

# HOLDEN TORQUE



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**[www.holdencarclub.org.au](http://www.holdencarclub.org.au)**

### **The Club Wants You!**

The Holden Car Club of WA is always looking for members to plan, organise and help. So if you think you have something to offer the club, let us know!

**For Newsletter Enquiries, For Sale & Wanted Ads or Website Enquiries contact Tam Kelly on**  
**[info@holdencarclub.org.au](mailto:info@holdencarclub.org.au)**

### **FRONT COVER:**

1963 EJ

Owners: Brad & Pauline Wainwright

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# Newsletter

## Welcome to the April–May edition of Holden Torque!

It seems to be a very common theme of busy times with HCC events! Mick Lawler and the crew are doing an amazing job of keeping active within the Car Club community as well as organizing local runs and events for our members.

In the last couple of months we have participated in the Curtin 100.1 FM Car Show, the MAX Pinjarra and the 2022 Perth Classic Car Show as well as a member and guest run to Bunbury and the Geographe Motor Museum scheduled for Sunday 22 May.

**Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show** went ahead despite COVID and was showered in sun shine for the day too! Not an umbrella or puddle in sight! HCC of WA had a great spot near the event entertainment stand and away from the enticing smells of the food vans! We had about 14 vehicles on display and were proud to be a part of such a fantastic day.



The **MAX Pinjarra** Car Show saw members and guests meet at the The Narrogin Inne, affectionately referred to as 'The Narry' by locals, at 7.15am before heading down to Pinjarra for the re-scheduled event on 24 April. A total of 11 cars were proudly on show as part of the HCC of WA contingency.



The 2022 **Perth Classic Car Show** is always a stellar event and this year was no exception. Being held at Ascot ensured that parking was easy to get out of at the end of the day too! We had 12 cars on show and lots of interest in the cars that are 'classic Holdens' - many happy Aussie childhood memories are triggered when people see our cars!



At the time of writing, the Bunbury Cruise has not yet happened—so we look forward to seeing the pics and hearing all about it in the next issue!

### Membership Renewals

These will be sent to all members in the coming weeks. If you are the holder of a concessional license through HCC of WA, it is essential you ensure your membership is paid **BEFORE** 30 June 2022. If you are not a financial member on the 1 July, 2022, it is incumbent of the HCC of WA to report this to the Department of Transport (DoT) and you will no longer be eligible for concessional licensing. New registration papers for the full amount will be issued by DoT. DoT do not provide any flexibility in this rule. We currently have over 300 members, so your prompt actioning of your membership renewal will assist Pauline in processing these before the due date.

If any of your personal details have changed, please ensure you notify the club via email  
[info@holdencarclub.org.au](mailto:info@holdencarclub.org.au)

# Newsletter

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## Apologies

Last edition I incorrectly identified members as receiving their official 25 Year Pins at our last meeting—they actually received their **LIFE MEMBER** pins to acknowledge their previously received Life Membership status.

To Alan, Hilary, Joan, Jime and Vene— my apologies!

**Congratulations on your Life Membership pins!**



## Upcoming Events

These are advertised both on our Facebook page and the website. Our next event is the General Meeting on 14th May @ the Vic Park RSL and the Bunbury Cruise—Geographe Motor Museum on Sunday 22nd May 2022.

The Annual General Meeting is fast approaching—please ‘save the date’. Having volunteers is a vital part of any club and HCC of WA is no exception. All positions will be declared vacant on the day for the 2022 –2023 financial year. Please consider supporting your club in some way.

**BUNBURY CRUISE**  
AND BUNBURY GEOGRAPHE  
MOTOR MUSEUM

SUNDAY  
22 MAY 2022

MEET:  
BP KWINANA FREEWAY SOUTH BOUND  
8.45AM

Please RSVP to the Event Coordinator  
(Mick Lawler) on 0417 929 966 or  
Info@holdencarclub.org.au



# 2022 Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show

**CURTIN FM 100.1 CAR SHOW**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 3 2022**



TRINITY PLAYING FIELDS  
6 Elderfield Road, Waterford, WA  
10am to 3pm

more than just a car show

 Curtin FM 100.1 Car Show  
carshow@curtinfm.com.au (08)9266 2121  
#curtinfmcarshow2022



# 2022 MAXX Pinjarra



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[www.maxpinjarra.com.au](http://www.maxpinjarra.com.au)  
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# 2022 Perth Classic Car Show



# event calendar

## Catered Events



### Please note Rules regarding all Club catered events!

All Events that advise catering ie. Sausage Sizzles, Picnic's, Breakfasts etc where the club is supplying / providing the meals, a cut-off date one week prior to the Event will be advertised.

If you do not get your Name down by this cut-off date, you are still most welcome to join in the Event / Run, but will need to provide your own meal.

