

# SOUTHERN AUSSIE MUSCLE



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# Presidents Report

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With the summer now long behind us I thought a lot of cars would be parked up for the Winter, but obviously not as the last couple of runs (Aussie Muscle Mania & Sunday Lunch to Tautuku) has seen excellent numbers attend. It was great to see new Members coming along and also good to see some members who we don't see too much, so keep it up! The more the Merrier!

As I'm writing this I am looking forward to Aussie Crawl this weekend with Jack, Kev & Wally as well as 8 other cars from the club, so as usual this should be a fantastic weekend.

Don't forget about the overnighter to Ranfurly coming up in July, It also sounds like there is going to be good numbers for the weekend with the Ranfurly Hotel & Camping Ground filling really quickly, so it should be a great weekend.

Please if anyone has any ideas for runs or maybe even like to organise a run please don't hesitate to call me or any of the other committee members as we would be more than happy to help you out.

I'd like to give a big thanks to Darren (DI) for is invaluable contribution to the club as he steps aside from the committee.

Happy Cruising,

Shady

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## Latest News

Darren Dickie has resigned from the Committee, after 6 years he has decided to step aside and allow some fresh ideas as well as taking a well-deserved break (he's currently flying around the world somewhere!!).

Darren was one of the founding members of the club, so on behalf of the committee and the members (old and new) I'd like to thank D.I. for all the hard work he's put in over the years.

Next on the agenda is to introduce Erica Johnstone as the newest member of the Committee. Erica and her husband Ash have been long time members and have attended many of the runs in their VF Valiant VIP. Erica has some fantastic ideas for us so we look forward to putting these into action in the near future. Welcome aboard Erica!

The website has been lacking some new members rides lately, so I'll be updating this over the next few months. It was decided at the last meeting that I would just load it up with photos from the past events (instead of waiting for you guys to send in your photos!!) – so now the go is, if you *don't* want a members ride page then let me know. This is the most popular page on the website despite being the least updated.

Think that's about it for now,

Cheers, Brad.

# New Club Gear

In the last newsletter I displayed some of the new club apparel we have for purchase at Southern Workwear, Gore. We actually purchased some to display at the Aussie Muscle Mania event – we still have some of that left that can be purchased through Shady or Kev at Harrison's Supplies. There what's left...



**Mens Nitro Shirt (L, XL)**  
**Womens Nitro Shirt (12, 14)**  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$59.00



**Adults Bucket Hat (6 available)**  
(Logo Front)  
\$21.00



**Adults Cap (2 available)**  
(Logo Front)  
\$19.00



**Black Hoodie (L, XL, XXL)**  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$49.00



**Micro Fleece Jacket (L)**  
(Logo Front – Website Back)  
\$87.00

All our other gear can be viewed on our website on the 'Club Gear' page or call into Southern Workwear, Mersey Street, Gore.

# Previous Event Reports

## Grass Khana: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2013

Well would you believe it, we finally managed to get some weather good enough to hold this event (after 2 failed times) – and man, what an awesome event it was!!

We meet up at the Lodge at 1:00pm briefly, before heading out to Darren Dickie's (D.I.) place where he and I had setup earlier that morning. The weather was a bit cool and overcast, but the paddock was dry. We ended up running with 11 cars and 12 drivers. Plus a fantastic amount of spectators, who got a great view from the back of D.I.'s trailer unit.



First up was Shady who pulled up a shockingly slow first run through the Slalom, but not to worry due to a timer malfunction he got to redo it, the 2<sup>nd</sup> time round was a lot faster – though it did end in a time penalty! Most were taking it fairly easy the first couple of runs while we got used to throwing these tanks around with large amounts

of under steer, freewheeling diffs and no power steering!

By this stage the sun had made an appearance and it turned out to be a cracker day! Nathan Abo (XY Fairmont) had only two throttle positions WOT or off! Needless to say his overall time suffered but he certainly kept the crowd entertained!!



Early on it was evident that there was going to be a battle on our hands with Marshall Sayer (VJ Regal), D.I. (VG Regal) and Brad Williams (VL Paddock Basher) with only 0.60s between them after run 1, unfortunately Brad spun out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> run putting him out of contention for the lead. D.I. and Marshall kept battling it out right to the very end, with the lead swapping constantly and neither of them making any mistakes and performing some very smooth runs - until Marshall grazed a cone (5 sec penalty).

