

The Lion's Roar

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



October 2017

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the new committee members voted in at our AGM, new to the team are Paul, Miriam and Justin who are already bringing some fresh ideas to the table with some different events coming up next year.

Due to lack of interest in Laser-Strike at September meeting the event was cancelled making September a slightly quieter month for those that didn't attend out of town events like South Canterbury All Australian Day or Kaikoura Hop. October however to date has been action packed with our Club's Show n Shine coming up at the end of the month so get polishing and get along.

Clothing sales are starting to ramp up as more people are wearing their new clothing with hoodies being the order favourite, they do get noticed by others and makes us look professional, even on the cold days. Cup sales are going well also and as well as sash sales, we have 2 left before we need to reorder more. Club stickers and number plate surrounds, Cherie has been working on new designs to change it up and we hope to have these available in the coming months.

See you all on an event soon.

Josh Bentham

SOUTH CANTERBURY ALL AUSTRALIAN DAY

Our day started earlier meeting in Rolly, with the storm clouds rolling in. With 5 cars waiting, suddenly Muzman decided to turn up and in style! He managed to ride the curb AND stall his car in front of us all, well done Murray!

We headed off in towards the rain and somehow managed to avoid them all, don't ask however but there must of been a bubble over the top of us. As we were cruising through Ashburton we collected a few more Holden's along the way, I am not too sure if they meant to join it however it was a great con-vy to cruise in!

Once we parked up in Timaru, Kevin & Andrea decided to join us. We did let them away with it as they came down the night before. There was a huge array of Holdens and Fords with the occasional Valient scattered through the crowd. We counted roughly 90 vehicles that turned up.

Plus Smallbone Holden in Timaru unveiled the 2017 Holden Commodore SS-V Redline, probably much to Ford owner's dismay!

It was a great day trip, and we all managed to stay dry!

Cherie Blackwell

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KAIKOURA HOP 2017 14-17 SEPTEMBER



Our Kaikoura Hop adventure started on Friday 15 September, we just needed to get through a day's work!! This would be our second time at the Kaikoura Hop, our first time as part of the classic car line up. We were both impressed by last year's event which had an amazing array of cars. This year we did not know what to expect following the Kaikoura quake. We just felt we had to be there to show some support. With the car fuelled and bags packed, we just need the day to fly by!!

Finally 4pm arrives as does my ride on the dot. So long work, Kaikoura Hop here we come!! We had to be at the coastal check point before the road closed at 7pm. It was a fine evening, traffic was light and we were making good time. It was decided to make a quick stop at Cheviot for a takeaway coffee only to encounter a tribe of kids deciding on what flavour ice creams they wanted!! The shop owner told us there had been a steady stream of classic cars over the past couple of days. Things sounded promising for a good turn out!! We made it to the check point in good time and the drive through to Kaikoura was steady without any stops. I did envy the road crews as they would have seen some wonderful sights as the classic cars roared passed toward Kaikoura.

We arrived at our accommodation with our club president and his handy wife Leanne arriving a few minutes later. First mission was to locate the lockbox and extract the keys before dark!! After much fuss, choice words and a few phone calls the club president saved the evening and retrieved the keys!! Enough said I think Paul?! Finally with cars unpacked and beds assigned we all settled in for a quiet evening hoping for a fine day and a good turnout for the Kaikoura Hop.

We woke to a damp morning but it was clearing!! Everyone assumed their positions, the men folk cleaned the cars then headed down to the showgrounds to park up. Then it was a long hike back up the hill to the accommodation where they were greeted by a full bacon and eggs breakfast. Once everyone was feed it was time to trek back to the showgrounds!! A local stopped to offer us a ride but we had to decline the generosity, her car was small and Paul is tall!!

