

# The Lion's Roar

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



August 2019

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## Presidents Report

Well, what a busy year it has been.

Join HECC in March, attend and enjoy as many club events that we can fit in. Rock up to all the monthly meetings on a Tuesday night, and President of the club in September.

Says a lot about the club and its members!

With the September club meeting, yearly AGM and elections done and dusted, I feel I need to acknowledge the fantastic effort of our outgoing committee. These guys and girls have worked tirelessly to ensure our club has operated at a level many other clubs struggle to achieve. On behalf of all HECC club members, thank you.

It was this level of enthusiasm that swayed me, a relatively new club member, to put my name forward for President (Josh is also quite persuasive).

To ensure everything flows smoothly, and make sure I do my job properly, Josh, Whare, and Sarah have stayed on the executive, and Rob Gordon has stayed on the committee along with Paul Wilkinson and Richard Croucher. We are also joined by Jarrod Mehlhopt as Club Captain, and Alistair Joseph as a new committee member.

The next event for the club is All Oz Day on Sunday 20th Oct. This is the clubs premier event, and a lot of behind the scenes work is put in by the organisers.

A working bee is happening at the A & P showgrounds at 10.00am on Sept 29th in preparation for the show.

We also need as many members as possible on the day of the show to help make this day run smoothly. Please contact any executive members if you can help, even if only for a few hours.

Subs are now due, and it would be great if we could get these payed promptly. As many of you will be aware, these subs enable the club to subsidise some events during the year, and keeps the club running smoothly.

Finally, we have accepted an offer from a member to host club members at his residence to watch the racing on Bathurst day. Contact the committee for details, if you are interested.

Enjoy your journey.

*Allan White*



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## All Oz Cruise and Car Show

Only a few weeks away this is the club's very own annual event, and this year we are supporting the Blind Foundation.

As mentioned by Allan, we are calling all available volunteers to help out with this once a year event.

If you get to read this newsletter in time, we have a working bee on the 29th of September from 10am for a couple of hours to have a quick tidy up the grounds.

The All Oz Cruise will be held on the Saturday evening of the 19th of October...not much to do except turn up at either the North or the South start point and represent the club and have a great cruise.



Most volunteers will be needed for the main event which is on the day of the car show October 20th! There will be all sorts of jobs available from carparking to judging, and from set up to packing up.

If you have a few hours, or a few minutes, spare to assist would really help the club a lot!

**Just let any of the All Oz Committee know if you are available (Sarah, Paul, or Whare), or any of the HECC Committee (listed at the end of this newsletter).**



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# ALL OZ CAR SHOW

## CHRISTCHURCH



**Saturday 19th October 2019**  
**Evening Cruise**

Two start points: A) New Brighton carpark Hawke St, New Brighton  
B) Cashmere Rd, Princess Margaret Hospital, Cashmere  
Time: 5.30pm meeting time with 6pm departure  
Combined conclusion of cruise is at  
Spitfire Square, Memorial Avenue, Christchurch Airport  
**Open to all Australian cars and the public**

## Sunday 20th October 2019

### 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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## The Amazing Mystery Car Rally

On the 11th of August we gather at the Redwood Hotel Carpark for the infamous Mystery Car Rally. Such stories of counting windows in churches...on a Sunday...still echoing from the last Rally! What were we in for this time? Time would tell.

The first challenge a team name, having been about the last to arrive all the cool team names had been taken. "Bugger me" I said, and well there it was, a team name (check out the other team names at the end of this article). Then it was time for the teams to head off in 1-minute intervals. Richie and Craig left in a Mini, followed by Sarah and Whare, next Josh and Leanne, and so on until eventually it was our turn. Off we went out of the Hotel carpark and starboard ...cool very nautical.

Now for some of the instructions, for a person growing up just down the road from the Redwood, through to Queen Elizabeth Drive was easy however my trusty co-pilot mentioned aim towards Kaiapoi and unfortunately this stuck. Of course, there was a number of instructions to eventually get to Repco Northwood, we only took the hint we drove in to Kaiapoi. Not a good look!!

So straight back down the motorway to Repco Northwood, passing other teams as they were heading north. Anyway, into Repco to find a tyre Pressure gauge in the \$10.00 bin, then back out on to the North Road and trying to find the infamous bus stop Number...tick, and then into The Peg and out again.

Up the motorway "quietly" catching up some time. A quick stop into Silverstream Park, a quick bounce on the lion and then a sprint up the 5 steps of the Yellow Slide. Over the Bridge and how many posts on the bridge 18 one side, 19 the other...right at the T and headed towards Rangiora. Turned left to the Racecourse and beware of the Wildlife in Rangiora, then up thru Fernside and past the red letterboxes looking for a plantation. Another little straight to catch up time.

We get to 165, no that was not the speed, the infamous address 165, which we did not get, however as we were coming up towards Cust it looked like everyone was going up and down trying to find it ...we had finally caught up whew!! A quick stop at the War memorial and down to the Tennis club, then turn left out the back of Cust.

Thinking at this stage we had got lost, we turned around to retrace our steps only to find Sarah and Whare going in the direction of where we had come... so, we must have been on the right track. Found the exclamation mark and definitely the reason for it then another good long straight to stretch to warm the Holden's tyres.

Can I just say that between the Ashley Gorge and Rangiora, the driving style of the fellow club members in front of us were exceptional!

