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Rosetown Holden tackles Bathurst



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ROSETOWN HOLDEN sponsored Daniel Jilesen in action at Mount Panorama in the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series.

Backers of young Kiwi driving talent Daniel Jilesen are impressed with his performance over the gruelling Mount Panorama track at Bathurst in the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series.

With local sponsorship from Rosetown Holden, resulting from their business relationship with fellow sponsors Ongarue Transport, and backing from Greg Murphy, Jilesen stepped up from open wheel racing to V8 saloons.

Jilesen takes on the Sandown event in Melbourne, November 19-21 and with continued sponsorship looks to compete in the full series next year.

In his supporters and sponsors report, Jilesen says his first time at Bathurst was very daunting — with over half the corners being blind and getting a top speed of nearly 300 kph.

'On the Wednesday before practice, Greg Murphy took me around the track in a road car to show me the best lines to take and pass on a lot of

helpful advice. You definitely couldn't get anyone better to learn from at Mount Panorama than Greg.'

Jilesen used the Thursday practice sessions to learn the track and try and keep out of trouble.

Following a debrief and data session with the GMR engineers, he had plenty to think about for the next day.

A quick learner, Jilesen improved his previous best lap time by 3.5 seconds.

In Race 1 on Friday afternoon Jilesen made a great start — passing two cars by the first corner and making a third pass shortly after.

Further on in an eventful first lap he lost a spot and got forced wide in the process, allowing a second car to follow.

He spent much of the race in a bunch that was clear from other traffic, but there was a safety car restart and again the field was bunched.

Drivers in front were fighting for places and Jilesen was also getting pressure from behind, but he managed to avoid trouble and on the last lap picked up a place to finish 11th.

He started Race 2 from 11th and got another good start, getting past three cars by turn 1.

Unfortunately he got hit from behind on the second lap and spun out at The Chase.

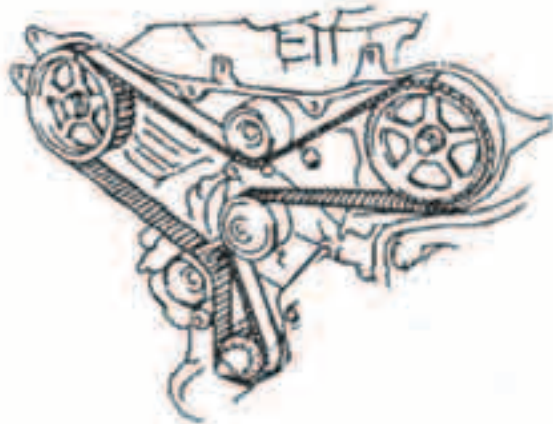
The car was slightly damaged, but Jilesen got back on track and fought his way to 13th.

Rosetown Holden owner Stu Tervit says they were impressive drives.

He says it is hard to see just how difficult and steep the track is until you are there in person, and he is impressed with how Jilesen handled the conditions and pressure. Mr Tervit was attending his first ever Bathurst event, and says he was proud to see Te Awamutu represented at Mount Panorama (see more on Page 3).

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Bathurst 2010 more than a motor race

Rosetown Holden owner Stu Tervit admits being at Bathurst this year was quite an emotional experience.

He signed a deal to sponsor Taumarunui's Daniel Jilesen, who drove a Holden VE Commodore for Greg Murphy Racing in the Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series, and says it was amazing on his first trip to the 'great race' to see his business name Rosetown Holden on the famous track.

Mr Tervit had already arranged to attend the event with some mates when the sponsorship opportunity came about. The deal was done and as a bonus Mr Tervit got to see the Kiwi race.

He says it was an impressive debut for someone more experienced in open wheelers, and Rosetown Holden will sponsor Jilesen again next year in his bid to compete in the full Australian Fujitsu V8 Supercar Series.

Mr Tervit says the young Kiwi has the right attitude and skills to do well and he is happy to help him get noticed by the right people to have a motorsport career.

And he describes the Bathurst event as a fantastic experience — from the superb racing to the entertainment to the (well behaved but amusing) antics of the huge crowd.

WIN A HOT LAP

To celebrate Rosetown Holden's relationship with up-and-coming star Daniel Jilesen, the company is putting hot laps around Hampton Downs in 2011 with the young driver up-for-grabs.

