

# The Lion's Roar

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



February 2020

## Presidents Report

*Welcome to 2020 everyone. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break, even if only for a few days.*

*We are nearly two months into this year and the club has already attended two events. We had the Pie and Pint run to Kaikoura, which while attended by only a few members, was a great cruise, to a great location, and enjoyed by all of us that went.*

*We also attended Muscle Car Madness at Rangiora, and while it was not a club event, HECC was well represented. Thank you to all the members that attended either or both of these events.*

*Our first meeting of the year was held on Tuesday 4th Feb where we welcomed Ryan Haines as a new member, our first for this year. The first of many, hopefully!*

*As mentioned in every report I have written as President, membership subs are well overdue, and I know Sarah has been emailing people who have not paid for the current year. This involves quite a lot of Sarah and Josh's time, so please, if you intend to continue as a member pay promptly, and if you wish to discontinue, and circumstances do change, let them know so that we don't annoy you further.*

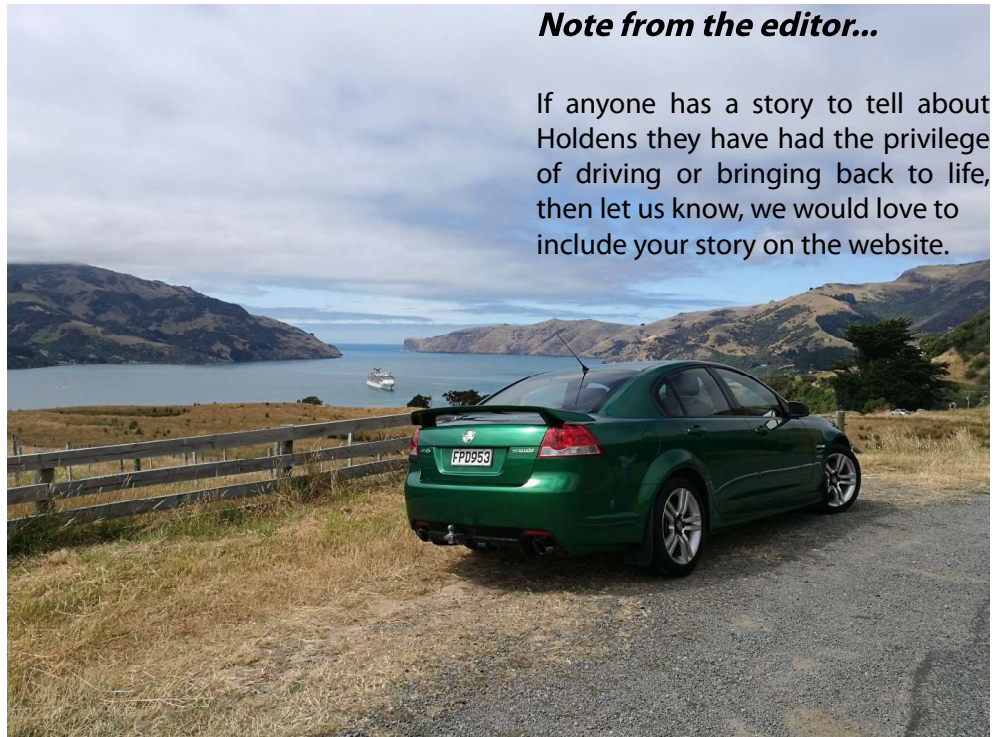
*That's me done ranting. Our next club event is Hamner Motorfest on 29th Feb, with the meeting point being at The Peg in Belfast at 7.00am, leaving at 7.15am.*

*Enjoy your journey in your Holden!*

*Allan White*

## Note from the editor...

If anyone has a story to tell about Holdens they have had the privilege of driving or bringing back to life, then let us know, we would love to include your story on the website.



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## Pie and Pint Run

Another meeting at The Peg for the first club event for the year, the annual Pie and Pint run!

It wasn't the biggest turnout for the PnP but that didn't stop us enjoying the run up to The Pier Hotel in Kaikoura. We were greeted with stunning weather and scenery on the cruise up collecting Craig Morgan in Amberley on the way. We had brief stop at the Cheviot tearooms to recharge ourselves with our favourite beverage or ice cream...it was warm...and then continued on our way.

The last time I was in Kaikoura the roads were littered with stop/go controls so it was good to have mostly clear roads. So clear that we got into Kaikoura nice and early and had a cruise through the township to let everyone know we had arrived. The Pier Hotel wasn't open yet, so this gave us time to have a wee wander around the new wharf and enjoy views of Ingals' Bay and the Kaikoura Ranges.