In Rangiora there were a number of challenging instructions like turn left at the 10th Ornamental lamp posts, (that meant 5 on each side). And take the 19th exit on a 4-exit round-a-bout. 23% in School Cert Maths really pushed that one to the limit.

Good ole Gary works at 333 but as I was driving...could not tell you what street it actually was. The Stories that were told about the ducks, the guy, was I think scared they were going to escape as they were fenced in...or maybe he thought that someone wanted to steal them.

Now the East Belt Cemetery challenge was a real killer ... and I am sure that, that Sunday we tripled the number of visitors in one day. Then on to the Rangiora Cemetery, where the groups were starting to gather, around a lonely tree.

Then on to Pegasus, and this is really where we got lost, small side streets, Flat white Real Estates, and I am sure that we circumnavigated Pegasus a couple of times. Then through to Woodend, not knowing where this was going to end and where we were in the pecking order again, had we lost everyone, or did they lose us. Both of us out of the car to count boulders on both corners, then out onto the Main Road and into Pineacres.



But where was everyone? In we strolled expecting to see us as the last team in and here was Cherie and Leonie sitting waiting for us all to come in. This is where it got a bit embarrassing and a chance to take heed and remember at times to keep your mouth shut. As I spilled the beans on how we got all the way to Kaiapoi before going back to Northwood. And well that qualified us completely for the Knob of the Day award. (This is awarded at the end of each rally). Bugger Me!

I would like to thank my lovely wife Julia. I think we did have an unfair advantage, as we have actually been able to put Flatpack furniture together and are still happily married.

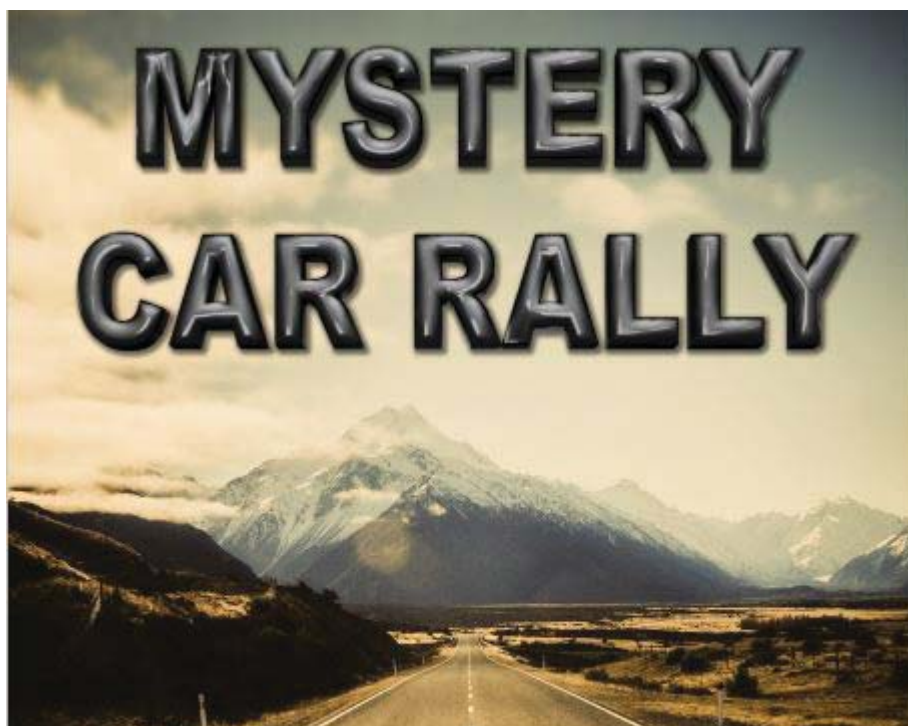
I would like to thank Cherie, Leonie and anyone else that helped put that rally together that they did a fantastic job and should be commended. The hours and the wit were absolutely awesome.

To the Club, thank you for the prize, completely unexpected. Looking forward to the next rally.

*Alistair & Julia*

Team names and team names as follows (in order of registration);

- 1) PHUknowse (90 points) finished at 1.13pm
- 2) Speedy & Leanne (88 points) finished at 1.32pm
- 3) Anything Goes (81 points) finished at 1.58pm
- 4) Bee Keepers (DNF) migraine
- 5) Ken (DNF) one guy doing it
- 6) The Cannons (78 points) finished at 1.25pm
- 7) Bog Stars (not sure of points as they took their answers) finished at 1.17pm
- 8) Rolly Rockers (not sure of points as they took their answers) finished at 1.31pm
- 9) Bugger Me (I think you have your answers) finished at 1.11pm
- 10) Shane - DNF but joined us at the pub



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September 2019

19th - Kaikoura Hop  
22nd

### October 2019

1st HECC Meeting  
Redwood temporary room  
7:30pm  
Note: For this meeting go through  
the main entrance and turn left.

10th - VCC Swapmeet  
13th Meet 8am Bishopdale Carpark  
(Event run by VCC)

13th HECC Bathurst Day  
At Tania and Don Mitchell

19th All Oz Evening Cruise  
Info in Newsletter

20th All Oz Car Show  
A&P Showgrounds 10:00am

### November 2019

3rd HECC Show & Shine  
The Groynes 10:00am

5th HECC Meeting  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

### December 2019

1st HECC Meeting  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

25th Merry Xmas!

### January 2020

1st Happy New Year!

## 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 McKenzie 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 in the new club clothing range,  
go into AS Colour store, cnr Lichfield & High Streets,  
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/>  
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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

