

# The Lion's Roar

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



March / April 2019

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer has unfortunately come to an end very sharply and daylight saving has changed, but that won't stop us from trying to get our cars out to enjoy a little scenery or some events.

We had a great February but March event really cooled things down and rained on our parade, however this did not stop new applicants from coming and checking out our events and how our club runs. The weather thankfully hasn't affected turnout massively which is good to see.

Club subs were very slow at being paid this financial year and I just wanted to remind members that we are all volunteers and by you not paying efficiently you are creating another unnecessary job for us to do. It would be appreciated that in future you pay within the first two months.

Our club looked at hosting the 2021 Holden Nationals which was going to be a great undertaking and needed a lot of commitment from members as I wasn't willing to make the call as current President without a great amount of support knowing that I wouldn't be heading the club after this year, unfortunately the support from members showed by lack of numbers turning up to the meetings regarding the nationals and despite my attempts to find out as much as I could in a short period of time I couldn't convince enough people present at meetings to give me confidence to say we had enough support to make it happen.

As many of you may know as a parting rule by our previous executive was that no person is to hold one position for longer than three years, surprisingly three years will be up for a lot of our current committee members this year and we will need more volunteers to fill those positions so have a think if you can commit yourself to being on the committee or taking an executive role. Nominations start in July.

As the committee we are always working hard to change events up to ensure things don't get boring. We aimed to bring a grasskarna however H&S requirements and higher grass quality has put a stop to grasskarna so instead we went to Geraldine in May to see auto restoration shop and the local machinery and motor vehicle museum. Mid Winter in June has in recent years been a lunch and a dinner with applicants often coming to lunch and members deciding between one or the other, however we have decided this June we will be doing a Mid Winter breakfast then a cruise. We also decided since the ending of interclub challenge a few years ago that we hadn't done any entertainment type events so have thrown some TenPin Bowling.

Hopefully the changing up of events tickles your fancy and we see you on a few of these upcoming events.

*Joshua Bentham*

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## LAKE HOOD BBQ

The day was cool but sunny when six cars meet at BP Rolleston by 9am the arranged meeting time, including Richie with his jet-ski. We waited around and chatted until the slow ones turned up at about 9.20 then we were off.

It was a nice cruise down to Ashburton with the sky down that way looking quite unfriendly. By the time we arrived there the weather had got a bit windy and it looked like we might get a little rain, so we quickly put up one of the domes to keep us a bit warmer and dry. Richie had put the jet-ski in the water and went for a bit of a squirt around the lake.

We settled in for a relaxing lunch and about that time another member pulled up with his toy, a hovercraft, took it off the trailer but had a bit of trouble with the starting cable so it was a non-event, bugger.

After lunch Richie thought it might be a good idea to take his jet-ski for another little spin down the lake when he came back, he said he was very wet and freezing, surprise surprise!

It was a great day out even it was a bit cool and it was good to catch up and have a chat with other members. Bring on the next run, Geraldine Museum end of May.

*Ray Miles*



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## TWIN RIVERS CAR SHOW & PARADE

It was a cold wet start to the pre meet we had at Pioneer, it was a shock to have the most VN-VS that we have seen in recent years.

After everyone arrived we headed on our way for A&P showgrounds, having lost a few at the last set of lights we regrouped at the gateway, some having driven through a puddle much to their disappointment.

As always Twin Rivers never disappoints with a huge range of vehicles over a range of brands and styles. It turned very cold and wet so we chose not to put up the club flags, some wearing shorts and t-shirts retreated to their cars while others continue to chat amongst each other or wander to peruse the variety of vehicles. A hot chocolate and doughnuts were in order to warm up although some were seen to brave the elements with Mr Whippy.

The weather improved over time however the bone chilling wind never went away. As prizegiving was called I became inundated with people talking to me regarding the club and their Holdens but we got over to prize giving as the cars were being announced.

As prizegiving came to a close we started lining up to go on the parade, I was stopped in my tracks by an old member of the club as I was being waved on to join the line up.

The cruise started out the gate and onto the Southern Motorway before turning left along Halswell Junction and going through the newer developed subdivisions and onto back roads heading out towards Lincoln, we got within one road of Lincoln before turn left for Tai Tapu, the cruise went around a couple of back streets before taking the scenic Old Tai Tapu Rd, we continued on around Halswell quarry and around Cashmere Road to Hoon Hay Rd.

As everyone arrived back at A&P Showgrounds everyone dispersed and headed their different ways, some even turned around to drive along looking at the cars coming towards them. As always it was good to have such a variety of cars on the parade, Twin Rivers never disappoints with the cars on show.

