

# The Lion's Roar

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



May 2017

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## Presidents Report

With the end of April marking a 1/3 of the year already completed, It seems to be a bit of a blur. So far, we have had a great number of enquiries and numbers confirmed for events but sadly we have been left with adverse weather conditions for some of our events and cruises. With this in mind we have had to start thinking of alternatives to our planned events including our latest event, that we had to change quickly to an alternative to what was meant to be the Akaroa Cruise, but still had a great turn out

We as a club have started selling entertainment books to fundraise money, a few books have been sold so far but more sales would be greatly appreciated. If you haven't received the information yet then contact the club via email to get it resent to you

A few members have often met at the Highway Inn on Sawyers Arms Road on the first Sunday of the month. We have now decided to run this as a club event for anyone interested in joining in

Upcoming in the next couple of months we have a Scavenger Hunt which is always lots of fun to get involved, and bring some friends or family. We are awaiting details of Dyno Day but it is believed to be in June at Harman Motors. Later in June we will be having a 25th Anniversary Cruise for Lunch and later that night a Dinner. The committee is working hard to lock in the finer details of these events so keep an eye on your emails and/or Facebook for the latest information

Our incorporated society application is underway and will be sent by the time this newsletter is sent out

Look forward to seeing you on an event soon

*Josh Bentham*



## Akaroa Cruise

Sunday 30 April, our first cruise with the Holden Enthusiast Car Club was dawning. It was a beautiful Canterbury morning from our front door as we eagerly readied ourselves for a cruise to Akaroa!! Sadly our eagerness was dampened when news came through that the cruise to Aka's was cancelled due to pending rain!! "Say what, has that president got rocks in his head" (highly edited for sensitive eyes)!! Thankfully there was a wet weather plan that would be revealed at the Ferrymead Mitre 10 car park. Just as well as no one likes to wash down their Holden for nothing!! On arrival at said carpark it became quite clear that maybe these seasoned HECC cruisers knew a thing or two about cruise weather as we sighted grim looking clouds hovering over the Port Hills.

Some chit chat was had, jackets adorned and zip done up as we waited for the stragglers and to hear the new planned route. Governors Bay, with the first stop at the Wheatsheaf Pub was the alternative plan, ending with a BBQ at a club members abode with the assurance of no skids in the driveway this time!! With 18 Holdens at the ready, set, ROAR, we all headed off toward Lyttleton tunnel where a roar test of the tunnel tiles was a must. Beats a horn blowing test any day!! Once the tile testing was completed we weaved our way around Governors Bay to our destination to a closed pub!!

Hold on :). . . . .there was salvation tucked away in the shape of a coffee shack complete with a very startled Scotsman's serving some locals as we all parked up. At this point we did lose two cars that were going to brave the pending wet conditions and still head on to Akaroa. This did not ease the Scotsman angst as we all queued up for our fix!! The temperature was steadily dropping accompanied by the odd splash of misty rain so with our half consumed coffees in hand (and muffins for the lucky ones), the Holdens all set off.

We continued our cruise up hill and around country corners on a road never travelled by this V8, ending up at the intersection by the Blue Duck café. Turning right with a roar (and a fish tail) we headed towards Tai Tapu where we were watched by locals as we cruised by. The rain had well and truly caught us up by now, hammering down as we headed towards the Lincoln township. With the HECC president in the lead we continued on to Rolleston finding an unexpected detour, that is common in these parts!!

With a few more turns we wound up at the SH1/ Templeton intersection!! Oh, I heard you gasp from the warmth of your Holdens, "what was he thinking bringing us this way"! Getting across this notorious intersect is nearly impossible regardless of how many horses or donkeys you have under your hood!! While stopped at this intersection all that could be seen ahead were the disappearing tail lights of the lucky few Holdens who had made it across.

For those Holdens that managed to follow across SH1, we caught up to the 'lucky few' who had parked up outside the Ruapuna Speedway gates. Reports were heard of other Holden drivers heading in different directions for reasons possibly weather based. After a reasonable wait the remaining Holdens headed off again around the back roads of the airport. Were we going to stop for a spot of plane watching in this weather, nope!?!

We cruised onto West Melton Road, turning into to the Yaldhurst Pub car park and this pub was OPEN!! Now for those who don't know the Yaldee, well she's a bit rough under the hood but it was a welcome, warm Eden with a huge roaring log fire. The rain was still very heavy and a toilet stop was very much needed!! Some more chit chat was had, jackets unzipped and removed for a pleasant stop and some refreshments, coffee not involved. Alas due to aging knees, these first time Holden cruisers did not make the BBQ though we did hear some lost Holdens did make it. . . . . before the hosts

Ladies and gents, we had a fabulous first Holden cruise experience, bring on the next one!!

*Paul & Miriam*



**Akaroa Cruise - Plan B. Wheatsheaf Pub CLOSED!**



# Akaroa Cruise Photos



Meeting at Mitre 10 Ferrymead



Driving around the Harbour



Parking up at the Wheatsheaf



# Akaroa Cruise Photos



*Arriving at the Yaldhurst*



## The Holden Nationals Dunedin 2017

It was a 5:30 am start to the second day of the Easter weekend (Saturday). We had all our packing complete the night before so we didn't have to do much on the day. Only some were fortunate enough to drive down in a Holden.



