

The Lion's Roar

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



July 2017

Presidents Report

In June we saw a great number of members turn out for our cruise to Southbridge for Lunch, and also to the Redwood for dinner to celebrate the clubs achievement of 25 years. As part of the anniversary we have had some plastic cups printed with Holden Enthusiast Club on them. Thanks to Milton and Cherie for their work on them. These are now for sale at \$2.50 each.



Other changes that have been made recently are our new club website and email system. Hopefully this didn't affect too many of you. We are coming to terms with the system and when we get a chance we will continue to add bit and pieces to the website. We hope you are managing to navigate the new website and if you would be interested in writing a story about your car and the story behind it, then write one up and send it in so we can add it to the website.

Club clothing had now been fully locked in for design and we have some orders coming through. If you are interested check out the last page of the newsletter which tells you where to go if you would like to go try clothing for sizing.



Winter in recent weeks has set in but don't let that scare you away. Through these months we have our interclub challenge events with our Quiz Night, Dirt Karts and (Slot Cars to be confirmed).

See you on an event soon.

Josh Bentham

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25th Anniversary Cruise to Southbridge

Saturday 24th June 2017

This was our second HECC cruise and we were delivered a fine chilly Saturday morning. Perfect conditions for a pleasant drive out to the country township of Southbridge in a Holden. With our coffees in hand and the Holden fuelled we headed over to Princess Margaret Hospital to meet up with the other keen club members. We were greeted by a fantastic array of Holden's, approximately 19 both old and new. Some we have met before, drivers included, and a few new faces and fenders.



There was time for some chit-chat as we waited on the the footpath for stragglers. It is at this point I will mention our club president was not one of them this time!! Time for a quick club president's brief then it was time to head off in our Holden's to a warmer venue. One by one we all pulled out with the club president in the lead. The first turn was a right onto the narrow Cashmere Road, a popular route for local cyclists as we all know. That club president is livin' on the edge today!! Thankfully the road was light on cyclists as we weaved our way up passed the quarry heading toward the Old Tai Tapu Road turnoff.

Tai Tapu was abuzz this chilly morning but it was another right turn from here towards the township of Lincoln. Sorry busy, chilly Tai Tapu, see you another day!! We had a straight run through Lincoln as all pedestrians stopped and gave us the right of way. All the locals stopped and stared from The Grouse to the local farmer's market. We even caught the eye of a few youngsters down by the University, their waves welcomed.

We had a quick regroup just before the Springton turn off to Leeston. A perfect opportunity for a reminder txt to family to listen out, the HECC Club is about to roar into town!! As we cruised into Leeston we managed to stop the local Leestonites as they wandered about in the cold air!! Only 9 minutes before we would be lined up at the Southbridge Hotel bar enjoying the roaring warmth of the fire!! On our arrival in Southbridge there were a few rugged up locals out and about. Too late if they wanted a carpark as the club took everything the Southbridge Hotel had and down one side of the main street too.



Now as mentioned earlier, there was a president's brief, "get in and order any meals quickly, first in gets served faster!!" So in we all piled to queue at the bar opposite an UNLIT FIRE! With our drinks and #22 in hand, 1 chicken burger for him and chilli flavoured fries for her; we found a table with some new and old faces. Great conversation was had, great food consumed and OLE MOLEE those chilli fries were hot!! The fire was lit (I don't need it now after those fries thank you) and the publican joined our table to catch up with some of his former patrons from a former bar. Good fortune also smiled on a club member with a 'not too shabby' win on the pokies!!

Well our second club cruise was over; we had to leave everyone to continue on with the 25th HECC celebration without us.

Thank you HECC

Miriam Schicker



25th Anniversary Dinner

As the 25th Anniversary Cruise came to an end some members went home to get refreshed before heading to The Redwood for an evening meal in the Styx Function Room.



Upon our arrival there was a large number of members already chatting amongst each other enjoying a few drinks, as everyone arrived we found a seat at a table for our meal, at each place setting there was a plastic cup printed with Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch with a FJ and VF Holden, a great way of marking 25 years of the club.



Dinner was served and members made their way up to a self served buffet meal of rolls, roasted chicken, potatoes, pasta salad, couscous, roast beef, pork belly, steamed veges and pumpkin salad. A great meal that we struggled to fit all the choices on the plate. Later dessert was served with delicious chocolate brownie, fruit salad and tiramisu gateaux.



As the meal came to an end the club president made an impromptu speech thanking the members for coming and the work they had contributed to the club, he then cut the cake that Sarah had made to celebrate 25 years, although most were full from the meal, members cut slices to take home for the next day.

As another great event came to an end, thanks was made to The Redwood for the hosting of the dinner and members made their way home.

