

The Lion's Roar

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



May 2018

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all

Winter is now on our doorstep but as always we still have events going on. We have Scavenger Hunt not far away which will from now on, if it goes to plan, be bi-annual with Grasskarna in its place next year.

In June we have a Mid Winter Lunch Cruise to Little River and Dinner at The Redwood, please support these events particularly the dinner as The Redwood supports our Club a lot with our clubroom

We still have lots of interest in people looking to join the club however our meeting numbers have recently dropped, we have changed the format and last month worked quite well where members shared some ideas for meetings going forward.

Entertainment books are on sale and if you require information or promotional information please talk to Sarah

Josh Bentham

SHEFFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE "WINGS & WHEELS" Saturday 7th April 2018

So this event started out pretty much the same as every event we attend, wet and we all know that car enthusiast generally do not like bringing their Wheels out in wet weather. We were expecting attendance to this event to be low. How many HECC

club members are going to show? We were not holding out too much hope of any!!

We followed the signage and found ourselves heading into a massive paddock in Darfield that apparently belonged to a local farmer. Here's hoping the paddock had been free of farm animals for a while!! The optimistic woman at the gate assured us the weather would clear; to follow the cones and that we were not the first club members to arrive. Amidst food and stall vendors, we parked up next to our fellow HECC club member whose cars were empty!! We located them all sheltering inside the 'Man Shed' display tent.



Park up before the sun came out!

We said our hello's then went in search of breakfast and a coffee that were located in a waffle truck. Not that eager to talk all things "shed" or share my breakfast, I wandered back to our HSV for shelter. Not long after arriving the weather finally started to clear and the HECC club flags were put up. Time for a stroll around this huge paddock to see just what delights had turned up!!

We came across some vintage machinery, a variety of emergency vehicles both old and new, and many classic cars most of which we had not seen before at other events. There were also a large number of modern looking mobile homes that were surprisingly on display!! While strolling around Wheels & Wings we did ques-

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tion why we had been placed way over by all the vendors away from the other vehicles on display.

Around lunchtime we headed back to our car, pulled out the picnic chairs and gathered for a chat with the other HECC club members. Not many club cars braved the conditions to make it to this event though we soon realised our positioning by the vendors worked to our advantage as everybody needs to eat. The Sheffield Volunteer fire chief strolled over to thank the club for our attendance; they were very appreciative of the turnout considering the weather. To top the day off the Wings part of this event finally started to fly over coordinating their arrivals well so everyone's eyes were skyward for some time!!

We were pleased we had ventured out to Wheels & Wings and we would definitely go again to what we thought was a well-organised and well-attended event regardless of the weather!!

Miriam Schicker



Photos thanks to The Record

KUSTOMS BREAKFAST HOLDEN FEATURE MONTH

Despite being Easter Sunday we met as two groups in two locations with five meeting out at Rolleston being run by Jarrad and 18 others meeting at Highway Inn.

Highway Inn group cruised out to Kustoms Car Club grounds beating the Rolleston group to Kustoms. The response was great from Kustoms members as our cars rolled in the gate almost filling the entire area with club cars

There was a great range of vehicles on show from FB, EK, EH, HD, HR, LJ, LX, UC, HQ, HZ, VH, VL, VN, VP, VY, VZ, VE, VF. It was a quiet breakfast despite our Holden turn out due to Easter and Hot Rod Nationals being held in Ashburton.

Thanks for those of you who supported the event and gave a great showing for the club. Breakfasts are run the first Sunday of every month at Kustom Car Club at McLeans Island

Josh Bentham





Holden park-up at the Kustoms Breakfast

THE HOLDEN MUSEUM, NEW PLYMOUTH

After a short flight to Wellington, we picked up our rental bound for New Plymouth. Not the Commodore we hoped for but a Skoda Superb...it was ok.

With a couple of stops for lunch and coffee, it was dark by the time we got to Patea. Then right in front of us was Mt. Taranaki, the peak poking through low cloud and looking impressive. Just as impressive was the 'Gull' affect, the further north we drove the cheaper the fuel got until we found a New Plymouth gas station offering \$1.929 per litre when Christchurch was \$2.179.

Back to the main purpose of the trip...if you are in the 'Naki for the weekend we recommend you visit the Hillsborough area, 10 mins out of New Plymouth. Tucked away amongst the lush, green, rolling countryside is the Holden museum owned by fellow Holden enthusiasts Joy & Steve Fabish. We were fortunate to stay in their boutique onsite accommodation.

