

# The Lion's Roar

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



October 2020

**Congratulations  
Shane Van Gisbergen,  
the latest Bathurst  
champion!**

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## Presidents Report

Welcome everyone to another edition of the HECC monthly newsletter.

Didn't this month start off with a Lions hiss and a roar? The End of Lion Cruise was a sight to behold and be a part of. Well done Josh!

With the end of the year fast approaching the committee is again reminding everyone to ensure that they have paid their membership fees. For the last few years, we have reminded members every month, for several months, to renew their membership, which takes extra time and effort away from other club business, so I am only going to mention it here for the final time.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOW DUE!

Show and Shine is our next club event and a non-perishable item is required to enter your car. Anybody that got fined in the last year must also bring along a non-perishable item per fine.

I have noted that only committee members seem to have been fined this year, so either we make a lot of idiot mistakes, which I personally may have done this year, or we enjoy picking on each other.

I ask that all members keep an eye on each other and report any possible infringements to a committee member in order to try and balance the distribution of fines for next year.

As most are aware, we require a Secretary. As lovely Sarah has done 3 years plus 1 extra year to help me in my new role, and is still doing us proud, but needs to step down. If you can help, even with a transition period please let me know.

On the other hand, a big thank you to Rob Gordon who has now stepped down from the committee after several years of service, while we welcome on board Shane Genet!

Let's all enjoy our NZ roads in our Holdens.

*Allan*



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## End of Lion Farewell Cruise

The celebration of the end of Holden car sales was only given the tick of approval at the start of the month. This didn't give much time to dream up ideas to collaborate with Blackwells to bring this event to reality, but we committed anyway.

As days rolled closer and word got out, the big question of how many people might attend rung off many tongues. I really had no idea. I thought 80-150 and Blackwells soon came to this realisation too and started making plans to clear as much space as they possibly could.

I decided to finish work early to try to beat the early birds by turning up at 5 pm but there was already 10 in the car park although a lot of these were Blackwells workers. We moved cars to the end of the Sockburn car yard and went about parking cars as they rolled up. Quickly the cars started rolling in the gate and by 5.30 we had already shut the Waterloo Road entrance gates and started rolling them in through the service department entrance, by 5.45 we had filled this area and we were sending cars to the back car park behind the truck service area. It was at this point that we realised we weren't going to have enough space for a huge number of vehicles at the Moorhouse branch.

After informing all attendees, that could get close enough, of the route, what the plan was and to try to contain their excitement on the accelerator from skids, we headed on our way.

We headed for the back of the airport where there was a live video of cars as they rolled through Buchanans Rd lights which took 16 minutes to get all the cars through. As we went along Pound Road a number of photographers were parked up getting a snap of the cars rolling through. Onto Sawyers Arms Road before getting onto SH1 headed for Memorial Ave which leads us directly to Deans Ave and onto Moorhouse Avenue. We rolled into the front on the Blackwells Moorhouse Branch which is usually full of Holdens for sale but not tonight.

As more members arrived, we set out to park as many cars as we could, as quickly as we could, in order to avoid congestion on Moorhouse Ave. This went relatively smoothly considering we were told that someone had counted 205 cars at Sockburn, side streets then overflowed with cars and attendees. Moorhouse became a hive of activity as people wandered through the vehicles and discovered a range of cars the Blackwells team had arranged to fill their showroom.

I was overwhelmed by the attendance of vehicles and the passion was well and truly alive. Blackwells staff commended attendees for their behavior especially considering the number of vehicles and for this, I thank each and every attendee.



*Photos courtesy of Kallum Harris Photography/Blackwell Motors Ltd  
for the full compliment of photos go to: <https://www.blackwellsholden.co.nz/about/farewell-cruise/>*

*With the retirement of the Holden marque, we would love to hear about your passion for the beloved Holden. Let us know your story and we may be able to share it with the rest of the club in the next edition of the club newsletter.*

*Ed...*





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## Frosty Hubcaps

When original plans for a couple of members to attend the 1st Franz Josef Country Car Show looked a bit risky with the weather, we fell at the door of Formerly The Blackball Hilton for their Frosty Hubcaps Rumble which was supporting The Prostate Cancer Foundation NZ, due to the forecast it scared quite a few off.

The run was posted to be going up to Westport and along the coast to Grey-mouth but upon our arrival to the start, the run had been changed to go south.

Around 15 cars were entered with a very GM orientated attendance except for 1 AMC Javelin. After a photo of all the cars outside the Blackball Hotel, we headed off for Hokitika to park up along the Esplanade in front of the Hokitika driftwood sign, and were given some time to meander through the local market and check out the town.

All attendees regrouped and headed for The Empire Hotel in Ross, the bar managers were very much Ford fans but let us in for a drink and lunch. They then announced that the cool period style shed across the road was going to be opened for a shed raid to check out the large collection of motorbikes, original old Fords, and motor vehicle memorabilia.

After a while of checking out the collection, the managers announced their favourite car of the run, which with no Fords made their decision difficult.... it happened to be our 1964 EH Premier. We got our goodies and headed off for a potential bar but it was closed so we continued on as planned to the Woodstock Brewing Company in Grey-mouth. The group had a drink and a chat and the Bartenders chose their favourite car, another club member car of Craig & Cherie with their Oldsmobile Cutlass. The overall attendee's choice of the event was the AMC Javelin.

This is where we went our separate ways as the others headed back for the Blackball we were off to Westport. Despite the forecast, we had very little rain over our entire weekend except for the drive home on Sunday between Westport and Reefton. There was a storm due the next day which did close the Lewis Pass, so we were glad we left a day earlier than originally planned.

We will head back to the coast another time to see Franz Josef but we had a great weekend away.

Josh Bentham

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

**2nd** End of Lion Farewell Cruise  
Blackwells Sockburn to City 6pm

**6th** HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

9-11th VCC Swap Meet  
\*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\*

**18th** Bathurst at Craig's  
Contact a committee member for  
address details.

**17-18th** All Oz Cruise & Car Show  
\*\*\*CANCELLED\*\*\*

### November

**1st** HECC Show & Shine  
At Josh & Leanne's  
Meet at the Halswell Domain 9:45am

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

### December

**1st** HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7:30pm

**6th** HECC Xmas Lunch  
The Redwood Styx Room,  
*further details to come.*

### January 2021

No Meeting

**9th** Pie & Pint run to Cheviot via Gore Bay  
Number 8 Cafe, *further details to come.*

### February

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

**6-7th** Weekend cruise to Nelson (tbc)

*Events are current at time of publishing.  
Always check with the organiser of the event for the  
most up to date information!*

## 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, Lichfield & High Streets, to check out the available colours and styles.*

### 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.

## Committee News

**Psssst, we are still looking for a club  
SECRETARY.**

***Just sayin'...***

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*If you have any issues please contact us direct.  
We are all willing to answer any questions or talk through any  
questions you may have.*

