

# The Lion's Roar

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



May 2019

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The shortest day is nearing closer meaning shorter days, cooler temperatures and potentially wetter weather, but that thankfully hasn't slowed any of you down this year, with great numbers in attendance of recent meetings and events and a number of new members being voted in and a number of new applicants which has been greatly appreciated by the committee as for us it makes the planning of different events worthwhile.

Nomination forms will be out next month for our upcoming September AGM. If you think would like to join the committee, or you think someone might be good at a role then nominate them, please ask them first. I have highlighted in recent newsletters that quite a few of the committee members are at the end of their 3 years in a role, including myself. This 3 year rule that was put forward by previous departing committee members after 5 years of service in their roles.

Our next event on 21st July is a tour of Duttons Garage, an exotic car sales in Christchurch before having a game of Tenpin Bowling which is currently under renovation. Both of these locations require RSVP and payment for Tenpin Bowling by 12th July to [general@holdenclub.co.nz](mailto:general@holdenclub.co.nz).

Hope to see you again soon

*Joshua Bentham*

## GERALDINE RUN

Geraldine Museum and Restoration shop run started out with new meeting location in Rolleston after someone has painted yellow lines outside our usual meet location, this tripped up one member not realizing the change of location.

Around 15 cars left Rolleston heading off to meet another 5 cars awaiting us in Ashburton, after allowing the tail end car a chance to catch up we carried on to Geraldine, weather forecast had said chance of a shower but we had a fine day the entire day.

Upon arrival in Geraldine we met up with 3 cars from South Canterbury Holden at the Restoration shop and the owner and one of his foreman met us and ran through what they do and what projects were currently underway. Members were allowed to walk amongst the projects at their own pace. For me seeing an old vintage with panels un-stitched and new timber frame shell having parts replaced was quite a sight to behold. Members were introduced to Auto Restoration newest product range as New Zealand's exclusive stockists of Better Auto Rubber.

Once members were finished at Auto Restoration shop we made our way to the Museum a short walk around the corner, this is always a great museum to check out with much to see

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and appreciate including a Holden HT Monaro Bathurst Edition.

Around half the attendees then met up at the Heritage Hotel and had a drink and a meal to finish off a great day in Geraldine. Thanks to all that attended and made it a successful event.

*Joshua Bentham*



## Holden TT36



In 2004 Holden rocked Aussie motoring fans once again, this time with a potential BMW 3-Series rival called the TT36. It was unavoidable to look at in a shade of hot pink called ManGenta (because y'know, pink is for blokes too) with a clinically white interior.

The brief was to create a new mid-size car to complement the larger Commodore, with Holden's design team even going to the trouble of developing a new rear-drive platform to underpin the concept - the basics of which eventually made it underneath a Cadillac in the US.

Under the bonnet was a twin-turbocharged 280kW version of Holden's then-new 3.6 litre AlloyTec V6, and at the rear a liftback tailgate, which had pundits calling the concept a reborn Torana in no time.

Although the TT36 never did reach production, look closely and you'll find plenty of borrowed bits

from the VE Commodore, which was still two years away from making its debut.

Items like the doors, steering wheel, and infotainment screen were all there to preview the next-gen Commodore. Even the overall look gave away some of the VE's secrets albeit in a smaller, sportier package.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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 Event run by South Canterbury Holden Club
- 1st Rock n Wheels Amberley
- 3rd AGM Meeting** at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm
- 19th - 22nd Kaikoura Hop

### October 2019

- 1st Meeting** at Redwood Styx Room from 7.30pm
- 10th - VCC Swapmeet  
13th More info to come  
Event run by VCC
- 13th HECC Bathurst Day**  
More info to come
- 19th - All Oz Cruise & Day**  
**20th** 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 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.

**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.**

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