To be in to win simply test drive any Holden from Rosetown Holden, from the new Spark reviewed on this page to the latest Commodore, and you will be in the draw.

Holden 'sparks' a mini revolution



BY DEAN TAYLOR

Holden has packed a huge range of standard features and personality into its new mini — the Barina Spark.

I drove both the models on offer — the CD (under \$17K) and CDX (under \$19K) from Rosetown Holden.

Both are powered by a 1.2 litre four-cylinder engine and have a five speed manual transmission. Apparently an automatic is coming.

The engine makes 59kW of power and 107Nm of torque and has an official combined cycle fuel consumption of 5.6l/100km.

It competes in the city-car segment, where it is very good, but is just as good for driving on our open roads.

It did take me back a few years to some of my first cars — changing down to climb a hill and taking a wee bit of time to reach cruising speed, but all a driver needs to do is make a few adjustments to their driving style to compensate.

At any speed the Barina Spark is a good ride and a good handling car.

With a wheel at each corner steering is responsive and positive.

The car has the look of a small three door hatchback, with it's 'hidden' rear door handles, but is a property five door.

Luggage space is limited in standard form, but enough for groceries or a couple of bags.

Back seat splits and folds 60/40 to give more room when needed.

The interior features an instrument cluster mounted on the steering column with analogue speedometer, digital tachometer and several selectable trip computer functions which include distance to empty and an outside temperature display.

The layout gets colour-coded (silver or red depending on exterior colour) door trim appliques and textured



inserts which flow from the instrument panel into the doors. These trim colours are echoed in the seats.

Both models have a high level of standard safety features with electronic stability control (ESC), incorporating an anti-lock braking system, brake assist, electronic brakeforce distribution and traction control, six airbags, front seatbelt pretensioners and breakaway pedals.

Also standard is air conditioning, front power windows and a good four-speaker AM/FM audio system, with CD player, iPod/iPhone AUX input and a USB input for MP3 players.

In car storage isn't bad either and includes centre console with front and rear cupholders, front door pockets with integrated bottle storage, front passenger seat side pocket and a sunglasses holder.

The Barina Spark CD comes with 14-inch alloy wheels, a sports body kit, front fog lamps and rear spoiler and has body-coloured, heated, power-adjustable exterior mirrors.

The upspec CDX gets 15-inch alloy wheels, a larger rear body coloured spoiler, power windows all round, Sportec-perforated seat trim, Sportec-wrap multifunction steering wheel and an underseat storage tray.



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2010 Waikato Boat Fishing & Leisure Show success

The gates closed on the eight annual Waikato Boat, Fishing & Leisure Show at Mystery Creek Events Centre with almost 10,000 visitors over the three day event.

A joint venture between the NZ Marine Industry Association and Mystery Creek Events Centre; the Waikato Boat, Fishing & Leisure Show is designed to showcase the marine and leisure industry.

The only marine event of its kind in the Waikato, the show provides an opportunity for potential buyers to compare brands and models, meet their region's merchants and check out the industry's latest developments.

The build up to the Waikato Boat, Fishing & Leisure Show surpassed prior years with businesses snapping up sites earlier than before.

The marine marketplace is a competitive environment; therefore exhibitors put an enormous effort into their displays to attract public interest, furnishing exhibitions with an impressive range of marine craft and equipment.

Exhibitors are all too familiar with the economic challenges facing consumers, so although they welcome a lift in sales, it isn't their sole objective at the show.

Building relationships and getting their brand in front of the show's captive audience is fundamental.

The Waikato Boat, Fishing & Leisure Show 2010 campaign focussed on attracting staunch boat and fishing enthusiasts that would deliver value to exhibitors.

The 2011 Waikato Boat, Fishing & Leisure Show will be held Friday, 14 to Sunday, 16 October at Mystery Creek Events Centre, Hamilton. Further information about the event can be found at www.waikatoboatshow.co.nz.

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Our pride and joy

BY DEAN TAYLOR

I have to say it was an absolute pleasure to be invited to consider Lloyd and Ngaire McKain's 'pride and joy' for DriveBy.

This lovely couple invited me to their Rukuhia country home to see their 1972 Chrysler CH 360V8 — which they bought brand new from Eric Freed at Te Awamutu Machinery Ltd for \$6042.

