

# The Lion's Roar



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

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October 2023

## HECC Show and Shine

5th November 2023  
(RSVP Nov 1st)

## Christmas Lunch & Awards

3rd December 2023  
(RSVP Nov 24th)

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**A friendly reminder,**  
Annual membership subs  
are now due!

### Presidents Report

Another month done and dusted already. Spring is really kicking in, which is apparent with the unsettled weather keeping us guessing on whether to wash the Holden, take the Holden for a cruise, or keep the Holden safe in the garage. Fuel prices are also as unpredictable as the weather which only throws another factor into the equation. Even with the crazy petrol prices, many of us enjoyed a run to Ashburton for a great meetup over lunch and a visit to the Ashburton Aviation Museum. An article can be found in this newsletter.

With a change of government, and the All Blacks on track to bring home the Webb Ellis Cup we can look forward to a better few months to the end of the year.

By the time you read this we will have held our annual All Oz Car Show, and hopefully enjoyed another great day. This is our clubs opportunity to raise some money for a great charity, and a small income for the club coffers.

Speaking of income, please ensure you have paid your membership for the next year, and don't forget we still have HECC merchandise for sale, including our latest item, the HECC cap.

Our next event that we all need to plan for is the Show n Shine in November. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable item as your entry, and to cover any fines you may have incurred during the year.

Until next month, let's all enjoy our rides and sunny days.

Allan  
President



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Sparkle those cars up for...

# HECC SHOW and Shine



**November 5th**

**2023**

*(RSVP Nov 1st)*

**Entry:** non-perishable food item for the Xmas hamper raffle  
(awards presented at our Xmas function)

**Location:** Contact the club for details,  
OR meet us at the Halswell Bowling Club/Domain carpark,  
Halswell Rd 9:45am and follow us to Josh and Leanne's  
house

**BBQ Lunch provided**  
**\*advise any dietary requirements\***



# Ashburton Aviation Museum

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

The HECC Committee planned for us to have a lunch get-together and then a visit to the Ashburton Aviation Museum.

The meet was at Rolleston Supercheap Auto and then a drive through to Ashburton. Plenty of traffic on SH 1, including the dozen or so police cars south of Rolleston. We all had lunch at Cleavers Corner. Definitely worth a lunch stop if you are ever hungry in Ashburton.

We then set off to the Ashburton airfield, to wander around their aviation treasures. For an affordable \$10 per adult and children free, it is a really fascinating place, for the plane enthusiasts, or non-enthusiasts.

A bit of history:

In August 1939, the Air Force Mobilisation scheme proposed that No.3 Elementary Flying Training School be established at the Ashburton Airfield.

Having 173 personnel, including 46 Trainee Pilots, it was to be in operation 18 weeks after the outbreak of hostilities. However, owing to the shortage of aircraft and Flying Instructors, it was not until February 1942 that work on the new base commenced.

Initially, the buildings were sited well away from the airfield, camouflaged among trees, because of the fear of Japanese air attack.

By September 1942 the greatly enlarged airfield was ready, and in October, No.2 E.F.T., then based at New Plymouth, began moving its Tiger Moth training aircraft and personnel South to Ashburton. Flying training began on the 22nd of October, with the 136 Trainee Pilots of Course's 33 & 34 using 47 Tiger Moths and 30 Instructors.

By mid-1943 the danger of air attack had passed, the buildings moved to a site close to the airfield and the base was upgraded to cater for the 900 plus personnel then on the Station. The Air Force's need for pilots had greatly reduced and in October 1944 it was decided that the base would be closed. In its two years of operation, RNZAF Station Ashburton had trained 1192 Pilots, its aircraft had flown in excess of 100,000 hours, 17 aircraft were destroyed, 120 other damaged, and sadly, five Airmen had lost their lives.

The museum is spread over two very large buildings, and they are in the process of fundraising to build another building, as they have more treasures to put on display. This is the perfect place to take children, and also those adults who like to climb in and touch the displays. You have to commend those Pilots, as their seats in some of those crafts were not built for comfort or space.



