



HOLDEN

RETIREES' CLUB

MAY 1996
NEWSLETTER No. 28

Dear Member,

Our March luncheon was the 67th since the formation of the Holden Retiree's Club and, whilst the attendance was down, it was most enjoyable and successful.

There were 119 members present and apologies were received from the following 40 members:-

Harry Beardmore	Norm Jacka	Alistair Pearse
Noel Bedford	Ray Jenner	George Read
Bob Beveridge	George Keel	Keith Ritchie
Ralph Bond	Ron Kidd	John Sawtell
George Burton	Martin Kruger	Bill Scott
Eric Clark	Jack Longlands	Stan Smith
Lorna & Ron Cheary	Jim M ^c Cance	Doris Springate
Fred Findlay	Bob M ^c Intosh	Murial Stephenson
Gerry Gifford	Wally M ^c Lean	Jack Sullivan
Jack Green	Lillian Mauridis	Ed Taylor
Ted Greetham	Geoff Newell	Gene Twining
Vi Hall	Guy Newton	Lene Watson
Lorraine Hope	Cliff Orchard	Tom Whitfield

New Member

Alan Hicks

After reading out the apologies and requesting new members to stand up our President, Bryan Fitzgibbon, requested a minutes silence in respect of all departed members.

Since our last meeting it is with regret that two other members have passed on:-

Keith Church	—	Late of Service Department, Fishermens' Bend
Leon Corfield	—	Late of NASCO and H.S.P.O. Sales Department

To their families we extend our sincere sympathies.

I wish to thank John Lee, ex Service Department, for writing me a note advising about Keith Church.

Bryan advised that our speaker for the day, as previously advised in my February newsletter, would be Senior Sergeant Danny Walsh, Secretary the Victorian Police Association, who was introduced by Bryan.

I am sure you all would have either read about him in the local daily newspapers or been fortunate enough to see him numerous times on TV, discussing many and varied topics, more or less the responsibility of his association.

I can assure everyone that his talk was very much appreciated by all and was listened to most attentively.

The main subject on which he spoke was related to drugs and he cited the case of a young girl, the parents of whom he was personally acquainted, and the girls involvement with drugs at an early age until her death — advising of her times in rehabilitation centres.

Whilst it was indeed a sad case it was one of many of a similar nature that is prevalent in our society.

He then invited questions from any members and, believe me, he certainly was inundated with many and varied questions, which were so clearly answered in full.

Our Vice President, Frank Pound, thanked him for the time he spent and the subject he discussed, mentioning that he felt sure the major topic was of paramount importance not only to retiree's but also the general public.

At this juncture we are hopeful of having as our speaker for the June meeting Bob Branson, Export Manager of Holden's

Bob has previously spoken at one of our meetings when he was with U.A.A.I. and his talk then was indeed most interesting and informative.

Recently received a letter from Jim Rutherford who is one of our members, retiring from H.S.P.O. Dandenong last year.

Jim, together with his wife Lorraine, who is also one of our members having worked in Frigidaire and H.S.P.O. prior to her retirement, have been spending a lot of their retirement enjoying their hobby of collecting sporting memorabilia and associated ephemera.

They were wandering around an old antique shop in Tyabb when they came across a huge original caricature of people involved in the production of the three millionth Holden in 1974.

Jim said it is quite an attractive caricature measuring some 5' x 4' and it is autographed by everyone who is featured; he sent me a small copy, too small to reproduce and clearly show the signatures.

The first thing Jim noticed was the signature of the one and only Fred Findlay, the Purchase Manager of NASCO prior to his eventual elevation to Purchase Manager of G.M.H. Fishermens' Bend.

His signature is shown in the top left hand corner of the photograph, which I have passed on to Fred — many thanks for kind thoughts Jim, hope to see you and Lorriane at one of our meetings in the near future.

In my newsletter No. 27 I inquired if anyone knew of the whereabouts of Ron Butler, late of the Drawing Office, and I am pleased to advise of the value of these newsletters in keeping up with past employees for I received several phone calls advising that Ron is still alive and kicking, his address and phone number being:-

15 River Crescent
Cypress Gardens
Queensland 4218
Phone: (075) 799 502

Read in the daily press of 09/05/1996 of the continued success of Holden's and feel sure that retirees would be equally pleased as myself to read of such success and, for this reason I am setting out details as shown in the press appreciating that some of our retiree's are not only residing interstate but also overseas.

Holden keeps up profits

By BRUCE McMAHON

CAR maker Holden yesterday announced a post-tax profit of \$260 million for 1995 and confirmed expenditure of \$1.4 billion to build its second car line in Australia.

Strong sales, growing market share plus the continuing success of the Commodore saw Holden sales top \$3 billion last year, up from \$2.7 billion in 1994.

It was Holden's seventh successive industry leading profit.

The healthy financial results have provided the base to start a new production line in Adelaide — part of a \$1.4 billion five year investment program — to build the Opel based Vectra model as an export carner.

The front-wheel drive Vectra production will create up to 700 jobs.

Initially, this line is expected to produce between 10,000 and 15,000 cars a year, rising to 30,000 as Holden becomes the Asian regional source for the medium-sized car.

Holden chairman Bill Hamel said it was essential his company generated strong profits to secure its place as a world player in the General Motors global network.

He said the 1995 profit was a gratifying achievement in view of the company's parlous position 10 years ago.