We arrived in Dunedin just before lunch time, to a typical Autumn day. The Holden Nationals were held indoors at the Edgar Centre, South Dunedin, hosted by the Holden Enthusiasts of Otago Inc.



## The Holden Nationals Dunedin 2017 contin..

While each person had a one chance to vote for their favourite Holden, I chose for this report three of my personal favourites. In third place, goes to a purple 1970 Torana GTR.



Second place had to go to a brown 1971 Monaro GTS. I would describe the car like it had been dipped in a bucket of melted chocolate.

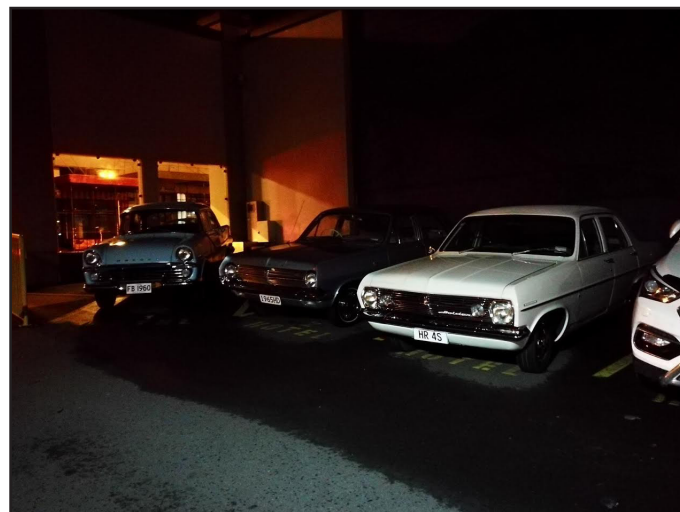


Overall, first place definitely had to go to a Black 1972 HQ Monaro Coupe LS owned by Warren Black from Oamaru. I loved it! This awesome car also took out the People's Choice award. The Entrants' Choice award was won by locals Merv and Rochell Fox, from Dunedin, for their green 1978 LH Torana SS Replica.



We stayed at the Southern Cross Scenic hotel for the night. After a long day of driving and tiki-touring my home town (Mosgiel), we returned late in the evening only to find that the car park was full... except for one last park...why? Because several of the display cars also stayed there, so we were surrounded by Holden's! A perfect way to end the day!

*Zha'dynya Sutherland*



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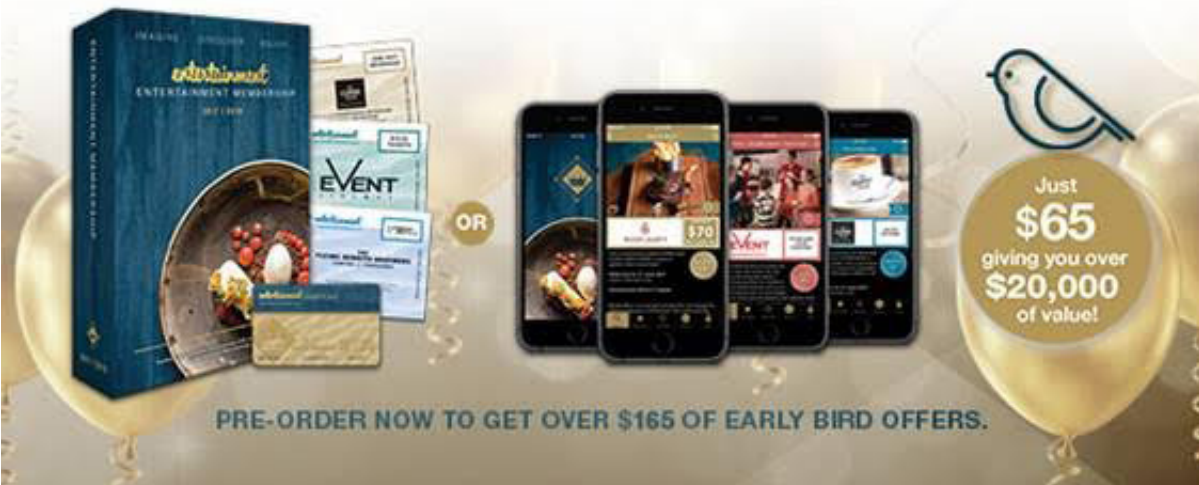
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May  
28th Scavenger Hunt. Meeting point 10:30am rear carpark at Redwood Hotel.
- June  
4th Petrolhead Breakfast. Meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arm Road @ 8:30am.
- 6th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm
- 11th Interclub Challenge - postponed until later date.
- 24th HECC 25th Anniversary Cruise and Dinner. See event list pdf for details.
- July  
2nd Petrolhead Breakfast. Meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arm Road @ 8:30am.
- 4th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm
- 17th Interclub Challenge. Quiz evening at The Fitz from 6:30pm. More info to come.

## 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 their store at the corner of St Asaph Street and Durham Street South, Christchurch Central, (03) 372 1585

This will allow you to check out the colours and styles available, as per the above list.

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-1998 VT, \$3500. Ash Robinson 0279316266

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