

The Lion's Roar

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

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November 2025

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

general@holdenclub.co.nz

Presidents Report

With our club's biggest event done and dusted for another year, I am sure our organizing committee and volunteers are enjoying a well-earned rest.

The All Oz Car Show was another very successful charity event that once again the club can be very proud of. A huge thank you to all that gave **your** time.

Hopefully we will see you back next year. While we are months away from starting to put together the 2026 event, we need to start thinking about worthy charities for nomination.

We will also be looking for a new sponsor for next year. Should you require more details, please hit up one of the committee. Check out the write up in this newsletter

With summer almost here we are looking for ideas, events, or car shows that might be of interest to members. If you find something or have a great idea, please feel free to let us know. Having events to "bank" for another month can make organizing monthly outings easier for the committee.

As I have said many times, we value feedback and ideas from all members, as it makes our job so much easier, and allows the club to function smoothly.

We have our Christmas lunch and prizegiving coming up next month, and the committee have chosen to head to "The Barn" in the Vintage Car Club site at Mcleans Island. This is the final event of the year, and as such is the last chance to catch up with fellow members before the silly season kicks in.

As this is being catered for by Spit Roast Company, we need to confirm attendance earlier than normal.

If you are intending to come and have not replied to our email inbox, general@holdenclub.co.nz, please do so now.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Until then drive safe, and look after each other.

Allan.

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Bathurst V8 Supercars 2025

Sunday 5th October 2025

Another year, another Bathurst to watch at a club members house. This year we were at the Ben-tham's abode. After they had an expensive exercise of getting Wi-Fi outside it was set up for us to watch the days racing in the Garage. A mini stadium of seats set up.

An array of food was provided throughout the race (it's a long day so lots of yummy food came out throughout).

The race, well it was one of the better ones I have watched for a while. It was relatively action packed most of the race, particularly once the rain arrived. First it was about which tyres the teams would use, then it was about the safety cars coming out as there were are few crashes and cars coming off and then on the track.

Who was the ideal winner for the day? There was the Ford verse Chevy (GM/Holden replacement) clash. Or going for the kiwi drivers who were in cars in both those types of cars.

At the end of the day, it was a Kiwi driver for the win (in a Ford), and then Chevy came in 2-7 place. Then there as a quick helping of some pack up of some big furniture back inside the house. And time to leave.

Thanks to the host, it is exciting that V8's are coming to Christchurch. Until next time.

Alicia Batey.



All OZ Evening Cruises

Saturday 25th October 2025

North Cruise 25th October 2025

About 4.45pm on the Saturday, it was time to head down to All OZ Cruise at New Brighton.

Once we hoisted the flag, Dave and Steph arrived, and phew we weren't alone, thanks guys.

Then all sorts of cars arrived, and it was great to see everyone mingling around and checking everyone's cars. It didn't matter what the car was, everyone enjoyed checking them out and respecting what was out and about that night.

At about 5.45pm It was time for the drivers briefing, with some moral support from Sarah McKenize, we managed to let everyone know of the charity, the details of the cruise and the standard safety messages.

And then at 6.00pm after a quick catch up with Allan at Cruise B, we were off.

The final count leaving New Brighton was about 45 – 50 cars. The group moved rather well coming out onto Pages Road and then the free turn on to Anzac Drive.

From the start of the run, it looked awesome with all the cars following behind.

Then comes the all-important merger, the first time we tried something different and used a traffic light intersection to merger the two runs.

The corner of Garlands and Port Hills Road, was where it happened.

It worked perfectly, as the lead car from New Brighton I ended up about 4-5 cars behind the lead car of the South Run.

Brougham Street was now ours with the two cruises looking after both lanes. Fantastic sight.

As we got further down Brougham Street Cruise A merged in behind the leading pack and we cruised out to Prebbleton, with a wee squirt of the acceler-

ator once you got to the speed limit of 110.

The Cruise finished at Karaka Park in Prebbleton, which turned out to be the perfect spot for a meeting point. Plenty of room for all the cars and a great space for the BBQ and Coffee cart. I have been on a few of these All OZ Cruises, and I have to say that this was a bloody good one. Well done to all that organised this and to all that participated. It was a great night.

