

# The Lion's Roar



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

Established 1992

Feb 2025



*Meeting at the Peg  
Main North Rd  
Belfast  
6.45am Saturday  
22/02/2025  
See you there !!*

## Presidents Report

Welcome everyone to a new year, and our first newsletter of the 2025!

I hope everyone enjoyed spending time with family and friends, relaxing doing whatever you wanted for a short time, and now ready to head into another year.

We kickstarted our club cruises with our annual Pie n Pint run, which, as always, attracted a good number of cars. Enjoy reading about the fun further in the newsletter.

Our summer weather has been very late arriving, but now that it is here we have a busy calendar of events for members to pick from. We received an invite from Holden Club Canterbury to join them at a car display at the "Great Plains Fly-in", held at Ashburton Aerodrome over the weekend of Waitangi. This was a good opportunity to promote our clubs, and the Holden Nationals. Thanks to all that attended. I heard it was a good event. The next weekend to enjoy a drive, is Hanmer Motorfest on 22nd February followed by a BBQ cruise to Rakaia Domain on 2nd March. Check out our events list at the bottom of the newsletter for details.

Obviously, the focus of many club members now is to have their cars prepped and ready for the Holden Nationals at Easter. This will be an exciting event for our club, as we have 26 cars entered, 8 more than any other club. Well done!

With our membership slowly increasing, we need to ensure that we keep on top of our legal obligations as a registered incorporated society, one of which is our constitution. If you have not signed your acceptance of our constitution, can I please ask that you do so. This includes both adult members if you have a family membership. Should you require help or have any questions, please reach out to a committee member, or contact Alicia or myself directly.

See you all soon and enjoy the weather and your cars.

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## Annual Pie and Pint Run 2025

### Saturday 11th January

Saturday 11th January 10.30am 25 cars meet up at Joes Garage Cranford St for our annual Pie'n'Pint run. Dare I say it, 24 Holdens and 1 Ford.

We headed off around 11am and as I was tail end Charlie is was just a matter of waiting until everyone had left the carpark and we were on our way.

Left out of the car park and down to the motorway and on to the Ohoka off ramp.

Left on to South Eyre Rd and travelling 27k on this road. It felt like 127km, just goes on and on.

Cruising along we had already lost the tail of the group but it was enjoyable with the weather on our side and so far no one to "rescue".

Turning through Cust, quick toilet stop, scoot around the side of Rangiora through Sefton (around here we came across a group of cars going in the opposite direction after doing a U turn thinking they had missed a turn off, led by the lead car and our fearless leader Alan!).

We carried on correctly as per the very clear instructions compiled by club captain Heather and on to the final stop, The Old Leithfield Pub.

The ones who detoured did turn up thankfully!

Pie orders were dished out ,thank you Alicia and Heather, and they were very well received! This is a great wee pub with an awesome garden bar area. Definitely worth another trip back.

A couple of pints were had and time to move on.

Thanks again Heather and Tim for the work in putting the cruise course together.

Thanks Dale for the great pictures.

The guests in my car were very impressed with the whole experience and complimented all the organisers on a great day out.

Tail end Charlie signing off until next time.

Brent Nuttall



The Old Leithfield Hotel in Leithfield, New Zealand was built in 1855 by John Leith.

It was a stopover for travelers and a focal point for the local community.

#### History

- ◆ The hotel was made of mud block and had a thatched roof.
- ◆ It included stables and an accommodation building.
- ◆ It was a stopover for travelers including the Cobb and Co coaches and passengers.
- ◆ The hotel burned down in 1911.
- ◆ A pub was built on the site in 1912.
- ◆ The pub was a landmark for travelers returning from a day in the big city.







Photos by Julia Joseph









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# Events List 2025

## February

Tuesday 4th

HECC Monthly Meeting

The Redwood Styx Room 7.30pm

Saturday 22nd February

10th Anniversary Hamner Motofest

Meet at the Peg Hotel Carpark Belfast

Meet 6.45am Leaving 7.00am Sharp

## March

Sunday 2nd

Rakaia Domain Cruise and BBQ

Meet at Bunnings Airport Carpark

Meet 10.30am Leave at 10.45am

Tuesday 4th

HECC Monthly Meeting

The Redwood Styx Roon 7.30pm

Sunday 16th

Twin Rivers Car Show

Meet at The Warehouse Blenheim Road

Meet 9.45am Leave at 10.00am

## April

Tuesday 1st April

HECC Meeting

The Redwood Styx Room 7.30pm

Friday 18th—Sunday 20th April

Holden Nationals to be held in Christchurch.

Those not attending on Saturday Meet across the Road from Barrington Park on Barrington Street

Meet 9.15am Leaving 9.30am

*Events are current at time of publishing*

*Covid alert levels may effect events at any time*

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

RSVPs to the Club email: [general@holdenclub.co.nz](mailto:general@holdenclub.co.nz)

## For Sale

### HECC Clothing and Merchandise:

**Razor Polo (light) \$ 45.00 women and men**

**Piping Polo (thick) \$ 45.00 women and men**

**Hoodie (zip) \$ 65.00 Unisex**

**HECC Sticker \$ 5.00**

**HECC Sash \$ 20.00**

**HECC Cup \$ 2.50**

**HECC Keyring \$ 10.00**

**HECC Blanket \$ 25.00**

**HECC Registration Pouch \$ 10.00**



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If you have any issues, you can contact us directly.

We are willing to answer, or talk through any questions you may have.