The museum is normally closed during the week but Steve was kind enough to offer a tour on Friday night. Earlier that day we played a round of golf on the Mount Panorama themed mini putt (one of us managed a hole in one!). The course is exceptional and a credit to Steve and Joy. They are hosting the mini-putt nationals later this year, for the first time outside Auckland.

The Holden museum is an amazing tribute to the lion, with cars ranging from a '48 FX to the first of the new generation Commodores to come to NZ. All housed in a Holden shed to envy, carpeted throughout and dehumidifiers running 24/7... truly a laboratory environment. Most cars are personally owned by Steve and Joy and a handful on

loan from owners that are more than happy for the Fabish's to display and care for.

So many cars but worthy mentions include an immaculate EH untouched since the previous one lady owner, the HZ Ute with a 5.7 litre LS1 V8, VY brakes and interior which looks factory fitted, and a VP limousine in the beginning stages of restoration. Finally, a 2017 GSTR W1 which has only ever been driven on and off transporters to where it now takes pride of place. In fact, four of the cars have never been driven and others have minimal k's.

There are plans to build a 200-seat restaurant in the future...perhaps won't be open in time for the Holden Nationals in New Plymouth, 2019...could be another road trip on the cards!

Zha, Sarah, and Fuds





Mid-Winter Dinner

Sunday 17th June 2017

6pm The Redwood Meeting Room

Yes, it's that time again for the **Mid-Winter Dinner!** You will **HAVE** to pre-register and **PAY** prior to the **8th June 2017**; either via a committee member or email general@holdenclub.co.nz.

ENTREES

Pumpkin Soup – GF, V

Italian Focaccia Breads & Butter

MAINS

5-Spiced Pork Belly in a Cauliflower Puree – GF

Beef Bourguignon – GF, DF

Yoghurt Butter Chicken – GF

Greek Moussaka – V

SALADS

Farmhouse Potato Salad – GF, DF, V

Classic Caesar

Basil Pesto Pasta Salad

HOT DISHES

Roasted Duck Potatoes – GF, DF

Steamed Seasonal Vegetables – GF, DF, V

Saffron Basmati Rice – GF, DF, V

DESSERTS

Chocolate Brownie with Raspberry Compote – GF

Fresh Fruit Salad with Chantilly Cream

TO FOLLOW

Cheese and Crackers

Tea and Coffee

COSTS:

Adults = \$30 per HECC member (\$44 for non-financial) Children = \$15 per child (ages 12 & under)

HECC bank account number 03 1591 0099 827 00 (remember to use MID DINNER as a reference & your name as a reference) and please note this dinner is non-refundable.