We entered the showgrounds from the hill top to an impressive turnout of classic cars, stalls, food vendors, Pin Up contestants and classic car lovin' folk. After a leisurely stroll around the show grounds admiring all the sights we headed back to our classic car for a picnic lunch with the only other HECC entries. Our club president informed use he had been placing All Oz Day flyers under wipers but he had run out half way around the show grounds due to the large number of cars!! Kaikoura had turned on a fabulous day for the most part except for a brief 20 minute shower. Thanks to his handy wife Leanne, our club president was quick to pull out the towels and dry off their wet car!! In his vigour he even dried off one side of our car before Paul felt the guilt's and dried the other side!!

We stayed for the Pin Up Girl contest and the prize giving that had all moved indoors but the lack of microphone made it hard to hear. Fair to say, the



HECC entries were not winners on the day!! 7.30pm, cruise time was approaching!! This was the second cruise for the Kaikoura Hop, the first was held on Friday night before we arrived. The cruise route was lined with locals, some with signs 'honk for the kids' or 'skids for kids'!! One local had the hose out wetting the road clearly for burn outs and we obliged!! To end the evening there was just one more stop, a trade-me pick up by our club president who needed extra car boot space for some classic car parts!!

Sunday morning, bacon and eggs on board and the accommodation keys securely placed back in the lockbox. This is where we parted company from our club president, his handy wife Leanne and Kaikoura to head off on the slower trip to Christchurch. For once the long line of traffic did not seem to matter with a wonderful sceptical of classic cars ahead and of course the 'must do' tunnel versus horn 'sound offs' as we all headed home after a fantastic Kaikoura Hop 2017!!

Well done Kaikoura!!

Miriam Schicker



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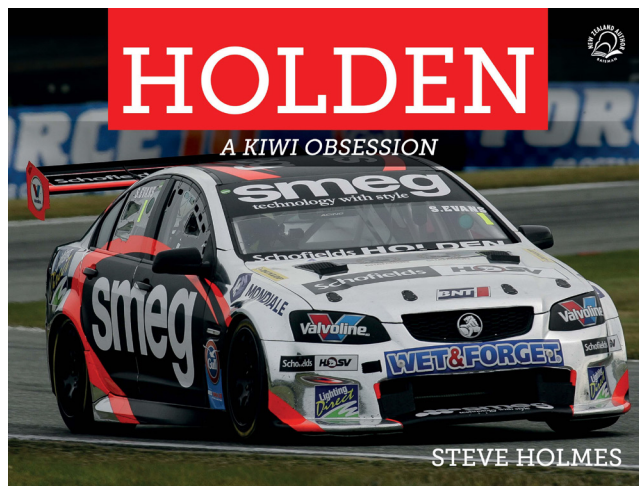
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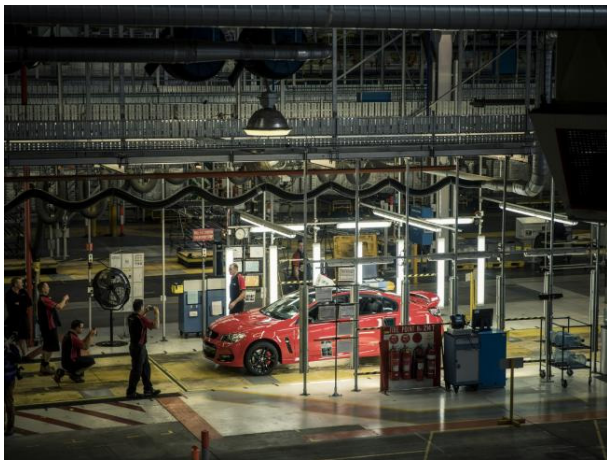
AUSTRALIAN CAR MANUFACTURING REACHES THE END OF THE LINE, AS HOLDEN CLOSES ELIZABETH FACTORY

Joshua Dowling and Bernard Humphreys, AAP News Corp Australia Network, October 20, 2017 at 5:02pm

THE last car has rolled off the production line in Holden's Elizabeth factory in Adelaide's northern suburbs.

The red, manual VFII Redline V8 Holden Commodore, which will be kept as a museum piece, came off the line shortly after 10.45am local time.