The Pier Hotel was built around 1885 and there was plenty of room and character inside to enjoy a meal from fish and chips to seafood chowder to whitebait and of course crayfish! Unfortunately, no pies but the pints were flowing to enjoy with our meals.

After an hour or so of great food and company we went our separate ways. Some of us were hanging around to hunt down old Holden parts but we decided to go further north to Okiwi Bay to see progress on the roads and the lookout area to watch seals at Ohau Point.

It was a fantastic day out to enjoy a cruise in our Holdens.

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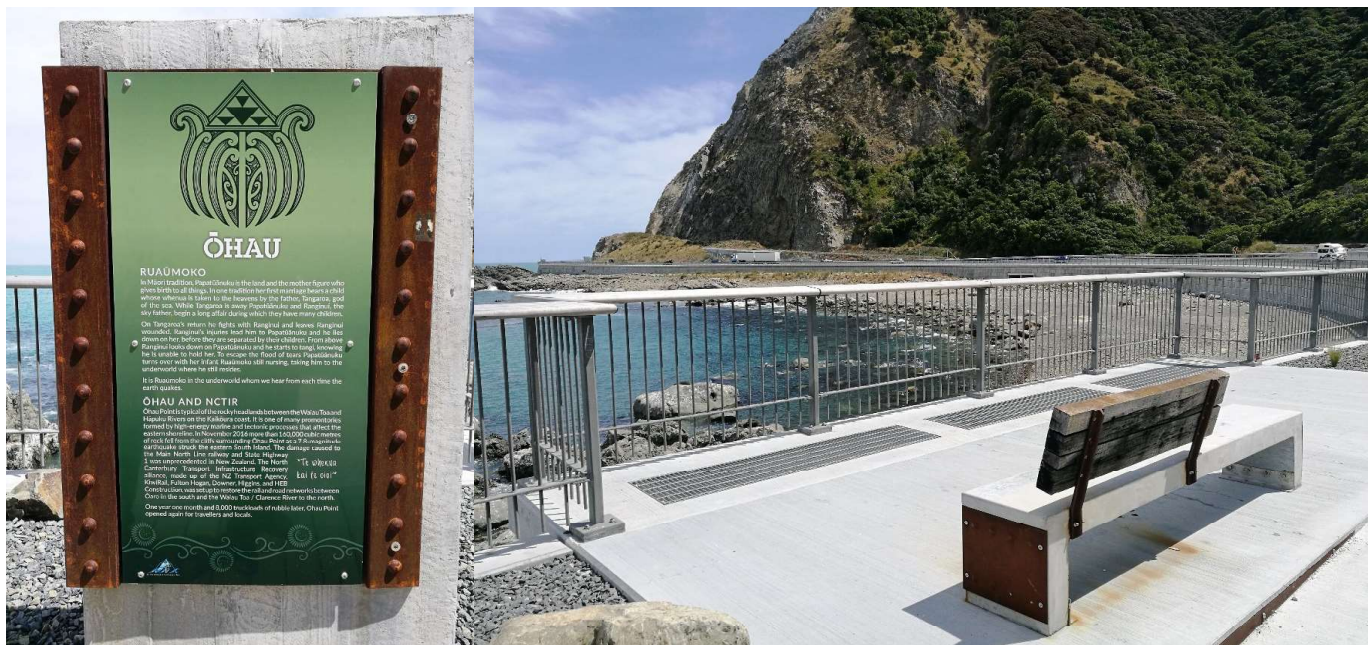
### The New Wharf

By 1905 the Kaikoura County Council concluded that the old wharf in Fyffe Cove was totally inadequate, as larger ships required deeper water. This lack of wharf space, unsafe moorings for ships awaiting berthage, lack of turning space, the handling of the volume of freight moving to and fro across the wharf and the exposure of Fyffe Cove to adverse winds and tides all created problems.

The Council approached the Government for help in planning the location and design of an adequate new wharf.



The present site was selected and by 1909 a wharf 150 feet long by 30 wide built by D Melean & Sons was in use. It was still marginal in adverse weather, but to construct an all weather port at Kaikoura is beyond human endeavour, without the expenditure of prodigious sums of money. Today with the railway and high speed road transport the wharf has become the domain of commercial fishing boats and small boys fishing for sprats.



