

The Lion's Roar

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

Established 1992



Nov 2024

What is coming up ...

Sunset Cruise

To Diamond Harbour

24.11.2024

Meeting at Mitre 10 Mega

Ferrymead

Meeting at 4.15pm

RSVP 22.11.2024

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What a month October has been.

First event was the Bathurst BBQ at our house which was well attended and I hope, enjoyable for all those that visited.

Then we had our annual All Oz Car Show, which was another great success. As you will all have seen, the Saturday evening cruise had a fantastic turnout, and the show on Sunday was very well attended, by both entrants and spectators, both of which came from all over the South Island. It was especially nice to catch up with Top Of The South Holden Club members, who travelled down for the weekend.

The Rolleston RSA will be very happy with the increase to their fundraising account.

I personally wish to thank the All Oz Committee for their amazing efforts in organizing this event. This committee met on the last Tuesday of each month for 5 months before the show, to exchange ideas, allocate roles and jobs, and ensure that deadlines were met.

Alicia Batey, Alistair & Julia Joseph, Heather Harris and Robyn Cameron. You guys rock!

I also need to thank every one of our club members who volunteered and assisted at the cruise and show. The club could not run this event without your help, and we are getting positive feedback on how well the show is operated.

As I have said many times, I believe Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch is amongst the best of any car clubs in NZ, and that can only happen when we have members willing to help grow and support us.

Once again.

THANK YOU AND WELL DONE!

Allan



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Bathhurst

Sunday 13th October 2024

The morning started a little damp, as it had rained last night, and the sky is still overcast. The wind is also a bit on the cooler side, so we did not expect anybody spending a great deal of time outside.

Leaving Jeanette to prepare her platters, I set about setting Sky up on 2 screens to ensure that we can all see the race comfortably. The set up went quicker and easier than expected so I settle in to watch the replay of the previous day's practice and support races.

Around 10.30 the cloud has separated, wind has died, and the temperature is warming up. Finally, the day is playing ball. Fellow club members and families start arriving in time for the start of the race.

Having a screen in the pool room means we can play pool and watch the race, which turns out to be a great choice because Bathurst was a lovely fine day, meaning the racing became a game of follow the leader. The players of pool had a change of champion almost every game with Alicia, Whare, and Alistair leading the field.

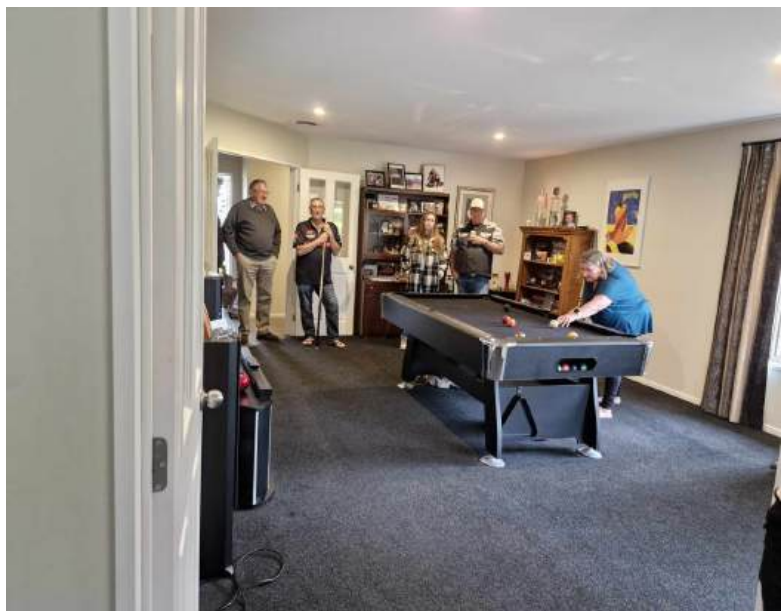
The food options were great with Alicia's signature Cheese n Bacon filled cob loaf, Jeanettes platters, Mini American Hotdogs, and my BBQ'ed hot pork loin buns. We also had visitors bring sandwiches, (thanks Barry and family).

While the race is obviously the focus for the day it is also a chance to socialize with fellow members.

With only one safety car called during the race, this was one of the shortest Bathurst races, time-wise, and as expected, Chev won.

Bring on next year.

Allan



All OZ Cruise—Hornby

Saturday 19th October 2024

With the nice weather cars started to gather in Mitre 10 car-park and people started to mingle with each other. There were so many different sorts of cars which made for interesting viewing for the shoppers in the area.

After all the cars had arrived we had our safety talk and set off on our run. All drivers behaved themselves which was great to see. We all arrived at Rangiora to meet with the north side cruise where all cars took over Supercheap car-park. We were meet with BBQ provided by the Rolleston RSA who did a fantastic job with collecting donations and selling food.

