

The Lion's Roar

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

Established 1992



July 2025

**If you have any ideas
for Club Cruises
please email us**

general@holdenclub.co.nz

Presidents Report

The season for inside events is finally with us, and as is the case every month, the committee has pulled another great idea together. The strength of any club lies firstly, with the people in the background that discuss, plan, and run the monthly events, and secondly, having active members turn up and enjoy the event.

All Oz Car Show is progressing extremely well, and we are proud to have a new sponsor join us to help cover some of our operating costs, which obviously means we can donate more to our charity.

Torque Tyre & Auto have branches in Rangiora, Sockburn, and Ferry Road. Some of you may have seen their sign written Hold-ens at last years All Oz Saturday evening cruise. There was even an entrant at the Holden Nationals with their signage. These guys love cars. Please keep them in mind when you are needing tyres, wheels, suspension, or wheel alignments.

Raffle donations are flowing in thick and fast, with some great prizes on offer for our show. We will be acknowledging the donors in the next few newsletters. If you know of anyone wanting to donate, please put them in touch with a committee member.

Check out the events calendar at the back of this news letter and lock in the dates for our upcoming events.

Keep warm, keep dry, and, as always, drive safe!

Allan.



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Mid Winter Christmas Lunch

Sunday 25th July 2025



After getting some background Christmas Jingles coming through our new speaker it was time to settle for Lunch.

33 People turned up and it was a great catch up.

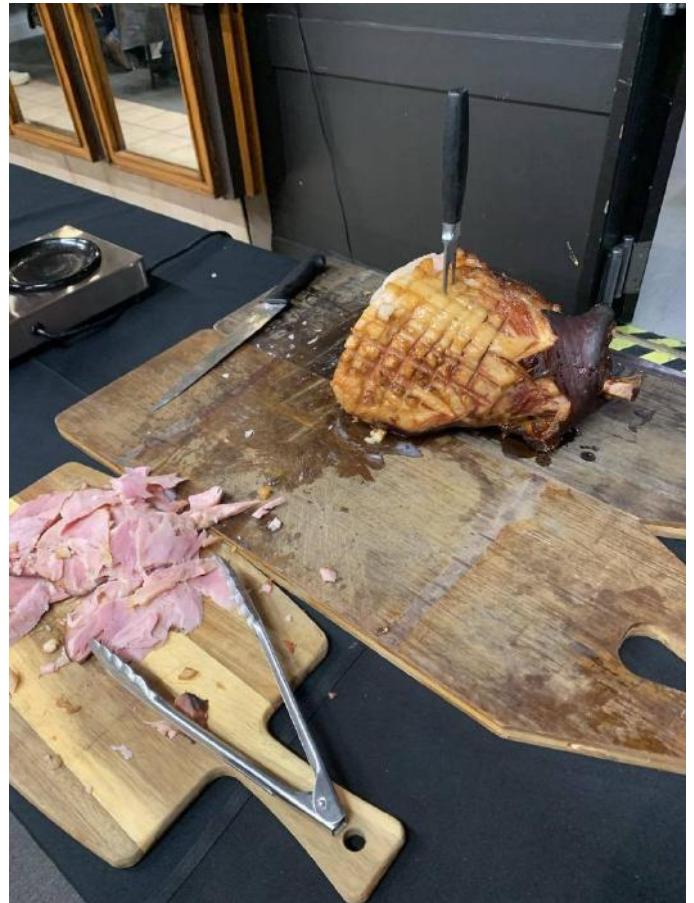
Food was well laid out with the usual fare of Ham, Turkey, and Lamb and vegetables,

Dessert was delicious with Brandy Snaps, Fruit Salad Meringues and Christmas Pudding.

Full Belly, it was time to head off for a sleep in a Lounge Chair for some.

Thank you to the Redwood for putting it on.

Brent Nuttall



What do our members drive?

Member Allan & Jeanette

Holden 1979 UC Sunbird

Engine 308ci V8

The UC Sunbird was originally powered by a 1900cc 4cyl Opel engine when it first hit the streets in 1978, changing to the Starfire 4 engine, (or Misfire 4 as it became known), in 1979. The Starfire engine was a crudely cut down version of the long running Holden 202ci 6cyl engine. This 4 cyl engine was also installed into Australian-produced versions of the Toyota Corona, and VB and VC Holden Commodores. (Only New Zealand received the Starfire engine option in the VH and VK series Commodores). Production of the Sunbird continued through to September 1980, one year longer than its 6cyl cousin, the UC Torana. There had been talk about extending the Torana/Sunbird production beyond 1980 with a facelifted UD prototype produced in a sedan and hatchback, but this was never continued.