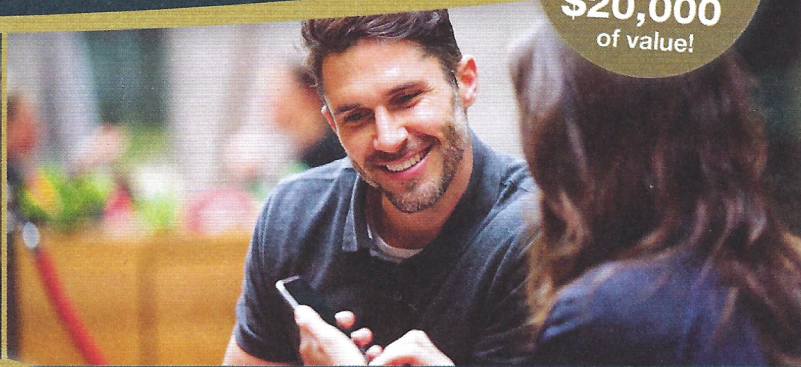
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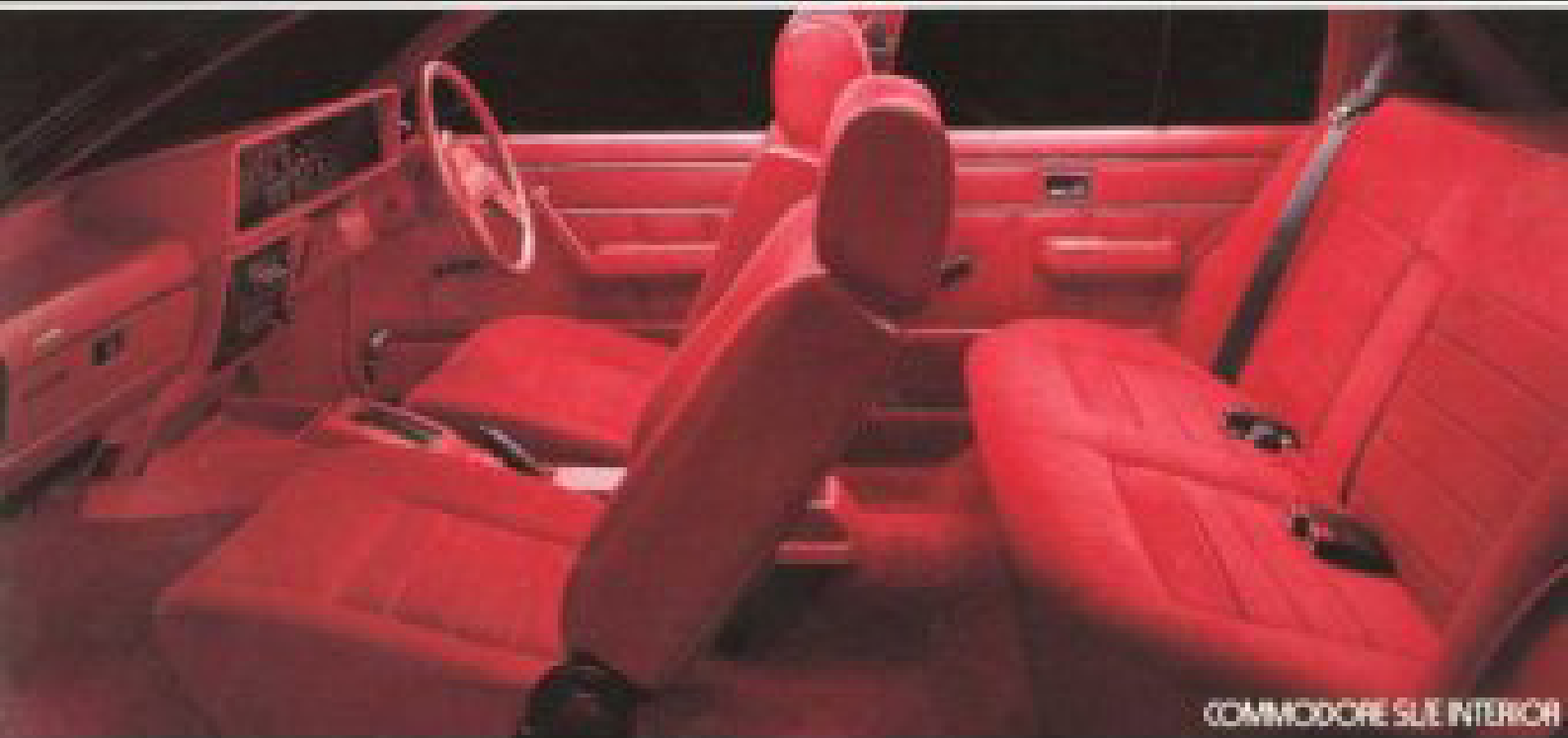
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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2018

27th Scavenger Hunt; Meet at the Redwood Carpark, time 10.30. Free entry HECC financial members, non-members \$5. Bring your mascot.

June 2018

3rd Petrolhead Breakfast; 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display

5th Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

17th Mid Winter Lunch Cruise; Meet at Halswell Library at 10.30am to cruise out to Little River for lunch

17th Mid Winter Dinner; at the Redwood. 6pm. Pre registration required by 8th June, see page 4

July 2018

1st Petrolhead Breakfast; 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display

3rd Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

15th Stewarts Car Muesum Run; Meet at the Redwood carpark at 10am to cruise to the museum. \$5 for HECC financial members, \$10 for non financial members

August 2018

5th Petrolhead Breakfast; 8.30am meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Rd to cruise out to the display

7th Meeting at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lake Hood Cruise
- Grasskarna
- Poker Run

FOR SALE

Club Shirts \$62, Polo Shirts \$46, Club Stickers \$5, Club Sashes \$20, Old "red and white" Club Shirts \$15. For more information contact Sarah on 021 024 92550

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

If you are interested, go into AS Colour store, (new location) corner Lichfield & High Street Christchurch Central, Christchurch Central. This will allow you to check out the colours and styles available, as per the above list. Refer to their website: <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/> Order via Sarah once you have your style and size.

HECC Cups \$2.50 each, available in either red or black ink. Contact Josh if you need them.

While Commodore success became commonplace at the annual Bathurst race at Mount Panorama in New South Wales, neither the original VB, nor the VN from 1988 had any success there.

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