*Josh Bentham*



# HECC BREAKFAST AND CRUISE



***16th June 2019***  
***Redwood Hotel***

**BREAKFAST at 9.00am**  
**CRUISE at 10.30am**

Sausages, bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns,  
toast, juice, tea/coffee.

Please advise if there are dietary requirements (ie: gluten free)

\$14pp for HECC financial members  
\$20pp for non-financial members

RSVP required by  
the 7th June

## NORTH CANTERBURY CLASSIC TOUR

I write to thank all of those who participated in our 17th annual North Canterbury Classic Tour on Sunday 24th March.

Route: What a wonderful day we had. Great scenic routes, although I wish we could have avoided SH1 but there is no option when you want to travel both the Greta Valley-Scargill route and the Leader Road on the same day. Many entrants commenting that they had never driven the Leader Road before.

Venue: This is the fourth time in the 17 year history of the North Canterbury Classic Tour, that we have used the Waiiau School grounds. There is no doubt that this venue is ideal. The school committee must be congratulated on their lovely lunches. We had one each of their hamburgers again this year and I must comment that they would leave the well-known commercial ones for dead!

Band: The jazz band, we were so glad to have them return once more. And the vocals by Janet Walmsley. Fantastic, just the icing on the cake so to speak and they are willing to come back again, if and when we decide to repeat the day !(?) Not many of you followed the orange cones to view the Christmas miniature train set, in working order. I will make it clearer next time, if in fact there is a 'next time', I will specify the time the display will be open i.e. open hours 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Personally I hope the North Canterbury Classic Tour does re-visit, even if the event is no longer under my management. Our son Paul, will, hopefully take over from us.

School pool & photos: A few of us took a swim in the new pool at days end. With the weather at 29 degrees it was just heaven in that new pool. A great variety of photos taken on the day by our son Paul, are now posted up on our Facebook page. Have you any good photos to add? Perhaps a professional or good amateur photographer could take some action shots en-route somewhere, sometime, in the future. Look up North Canterbury Classic Tour on Facebook.

PS Paul Walmsley, husband of our vocalist, has taken some great photos at the venue. There is a wide variety, including people, some children and action shots. Great. Maybe you're there? Thanks Paul & Janet. (Event sponsored by Stanley-Joblin Architecture, designing homes since 1987 (paul@nanogroup.co.nz)

New event: Our next scheduled event is planned for September. No firm date as yet. This will be our fourth annual Rural Ramble. However, this is one event where you may come across some gravel sections, as per is normal on the Rural Rambles. We endeavour to visit a back country farm or homestead on this particular outing each time, so some gravel normally can be expected on any of the annual Rural Rambles.

Regards to all

*Trevor*

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## TRUE OR FALSE

Is this an experimental vehicle made by Holden in Australia in 1969?



**True:** The Holden Hurricane is a two-seat concept car built by Holden in 1969. The Hurricane was one of the most advanced vehicles for its time, with Holden describing it as a research vehicle, allowing them "to study design trends, propulsion systems and other long range developments"

The Hurricane stood at just 990 mm (39 in) tall and was powered by a mid-mounted high-compression 4.2 litre Holden V8 engine, producing 193 kW (259 hp). The Hurricane did not feature conventional doors; instead, a hydraulically powered canopy swung forwards over the front wheels and the seats rose up and tilted forward.

Other features included Pathfinder, which used magnetic signals built into the road to guide the driver. It also contained digital instrument displays, automatic temperature control air conditioning called Comfortron, an auto-seek radio function and a rear-view camera, which consisted of a wide angle camera in the rear bumper connected to a closed-circuit television (CCTV) screen in the centre console.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June 2019

- 4th Meeting** at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm
- 16th Mid Winter Breakfast Cruise** at Redwood Styx Room, breakfast at 9am, cruise leaves at 10.30am  
\$14 per HECC financial member  
\$20 per non financial member  
Registration required
- 23rd Campbell Aero Classics in Loburn**  
\$15 per person (includes morning tea) Registration required  
Start location & time to come  
Event run by Canterbury Holden Club

### July 2019

- 2nd Meeting** at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm
- 21st Dutton Garage** meeting at 10am at 148 Carlyle St, Christchurch to check out the cars
- 21st Ten Pin Bowling** at 11am  
Xtreme Entertainment Garden City, Iverson Terrace  
\$10 per HECC financial member (\$8.50 per child)  
\$14.50 per non financial member (\$12.50 per child)

### August 2019

- 6th Meeting** at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm
- 11th Mystery Car Rally**
- 25th VCC Daffodil Rally**

### September 2019

- 1st South Canterbury All Oz Day**  
**1st Rock n Wheels Amberley**
- 3rd AGM Meeting** at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm

## 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.ascolor.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.

**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.**

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