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Some of the crafts on display were; DH 82A Tiger Moth, British Aerospace Hawker Siddeley Harrier (Jump Jet), a replica of Richard Pearce's plane, Aermacchi MB339-CB, North American T-28B Trojan, Douglas DC3-C47 [where you can walk up the steps and into the DC3, and then walk up the aisle to the air steward's area beside the cockpit. The DC3 was flying up to January 2014 before the Southern DC3 Trust sold it to the museum. I was impressed with this one, as I have flown out of Wigram airfield in this DC3 in a scenic flight around Christchurch], McDonnell Douglas Skyhawk, BAC 167 StrikeMaster, Cessna 421B Golden Eagle [used by the Royal Flying Doctor Service, West Australian Section from October 1975 – October 1986], and a Royal New Zealand Airforce plane.



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# Ashburton Aviation Museum

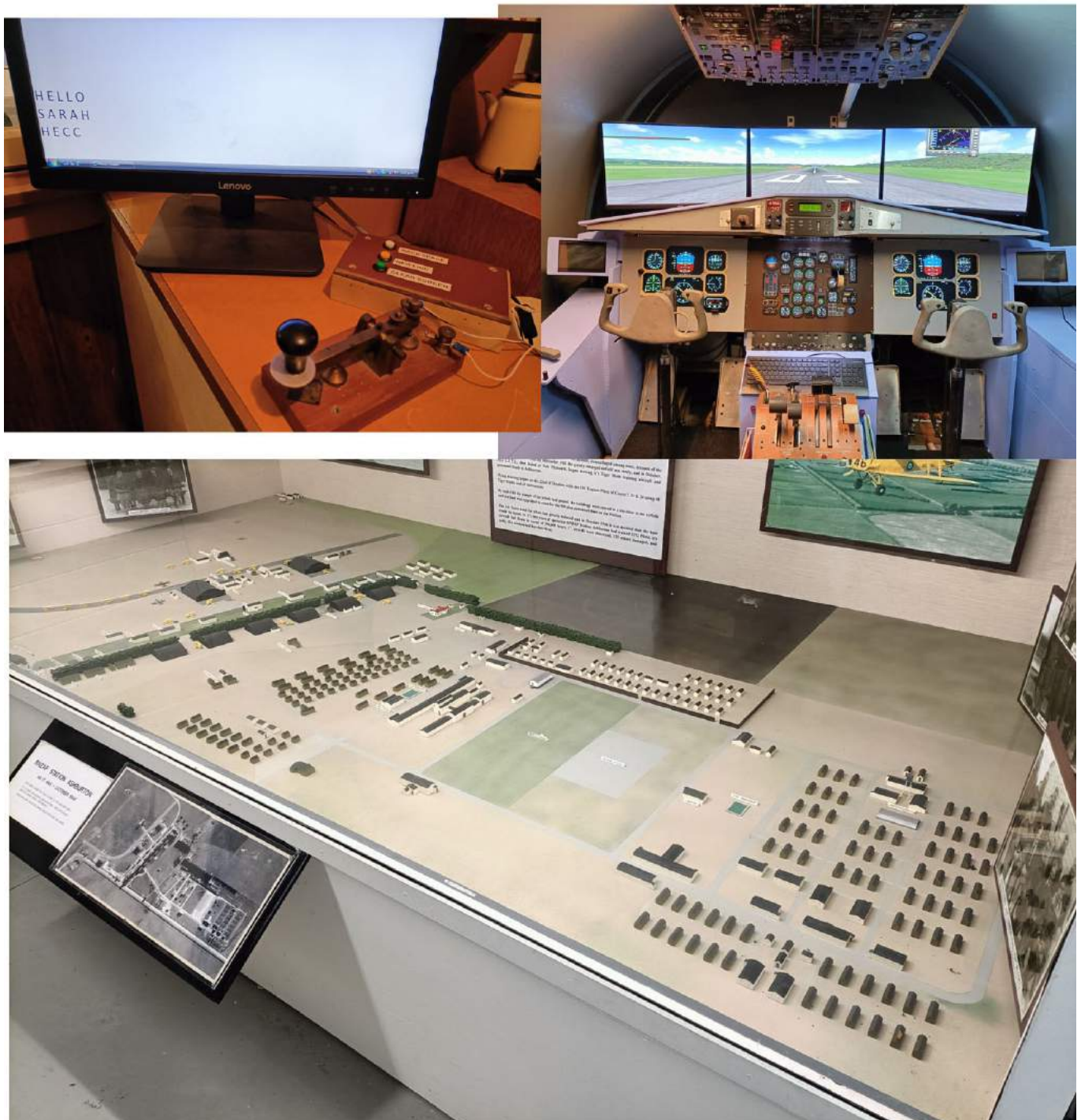
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You can walk up the steps into the DC3, down the aisle to the air steward's area, and take a look inside the cockpit. The DC3 was flying up to January 2014 before the Southern DC3 Trust sold it to the museum. I was impressed with this one, as I have flown out of Wigram airfield in this DC3 on a scenic flight around Christchurch.

