## The Lion's Roar

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



**November 2023** 



3rd December 2023 (RSVP Nov 24th)

## PIE AND PINT RUN

13 January 2024
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Annual membership subs
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#### **Presidents Report**

Wow! November sure threw us all a curveball with the weather didn't it. While I am still not a long term member yet, every Show n Shine that I have attended has always been lovely and sunny. Although I did miss the event this month, the weather was no better on the Gold Coast.

Obviously, our All Oz Car Show is now done and dusted for another year, and our charity, Christchurch City Mission Whakaora Kainga Transitional Housing Program, received over \$3500.00 plus food donations, so they ae very happy and grateful. Thank you to everyone who helped, as this event is large and very busy on the day.

We are always open to suggestions for monthly events that our club can enjoy, so if you have any ideas please let us know at our monthly meeting. As you would have seen from our events calender, we do try and have events confirmed 3 months in advance and do our best to match the event to the seasons.

As a club, we get to enjoy each other's company, and cars, more than most other car clubs, and generally gather in reasonable numbers, which is something we can all be proud of. Our Show n Shine was a perfect example of this, as the day looked miserable, but the turnout was good. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Josh and Leanne for the use of their property once again.

The end of the year is almost here, and our Christmas lunch and prize giving is our next event, so make sure you get along and support your club and congratulate our winners. The final meeting for 2023 is on Tuesday 5th Dec.

Hopefully the weather is kinder to us for the rest of the summer. See you all on the 3rd Dec.

Allan President





# Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch Inc.



# Christmas Lunch Hwards Ceremony

An end of year get together!

Show & Shine awards presentation. Christmas Raffle draw.

Sunday 3rd December 2023 11:30am

(RSVP Nov 24th)



#### 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 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)



#### **Bathurst at the Benthams**

#### Sunday 8th October 2023

Thanks to Josh and Leanne for having us at their home for Bathurst in their Lounge. What a set up they did, there was a grandstand of seats to choose from to watch the big race for the afternoon.

Guests/hosts were already there watching pre-kick off entertainment when I got there just before the start at 1.00 pm. Except for a few guests, who were waiting for approval from the Hospital to make it out for the day. The Joseph's got there not too many laps into the race. It was great the Joseph's made it to watch, but still sorting things out medically, meant there were a few naps snuck in while watching. We are pleased that Alistair is on the mend now.

Food was plentiful and bought out throughout the race. Not much action happened at the start of the race. The first safety car didn't come out until the 20something lap.

During slow times and maybe a few safety cars, after brain storming during the race, there was time in the garage getting the motor started on the Premier. Which was continued and successful the next night.

It came down to a tyre verse pit stop race. But in the end the winning team was Chevy in 1st and 2nd place.

It was an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks again for having us.

Alicia Batey





Images courtesy of Alicia B.



#### **All OZ Weekend South Cruise**

#### Saturday 14th October, 2023

All OZ Weekend, A big weekend in the diary of the Holden Enthusiasts Club, and it all starts with the cruise.

Two cruises in fact one from the north end of the city and one at the south end of the city, hopefully merging before the finish line.

Over the years we have learnt to make it easier to follow so we don't lose to many cars and to ensure that the cruises do merge.

As I was tail end Charlie on the South Cruise, I could not confirm either.

What I can confirm though is that the All OZ Cruise brings out all sorts of Vehicles, and the comradery whether you are a for or Holden supporter, is the pride that we all must show off our cars.

So, after meeting up at Ferrymead Mitre 10, and the shaking of the collection buckets, it was time to get the cruise on.

With Josh and Leeanne taking the lead, the convoy started to make their way through to Tunnel Road, through the tunnel and quietly cruise, through Lyttelton.

Towards Governors Bay the line of cars looked like a Cobra snake sliding around the hills.

Turning Right and up Dyers Road, I did come across one or two cars needing attention, which was being received, by a couple of helpful supporters.

Any more people stopping would have made things tricky with passing.

Up to the top of Dyers Pass then down the other side, thru to Cashmere Road and a right into Hoon Hay Road.

Then a chance to get out of third gear, with the group entering the Motorway at Curletts Road.

Then the cruise out to Rolleston to meet the North Cruise.

The North Cruise was to merger from the Templeton entry to the Motorway. I hope it did.

When we arrived in Rolleston, it felt like this tail end Charlie had missed all the action as the carpark was full.

Cars everywhere. Amazing what a show, spectacle. Again, from the outside looking in you wonder how the cruise will be received and will the numbers do it justice.

I think everyone would agree. It was another success. I look forward to it merging next year.







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### **All OZ Car Show - Chc City Mission - Transitional Housing**

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October

After such a successful event last year. It was always going to be hard to follow up with that act. Last year it was the first car show since COVID. So, there was a lot of people itching to get back out. Whereas this year car shows have been back in full swing throughout the year.