We ended up with around 160+ cars which was one great cruise.

Robyn Cameron

All OZ Cruise—Ferrymead

Saturday 19th October 2024

Thank you to Robyn for writing a report on the All OZ Cruise, especially from the Hornby End. I thought I would combine a couple of words to balance it from the Ferrymead end.

I must admit, to start with, where the cruise is starting from and where it ends up is half the challenge. Then it comes down to the merge. And to merge on the motorway was a great idea but had me a bit worried.

Anyway, at about 5.00 pm we headed out to Ferrymead, to wait and see who was going to turn up.

A Ford Falcon pulled up, very nice too, and then a couple of Holdens turned up and I thought this is getting better. Mental note for next time, Maybe point out where at Ferrymead Mitre 10 to meet, as Julia and Sarah disappeared, and brought back about 15 cars that were parked on the other side of the car park.

We were congregating down near the car wash between Mitre 10 and Countdown and the car park filled up quickly and then everyone started parking on the empty section next to the Mega Mitre 10.

Then at about 5.55 pm, it was time for the Drivers Briefing and a very kind gentleman in an Orange Ute, let me stand up to make a few announcements, including thanking our sponsor for the Cruise, Corde.

Then after a quick phone to Allan, we were off heading North, the usual bottlenecks held us up, like getting out of the carpark and the right-hand turn at the lights into Dyers Road.

The cruise did go well, although the merging at the Motorway did not go as planned, I was early. And trust me that does not happen often. I hear that the tail end did merge with the other group, which must have been quite cool to see.

We all made pretty good progress getting to Rangiora, and the group that ended up parked up was amazing, All the nervousness disappeared, and I felt very proud to belong to something like what we arranged that night. 160 Cars. Wow!

You get a bit worried when bringing such a cross-section of the community like that and I think overall it worked well. Thank you to the RSA for a fantastic Bar-B-Que.

Alistair





All OZ Day

Sunday 20th October 2024

The forecast was for good weather, and it did not disappoint us. It was a bright sunny day from first thing in the morning.

There was a lot of us helping for the setup from 7.30am. Setting up the tents, putting up the signs and banners. We made good time and had everything set up as the stallholders started arriving. We organised having enough people at each of the different positions from the first gate collecting donations and directing the show cars to getting them parked and patrons who just came to look around get parked up as well.

Then the flow of cars starting coming, queues starting quickly. Then it was all on. All the prep leading to the day, in the hope we would get enough people to come to enjoy the day and help with the fundraising for the Rolleston RSA.

By 10.30am we had already got too over 200s cars on show. We purposeful park Holdens together, Fords together along with all the other category of cars. What a variety of cars we had, young and old. And it looks good with our strategic planning of parking of them consistently every year.

Heather was called to the BBQ area for her First Aid skills. But fortunately it was nothing major that she couldn't handle. The RSA did well in selling sausages and drinks, the stalls were busy. You saw Rod taking our photos of the event as cars came in and of them parked up, the drone flying around capturing some shots and videos mid morning as well.

It was good to be able to have help being rotating from their different positions, getting breaks to have a look around and manage some refreshments and fuelling up on food. We had a great attendance of helpers throughout the day and with their cars on display also.

Then it was time for the prize giving to draw out the raffle winners and hand out certificates to each of the winners of the different categories. Once that was done the cars started to clear out. It was time to start packing up. The event was finished/that's a wrap. We packed everything up, did the clean up and had a good catchup with many of us who had started the day together setting up.

Thanks to everyone that attended and helped. It was another success with us managing to collect a total of \$3,657.76, with \$500 going to the Cancer Society from the raffle collections/sales and the remainder going to RSA. We look forward to doing it all again next year.

Alicia





Thank you to all the persons who donated photos, Ed







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Sunday 24th

Sunset Cruise to Diamond Harbour

Meet Mitre 10 Ferrymead Carpark

Meet at 4.15pm Leave 4.30pm

December

Tuesday 3rd December

HECC Meeting

The Redwood Styx Room 7.30pm

Sunday 8th December

Christmas Lunch

The Redwood Styx Room

Arrive 11.30am Eating at 12.00pm

January 2025

Saturday 11th January

The Annual Pie and Pint Run

Destination to be confirmed

February

Tuesday 4th February

HECC Meeting

The Redwood Styx Room 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd February

Hamner Motorfest

Meet Joes Garage Cranford Street

Meet 7.15am Leave 7.30am

Please remember BBQ afterwards.

Address to be confirmed.

Events are current at time of publishing

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