*This rule will apply to all members and is to make catering a stress-free process!*



### MAX Pinjarra Car Show

<b>Date:</b> Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<b>Event:</b> Holden Car Club Event
<b>Meeting Point:</b> Ye Olde Narragin Inne, Corner of Albany & Southwest Highway, Armadale	
<b>Meeting Time:</b> 7.15am	<b>Departure Time:</b> 7.45am
<b>Details of Event:</b> WA Panel van state titles, 300+ Vintage Classic & Custom Cars, motorcycles, vintage tractors and drag cars, horsepower (Dyno) completion, Trade stalls, kids entertainment, food vans & more. 10.00am – 3.00pm	
<b>Venue:</b> Sir Ross McLarty Oval, Pinjarra	<b>RSVP:</b> Events Coordinator

### 2022 Perth Classic Car Show

<b>Date:</b> Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2022	<b>Event:</b> Holden Car Club Event
<b>Meeting Point:</b> Taylor Reserve Taylor Street Victoria Park	
<b>Meeting Time:</b> TBA	<b>Departure Time:</b> TBA
<b>Details of Event:</b> Show & shine, live music, trade stalls, vintage collective markets, food trucks, demos and live displays, memorabilia sales	
<b>Venue:</b> Ascot Racecourse	<b>RSVP:</b> Events Coordinator

### General Meeting

<b>Date:</b> Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<b>Event:</b> Holden Car Club Event
<b>Meeting Point:</b> RSL Clubrooms 1 Fred Bell Parade East Victoria Park	
<b>Meeting Time:</b> 2.30pm	<b>Departure Time:</b>
<b>Details of Event:</b> Bi-monthly general meeting with afternoon tea supplied	
<b>Venue:</b> 1 Fred Bell Parade East Victoria Park	<b>RSVP:</b> Events Coordinator

### Bunbury Motor Museum

<b>Date:</b> Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	<b>Event:</b> Holden Car Club Event
<b>Meeting Point:</b> BP Kwinana Freeway Southbound	
<b>Meeting Time:</b> 8.45am	<b>Departure Time:</b> 9.00am
<b>Details of Event:</b> Cruise to Bunbury to visit the museum and lunch	
<b>Venue:</b> Bunbury Geographe Motor Museum	<b>RSVP:</b> Events Coordinator

### Byford Classic Car Breakfast at the Dome

<b>Date:</b> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<b>Event:</b> Non-Organised HCC Event
<b>Venue:</b> Dome Byford	<b>Time:</b> 7.30 – 10.30am

### Burgers and Steel Bumpers in Alkimos

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	<b>Event:</b> Non-Organised HCC Event
<b>Venue:</b> The Gateway Shopping Precinct Alkimos Beach	<b>Time:</b> 6.00pm – 8.30pm

### Northern Steel Monthly Meet

<b>Date:</b> Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> of April 2022	<b>Event:</b> Non-Organised HCC Event
<b>Venue:</b> Joondalup Square	<b>Time:</b> 7.00pm – 10.00pm

### Classic Cars & Coffee Monthly Meet

<b>Date:</b> Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<b>Event:</b> Non-Organised HCC Event
<b>Venue:</b> Carpark 3 UWA Hackett drive, Crawley	<b>Time:</b> 8.30am – 10.30am

### Shannons Southern Coffee Cruise Mandurah

<b>Date:</b> Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<b>Event:</b> Non-Organised HCC Event
<b>Venue:</b> Western Foreshore in Mandurah	<b>Time:</b> From 08.30am

Members can use their 404 Concessionally Licensed Vehicle on any recorded event organised by an approved club as per the Concessional License Code 404 Information booklet. Members can use their C4C Concessionally Licensed Vehicle on any event advertised on the HCC website or social media pages as per the C4C code of conduct. Please refer to the Club website [http://www.holdencarclub.org.au/Upcoming\\_Events](http://www.holdencarclub.org.au/Upcoming_Events) for the most up to date Event calendar, as events may be added in between those scheduled above.

## BUNBURY CRUISE AND BUNBURY GEOGRAPHE MOTOR MUSEUM



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# olden news

## Eight Things you might not know about Holdens

First published 6 August 2018 on Downies.com. Accessed 11/05/2022  
<https://www.downies.com/news/eight-things-you-might-not-know-about-holden>

### #1 The first 'Holden' wasn't a car – it was a saddle. (Or maybe a whip.)

In 1854, a young Englishman named James Alexander Holden arrived in South Australia. Within a few short years, he'd married and started his own business. J.A. Holden & Co became a one-stop shop for saddles and whips – nineteenth century essentials.

James' son Henry joined the business 20 years later, and in 1885, another Henry – Henry Frost – signed on as a partner. Frost was a harness and carriage maker by trade. This proved to be a good move.



*Pictured: Men pack straw into horse collars at what is thought to be Holden and Frost, harness makers  
Image from the State Library of South Australia, B50936*

# olden news

## #2 Holden and Frost won the contract to create supplies for the Boer War

Sadly, James passed away in 1887, but fortunately, Henry Holden was able to step into a partnership role. When war broke out in South Africa in 1899, horses would play a vital role in the conflict. Together, the two Henrys were able to supply the Government with harnesses, saddles, belts and other crucial equipment.