Leanne Bentham





Quiz Night

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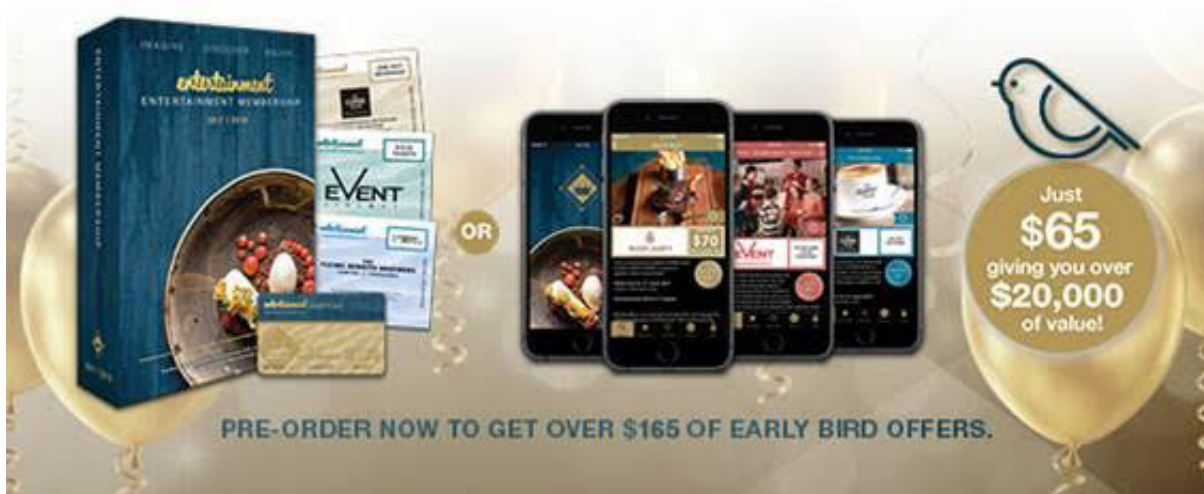
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Daffodil Rally for Cancer Sunday 27th August

As part of a Vintage Car Club National initiative to fundraise for the NZ Cancer Society, the VCC Canterbury Branch is running a special and open event on **Sunday 27th August**. This will be one of dozens of similar events held around the country on the same day.

All veteran, vintage and classic vehicle owners, including individuals, and member of ALL motoring clubs (including Custom and Hot-Rod Clubs) will be invited to participate in what will be one of the largest old-vehicle runs the city has seen. All proceeds from the day will go directly to the Cancer Society, so please help us out on the day, attend, and have a great day out doing what you enjoy, and at the same time raise funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Assemble at the VCC grounds at McLeans Island between 10.00 and 10.30am for registration in the clubrooms. Devonshire teas (or coffee) will be available there at \$5.00 per head. Registration costs \$10.00 per car.

After registration you can depart on your choice of run:

- Car Museum Run
- Motorcycle Museum Run
- Garden Run
- Art Run
- Touring Run (for those who just like to drive on scenic free-running open roads)

Each run will involve no more than 1 hour of driving (Touring Run will be 1.5 hours). Entry to any venues will be at discounted rates, and will need to be paid for separately. In all cases entry to venues is optional – you only need to stop and visit if you want to. Some will be free or entry by donation.

All runs return to and finish at the VCC grounds by around 1.00pm. A barbeque lunch will be run by a service club, with proceeds also going to the Cancer Society. BYO lunch is another option. All vehicles will be lined up for display, to which the general public will be invited.

A brief prize-giving will be held at 2.30pm, with prizes presented for the following:

- Best Motorcycle
- Best Veteran Car
- Best Vintage Car
- Best Classic Car
- Most Impressive Chrome
- Most Unique Vehicle – judged by a representative from the Cancer Society
- Best Dressed Driver and Passengers (dress in the era or a style to suit your vehicle)

Note: **The event will be run wet or fine** – the VCC clubrooms will be open to provide shelter if needed. The VCC Parts Sheds will also be open for those who wish to have a look around.

Event Coordinator for VCC Canterbury Branch
Colin Hey
Ph 359-8737 (please call evenings only, after 7.30pm)

Please mark the date in your calendar, tell as many fellow enthusiasts as possible, and come and enjoy an event for a very good cause.



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August

- 1st Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm
- 5th Interclub Challenge. Dirt Karts at Action Kart Raceway 3pm
- 6th Petrolhead Breakfast. Meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arm Road @ 8:30am..
- 20th Amazing Mystery Car Rally. Start point from Redwood Hotel Carpark at 10:30am.
- 27th VCC Daffodil Cancer Run. Run by VCC. Entry \$10

September

- 2nd South Canterbury All Australia Day meeting point at Kidman Street, Rolleston. Entry \$10.
- 3rd Petrolhead Breakfast. Meeting at Highway Inn, Sawyers Arm Road @ 8:30am.
- 3rd Rock N Wheels, Amberley Domain. From 9am - 4pm
- 5th Monthly Meeting at Redwood Styx Room at 7.30pm
- 10th Interclub Challenge. Slot Cars. More info to come.
- 15th-17th Kaikoura Hop
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Club Shirts - \$62, Polo Shirts - \$46,
Club Stickers - \$5, Club Sashes - \$20,
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For more information contact Sarah on
021 024 92550

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

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Refer to their website: <http://www.ascolour.co.nz/>

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