Mr McKain was very keen that I knew this was the biggest Chrysler engine available in New Zealand at the time, and she's untouched after all these years.

Mr McKain came to Rukuhia after eight years in the Army, including overseas service in North Africa and Italy in World War II.

He met and married the love of his life — his best friend then and still his best friend after 62 years.

The couple farmed at Rukuhia and raised a family.

Mr McKain started working for his new bride's father, then went sharemilking before becoming a farm owner.

In 1972 they shouted themselves the new car — something they could drive to town every week and tow the 18ft boat with on weekends.

Mrs McKain was even allowed to drive it, with a cushion on the seat so she could see as she's under five feet tall in old money.

The Chrysler was a bit of a family tradition.

Mr McKain was originally from Taranaki and his father owned Moturoa Service Station and had Chryslers and



PROUD OWNERS: Lloyd and Ngaire McKain with their 1972 Chrysler CH 360V8 they purchased new from Te Awamutu Machinery Ltd.

De Sotos. The Chrysler was the sole family transport for many years.

Eventually the couple purchased smaller everyday cars, but always kept the Chrysler for special occasions.

She has only done 102,000 miles (no kilometres on this clock) and is in all-but original condition.

A few years back she was given a spruce up and repair to be used as a wedding car for one of the grand-daughters.

The only other major work was about 14 months ago when Mr McKain felt the

transmission needed a freshen up.

He had her rebuilt under strict instructions it was to be put back to original.

The couple love their car and try to get her out and about now and then.

Me coming to see them was another opportunity to take her for a drive — and I was given the privilege of giving her the 10km run round the block.

She certainly drives great, and with encouragement from the owner I was able to let the V8 have a bit of a stretch before she went back into her garage.



V8 FAN: Lloyd was keen to make sure I knew this was the 360ci — Chrysler's biggest V8 available in New Zealand at the time.

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Sunday perfect day for HOG run

Eighty Harley-Davidsons and over 100 members of the Waikato Bay of Plenty H.O.G. Chapter made an impressive sight when they cruised Te Awamutu's main street on Sunday and parked up at Selwyn Park during their annual Poker Run.

The group had a perfect day for the run and were certainly making the most of the great conditions to achieve their mission 'To Ride and Have Fun'.

To top it off the best poker hands win prizes valued at \$1750 from sponsors Road & Sports Motorcycles.



(RIGHT) PARK UP: Waikato/BOP H.O.G. Chapter members enjoy some Te Awamutu sunshine during Sunday's stopover.

(BELOW) THEY'RE OFF: Poker Run participants head for the next stopover on Sunday's run — lunch at the Cambridge Cosmopolitan Club.



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October cover car wins AA Energywise Rally

The Supreme Award for the car that cost the least to complete the 2010 AA Energywise Rally, including fuel and road user charges, went to the new hybrid vehicle, the Honda Insight S — which featured in last month's *DriveBy*.

The Rally is a race with a difference, with 49 vehicles covering 1,763 kilometres in four days, competing for the title of the most fuel efficient car, and the most fuel efficient driving team.

The Honda Insight S cost just \$147.83 to cover the distance.

The Driver Award, for the team that achieved the greatest percentage improvement on the manufacturer's fuel consumption figure, went to Emma Gilmour, Donald Holder and Stan Tucker driving the Subaru WRX STI, beating the manufacturer's figure by almost 23%.

The Environmental Award, for the car that completed the distance with the lowest overall CO2 emissions, went to the Toyota Prius which emitted 102.11 grams of CO2 per kilometre.

The Rally takes place every two years and is jointly organised by the AA, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), and Gull Petroleum New Zealand.

In addition to the Supreme, Driver and Environmental awards, vehicles competed in eight different classes, ranging from micro to commercial, for the title of the

most fuel efficient vehicle in that class. There are also three category awards for the most fuel efficient petrol, diesel and hybrid vehicles.

Stella Stocks, General Manager AA Motoring Services, says she is delighted with the results. "It's been a cracking competition this year, with the lead changing at the end of day three. It's great to see so many different manufacturers among the winners, because this means a better for choice for New Zealand consumers when they are looking for their new fuel efficient car."

EECA Chief Executive, Mike Underhill congratulated the Subaru team for their excellent driving that saw them beat the stated fuel economy of the WRX by close to 23%.