But of course there could only be one winner, and with a combined time of 275.63 sec (for all 6 courses) D.I. was the victor, followed closely by Marshall (279.89 sec) and third place went to Trumpet (VH Pacer) (294.63 sec). Rest of the pack... Lyle (XA Falcon) – 301.36; Dwayne Woods (XA Falcon) – 330.45; Callum Dickson (XR6 Turbo) – 337.67; Brad W – 344.19; Callum McCall (HQ Kingswood) – 363.31;



Chris Gillan (VF VIP) – 374.78; Shady – 387.65; Brad S (VK Wagon) – 389.20 and no surprises, last place Abo – 396.84.

In my defence I was first on most of the runs and had a hard time navigating the courses – also I can't drive for shit...

Once we had finished the competition we had a bit of time left over so we let loose on the last course and refined some of our skills – plus a few shenanigans!!

We were planning on having the BBQ in the hay shed but the temp dropped off so we moved into D.I.'s man shed, (had to do a quick clean-up of the bottles from the night before!) where Shady cooked the BBQ and we all talked excitedly about the day's events. Then onto a quick prize giving with some donated prizes from the MLT (beer), a few more beers and laughs before most of us went home around the 10-11pm mark – though some stayed to a very respectable 5am!!!

One of the most enjoyable events we've run so far and highly entertaining even for the spectators. We will definitely be running this event again next year.

As always there are a heap of photos on the website, plus the first ever Southern Aussie Muscle Video!! Make sure you check it out (as I reckon I did a pretty good job for my first one!).

A huge thanks to Darren for his paddock/shed/BBQ and use of his paddock, Nichola for taking the time to video some of the runs, Pud for helping keep time and of course everyone that turned up!!!

Cheers, Brad Sayer.



# Previous Event Reports Cont...



## Heartland Hotel Aussie Muscle Mania: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April we held our 2nd annual Heartland Hotel Aussie Muscle Mania at the Croydon Lodge Carpark. The weather on the day wasn't really co-operating for us, with a very brisk Southerly hitting us. However we didn't get the rain as



forecasted and the weather did help with the Beanie sales though!

The show started at 10.00am and went to 2.00pm and attracted around 65 cars, a little bit down on last year but excellent numbers considering the weather forecast. It was great to see excellent numbers and examples of all 3 makes of cars.

At 2.30pm we all loaded up for our Mystery Cruise. We left the Lodge in Convoy and headed down Broughton St then back up Main St, some locals I knew said it was a very impressive sight, all the cars cruising in convoy. Our first stop was at the Forest Lodge in Tapanui for a quick beer before we reloaded then headed off to Waikaka.



Derek executed a big *<insert law abiding activity here>* followed by Kylie but with different outcomes! After a couple of drinks at Waikaka it was back to the Lodge for Prize giving. Crowy managed to get lost on the way home and missed prizing giving and presentation of the Best Ford Trophy. Craig decided that he didn't like his back Eagers anymore and his new Southern Aussie Muscle jacket smelt like burnt rubber for the rest of the night!



Prize giving went great with a huge amount of spot prizes and raffles giving out. It was then time to hand out Best of Show Trophys which were judged by an independent Judge who made a special mention that all the cars were of exceptional quality and it was very hard to Judge. After prize giving a few stayed for a meal before the band

started and few shapes were cut on the dance floor. Overall an excellent day and a great turn out, let's work on making it bigger and better next year.

A huge thanks to everyone that attended and helped out for the day, and also to the sponsors (see below) who without them this day would not be possible.

Cheers,  
Shady.



### **Harrison's Supplies Ltd**

#### **People's Choice Award**

XC GS Falcon Coupe

Tena McCarthy



### **Aluminium Joinery Services**

#### **Best Valiant Award**

VF Pacer

Brent Grumball



### **Regional Ford Gore**

#### **Best Ford Award**

XR Falcon

Brendan Crow



### **Abernethy Contracting Ltd**

#### **Best Holden Award**

HG Monaro

Allan Popenhagen

# **Heartland**

**HOTELS**

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Christies Diamond Auto

Ewan Allan Honda

Keeler Performance

Michael Kelly Auto Electrical

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Blackwood Paykels

Quality Building Services

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Beattie Auto Body Repairs

Michael Hood Panelbeating

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# Previous Event Reports Cont...

## Sunday Lunch, Catlins cruise: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013

8 cars set off, on time, from Gore on a cool Sunday morning. We met 2 cars (our Invercargill members) at Fortrose and headed off in convoy to the Whistling Frog Café via our beautiful Southern Scenic Route.



It was a fairly average day on the south coast but our heater was cranking away great. We had just started into the windy hilly bits when Blue had an emergency stop - poor Sam was feeling car sick. Perhaps you need to brush up on your driving skills Blue!

We turned into the Whistling Frog and find a wee gem of an outfit. Flash as Café Bar set amongst native bush and a tidy wee camping ground attached. Pretty posh really... Dwayne was really dressed to impress in his red bands and trackies; onya Dwayne!