Hundreds of Holden workers were on hand to witness the end of production at the plant and cheered as the final car rolled out.



The last Holden made in Australia. Picture: Supplied.



Workers pose with the last Holden. Picture: AAP/Holden Pressroom

Director of manufacturing Richard Phillips drew links between the last car and Holden's famous first model, the 48-215 produced in 1948.

"Sixty-nine years ago prime minister Ben Chifley announced our first Australian-built vehicle with that famous line, 'She's a beauty,'" he said.

"And today, but just as a humble lad from Elizabeth, as I saw that car rolling past me on the line, the thought that came to my mind was simply, 'She's perfect'.

"What an outstanding team we've had here that has ensured that our last car is the best car, ever."

As the 7,687,675th vehicle to be produced by the company, it will form part of Holden's heritage collection and will likely be housed at the company's corporate headquarters in Melbourne.

Workers left the factory for the last time, boarding buses to Adelaide Oval for a celebration which included a performance by Jimmy Barnes.

HOLDEN FANS MOB FACTORY

Earlier, more than 1000 Holden fans pulled up outside the factory, many driving some of the manufacturer's most iconic models, in tribute to the Lion's history.

Police, driving Commodores, were managing traffic on the Phillip Highway and ordered that cars be removed from the median outside the factory.

Fewer than half a dozen cars were built before midday in a private ceremony attended by about 1000 Holden factory workers past and present.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said he was emotional about Holden's closure.

"I feel very sad as we all do it's the end of an era, you can't get away from the emotional response to the closure," he said.

When asked by 3AW host Neil Mitchell if the government "had blood on its hands" and could have saved Holden, he referred to comments made by Holden boss Mike Devereux where he previously cited a range of economic factors affecting the car maker's future.



Holden enthusiasts have lined up outside the plant in Elizabeth, Adelaide. Picture: AAP

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HOLDEN

LET'S GO THERE



FACTS ABOUT HOLDEN COMMODORE'S YOU MAY NOT OF HEARD OF...

AS HOLDEN prepares to go out with a flourish by releasing the fastest car to wear the Commodore badge, here are 10 things we reckon you didn't know about the local brand's long-running rear-drive mainstay.

1. The Commodore has been sold in six continents and has included the USA, UK, Brazil, Argentina and the Middle East as export countries.
2. The best-selling Commodore was the VE, which sold more than 520,000 in total.
3. The VE/VF Commodore is the only Holden developed from the ground up in Australia.
4. The 1986 VL Commodore was originally a mild restyle of the VK, until Phil Zmood tore up the papers and started again. "I remember being told at the time, we had to make a success of the VL or we would be looking for another job," said Phil Zmood.
5. The VF Series 2 Commodore will be the last car in the General Motors stable to be powered by the Gen IV V8. It's also been used in Camaro, Corvette and GM trucks.
6. The VB Commodore was sold in South Korea as a Daewoo Royale. It was offered with a 1500cc engine, with the body-panels stamped at Elizabeth.
7. The Commodore was the first Australian-made car to offer an airbag ('93), a trip computer ('81); cruise control ('81); a supercharger ('95); a turbocharger ('86).
8. The Commodore has won Bathurst 22 times. That compares to the Ford Falcon's 14 wins; the Torana's five; Ford Cortina's three; Monaro, Nissan GT-R and Ford Sierra RS500 (all with two wins) and one win apiece for the Mini Cooper S and Jaguar XJ-S.
9. The Commodore finished the 1979 Around Australia Trial in first, second and third positions. Ford argued that the Commodore was too small to be a Falcon rival, and entered a trio of Cortinas to make the point.
10. You may never have heard of him, but George Gallion is the father of the Commodore. The Opel designer penned the GM's global V-car exterior, which included the VB Commodore and two-door Monza.
11. The fastest car to wear the Commodore badge is the Holden Commodore VF Series II SS-V Redline (but you already knew that).



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2017

- 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

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