*Pictured: A letter signed by Holden & Frost confirming an order of saddles to be sent to South Africa, dated December 20, 1899*

## #3 The Prime Minister himself unveiled the first Australian Holden car

WWI saw new trade restrictions put in place that created increased demand for a fully home-grown automobile. Holden had been making bodies for imported chassis, but seized its opportunity to do more. After years of development, the first fully Australian-made Holden was unveiled on November 29, 1948 – by the Prime Minister himself, Ben Chifley! The Honorable verdict? “She's a beauty!”



*Image: The Prime Minister, Ben Chifley, stands with the first Holden automobile produced in Australia, November 29, 1948. Image from the National Museum of Australia, <http://collectionsearch.nma.gov.au/object/119554>*

*Image: an invitation to view the new Holden, c. December 1948 Image from the State Library of South Australia, B58105*

# olden news

## #4 This first model – the 'FX' – cost the equivalent of 94 weeks' wages to buy

With today's median wage, that would be \$99,537. Despite this, Holden still couldn't keep up with demand for orders!



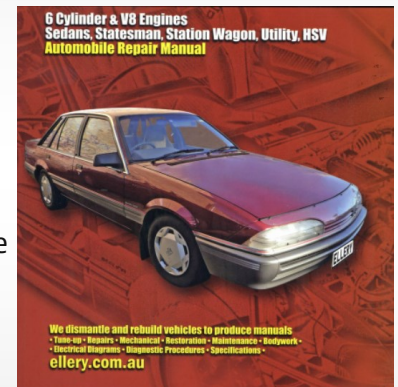
## #5 By 1958, 2 in every 5 cars sold in Australia were Holdens

While some imported four-cylinder cars couldn't handle rugged Australian conditions, Holdens could. The 1950s saw the rise of the ute: Australia's rural vehicle of choice.

## #6 One of the most popular Commodores had a Nissan engine

With competitor Ford snapping up plenty of the market share in the 1980s, Holden's saving grace was a new line of Commodores – starting with the VL.

The 1986 VL Commodore wasn't strictly a pure-bred Holden, but was more than the sum of its parts. The 2.0-litre, four-cylinder engine of yore was replaced with a booming, 3.0-litre, six-cylinder alternative developed by Nissan. This exciting new configuration got pulses racing – and won Holden its mojo back.



## #7 Since Holden's first win at Bathurst in 1968, Holdens have been victorious a further 31 times

This means they've taken the gong at Mount Panorama more than twice as many times as cars produced by their nearest rival, Ford.

## #8 The last four Holdens ever built in Australia are museum pieces

As we now well know, the reign of the Holden in Australia was not to last. Sadly, it was announced in 2013 that production in Australia would come to a halt. On October 20, 2017, the last car emerged off the production line: a red Commodore V8. A Commodore ute, Commodore wagon and Caprice limousine made up the remainder of the final four – and all will be kept for posterity in a museum.



# buy & sell page

## Larry Perkins Memorabilia (jackets & caps)

Memorabilia for sale—jackets and caps. If interested please contact Lorraine on 0408 073 579



## Looking for help

Fitting of a bonnet spear and the windsplits on 1962 Holden EJ Sedan. I am after the instructions or even the measurements. Member of the HCC. Please contact Barry Ash on 0422 935 356

## Expressions of Interest

1976 HX Belmont ute. Unable to restore due to financial reasons. Original turquoise blue; 3 spd manual (3 on the tree); 143 000km; Red 202; original engine & drive line.

Please contact Michcell Lockyer 0448 959 749  
(relocating in June so urgent sale)



# buy & sell page

## Wedding (Torana) for groom & groomsmen

Residing and getting married North of Bunbury and would love myself and my groomsmen driven to my wedding in an old Holden. Preferably a Torana but happy to consider any old Holden at this stage. Anyone around the Bunbury region that could help me out. Please contact Warrick 0450 030 103

*\*\* A reminder that concessionally licenced vehicles are not able to be hired or used for profit.*

*Inquirer is aware and willing to discuss options \*\**

## For Sale—Wheel covers HX

HX wheelcovers Contact Mick Quigley 0409 291 939.



## Holden HT Kingswood

1969 Holden HT Kingswood Sedan 186 motor Auto  
Good car for project, Not original, Needs Panel and Paint.

Lots of spares, Running

\$15,500

To view Phone Peter on 0431 156 799

# back page



Renew your HCC of WA club membership to remain eligible for concessional licensing BEFORE 30 June 2022!

Update and check your Insurance!

Send in any ideas for Newsletter articles! I would love to include an article or two of what members are up to with their cars! Are you working on a project? Want to share your experience? Let me know via email [info@holdencarclub.org.au](mailto:info@holdencarclub.org.au)