The Kelly gang joined us for lunch bringing our convoy to 11 cars. We received a warm welcome from our hostess and she had included a welcome to us on the menu of the day. Lunch was delish and the kids had a great run-around and play. Ash was the lucky winner of a 'Heartland Hotel' Meal & Bevvie Voucher.

Onward toward Kaka Point for a pint, with a photo shoot (thanks to Brad again) en-route. Grumball struck a bit of trouble with his gearbox jamming in two gears but a screwdriver, a bit of kiwi ingenuity, a fair bit of "well intentioned" advice and the Grumballs were away laughing'.

The weather had really closed in on 'the tops' and visibility was a bit grim in places but none the less it was a good drive. At 'The Point' the kids got the chips & drink treatment. Wee Blake was so busy watching the 'big kids' rolling the balls round the pool table that his chips fell out of the bag. Blake obviously hadn't finished with his chippies so proceeded to eat them off the floor with Mum shouting "Noooooooooooo Blake!!". The big kids still playing on the pool table trampled the chips into smaller chips. Sometime later, Blake was found eating his somewhat smaller chippies off the floor much to Mums horror.





We departed Kaka Point and some headed off home as it was after 4 by now. We travelled toward Balclutha and turned left at Finegand Freezing works. This brought us out at the 3 bridges on SH1 north of Clinton. Three cars stopped off at the Clinton Pub. The money hungry grab a toy machine wouldn't cough up for poor wee Hunter much to his disappointment.

Thank you to Derek and the organizers for another good run with a great bunch of buggars. See you at Runfurly, Erica.



## Few more photos from the Muscle Mania...



# Previous Event Reports Cont...

## Aussie Crawl: 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013

It was a very fresh start to the day with cloud hanging over us and it stayed like that for most of it but at least it didn't rain (well not till we were at Mossburn). There is a bit of confusion on the numbers but around 50 cars and 170 people were registered and it was a good mix of all the brands. There were a few people that braved the conditions and got dressed up, we had a wedding party (girls in one car and boys in the other), and a mix of super heroes.



First stop was only just up the road at the Whitehouse Pub then it was onto the RSA in Riverton. The RSA was not a bad place as it accommodated the huge group well. Here the Holden Club presented the Ford Club with a sympathy card due to Ford no longer making the Falcon from 2016 (we will see who gets the last laugh there)!



Then it was onto Otautau for lunch, this took a bit of time to come out but it was pretty good and filled the gap. It also helped soak up some of the alcohol fuelled bellies. I didn't get to see it but I hear some very impressive tyre tread marks were left on the road along with the effects of what burning rubber creates. It was also an impressive line-up of cars out on both sides of the main street, something you don't get to see that often.

We then made our way to a small place called Wairio, were all that subsides is a pub and a railway station. However the boys in blue had wind of what happened in Otautau and made an appearance here. The local cop was pretty good as he didn't hang around long. Unfortunately though his mate was up the road to which a certain car load of guys in a white Holden Monaro didn't see him till it was too late and they had to find a new sober driver for the rest of the day. I have to say there are other ways of trying to get out being sober driver! Hence the original driver had a beer in hand pretty quick after that.

Last stop was at Mossburn, which was a bit of a squeeze but the fire was going so it was nice and warm. The car load of super heroes got pulled over only 100 metres away from the pub by a modern day super hero of the blue outfit kind. I believe it was due to their WOF being expired by two days.

From there it was on to Te Anau to the Luxmore Hotel to check in and get settled in at the local pub, The Moose for the second rugby test of the All Blacks versus France to which we won so it was all good! Prize giving was Sunday morning after a good hearty breakfast. There were a few tired eyes around but overall most people feared well from the night/morning before.



The club done well in the prize stakes, (even if you exclude the hard luck prize of Shady's!). Nothing was planned for the group for the trip home but some of us had a quick stop at Manapouri, then at Mossburn finishing off at Riversdale for a late lunch snack.

If you haven't done Aussie Crawl before then keep this event in mind for 2014 as it is a fun filled weekend and will be hosted by the Southland Ford Falcon Club next year. Thanks to the Holden Club for a great weekend.

Cheers, Tena

## AUSSIE CRAWL AWARDS! (CLUB MEMBERS)

<b>BEST FORD:</b>	TENA MCCARTHY	<b>RUNNER UP:</b>	SHAUN KERR
<b>BEST VALIANT:</b>	RODNEY HEENAN	<b>RUNNER UP:</b>	REGAN MCLEOD
<b>BEST HOLDEN:</b>	ALLAN POPENHAGEN	<b>HARD LUCK:</b>	HAYDEN SAYER...