Herald-Sun
09/05/1996

I wish to thank Ken Gibb for passing on to me some memorabilia in the form of the registration in 1936 of the National Automotive Service Company as the Spare Parts arm of General Motors Holden's Ltd. A copy of such certificate being attached — thank you Ken.

A subject I overlooked mentioning in my February newsletter, was the result of the Retiree's Annual Golf Day at the Kew Golf Club in December 1995 and it is interesting to note that a new champion emerged, none other than Harry Rowe, who defeated the past champion of several years, Chris Breen.

Harry's victory was by one stroke after a count back — congratulations Harry.

Referring to the Holden Retiree's Club "Honour Roll" this has been updated to include the following members:-

OVER 60 YEARS

NAME	COMMENCED
Jim Williams	July 1933
Gordon M ^c Cann	February 1936
Howard Smith	June 1936
Len Martin	July 1936
Keith Nicholson	August 1936

Howard Smith pointed out that amongst our retiree's is one who does not qualify for inclusion in the 60 years and over group, but is one the rare people who had completed 50 years of service on his retirement and he refers to none other than Tom Godden, ex Finance Department, and we would like to honour him and look forward to his inclusion in the "Roll" in the near future.

The change of menu for our March luncheon was noticed by quite a few retiree's who expressed appreciation of such change.

Enclosed is a copy of our President's letter to Bill Hamel thanking him for his letter of March 26th, advising of reduced pricing for retiree's.

That is all at the moment — looking forward to a good roll-up on the 6th June, 1996.


STAN HALLIDAY
SECRETARY

Holden Retiree's Club

— Honour Roll —

*VICTORIAN MEMBERS WITH LONG SERVICE & DISTINGUISHED
ASSOCIATION WITH G.M.H.A. RETIREE'S CLUB*

OVER 65 YEARS

Bill Jobson	Commenced	November 1926*
Charlie Lennen	Commenced	November 1926*
Jack Willis	Commenced	November 1926
Bob McIntosh	Commenced	January 1927
Stan Suffren	Commenced	March 1928

OVER 60 YEARS

Tom Warburton	Commenced	October 1932*
Bob Bloss	Commenced	December 1932
Chris Stafford	Commenced	June 1933
Jim Williams	Commenced	July 1933
Jessie Hay (nee Pope)	Commenced	October 1933
Jack Kane	Commenced	November 1933
Harry Boylan	Commenced	January 1934
Dave Prain	Commenced	February 1934
Eric Clark	Commenced	April 1934
Les Sutherland	Commenced	June 1934
Ted Bensley	Commenced	July 1934
George Wallis	Commenced	August 1934
Max O'Brien	Commenced	September 1934
Stan Wiseman	Commenced	October 1934
Mervyn Giles	Commenced	March 1935
Wally Clarebrough	Commenced	April 1935
Eric Prout	Commenced	May 1935
Vi Hall (nee Davidson)	Commenced	May 1935
Jim Lindsay	Commenced	May 1935
Jack Rawnsley	Commenced	January 1936
Frank Shetliffe	Commenced	January 1936
Syd Holmes	Commenced	February 1936
Gordon McCann	Commenced	February 1936
Fred Findlay	Commenced	March 1936
Jack Murchie	Commenced	March 1936
Howard Smith	Commenced	June 1936
Len Martin	Commenced	July 1936
Keith Nicholson	Commenced	August 1936

* Deceased

The role will be updated next on September 30th. Would retiree's who commenced in 1936 and who wish to be included, please contact Howard Smith — (03) 9857 5751.

BUSINESS NAMES ACT 1928, Part 1, Section 15.

FORM K.

Certificate of Registrar-General of Registration of a
Corporation under the above Act.

I hereby Certify that the Corporation of _____

GENERAL MOTORS-HOLDENS LIMITED of Salmon Street, Port Melbourne,

was, on the 29th. day of October 19 36.

duly registered (No. 66151) pursuant to Part 1 of the *Business*

Names Act 1928, under the Business Name of:— _____

NATIONAL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE COMPANY

Given under my hand this Twenty-ninth day of October

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

Quinlan
Deputy Registrar-General.

NOTE.—This Certificate is to be kept exhibited in a conspicuous position at the place of business of the above-named corporation, and, if not kept so exhibited, the above-named corporation is liable to a penalty of not more than Twenty pounds (£20).



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RETIREES' CLUB

P/O Box 489.
Mulgrave Nth 3170.
29 March 1996.

Mr Wm Hamel.
Chairman and Managing Director
General Motors-Holdens Automotive Limited.

Dear Bill,

On behalf of the 500 plus members of the Holden Retirees Club I wish to express our appreciation for your correspondence of 26 March 1996 advising of significant savings as per the new enhancements to Holdens Employee Vehicle Purchase Plan.

Prior to our quarterly luncheons I visit Earl Peppin at the Vehicle Sales Centre to obtain current pricing and this info is made available on a confidential basis to those attending along with procedure to order vehicles. Also the benefits of the GM Card from Holden are stressed.

I was pleased to be able to advise the new pricing and procedure at our March meeting and this information was well received.

The revised pricing helps to make up lost ground against Paul Keatings last years budget sales tax increase and the new scheme will assist in keeping Holden No1.

I can assure you Bill, the support received from Holdens for Retirees is much appreciated and if members of Retirees Club can be of any assistance for any projects, dont hesitate to call.

We look forward to your being able to attend our Christmas luncheon on December 5 1996 if your appointments permit.

Kind Regards


Bryan Fitzgibbon

President.