

The Lion's Roar

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



September 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

August was the warm up month towards our busy period of the year, and also marks the end of our clubs year. This year has had some amazing highlights for myself and I hope it has for you too and will continue into next year.

We have a couple of people that came to the end of their long term in committee and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Milton for his contribution as treasurer for 5 years and on the committee for the past year, Darryl for keeping us up to date with the newsletter and website over the past 3 years, and Leonie although staying as a committee member this coming year has been Vice President for the past 3 years so thank you for your continued support.

After over 10 years of no change to subs we have been forced to increase subs but to make it more fair to all members we have split subs to \$40 for a single and \$60 for a couple, Subs are now due.

October is coming up fast and we have a busy month, We need a good showing of numbers to attend and help with the running of All OZ Cruises and Car Show on the 14th and 15th so please make sure to keep the date free.

Josh Bentham

NATIONAL VCC DAFFODIL RALLY

24 VCC branches were involved in this fundraiser for the Cancer Society.

Once registered you had the option in choosing instructions sheets for one of 8 runs that the VCC club had organised. There was morning tea/coffee you could purchase along with the traditional scones, jam & whipped cream, from the team that purchased this it was well worth the \$5!

There was an awesome turn out of vehicles from the 1910s right through to the modern vehicles. In total there were just over 400 vehicles at the Christchurch run, which means there was a large donation made to the Cancer Society!

Sarah & Whare, Mike & Heather, Josh & Leanne

We chose the option on driving out to Darfield and visiting the Selwyn Art Gallery.

As typical rallies go, you should never just follow the car in front of you just in case they aren't reading their instructions carefully and miss their turn off! Thankfully we were reading our instructions.

We headed out behind the airport, down Pound Road, into Hasketts Road and then into Maddisons Road. Weaving our way through West Melton and Kirwee we entered the Darfield township and visited the Selwyn Art Gallery.

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This show cased local talent from the Darfield pre-school which were absolutely amazing and well thought out. The Gallery also housed very impressive works of art from local artists. A great wee Gallery which were very accommodating on a Sunday.

After getting hot drinks, we headed back to the VCC grounds at Cutler Park for prize giving and a late lunch.

Cherie & Craig

We made it to the starting point early and managed to get copies of the Touring Cruise so we could really warm the tyres up on our car!

After hoovering down some awesome scones, jam and whipped cream we decided to warm up KC and start our cruise. We were heading to Oxford, where you could of stopped and had a breather before heading back to the VCC grounds via the gorge.

We were happily cruising down the road with the windows open and Craig's parents in the back seat taking them out on their first ever family car cruise and all was going well, over taking the slow Austin A3's and other sewing machines which were cruising along.

The only argument came when both of the guys, who were passengers and reading the directions, told me to turn at the next left. Which I did, however it was not 'that left, but the next one!' There were a few comments made, mainly based around female vs male. A quick U-turn made and then we had to do some more manoeuvring to catch up with the queue.

Once we were on South Eyre Road there were a few more overtaking procedures and after watching an awesome Valiant cruising off in the distance we thought that KC would look cool cruising with it so off we went on a mission. Even the mother-in-law was egging us on to catch up, and we did, just before Oxford!

The sun was shining, and it was just a great day to be out cruising. So we keep going through Oxford and headed through the gorge and back to the start point.

Once back at the grounds, we shared more charity by purchasing steak sandwiches and the standard sausages that were run by the Avonhead Rotary.

This was such a fun event and I recommend doing this next year as all funds go to a great cause.

Sarah & Cherie



MYSTERY CAR RALLY

It was that time again for the Annual Mystery Car Rally! And it was great to see the cars turn up on a cold bitter day at the start point of the Redwood Tavern carpark. We did warn them that their brains would be working overtime so don't worry about the cold!

For those who have never tested themselves on a Mystery Car Rally, you know the start point and that you will be using your brains for a couple of hours. The rally is set in two stages so you know where you are at!

I would like to thank the new comers to this rally for testing their brains. I think, by the sounds of it, once people got their heads around it, they were away and charging!

The basics of the run were to leave the start point, going through the new Preston subdivision and then head back through Shirley and around Woolston and Ferrymead before swapping onto stage two at Ferrymead. From Ferrymead people cruised through Lyttleton, Diamond Harbour and up over Dyers Pass before heading around Cashmere, Lincoln and finishing up at the Springston Hotel where you could do a spot quiz to gain bonus points.