Alistair Joseph



All OZ Evening Cruises

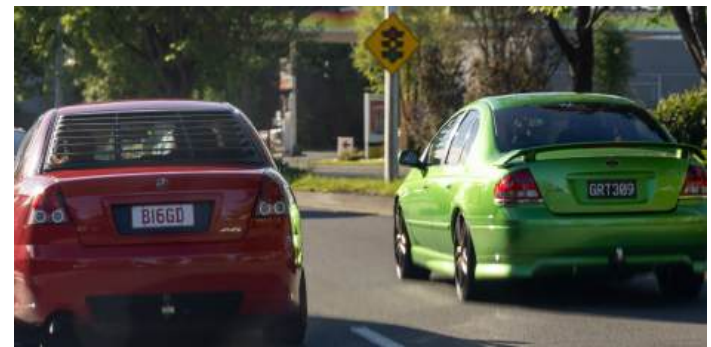
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South Cruise 25th October 2025

Saturday evening 25th was the All OZ car cruise with two starting points, New Brighton and Princess Margaret Hospital. Around 50 cars left Princess Margaret at 6pm with the aim of merging with around 50 cars from New Brighton at the start of Brougham St. It was tricky getting out of the car-park at Princess Margaret due to the traffic but once out and headed along Cashmere Rd and hugged the hills on Centaurus Rd, Port Hills Rd until Opawa Rd. We were heading along Brougham St when in my mirror were the start of the cars from Brighton, perfect timing. Nearly 100 cars heading in convoy along Brougham on to the motorway. Impressive site. Turning off the motorway heading to Prebbleton and through the township then down Birchs Rd to the final destination, Kaka Park. Very good end point with Coffee cart and a BBQ pumping out sausages and BLT sandwiches. Art for Life volunteers did really well and a hot coffee from MugShots went down good. Thank you organizers and we look forward to the car show on Sunday.

Brent Nuttall

Editors note: Thank you to Sarah Joseph, Alicia Batey, Dale Creighton, for the All OZ photos.







All OZ Car Show

Sunday 26th October 2025

With the big day looming for Sunday 26th October, we had pre preparation on Saturday. Starting with the layout of Stalls, Holden tent and waratahs for Car parking too; the all-important car parking layout. The careful line position, stepping and marking done by Sarah & Alicia certainly gave confidence after Allan's tape measure! (Its 12.... 6 ...12 not 12... 9 ...12). All done in good time, the team happy it was off to get ready for the cruise

Sunday up early and ready for final setup however arriving before 7.30am to find the Gates locked!

Frantic phone calls by Allan he finally managed to get the gates electronically unlocked around 8am. Pressure now on everyone swung into action. Teams putting up the Gazebo tent, Rubbish bin placement, Car Park Taping and Signage. (So professional now, easy to put up.)

With Gazebo loaded with Sale and Raffles items and documentation ready the first of the display vehicles were let in.

The car parking team was well organised, and the careful positioning of display vehicles began. (great spacing and herringbone design looked great) Around 300 fantastic OZ Vehicles on display set the scene for a great day

The day went well and all too soon it came to a conclusion with the Prize giving MCed by Allan and Bevan. (Judging undertaken by Bunnings Staff.)

The raffle was drawn with a fantastic line up of prizes thanks very much to our many sponsors.

Nice to see the acknowledgement shown on our new Sponsor board and Recipient Board clearly positioned by Club Gazebo

It was great to have the team come to together for the Clean-up, I reckon it was the fastest one I have ever seen!

Looking forward to next year's one!

Brent Grindley



Event Report – All OZ Weekend 2025

This year's event preparations began early, as they traditionally do for our club. The only major challenge encountered in the lead-up was the change from our usual date—the third Sunday in October. Instead, the event was held on Labour Weekend, Sunday 26 October 2025.

In the weeks beforehand, the usual uncertainties hovered: attendance numbers for both the cruise and the show, the availability of helpers over a long weekend, and whether the two cruise routes would successfully meet at the planned merge point. With all planning complete, we simply had to wait for the weekend to arrive and reveal the answers.

