



HOLDEN

## RETIREES' CLUB

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Dear Member,

Our June luncheon which was the 64th since the formation of the Holden Retirees' Club was an outstanding success.

There were 138 members present and apologies were received from 30 absent members.

Immediately on entering the dining room it was most noticeable the change in decor, previously tables were of the rectangular type and these had been replaced by round tables with linen table cloths, providing for the seating of 10 people per table – by the many comments received the change was most acceptable.

After the luncheon (which was excellent) our president, Bryan Fitzgibbon, opened the meeting by:-

- a) welcoming members,
- b) welcoming new members:-  
    Martin Kruger  
    Eugene Mori,
- c) advised that Geoff Brady of Geoff Brady Motors Pty. Ltd., requested a deferment of his proposed talk which he will be pleased to do at a future prearranged date,
- d) advised that the speakers for the day would be:-
  - 1) Ross M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie – Marketing Manager – Holden, who would talk on the GM Card.
  - 2) John Harvey, whom I am sure you all know, being a co-driver to Peter Brock,
- e) advised that details of current prices for new vehicles were available for any member interested,
- f) requested a minutes silence for all departed members, and

g) apologies were received from the following absent members:-

Bob Bloss	Linda Gordes	Len Martin
Ralph Bond	Forbes Gordon	Leo Pruneau
Don Bowyer	Lorraine Hope	Jack Rawnsley
Geoff Burton	Sam Horrobin	John Schinasi
Lorna and Ron Cheary	Ken Jacoby	Alf Scrimshaw
Keith Church	Ray Jenner	Dave Smith
Leo Curran	George Keel	Doris Springate
Vic Drew	Gerry Kelders	Muriel Stockdale
Gordon Eastwood	John M <sup>c</sup> Ilwain	Dick Warren
Gerry Gifford	Bob M <sup>c</sup> Intosh	

Since our last meeting it is with regret that I advise the passing of the following members:-

Noel Tempest      Aged 74 years, who was one of our original members and a Committeeman who, being a member of the Bentleigh Club, was instrumental in our changing to that venue when the Whitehorse Inn – Hawthorn – was unable to satisfactorily cater for our requirements due to the rapidly increasing number of members.

Charlie Barberis      Engineering Department, Fishermens Bend, Sergeant RAAF aged 75 years.

Marian Betters      Medical/First-aid, being an assistant to Dr. Bill Cooper for 20 years.

Leo Emmett      Material Control NASCO & HSPO Fishermens Bend & Dandenong respectively.

Lucio Gacomini      Plant Foreman – HEC.

Keith Grant      Supply Department, Fishermens Bend.

Tom Warburton      Quality Control, Fishermens Bend – Manager Quality Control, Frigidaire, Dandenong and later at Fishermens Bend. Aged 87 years. His association with GMH-Holden and the Holden Retirees' Club spanned 63 years.

Eric Woodard      Engineering Department, Fishermens Bend, aged 70 years.

To their families we extend our sincere sympathies in their sad loss.

A lot of you remember Jean Boland who operated the switchboard for many years at Fishermens Bend retiring after marrying Bill Davis from the plant.

Jean and Dorothy Nys, who also worked with Jean prior to her retirement, very rarely, if at all, missed a retirees' luncheon and it was noticeable that they were absent from the last one and not receiving an apology from either one I was wondering if everything was ok.

I was not kept wondering for long as that night Dorothy rang and advised that, on the way to the luncheon she always picked up Jean, phoning her when she was about to leave – on the day in question she phoned Jean in the usual way and not receiving a reply became concerned.

It was on reaching Jean's place and not receiving a reply to her frantic knocking, she rang the police, who immediately responded to her call and gained entrance by breaking the window, and there was Jean stretched out on the floor, unconscious, and with a cut and bleeding head.

They immediately called an ambulance, who advised that she had had a stroke and had difficulty in speaking and transported her to hospital.

She has since been transferred to "Bethaney" Senior Citizens Residence, (room 14) 440 Camberwell Road, Camberwell 3124, the phone number being 9889 0611.