Highlights of the rally included:

- someone missing a complete page of the quiz and ended up following another team until they realised and had to go back
- the organisers wrote this rally on Anzac day, forgetting that it is run on a Sunday so competitors were counting circles on a church window while a fully packed church stared on
- people detouring to get coffee and emergency toilet stops
- people swapping drivers as they got car sick within the first 5 questions
- parking in a quiet Sunday subdivision counting seat panels and apartments
- people enjoying the cruise up over Dyers Pass
- the team that decided that the clue 'go past the 100km sign' was actually meant to drive to the next 100km sign and drove 27kms further than they needed too before rereading the clues and having to do a u-turn and driving at speed back to the Springston Hotel
- the one that took it all; getting a phone call while waiting for the teams "Craig here, umm Richie's car has died at the cemetery!" Yup, poor Richie's car managed to munch it's fuel pump at the Lincoln Cemetery so the trusty HSV Surf went out and towed it home

I hope all the challenged themselves enjoyed it and a big thank you to Sarah & Leonie for opening themselves for learning how to write the rally.

Cherie Blackwell

ALL OZ UPDATE

This is only a month away now and plans are well underway! We have food and coffee stalls, as well as bouncy castle and facepainter all confirmed.

This event looks like it will be much larger than last year and we also have a charity who is willing to be part of it.

We will be looking for some helpers through the day at the event, it will be rotated around so everyone gets a chance to enjoy the day and the charity will be doing at least half of the work for us so we can relax a little more on the day.

If you are able to help, please don't hesitate to contact one of the All Oz committee members; Josh, Whare or Cherie.

REMINDERS

Subscriptions: For those that have not paid their annual subs, these are now due. As voted in at the annual AGM last week, after over 10 years we have had to put up the membership.

The current subs are now \$40 per year for a individual or \$60 for a couple membership.

The bank account details are:

Westpac 03-1591-0099827-00

Please ensure your name is in the reference field when making an online payment or payment directly at the bank.

Show & Shine Event: If you are wanting to have your car judged at the Show & Shine event on the 29th October, your annual subs must be paid by the 29th October and entry is a non-perishable food item.

Club Trophies: For those of you that were fortunate to win a club trophy last year, these are to be returned by the October club meeting or alternatively contact a Committee member from the Events list to co-ordinate getting the trophy to them.

DID YOU KNOW...

Lion & the Stone



Holden's famous "lion and stone" badge was first designed in 1928, and symbolised the fable of man inventing the wheel after observing lions rolling stones with their paws. It was tweaked in the 1970s and 1990s, and most recently in 2016 as part of the company's efforts to rebrand its image, though for marketing rather than car badges.





ALL OZ CAR SHOW CHRISTCHURCH

Saturday 14th October 2017
Evening Cruise

Two start points: A) Halswell New World Carpark, Nicholls Rd, Halswell
B) Northwood Supa Centre (Harvey Norman carpark), 1 Radcliffe Rd
Time: 5.30pm meeting time with 6pm departure
Combined conclusion of cruise is at
Mega Mitre 10 carpark, Ferrymead
Open to all Australian cars and the public


Sunday 15th October 2017
Car Show

From 10am to 2pm; A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Rd, Christchurch
Open to all Australian cars and the public
Gold coin donation for spectators; \$10 entry per display car
Prizegiving at 1.30pm

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 Follow our Facebook events page for more information
All Oz Car Show Christchurch or Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch
For further information please contact us on general@holdenclub.co.nz



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2017

- 1st **Petrolhead Breakfast**; meeting point 8.30am Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Road
- 1st **Spring into Oxford**; departure at 10am from the Petrolhead Breakfast. Display car entry into the show is \$5 per car otherwise gold coin donation
- 3rd **Meeting at Redwood Styx Room** from 7:30pm
- 6th-8th **Swapmeet**, VCC grounds, McLeans Island Rd
- 8th **Bathurst at Ray's**; if you are interested, please let us know & we will send you the details
- 14th **All Oz Car Show Christchurch Cruise**; two start point locations check out the Facebook page & our newsletter
- 15th **All Oz Car Show Christchurch Show**; A&P Showgrounds from 10am until 2pm
- 29th **HECC Show & Shine**, Picnic area 2B, The Groynes from 10am. Remember your subs are to be paid by 29th to have your car judged. Entry is a non-perishable food item.

NOVEMBER 2017

- 5th **Petrolhead Breakfast**; meeting point 8.30am Highway Inn, Sawyers Arms Road
- 7th **Meeting at Redwood Styx Room** from 7:30pm
- 12th **Akaroa Cruise**; BBQ will be at Akaroa, meeting point 10.30am at the Mega Mitre 10 carpark, Ferrymead. BYO BBQ food & drinks!
- 26th **Selwyn Motorfest, Foster Park, Rolleston**; meeting point Redwood Tavern carpark at 8am

DECEMBER 2017

- 3rd **Christmas Lunch**; more info TBC
- 5th **Meeting at Redwood Styx Room** from 7:30pm
- 9th **Kaiapoi Santa Parade**; more info TBC

Coming up in 2018

- January **Muscle Car Madness**; more info TBC
- March **Timaru Rock n Hop**; more info TBC
- March **Display & Track Cruise at Timaru Levels Truck Racing & 11 Classes Racing**; more info TBC

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, corner St Asaph Street & Durham Street South, 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.

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If you have any issues please contact us direct we are all willing to answer any questions or talk through any questions you may have.