### ŌHAU

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Ohau Point is typical of the rocky headlands between the Waiau / Takaka Harbour from one end of the coast. It is one of many prominent features marked by high rocky headlands and low sandy beaches that affect the effects felt from the cyclone winds and waves that are common to the area. The Maori name for the area is Ohau, which is a reference to the Maori name for the area. The Maori name for the area is Ohau, which is a reference to the Maori name for the area.

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## Muscle Car Madness

Our first car show for 2020, 7 cars met at The Peg ranging from EH through to VZ in attendance.

The group drove out to Rangiora to get in bright and early to beat the traffic entering the show, but the group got a bit separated for parking due to lack of initial direction from organizers. A slightly overcast start made for a comfortable temperature but as the arena started to fill up the cloud started to burn off.

We walked among the arena cars with a great range of classic, muscle and modified cars on show. Some of our club members also camped at the show and say that you haven't experienced Muscle Car Madness until you have camped there. We went and caught up with them and had a few jelly shots, and as the temperature rose a water fight was a welcome challenge.

I also met up with some other classic Holden owners, some of which had travelled from Ruakaka (North of Auckland) and he gave me a run down on his Modified EK Delivery. On Sunday Leanne and I returned to the show to pick up the EK Delivery and attended the prizegiving on the owner's behalf, of which he won Best Holden and Top 10 car of show, just popped by about 20km for furthest travelled within NZ.

We are currently looking after this beauty and if you attend a club event over the next 2 months you will get a chance to see it in the flesh!

Josh

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but Holdens live forever*



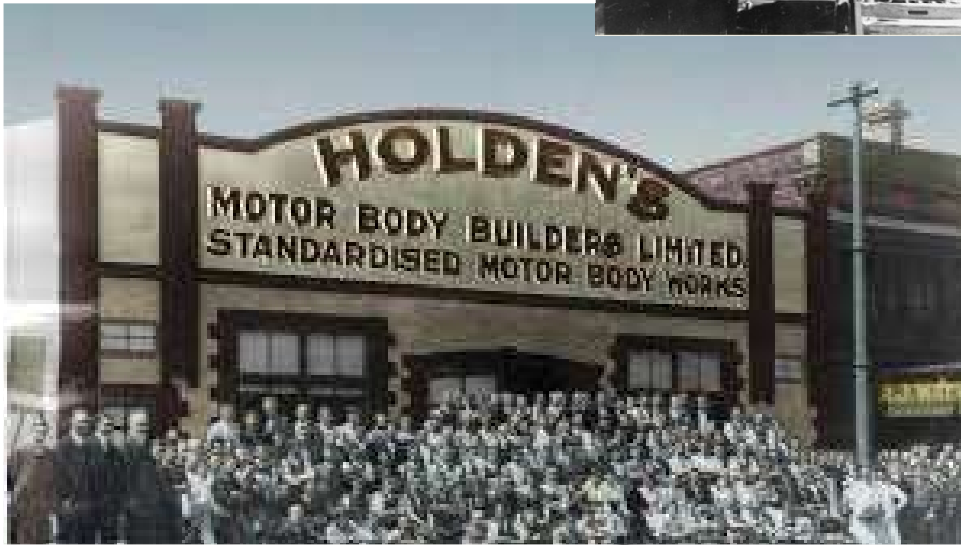
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2020

**4th HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

**29th Hanmer Motorfest**  
Event run by Falcon Fairlane Car Club Christchurch  
Meet at The Peg 7:00am

March

**3rd HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

**8th Twin Rivers Motor Extravaganza**  
Event run by Avonhead Rotary Club  
Meet at Pioneer carpark 9:15am

**20th-22nd Caroline Bay Rock and Hop**  
Event run by Hospice South Canterbury

April

**7th HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

**19th Wheels and Wings**  
Event run by Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade  
Meet details to be confirmed.

May

**5th HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

June

**2nd HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

July

**7th HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

August

**2nd HECC Meeting**  
Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

## FOR SALE

### Club Clothing Range:

Staple T	\$35.00
Basic T	\$35.00
Womens Sketch T	\$35.00
Kids T	\$30.00
Youth T	\$30.00
Sweatshirt	\$60.00
Hoodie	\$65.00

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

### Club Merchandise:

Club Stickers	\$ 5.00
Club Sashes	\$20.00
HECC Cups	\$ 2.50

Limited stock of older style womens "red and white" club shirts available \$10.00 (sizes 8-18).

Contact Sarah McKenzie.



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