With all the prep work completed to make the events over the 2 days as successful as they could be. The final prep was completed on site at the A&P grounds on Saturday afternoon before the cruise. Last year we had too many people to help with site preparation. This year on the other hand we were a couple of people to light. It was quite windy, but the four of us managed to get it prepped ready for the next morning. And just managed to get to the cruise destinations in time.

I was at the South point. There was a good turnout of cars at Mitre 10 Ferrymead carpark. We went around collecting donations of gold coins/notes and food. We did a driver briefing and then headed off for the cruise. I was last to leave, and it took a good 10 minutes for all cars to clear out before we left. Coordinating with the North cruise in the hope of meeting on the motor way before the end destination. This didn't quite happen. But oh boy did we meet at the end. When deciding on the end destination for both South and North we thought that the Super Cheap car park at Rolleston would be fine. But it was quite busy before we even got there still, and we had plenty of cars. So, it got full quickly. All in all, the cruise went good, ready for the next days car show.

The morning of the All OZ Show We got there between 6.30 am - 7.00 am to start the set-up. There were some events that we weren't sure on how they would affect the event this year, election the night before, rugby that morning, the weather being very windy the night before and expected that day also.

Once we finished setting up, and the stall holders came in ready to set themselves up for the day. Then the cars started coming in. It was at a nice pace throughout, compared to it being a bit more chaotic and busy last year. It was more manageable. We had 210 cars in total this year. Holdens parked together, and fords together. And a few other Australian cars put together in different sections of the A&P grounds.

This year we were collecting/fundraising for City Mission Transitional Housing. From the cruise the night before, car entrants and spectators and all the efforts, we managed to raise \$3,584.18 after costs.

We are pleased to have been able to donate this much money to the cause. Thanks to everyone who attended, and those that helped on the day.

Alicia Batey





Editors Note: Thank you for the photos and the writeups this month. Also a special mention to Creative Auto Photography for the use of a couple of your photos also.

While we are thanking people, a special thank you must go to Whare Ward for all is work with the Newsletter. He has now handed the role to me. Please bear with me while a get a handle it. Any stories you would like to add please let me know, Thank you. email general@holden.co.nz



#### **All OZ Weekend**

#### Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October

Well the All OZ Day has rocked around for another year, and our club certainly did another outstanding job as hosts. We had 210 stunning cars entered from Holdens, to Fords, Valiants, and Leylands.

Along with the spectator cars, there was a great turnout from the general public. Well done to those that travelled from Nelson or the West Coast!

Both spectator cars entering, and the general public donated generosity to our charity Whakaora Kāinga at the Christchurch City Mission, including piles of non-perishable food items.

Club members did an awesome job representing the club.

Behind the scenes we had Allan liasing with the City Council, Shane organising our Corde sponsor, and Alistair charming the stall holders into coming for the day.

On the day Robyn was taking the registration forms at the tent and checking they were all filled out correctly. Heather and Sarah were selling merchandise. Brent, Whare, Don, Josh, Liam [sorry if I have missed anyone] did a stirling job on the gate, and marshalling cars. Alicia was the go between everyone checking to make sure the day went to schedule, and lastly Josh and Sarah kept an eye on our stall holders to make sure they were all doing ok.

There was a great selection of stall holders. The compulsory coffee vans, Lil Orbits Mini Donuts, One scoop or Two Ice Cream Truck, Alt Kitchen, Ugly Dumpling, The Snoman, Stanmore Road Auto Parts, Jolenes Web, Love Light Soy Candles, Cushy Spot, MTF Finance, and the bouncy castle allowed people to wander around and spend their money.

Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue manned our club BBQ and made lots of people happy with their hot sausages in bread. They had a great selection of items for sale that contributed to the great work they do for the bull breed dogs.

We finished the day with our prizegiving and Stanmore Road Auto Parts had a raffle which was drawn.

All-in-all it was another great turnout.2024 dates have already been locked in by the Committee, so watch this space!

Sarah McKenzie





#### **EVENT LIST**

**NOVEMBER** 

Sunday 5th

**HECC Show and Shine** 

Tuesday 7th

**HECC Meeting** 

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 to Cust

Details to come...

**FEBRUARY** 

Tuesday 6th

**HECC Meeting** 

The Redwood Styx Room 7:30 pm

Sunday 11th

Sunset Cruise to Diamond Harbour

Meet Mitre 10 Ferrymead 4-00pm

Saturday 24th

Hamner Motofest and evening BBQ

**Details to Follow** 

**MARCH** 

Tuesday 5th

**HECC Meeting** 

The Redwood Styx Room 7:30 pm

**APRIL** 

Tuesday 2nd

**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

#### **FOR SALE**

**HECC Clothing & Merchandise:** 

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HECC Blanket \$25.00
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