For those who love a bit of history, you can also try your hand at sending some morse code words. They also have an ATR72 flight simulator for those who want to experience flying.

We left the museum and headed east along Seafield Road, to figure out how big this airfield was in 1942. From the airfield to where the barracks ended at Singletree Road, it is 1.1km. Imagine walking that in full camo gear at the end of your shift!

Sarah M



# Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch Inc.



## Christmas Lunch & Awards Ceremony

An end of year get together!  
Show & Shine awards presentation. Christmas Raffle draw.

**Sunday 3rd December 2023 11:30pm**

*(RSVP Nov 24th)*

### Menu

#### **Mains**

Hot Christmas ham (gf, df)  
Roast turkey (gf, df)  
Lamb  
New potatoes (gf, df)  
Carrots and peas (gf, v)  
Asparagus (gf, df, v)  
Green salad (gf, df, v)  
Sliced Salad  
Pasta Salad  
Fresh bread roll (v)

#### **Desserts**

Brandy snaps  
Fruit salad  
Christmas steamed pudding  
Meringues

#### **Followed by**

Tea & Coffee

**Where:** Christchurch Function Centre, The Styx Room, 340 Main North Road, Christchurch

**RSVP:** Email [general@holdenclub.co.nz](mailto:general@holdenclub.co.nz) with the number of attendees, any dietary requirements and make payment **by November 24th**

**Cost:** \$28.00 per HECC financial member (\$40.00 per non-financial member)

HECC bank account number: 03-1591-0099827-00 (use CL20 and your NAME as a reference)

*We can not guarantee you a seat unless you complete the above. This event is non-refundable.*



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# EVENT LIST

## OCTOBER

**Tuesday 3rd**

**HECC Meeting**

**Saturday 7th**

**VCC Swap Meet**

**Sunday 8th**

**Bathurst @ Josh and Leanne's**

**Saturday 14th/15th**

**All Oz Car Cruise & Car Show**

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday 5th**

**HECC Show and Shine  
@ Josh and Leanne's**

**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  
RSVP by November 24th 2023**

**Tuesday 5th**

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

## JANUARY 2024

**No HECC Meeting**

**Saturday 13th**

**Pie and Pint Run  
Details to come...**

## FEBRUARY

**Tuesday 6th**

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

*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](mailto:general@holdenclub.co.nz)**

## FOR SALE

### HECC Clothing & Merchandise:

Razor Polo (light)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
Piping Polo (thick)	\$45.00	(womens or mens)
Hoodie (zip)	\$65.00	(Unisex)
HECC Stickers	\$ 5.00	
HECC Sashes	\$20.00	
HECC Cups	\$ 2.50	
HECC Keyring	\$10.00	
HECC Blanket	\$25.00	
HECC Registration pouch	\$10.00	

*Contact a committee member for further details.*



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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.*