This is a bit of a gap filler, if the newsletter is a bit thin, we will add in this segment.

You are welcome to send us your write up and any photos as well.—Editor Note

For the first article, I introduce to The Presidents car.

While I do not have a lot of information on the history of my car, I have receipts and photos showing it was repowered in 1986 with a 308ci V8, and Turbo TH350 transmission from a HT model Holden , (confirmed by the engine number). The repower was registered on declaration in 1992.

We purchased the vehicle in 2018 once the previous owner had reassembled and painted the vehicle. Prior to the reassembly, the car had been stored in pieces for approximately 10 years after being stolen and recovered.

Since our ownership we have had the engine stripped, enhanced, and rebuilt, fitted a new carb, electronic distributor, Koni shocks, King lowering springs, sound deadening, and had the rear axle housing straightened. The car is now an ultra-reliable cruiser, that we are happy to drive anywhere.

Allan White



4 CYLINDER CAR BUYERS...

IT'S SUNBIRD SEASON



Illustrated: Holden Sunbird SL/E.

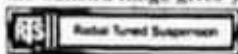
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**Evening Cruise
Saturday 25th October 2025**

Two Start Points

- A) Hawke Street Carpark, Hawke Street , New Brighton
- B) Princess Margaret Hosp. Carpark, Cashmere Road, Cashmere

Time : 5.30pm Meet / 6.00pm Depart

Conclusion of Cruise Kakaha Park Birchs Road Prebbleton

Monetary Donations gladly accepted

**Car Show
Sunday 26th October 2025**



A&P Showgrounds, Curletts Road, Christchurch, 10.00am to 2.00pm

\$ 10 entry per display car, Prizegiving 1.00pm

Spectator entry gold coin

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All Oz Car Show Christchurch or Holden Enthusiasts Club Christchurch
For further information please contact us at general@holdenclub.co.nz





ATTENTION FOOD STALL HOLDERS!

THE ALL-OZ CAR SHOW

inviting FOOD STALL APPLICATIONS for our
10th ANNIVERSARY EVENT on:

SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2025

A AND P SHOWGROUNDS
CHRISTCHURCH
(ANNEX ROAD ENTRANCE)

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

Secure your spot early and be part
of this exciting community event:

\$ Stall Fee: \$50.00

All proceeds will go to our 2025 charity:

ART FOR LIFE TRUST –
supporting creativity and
wellbeing through art.



If you'd like to be involved, please get in touch:
allozcarshow@gmail.com

We look forward to having you as part of this milestone celebration!



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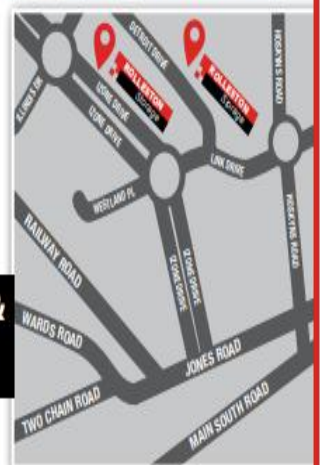
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Events List 2025

July

Sunday 20th July

Cars and Coffee - All Things Holden

Meet 8.30am 11-15 Birmingham Drive

Leave at 8.45am

August

Tuesday 5th August

HECC Meeting, The Redwood Styx Room 7.30pm

Sunday 17th August

Mystery Car Rally

Drivers Briefing 10.00am

Joes Garage, Cranford Street

Sunday 24th August

All OZ South Canterbury—Timaru

Meet at 6.45am Leaving 7.00am Sharp!!

Meet at Kidman Street Park and Ride Rolleston

September

Tuesday 2nd September

HECC Meeting, The Redwood, Styx Room 7.30pm

Sunday 14th September

Cruise to Ashburton and Shed Raid s and Lunch

Meet at 10.00am Leaving 10.15am

Meet at Kidman Street Park and Ride Rolleston

RSVP for BBQ before Sunday 7th September 2025

October

Tuesday 7th October

HECC Meeting, he Redwood, Styx Room 7.30pm

Events are current at time of publishing

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

RSVPs to the Club email: 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

HECC Lions \$ 25.00



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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.