"What the Rally consistently shows is that the way you drive your car makes a massive difference to the amount of fuel you use.

And fuel efficient driving is something every single motorist can do, starting today."

Class Winners: **Small**, Honda Jazz 1.3; **Compact**, Honda Insight S; **Medium**, Toyota Camry Hybrid; **Large**, BMW 520d SE Sedan; **Small Lifestyle**, Mitsubishi ASX Sport 1.8L 4WD Diesel; **Large Lifestyle**, Subaru Outback 2.0D Euro Spec.

Single Entry Classes: **Micro**, Suzuki Alto AMF310GL; **Commercial**, Volkswagen Transporter TDI.

Category Winners: **Petrol**, Suzuki Alto AMF310GL; **Diesel**, Mini Cooper d; **Hybrid**, Toyota Prius.



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Judging underway for 2010 awards

Sixty vehicles have been entered in the 2010 AA Motoring Excellence Awards, the 'Oscars' of the New Zealand motoring industry.

"The AA Motoring Excellence Awards provide impartial and truly independent assessments of new vehicles for Kiwi motorists," says Stella Stocks, AA Motoring Services General Manager.

The 11 award categories this year are: small, compact, medium, large, small and large crossover, luxury/executive, and performance cars; environmental; motoring journalism; customer satisfaction; and safety.

A Supreme Winner will also be announced.

The 60 vehicles, worth \$3.8 million, are being judged this week at Taupo Motor Sport Park. Each vehicle is being assessed on its design, performance, dynamics, practicality, execution, value for money and safety.

This year's judges are motoring writers Jacqui Madelin, Brian Cowan, and David Linklater; as well as TV3's motoring reporter Shaun Summerfield, the AA's Andrew Bayliss, and New Zealand rally driving champion Emma Gilmour.

Toyota, Lexus, Audi, Volkswagen, Peugeot, Skoda, Honda, Mitsubishi, Subaru, Hyundai, Suzuki, Ford, Kia, Holden, BMW, Mini and Mercedes-Benz have entered this year's awards.

The winners, including the 2010 AA Motoring Excellence Award Supreme Winner, will be announced at a gala dinner in Auckland on 3 December.

The AA organises the Motoring Excellence Awards with the support of MARAC, The New Zealand Herald, Castrol New Zealand, Wag The Dog, EECA, and the NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Inc).



BY DEAN TAYLOR

Next year's Toyota Highlander sport utility is now on sale featuring a freshened exterior and interior enhancements over the outgoing model.

The 2011 Highlander offers the choice of 2WD and 4WD entry-level models, plus the flagship 4WD Limited. All models are seven seaters.

I drove Waikato Toyota's top-of-the-range Limited which is priced around \$67K. The base models come in at around \$54K and \$59K.

The Highlander's 3.5-litre V6 quad cam petrol engine delivers 201kW and 337Nm through a five-speed automatic transmission with sequential manual-style gear selection. Fuel consumption is 11l/100km for the 2WD and 11.6l/100km for 4WD versions.

Performance is terrific, and despite being a big vehicle, the Highlander feels quick and quite agile.

The exterior has a revised bonnet, bumper, front guard, headlight and grille designs as well as new bumper, lamps and spoiler designs at the rear — plus gets chrome accents and black contrasts on the lower section of the front and rear bumpers and rocker panels.

A new feature is puddle lamps integrated into the left and right door mirrors which illuminate the ground beside the vehicle.

The base models ride on new, sportier



seven spoke 17-inch wheels and the Limited has the same popular 19-inch wheels from the previous model.

Inside there are numerous improvements, but it is the functionality of the seating that impresses.

The middle seat in the second row can be removed and replaced with a removable tray, featuring two cup holders and a lidded storage compartment. This stows under the front centre console when not required.

The third row seats are now split 50/50 and can be folded separately to give more flexibility for carrying cargo or passengers. The second and third-row seats fold flat to provide more luggage space — up to 2700 litres — and the second-row seats in the 4WD Limited have a one-touch, remote release system for easy conversion to luggage space.

Standard safety features on all 2011 Highlander models are impressive, and include hill-start assist control (HAC)

and, in 4WD models, downhill assist control (DAC) for slippery off-road conditions.

In car entertainment is state-of-the-art and features an MP3/WMA-compatible CD player with audio input jack, USB and Bluetooth handsfree capability.

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