Our nominated charity for 2025 was **Art for Life**. They were active throughout the weekend, running the BBQ at Saturday's cruise, again on Sunday, and selling artwork during the event.

Saturday Cruise

The weekend began with the traditional cruise, departing from two start points: the Hawke Street carpark in New Brighton and the Princess Margaret Hospital carpark. Both routes were designed to merge at Garland to Brougham Streets, continuing together down Brougham and onto the motorway, finishing at Kakaha Carpark in Prebbleton.

At the Princess Margaret start point, nearly 50 cars gathered under fine weather. Exiting right toward the Sumner/Cashmere direction posed some difficulty, but all participants managed successfully. After delivering the pre-cruise briefing, the group set off, and the merge point was achieved as planned—a positive result for one of the weekend's key logistical challenges.

At the cruise end point, the BBQ was well used by attendees from both start locations, joined by others who met the group in Prebbleton. A coffee cart was also available. More than 100 vehicles were parked up, and although the wind picked up later in the evening, spirits remained high.

Sunday Show Day

Setup was scheduled for 7:30am. However, by 7:25am a sizeable queue had already formed—four cars wide and four deep—waiting to access the A&P Showgrounds. For the first time in our experience, the main entry gate was locked. Over the next 20 minutes, multiple attempts were made to gain entry: contacting security, searching for the groundskeeper's details, and reaching out to an A&P committee member. Equipment was passed over the fence to allow setup to begin until the gate was finally opened at 7:55am.

Despite the late start, progress was efficient thanks to the previous day's groundwork, including parking layout and waratah placement. A few early arrivals appeared, but the remainder of setup ran smoothly.

Although the event officially operates from 10:00am to 2:00pm, vehicles began arriving from 9:00am, as is typical. More than 200 cars were on display throughout the day.

Club members performed exceptionally well in managing the event. The weather remained favourable, and helpers were able to rotate through breaks for food, drinks, and the opportunity to view the vehicles.

Prizegiving and raffle draws were held at 1:30pm. A drone captured aerial footage between 10:00am and 11:00am. Entrants received special 10-year participation certificates and pens in recognition of their support.

Pack-down commenced promptly after closing, bringing another successful All OZ event to an end.

Acknowledgements

Sincere thanks go to all club members who assisted both before and during the weekend. We also extend our appreciation to the day's sponsors and to the businesses who contributed raffle prizes. Special recognition goes to Heather, Brent G, and Brent N for their excellent work in securing those prizes.

Our chosen charity, **Art for Life**, benefited from the weekend's efforts. The event raised **\$2,793.89**, with an additional **\$300.00** earned through their BBQ, bringing the total to **\$3,096.89**.

We look forward to next year's event, supporting a new charity and continuing this longstanding tradition.

Alicia Batey



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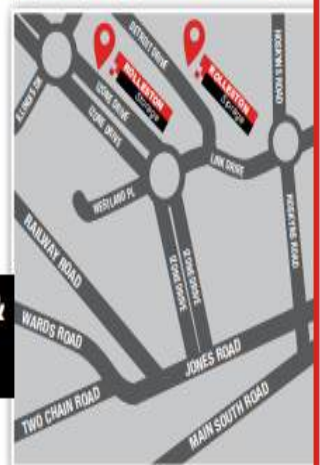
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Events List 2025 –2026

December

Tuesday 2nd December

HECC Meeting,
The Redwood Styx Room
7.30pm

Sunday 7th December

Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving
At the Barn Vintage Car Club McLeans Island
Arrive 11.30 am Eating at 12.00pm

January 2026

Saturday 10th

Pie and Pint Run
Meet at the Kidman Street Park and Ride
Meet 9.45am Leave at 10.00am

February

Tuesday 3rd February

HECC Meeting,
The Redwood Styx Room
7.30pm

Saturday 28th February

Hamner Motor Fest
Further details to come.

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
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HECC Sash	\$ 20.00
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We are willing to answer, or talk through any questions you may have.

