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Presidents Report

Welcome to spring, and hasn't it started to heat up real fast. If this is any indication of our summer, we could all be enjoying some great cruising days for the next several months. Fingers crossed.

With our A.G.M. now done and dusted, I would like to thank our 2022/2023 committee for their fantastic effort in keeping our club on track.

I would especially like to acknowledge Alistair Joseph, and Sarah McKenzie, who have worked tirelessly in their positions for 3 years, and Whare Ward, who has been our editor for even longer. That being said, we have not lost their commitment or enthusiasm, as they are still members of our committee, just in different roles.

I also wish to thank Julia Joseph, and our life member, Denny Ryan, who have stood down from committee duties.

Membership subscriptions for 2023/2024 are now due, and at \$40.00 a single, and \$60.00 a couple, it is excellent value, especially when the club subsidises so many of our monthly club outings. I have also purchased memberships as gifts.



With October fast approaching, All Oz Car Show is needing as many volunteers as possible to help out on the day, so if you are able, please make contact with either, myself, Alicia, Alistair, Julia, or Robyn.

Let's all enjoy the weather for as long as we can and have some quality cruises.

Bye till next month!

Allan

Your new committee is:

President	Allan White
Vice President	Shane Genet
Treasurer	Alistair Joseph
Secretary	Alicia Batey
Club Captain	Heather Harris
Committee	Sarah McKenzie
	Whare Ward
	Bevan Grooby
	Robyn Donohue Cameron
Editor	Alistair Joseph



Curiosity Cruise & Gin Tour

Saturday 19th August, 2023

Sunday the 19th started a little cloudy, but not cold, so I decided to take the mighty Sunbird on the drive. Dropping Jeanette off in the city for a surprise belated birthday present, I proceeded to the Redwood Tavern carpark with our grandson Ben, and his girlfriend Brooke, to meet up with our other members and guests keen on the cruise and distillery tour.

When all cars had arrived, a very brief drivers briefing took place and everyone was in their car and ready to go right on 11.30, just as the rain began to fall.

As I had to collect Jeanette from the city, I did not join in the cruise, but we all met up at The Spirits Workshop Distillery, home of Curiosity Gin, and Divergence Whisky.

Once we have all managed to get ourselves seated in the compact tasting area, we are treated to a very informative talk on the making of different blends of gin, some being very unique and novel, like mint chocolate, as well as the long-awaited tasting. The range of gins were quite diverse with very different tastes from each bottle. The blends use as many local ingredients as possible, with only the Juniper berries being imported, as NZ currently does not grow them in commercial quantities.



The two whisky flavours were also very different, but also good.

The tour through the brewing rooms was a bit of an eye opener as it really is a boutique distillery in size, but capable of turning out up to 400 bottles of gin a week, both for themselves and other companies.

The whisky is normally left to mature in oak barrels in the barrel room for 4 & a half years before being bottled. The barrel room also contains smaller casks belonging to customers that have distilled their own whisky blend.

All the bottles have their labels placed on them by hand, and the whisky cork and bottle top is also hand sealed with a special wax imported from England.

If you enjoy a quality gin or whisky, then The Spirits Workshop Distillery is definitely worth a visit to purchase direct from the store.

Another enjoyable event organised by our committee. Once again, thank you, and well done!



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**Evening Cruise
Saturday 14th October 2023**

Two start points:

- A) Mitre 10 Mega Ferrymead Carpark, 1005 Ferry Rd, Ferrymead
- B) Northwood Supa Centa (Smiths City), 1 Radcliffe Rd, Belfast

Time: 5.30 pm meet / 6:00 pm depart

Conclusion of the cruise is Supercheap Auto, Rolleston

Monetary / non-perishable food item donations gladly accepted

Car Show Sunday 15th October 2023



A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Rd, Christchurch 10:00am to 2:00pm,
\$10 entry per display car; Prizegiving 1.30pm

Spectator entry by gold coin / non-perishable food item donations

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For further information please contact us at general@holdenclub.co.nz



EVENT LIST

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 5th

HECC Meeting & AGM!

Sunday 17th

Aeronautical Cruise to Ashburton Airport

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3rd

HECC Meeting

The Redwood Styx Room 7:30 pm

Saturday 7th

VCC Swap Meet

Meet at Bishopdale Mall Carpark, 8:00 am

Sunday 8th

Bathurst @ Josh and Leanne's

Strictly by invitation only, please contact the club email if you wish to attend.

Saturday 14th

All Oz Car Cruise

- North start: Northwood Supa Centre,
Main North Road

- South start: Mitre 10 Ferrymead,
Humphries Drive Entrance.

- Finish: Super Cheap Rolleston

Sunday 15th

All Oz Car Show

Canterbury Agricultural Show Grounds,
Curletts Road

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th

HECC Show and Shine

Details to come

Tuesday 7th

HECC Meeting

The Redwood Styx Room 7:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday 25/26th

Weekend Cruise to Nelson

Check the club Facebook page for details

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd

Annual Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving

The Redwood Styx Room 11:30 am

Events are current at the time of publishing.

Covid alert levels may affect events at any time.

Always check with the organiser of the event for the most up to date information!

RSVP to the club email: general@holdenclub.co.nz

FOR SALE

HECC Clothing & Merchandise:

Razor Polo (light)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
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If you have any issues, you can contact us directly.
We are all willing to answer, or talk through any questions you may have.