# Upcoming Events!

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## Shed/Man Cave Raid: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013 - 10:30am (Bus Trip)

Meet up at the Lodge at 10:30am, then we'll board the bus and cruise around to a few sheds with a stop off somewhere for lunch.

The cost for the bus will be approx.. \$20/head depending on numbers.

We've organised some interested sheds to have a wander through so make sure you attend!! Please flick us an email if you're going to attend so we can get the correct size bus!!

Event contact Craig: (027) 210 4590

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## Poker Run: Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013 - 1:00pm

This is always an awesome day out with some great prizes up for grabs!

The same format as last year – a pub crawl event with each participant receiving a new card at each stop.

\$10 for the 1<sup>st</sup> hand, \$5 per subsequent hands.  
(1 hand per person, max. 6 hands per car)

Meet up at the Lodge at 1:00pm for check-in!

Event contact Shady: (027) 405 3968

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## Christmas Party/Car Trail: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 12:30pm

The Christmas get together is one of our most attended events! A fun-filled family day out has been organised – as per the other years.

Starting off with a quick game of something ridiculous (gumboot throwing is what we did last year!) then we'll head off on the car trial which will involve all sorts of tasks along the way!

Santa will make an appearance, and hand out some gifts for the kids.

Then a BBQ tea followed by the prize giving. There'll also be a few activities to keep the children entertained.

We'll send out more details later in the year.

A fantastic way to end the year, see you all there!!

Event contact Shady 027 405 3968



# Welcome along to these new members...



Callum Dickson, Gore  
*Ford XR6 Turbo*



Cresta Beck & Chris Weir  
*CH Valiant Limo*



Rodney & Anna Heenan, Otautau  
*VH Valiant 770 Charger*



Geoff & Karen Wallis, Gore  
*XY Fairmont*



Darrell Richards & Shelley Corbett,  
Invercargill  
*VH Valiant Pacer*



John & Linda Mikkelsen, Wyndham  
*VH Valiant Hardtop*



Regan McLeod & Hayley Baron,  
Invercargill  
*VH Valiant Regal*



Doug Christie & Amy Parry, Gore –  
*VJ Valiant Charger XL*



Chris & Kerryn Gillan, Gore  
*VF Valiant VIP*



Ken Humphries & Tracy Tyler, Gore  
*Holden Premier*



Sean O'Neill & Holly Wilkinson,  
Invercargill  
*XD Fairmont V8*

## Classifieds

### For Sale...

3.23 Ratio LSD Differential  
+ spare 3.23 diff head

Call Sean – 027 264 5703

### Wanted...

Chrome Centres to fit standard XY rim  
Call Shannon – (03) 230 6023

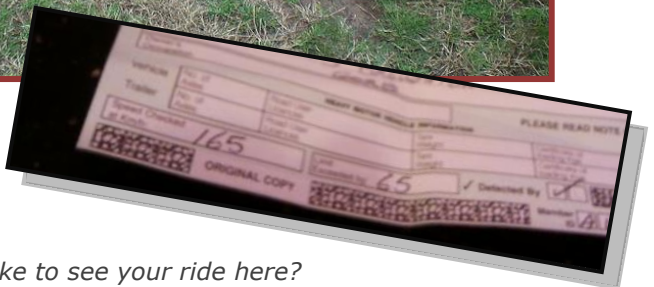
VH Fuel Tank & Straps in MINT Cond.  
Call Derek – 027 667 9601

A man walks into a pub and takes a seat next to a very attractive woman.  
He gives her a quick glance then casually looks at his watch for a moment.  
The woman notices this and asks, "Is your date running late?"  
"No," he replies, "I just got this state-of-the-art watch and I was just testing it..."  
The intrigued woman says, "a state-of-the-art watch? What's so special about it?"  
The guy explains, "It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically."  
The lady says, "What's it telling you now?"  
"Well, it says you're not wearing any panties."  
The woman giggles and replies, "Well it must be broken because I am wearing panties!"  
The man taps his watch and says, "Bloody thing's an hour fast!"



# Members Ride

- Name:* Hayden Sayer, Club President
- Ride:* 1975 Raleigh Twenty
- Modifications:* Pure pedal power - Hours at the gym to get it to go faster - Lycra get up for aero dynamics
- Hobbies:* Listening to everyone in the back seat whilst passing a van - Talking to the boys in blue about the latest in radar technology - Paper work
- Dream Car:* Anything with a motor at the moment...
- Ultimate Cruise:* Don't have to drive so I'm easy...
- Anything Else?:* Pick me up if you see me walking the streets...!!



*Like to see your ride here?*  
Then send an email with the above details to  
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