally

The car rally was a great day out with about twelve cars turning up at Countdown Rolleston in the sunshine on a Sunday ready to get the instructions for the run.

Before long we found our serves cruising around Rolleston looking for pirate ships and numbers on letterboxes. The hunting took us to the primary school looking signs and numbers on big green boxes.

On the way to the final destination we went into cemeteries and parks drove around Northward to see how the other half live and ended up at The Old Leithfield Hotel for lunch.

Most of us got there except The Den, Annie, Craig and Ngaire I don't know where they got to.

The first place went to Craig and Richie (The Black Bitch), Second Robs team (Team Torana) Third Marg and myself. Nick got nob of the day.

All Aus. Day

The All Aus. Day CHCH is well on the way to being organised with the park booked and paid for and fliers being handed out. If you would like to help by handing some out please get hold of us.

New Idea

We are thinking of setting up a directory of member's occupations. This is voluntary so if you want to get your names on the list let us know. This is so if a members needs help with something they can contact a members first. Keep it in the family so to speak.

Ray Miles



Aus. Trip Photos

As I write this one of our members is on a 6000 kms round trip across Australia from Brisbane to Alice Springs return in a HQ Premier wagon. He is going to put a story in the newsletter when he gets back but until then he has sent over some photos to wet your appetite.

Ray Miles





INTERCLUB CHALLENGE

The Holden Enthusiasts Club of Christchurch challenge you now!!!

ROUND TWO

Archery

Date: 26th September 2016

Start Time: 6.30pm

Costs: \$5.00 per financial HECC member (subsidised) Number required in team: 4
(payable on the day)

Please note there are limited spaces available

Closing Date for Entry: 19th September as we are required to pre-book the location

Location: Full Draw Archery, 60 Bridle Path Road, Heathcote Valley

Spectators welcome, we have the use of the lounge, toilet, oven and hot water facilities as well as pool table. So BYO food and drinks, only rule is that we clean up after ourselves, so be a tidy kiwi!

Please note that we are limited to a max of 24 people, meaning we can only have 6 teams of 4, first in best dressed rule! Get in quick now!

Please confirm all entries to general@holdenclub.net.nz

Please note that if you book to take up the challenge and you fail to show, you will still be liable for the full cost of \$12.50 due to the pre-booking of the rooms



Holden revs up it's last Commodore

[Stuff NZ](#)

By Andrew MacLean
14 Sept 2015

Holden is giving its Australian-made Commodore a tyre-frying farewell.

The car maker has revealed the final iteration of its Australian-built sedan in Melbourne, confirming the range-topping - and popular - V8 performance variants will be the most powerful in the model's 37-year history.

The VFII update is the last to the Australian-design and developed Commodore range before Holden officially closes its Elizabeth plant in South Australia in 2017. It won't be the last Commodore however, as Holden has committed to maintaining the nameplate on an imported model in the future.

While all Commodore models receive a host of minor visual and specification upgrades, the most significant is the adoption of a larger, more powerful 6.2-litre V8 in the flagship variants.

The engine - which has been exclusively available in Holden Special Vehicles (HSV) models since 2008 and dubbed LS3 - is available in five model variants; the Commodore SS, SS-V, SS-V Redline, Calais V and Caprice V.

Holden says it produces 304kW of power and 570Nm of torque, enough to slingshot the car from 0-100kmh in a claimed 4.9 seconds - the fastest acceleration ever for a mainstream Holden product.

Not only is it fast, Holden says it has enhanced the V8's character with "a pure V8 soundtrack" thanks to a bi-modal exhaust system and a sound enhancer. And the top-performance SS-V Redline model picks up stronger braking hardware with Brembo rear callipers added to the existing front stoppers from the famed Italian brand.

Other modifications include a re-designed front bumper with wider air intakes and more chrome brightwork and functional vents on the trailing edge of the bonnet to help extract hot air from the engine bay as well as clear tail lamps on all sedan models.

While the ute variants remain unchanged at the rear, the Sportwagon picks up new LED tail lamps.

Holden's new Chairman and Managing Director, Mark Bernhard, made his first media appearance unveiling the updated Commodore, claiming that, despite the common trend for car makers to downsize engines, Holden customers still demand performance.



The 2016 Holden VFII Commodore, left, and the 1978 model.

"We made a commitment to keep this iconic car exciting and relevant for Australian motorists, and that is exactly what we have done. This is the vehicle that our Commodore customers have been asking for," Bernhard said.

"Commodore VFII is powerful and refined, it will evoke emotion in its driver and exhibits all of the hallmarks Commodore has become renowned for over the years.

"Commodore represents 37-years of innovation, performance and technological advancements and has earned its place as Holden's longest-standing and most successful nameplate.

"Holden's design, engineering and manufacturing teams have produced the best Commodore ever - a vehicle that truly lives up to its reputation and one that the entire company is incredibly proud of.

"This is the reason Holden is committed to ensuring we will continue to have engineering and design input into Commodore, and every other Holden vehicle in our range, for generations to come."

**Full Article w/Pictures at Link*





ALL OZ CAR SHOW

CHRISTCHURCH

Saturday 7th November 2015
Evening Cruise

Follow our Facebook events page for more information



Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch

Open to all Australian cars and the public

Sunday 8th November 2015 **Car Show**

From 10am to 2pm

Ouruhia Domain, via Chenery Ave, 721 Marshland Road,
Christchurch

Open to all Australian cars and the public

Gold coin donation for spectators

\$5 entry per display car

Proudly organised by the Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch and
Falcon Fairlane Club Christchurch

For further information please contact Jane on
general@holdenclub.net.nz or phone 021 0270 2547



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept

26th Interclub Challenge Round 2
Archery

Pioneer Classic Car Show

October

4th Oxford Community Men's Shed
Classic and Vintage Car
Display, \$5 per car 10-2pm

6th Monthly Meeting at Joe's Garage
at 7.30pm

10th-11th Swap Meet

11th Mighty Bathurst Race at Ray's
Garage, starting 9am

17th Interclub Challenge Round 3
Dirt Carts

November

1st Show and Shine at the Groynes

3rd Monthly Meeting at Joes Garage
at 7.30pm.

7th – 8th Christchurch All Australian Day
More Info to Follow

21st Poker Run more info to come

December

2nd Last Monthly Meeting for the Year
at Joes Garage

6th Xmas Party at Stewarts Gully

FOR SALE

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

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through any questions you may have.