When speaking to them today, 8th August, 1995, they advised that Jean is progressing favourably and spends much time in the lounge – she is still paralysed, but understands what you are saying.

She is allowed visitors and the visiting hours are 11am – 5pm.

I know you will all join me in wishing her all the best.

Dorothy Nys has temporarily departed these shores to visit Holland, and then on to the U.K. She plans to be back for the Xmas luncheon – best of luck Dorothy.

The talk given by Ross McKenzie was indeed most interesting and informative advising retirees that a 5% credit could be accrued by them on their GM Card and be used as an additional discount on the purchase of a new car, over and above what they had been offered by Holden's through their Holden dealer.

I have arranged to have attached to this newsletter a brochure giving full details of the advantages gained in amassing a credit discount.

John Harvey also gave a most interesting and informative talk of his experiences both in Australia and overseas.

To both Ross and John, Frank Pound extended out thanks and appreciation.

I recently received calls from Vic Drew and Keith Church who were wondering if they qualified to be included in the "Holden" Retirees' Roll of Honour.

Vic Drew started in City Road in June 1935, being the first office boy in the Parts Department, resigning from NASCO, Dandenong, in the late 1950's  
Keith Church started in City Road in 1933, resigning in 1967.

However, I pointed out to them that, to be eligible for inclusion in the "Roll of Honour" they had to work continuously from the time they commenced employment with the "General" until they retired and joined the Retirees' Club.

Incidentally, listed on the "Roll of Honour", attached to my newsletter No. 24, was Jack Wallis, this was a typographical error and was meant to be Jack Willis – I apologise for the error.

I recently received from Tony Sculpher of 3 Rymer Street, Meeanne, Napier, New Zealand, a letter in which he advises he is a member of the Early Holden Club, Auckland, and collects any Holden memorabilia, such as Sales Brochures – P & A Bulletins – Price Lists, Parts Manuals, Enamel Signs – Holden Accessories – in fact anything applicable to Holden.

I have replied to his letter advising that I will mention his request at the next meeting and that I will include it in this newsletter.

If you could assist him in any way, he would be most grateful.

I am sure that a lot of you know Bob Beveridge who spent his working life with NASCO at Fishermens Bend and Dandenong and HSPO Dandenong, achieving the position of Purchasing Manager.

Bob retired on the 07/07/1995 and assured me he will be at the September luncheon.

Jack Flynn and Don Bowyer have departed for Singapore and Thailand respectively as Purchasing Consultants for Worldwide Purchasing and Logistics for the Asian & Pacific Region, reporting back to Paul Miller of GM Corporation who is now located at Fishermens Bend

I was speaking to Ken Jacoby the other day and was surprised when he told me he had had trouble with his knees and had been advised by the specialist that, to overcome his problem he suggested it would be desirable for him to have two complete knee replacements.

Ken is a glutton for punishment and in accepting the specialist's advice arranged to have both replacements done at the same time.

I am pleased to say that, when speaking to Ken today, he advised he was progressing favourably and, on present indications, would be at the September luncheon – good on you Ken.

Our president, Bryan Fitzgibbon, recently had heart by-pass surgery resulting from his volunteering to the Baker Medical Research, and I am pleased to advise that such surgery was most successful and Bryan is now doing very well and will be presiding at the September luncheon.

Before his operation he became acquainted with Dr. C. Reid of the Baker Institute and Dr. Reid has agreed to give a talk on heart research at our September luncheon, which I know everyone will appreciate.

The Baker Medical Research Institute is one of Australia's foremost Cardiovascular Research Centres and, one of their major interests is the way in which the nervous system controls heart functions in the normal situation and, in the setting of heart disease and high blood pressure and I feel that possibly this is one subject on which Dr. Reid will talk.

I understand he will have an assistant and will use a projector.

That is all at the moment – looking forward to a good roll-up on 07/09/1995.

  
STAN HALLIDAY  
SECRETARY