

# The Lion's Roar

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



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March 2024

Do you look  
after your car?  
This could be  
for you!  
Car Detailing  
Demo  
and  
Education Night

Tuesday 9th April 2024

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

## Presidents Report

March already! A quarter of 2024 gone, and it only felt like yesterday that I was on holiday with family and friends. Car shows are still happening almost every weekend, and many clubs and groups are organising cruises, (with varying degrees of success). There appears to be way more car events being promoted than in previous years.

Your club committee is continually hard at work making sure that the club has an event organised for every month of the year. As you can appreciate, this can be quite a task, so if you have an idea please let the committee know. We are always keen to support country eateries and businesses or events. If we can incorporate a cruise, or use our club BBQ trailer, even better. If we can't use the idea right away, we can make a note for later in the year, especially if the proposal is weather dependent.

This month's event is going to be a fun day. Trains at McLean's. Another fun event for the whole family, and something a little different. As most of you will have noted we will not be using the club BBQ due to the fire ban currently in place, but as usual, our committee have a plan "B". Gold coin donation per person please.

We will be seeking member volunteers to join our All Oz Day car show subcommittee at our April club meeting, so if you can't make the meeting, but are keen to put your

name forward, please get hold of a committee member.

That's it from me for this newsletter. I will hopefully see you all this coming weekend at McLean's Island.

Drive safe

Allan.



Special Thanks to Josh, Allan and Alistair for the photos in the Newsletter.



# Diamond Harbour Fish n Chip Evening Cruise

Sunday 11th February 2024

*I hitched a ride with Jeanette in Roger (their new Holden member to their family). We meet everyone at Mitre 10 Ferrymead. Once the 8 cars arrived and we had our drivers briefing including going over the map on which route we were taking we headed off. The cruise over the hills was nice, good scenery whether you were the driver or a passenger. We stopped several times to bunch ourselves closer together again.*

*Once we arrived at Salt Fish n Chip shop in Diamond Harbour there was enough parks in a row for us to park all together. The 17 of us all collected our orders and sat outside in the sun. Enjoyed a drink and delicious fish n chips with a choice of tomato sauce or tarte sauce. The fish melted it was cooked well and nice and fresh, and the chips were not greasy or oily.*

*It was a time of good chats and good company. A bit of running around for some as Holden decided to have some fun running around in the large carpark (although it kept his mum and dad on their toes) The owner of the shop took some pics of our cars. We had a local come up and get a card off us to find out more about our club.*

*Looking forward to the next event coming up in the Calendar. See you there.*

*Alicia B.*



# Hamner Motor Fest 2024

**Saturday 24th February 2024**

We headed to Hanmer with a full car boot, our grandson Brayden, and last minute participant, Alicia, on the Friday evening. After nearly an hour long drive in peak hour traffic to Amberley, we met up with Bevan, Paula, and their twin grandchildren, Ava and Riley for a meal at the Amberley Hotel. (Highly recommend).

The rest of the drive to Hanmer was uneventful, but enjoyable, with a huge mix of cars also heading up on the Friday.

Saturday morning, we are up early, waiting for Alistair to call and let us know he is under way. 7.05am and we are informed that 5 cars are heading our way. About 8.00am as we make our way to the meeting point, in the distance I see a bright shiny red Commodore parked up and waiting. Robyn has made her way up early also. With the arrival of our Holden convoy, all 8 cars head to the entrance with us joining the car queue at the pool entrance. Once we have finally parked up we are able to hoist the club banners, meet and greet our fellow convoy drivers, and hunt down a coffee.

Our banners were the highest of any clubs, and could be seen from anywhere in the domain, and certainly promoted our club very well. They also made it very easy to meet up with family and friends during the day. The show was operated quite differently this year, with a more streamlined entry, spot prizes for entrants, better raffle prizes, impartial judges, and car make categories. It was also filled to capacity, with over 600 cars on display and casual entries being turned away at the gate from 10.30am. As usual, the day was busy, checking out stalls, viewing stunning cars, and catching up with other car owners.

When 4.00pm came around it was good to head back to our rented house and prepare for members to arrive for the BBQ, which was attended by 16 club members and families, making for a great end to a great day. Something to remember for next year.

Allan.



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# Hamner Motor Fest 2024

Saturday 24th February 2024

I have just realised that I am getting to be less of a morning person as I get older. The sun had not quite risen and yet we had a date at the Peg in Belfast at 7.00am.

Caught up on a bit of time as the rest of Christchurch had not woken up yet.

Arrived at the Peg at 6.55am. After a quick driver briefing and even a quicker apology for being late, off we went.

The party of five cruised up Main North Road, and with several new faces, we made pretty good progress to Amberley.

After a regroup and checking everyone was in tow, in Amberley we headed north again.

Although the remainder of the cruise was uneventful and all the vehicles made it, the weather was nice and clear, which made the cruise very pleasant.

We found Alan, Robyn, and Bevan on the corner, waiting for us. After another head count, we headed into the arena for the Show.

Unfortunately, we missed the memo that the traffic was only entering from one direction this year and we had to queue right back on the main Road in Hamner

To the testament of the organisers the queue moved very smoothly, and we were very lucky to have the whole team lined up together.

Once the flags were up the Motorfest knew the HECC had arrived, you could see our flags from anywhere in the paddock.

There were cars everywhere and I heard that the organisers had to shut the gate and stop cars coming in to display. It was a very popular event this year.

Once everyone started leaving, we thought we would go for a cruise into town, bought some supplies and then we headed around to Allans for a BBQ.

The cook was awesome the company was great, and the food was very tasty. It was a great way to just wind down of a day of walking around checking out cars.

Then it was time to go, and can I just say, the BBQ idea is a winner, by the time we got out on the road, the madness had gone, and we had a lovely cruise home.

Thank you to Allan and Jeanette, Paula, and Bevan for opening your home to us. We all had a great time and really do look forward to making it an annual event.

Alistair.



# EVENT LIST

## March

**Sunday 24th March**

*Trains at McLeans Island for Trains and  
BBQ - Meeting Bishopdale Mall 10.15am*

## April

**Tuesday 2nd April**

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

**Tuesday 9th April**

*Car Cleaning Demo and Education Night  
The Detailing Specialists  
29 Stevens Street Waltham 6.00pm  
RSVP for Catering please*

**Sunday 14th April**

*Car tour at Classic Workshop  
Meeting at 10.00am at Ferry Road  
Cruise to Little River Hotel  
Leaving Ferry Road at 12.00pm for 1.00pm  
Lunch*

## May

**Tuesday 7th May**

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

**Sunday 19th May**

*HECC Bi Annual Scavenger Hunt  
Meet at Redwood Hotel 9.45am  
Leave at 10.00am*

## June

**Tuesday 4th June**

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

**Sunday 23th June - Mid Winter Christmas at Redwood Styx Room 12.00pm. Lunch served at 12.30pm**

## July

**Tuesday 2nd July**

*HECC Meeting  
The Redwood Styx Room 7.30pm*

*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)

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## HECC Clothing & Merchandise:

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Piping Polo (thick)	\$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.*

