

# The Lion's Roar

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



December 2016

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## Presidents Report

As 2016 comes to an end we reflect on how busy the year has been. The club has run a large number of club events this year such as Pie and Pint run to Jacksons, 3 Interclub Challenges, a Scavenger Hunt, Southbridge Cruise, Akaroa Cruise, a surprise cruise, Mid-Winter lunch at Southbridge, Mystery Car Rally, Bathurst at Rays, All OZ show, Show and Shine, and Coes Ford BBQ. There was Meet at your Local as well as members attending a range of shows including Monthly Petrolhead Breakfasts, Cromwell Car Show, Muscle Car Madness, Hanmer Motorfest, Beach Hop, Twin Rivers, South Canterbury All Australia Day, Rock n Wheels, Kaikoura Hop, Spring into Oxford and the Swap meet.

In recent times the club executive and committee has changed quite a bit. This was due to former members having been in their roles for 5 years and again we thank them for the time they gave up for the club. Since the change of committee we have been looking at protecting members from liability particularly because of the Health and Safety Act changes earlier in the year and we will be continuing to work on this into 2017.



2017 will bring a new venue for our clubroom as Joes Garage room is too small for a comfortable meeting to be held, but has served us well as for the past year and a half. From February 7th onwards our meetings will be held at The Redwood in The Styx function room, we intend to have signage to guide you to the room.

Have a great Christmas, New Years and I hope to see you all in 2017

*Josh Bentham*

*Please note our change in Club Meeting Location on the first Tuesday of the month to the Styx Room at The Redwood .*





## Xmas Lunch at Stewarts Gully

Once again a great turn-out of 21 cars at Stewarts Gully for the Christmas lunch. We used the same catering company, Kiwi Cuisine and they provided a fantastic selection of hot chicken, beef and pork and all the trimmings, along with breads, salads and hot potatoes. For those that still had room, the treats that I had made went down well for dessert.

The weather was very kind to us again, and despite the clouds out, a few of us got really sunburnt and were under prepared.

For those that had shined up their cars for the Show and Shine at the Groynes were rewarded with a certificate and trophy. Well done.

The raffles were drawn, and a big thanks to those that had sold tickets. Some very impressive hampers. Thanks Rob and Cherie for organising this. Santa was busy so couldn't make it this year. Probably had opted for a Ford and had conked out.

*Sarah McKenzie*



## Show and Shine Prizes



*People's Choice Award*

Nick Birdling - 2010 VE HSV Senator



*President's Choice Award*

Nick MacKechnie - 2016 VF HSV Clubsport

*President's Award*

Cherie Tomlinson





## More award photos

### *Most Improved*

Rob Gordon - 1979 Torana



### *HD to WB*

Ray Miles - 1970 HT Kingswood



### *Hard Luck Award*

Leonie Harris - 2004 HSV Clubsport



### *Torana*

Marg Miles - 1st - 1972 LJ Torana  
Rob Gordon - 2nd - 1979 Torana



### *V8215 to EH Class*

Josh Bentham - 1st - 1964 EH Special  
Leanne Bentham - 2nd - 1964 EH Premier



### *VB to VL*

Craig Blackwell - 1983 VH Commodore





## More award photos

*VN to VS*

Scott Hawkins - 1996 VS HSV GTS

*VT to VZ*

Milton Souster - 1st - 2004 VY SS Ute

Kevin Reid - 2nd - 2001 HSV Clubsport

Leonie Harris - 3rd - 2004 HSV Clubsport



*VE to VF*

Nick Birdling - 1st - 2010 VE HSV Senator

Craig Blackwell - 2nd - 2008 VE HSV Clubsport

Scott Miller - 3rd - 2013 SV6 Commodore





## Coes Ford Cruise!

This will be a story of three thirds, there is a good explanation! I will be writing the first and last sections and Leonie will be popping in to fill in the middle section as she was the lead vehicle on the cruise!



It was a great afternoon, even though it looked a little dodgy at the beginning with the cloud cover! There were about 8 cars who turned up to do the cruise in the great country roads of Canterbury. Leonie led the way with the purple people eater and I believe they had a easy going drive. I won't comment on that as we had the mighty HSV Surf which was towing the club BBQ so we took a different route so there were no hold ups waiting for the BBQ!



(cue Leonie.....)

We left Cherie and Craig and headed north up Marshlands Rd. By the time I got half way up the road I had lost most of our group in the traffic. Oops, my first time as lead car wasn't off to such a great start, so I pulled over at Chaney's Corner so we could re-group. From here we headed over the bridge and out towards the Waimak Gorge. We next stopped at the Gorge end of South Eyre Rd to wait for someone we were supposed to meet up with there. Some of us used the time here to have a quick beer stop and we then headed off towards our next re-group point just the other side of Rolleston. It was here that Rob informed us he had only had 2nd and 4th gear since the Gorge (bugger). Just after this we lost a couple of cars that needed to break off as they had other places to be. It was great to see Cherie, the BBQ fired up and the boys from Leeston when we arrived at our destination.





**Coes Ford Cruise continued..!**

Back to Cherie again! At Coe's Ford we found the ideal spot with a bit of shade and sun and lifted the lid on the BBQ and let the dogs run riot while we were waiting! Next minute there were a 5 cars turning up from the wrong direction!!! Yup 5 guys from Leeston driving some H Series beastsies came for a cruise of their own and joined us at Coe's Ford! It was great to see them there!



The BBQ was cranked and it was a early snack time for most. A great end for a easy cruise most would agree. We do have some photos of members who then copped a couple of fines, you will figure out who when you see the photos!!

Safe driving & have a great Christmas!

*Cherie and Leonie*



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### January

14th Pie and Pint run to Waiau. Meet at Redwood Hotel. Time and costs to be advised.

21st Cromwell Car Show. Entries close Jan 13th. Email for entry form.

25th-29th Muscle Car Madness. Email by 15th Jan for camp site.

28th Cruise from The Peg at 8am to Muscle Car Madness.

### February

3rd-5th Scope Classic 2017

7th First Monthly Meeting of the year. Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm

25th Hanmer Springs Motorfest  
Meet at The Peg 7am, pre-entry \$10 per car. \$20 on the day  
Refer to 'Falcon Fairlane Club' website for price details and registration form.

### March

7th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm

12th Twin Rivers Motoring Extravaganza at Canterbury Agricultural Park. Meeting point to be confirmed

17th -19th Caroline Bay Rock and Hop  
For Entry Forms go to:  
[www.carolinebayrockandhop.co.nz](http://www.carolinebayrockandhop.co.nz)

## FOR SALE

Sarah  
Club Shirts - \$62  
Polo Shirts - \$46  
Club Stickers - \$5  
Club Sashes - \$20

For more information contact her on 021 024 92550

We also have some old stock of the old "all red and white" club shirts for sale. Price now \$15

### New Club Clothing Range:

- Staple t – \$35.00
- Block t – \$35.00
- Womens sketch t – \$35.00
- Kids t – \$30.00
- Youth t – \$30.00
- Sweatshirt – \$60.00
- Hoodie – \$65.00

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