

The Lion's Roar

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



September 2019

Presidents Report

What a busy time for our club this month has been. We had members displaying cars on the Friday and Saturday at the Vintage Car Club swap meet. On the Saturday, our club had the second biggest collection of single make cars on display, behind the Lotus car club.

Bathurst 1000 was hosted by Don and Tania at their house in Rolleston, and for the few club members that attended, this was a great family day out. Bouncy castle, Guinea pigs, nibbles, including whitebait, 3 x TV screens, and great company, with both Ford and Holden supporters. What more could you want, apart from a Holden win! Oh well, there's always next year. Thank you very much for the invite, and hospitality.

At our October meeting we had a visit from the Blind Foundation, now, Blind and Low Vision New Zealand, who are this year's chosen charity for All OZ Car Show. We had a very informative and sometimes humorous speech on how the foundation operates, and their breeding and training programme for guide dogs. I am sure everyone who attended our meeting learnt something. What a great choice of charity for us to support.

Our Show n Shine was held at The Groynes on Nov 3rd. Paid up members can have their cars judged for the small price of a non-perishable food item for the Xmas hampers. Don't forget to pay your subs, payment is accepted on the day.

Finally, a big thank you to Leonie for all of your support to the committee and club over the last number of years. As a new member I am unable to confirm how long you have served, and even the existing committee haven't been here long enough to know, and 'forever' is not a true definition.

Allan White



**Blind +
Low Vision NZ**
Formerly Blind Foundation



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South Canterbury All Oz Day

A beautiful crisp morning on September 1st, and some of us crazy members, with coffees and take away breakfasts in hand, are meeting up at the Rolleston Domain at what some would call a stupid hour for a Sunday.

We are heading, in convoy, to the All Australian Car Show in Timaru, and once underway we enjoy a leisurely cruise through to Ashburton, where we regroup and meet up with some more Holden owners. Heading south again with a bigger convoy, watching the horror on other drivers faces as they wait on the side roads for a gap and looking at a massive line of Holdens passing by them, and not seeing the end, is always fun.

One more regroup at Washdyke, then we hit the Caroline Bay venue en masse, pay our entry fee, and park up. There is a fantastic mixture of all vehicles Australian, and it was good to see our club had one of the bigger line ups.

The weather was very hot, resulting in over 150 cars on display, with the organisers having to create more space to fit them in. An estimated 500 spectators also attended.

There was a colouring competition, balloons for the kids, coffee and food for the adults, or a relaxing picnic if you could get out of the sun.

The Westpac Helicopter Trust was their chosen charity, and they raised over \$3500.00, which I understand, included donations from their sponsors. A great effort none the less!

Once prize giving was over it was time to gather ourselves up and each make our own way home. We personally, had some very sleepy grandkids for the drive back, which was great.

Allan

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Amberley Rock n Wheels

With a lot happening on 1st September, there was an array of activities that you had the choice of.

Firstly, Fathers Day, then the infamous Kustoms breakfast and then you had the picking of the either the Amberley Rock'n'Wheels or the South Canterbury All Oz Day.

We chose the Rock'n'Wheels which was held at the Amberley Domain this year and hosted by the North Canterbury Rodders. For those keen to go we meet in the carpark of The Peg at Belfast.

Our time was limited, so we opted not to enter the Show and wandered around admiring the cars, ambo reno's and basically anything that had wheels at the Show.

Funnily enough, we were enthralled by the site called Pedalmania, which specialise in strange, clever and crazy bikes which were bikes from decades earlier.....or basically any type of wheel you can imagine from yesteryear with some type of seat attached with pedals/chains or the whatever. No rubberized surface protection at this activity! Really great to watch all ages having a go and enjoying themselves.

The Lions (not the Holden one) provided the majority of the food which is always a must to support. Craft stalls, coffee and ice-cream were all busy on the day.

Unfortunately, we didn't stay around to hear the results, but the results online advise the Best Car was a 1960 Ford Zephyr, Best Bike 1976 Kawasaki z900 and Best Other was a 1985 Mack Truck.

Sarah



Gardening Time (A&P Working Bee)

29th of September, was the day, the task landscaping.

I have only been with the club for a small amount of time, but I get the feeling that the OZ show is the pinnacle event for the Club, a time to shine and support the local community. With that and previous times using the Grounds at the A & P Showgrounds, it was decided to give it a facelift, both for safety and glamour. Good presentation makes the event look even more premier.

So, as I mentioned early the 29 September a small group of Holden Enthusiasts congregated at the A & P Showgrounds armed with spades, garden forks, rakes, and a meaty petrol-driven weed-eater. Now, rather than rubber meeting the road at this event it was weeds and plant life flying, and I can say that people that take pride in their vehicles, do have a flair for landscaping.

It was awesome, everyone was working well, and what could have been a tiresome job, was one of humour and fun. The odd time to lean on a spade and have a quick chat with fellow club members was great, and well we were very lucky with the weather. Plus, we emptied out of the little garden area about 300 kgs of Flora.

Thank you to Joshua for the use of the trailer, and a couple of trips to the transfer station. The first trip to the Transfer station had the team having a couple wagers, how much rubbish was going to arrive at the transfer station and, how many guys can you put in a Holden before the rear springs straighten out. The second trip had me feeling very sorry for Joshua, the amount of stuff that flew out the woman's trailer next door left at least a 2-inch-thick layer of dust on Joshua's paintwork instead of going in the pit, was not cool at all.

Thank you to all the guys and gals that came and helped it was awesome and helped to make the surroundings the stage for the All OZ Show 2019 look great.

Looking forward to getting the party started at the weekend, looking forward to heaps of volunteers to make this event the best ever.

Alistair





Minty??

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2019

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

5th HECC Meeting
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

December 2019

1st HECC Xmas Lunch & Awards.
Redwood Styx Room 12:00pm

3rd HECC Meeting (last for the year)
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

25th Merry Christmas!

January 2020

1st Happy New Year!

11th Pie and Pint Run.
Destination tbc

February 2020

4th HECC Meeting
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

29th Hanmer Motorfest
*Event run by Falcon Fairlane Car Club
Christchurch*

March 2020

3rd HECC Meeting
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

tbc Twin Rivers Motor Extravaganza
Event run by Avonhead Rotary Club

FOR SALE

Club Shirts \$62, Polo Shirts \$46, Club Stickers \$5,
Club Sashes \$20, Old "red and white" club shirts
\$15.

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

*For the new club clothing range, go into AS Colour, cnr
Lichfield & High Streets, Christchurch to check out the
colours and styles available.*

HECC Cups \$2.50 each, available in either red or
black ink.

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