



HOLDEN

RETIRES' CLUB

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Dear Member,

Our luncheon on the 5th March was the 75th since the formation of the Holden Retirees' Club and, to me, as I feel it was to all members, a memorable occasion being our return to the ever popular venue, the Bentleigh Club.

Many members thanked the committee for their success in negotiating the return and expressed their appreciation in arranging and committing with the Bentleigh Club for the continuation of all our future luncheons, through to the last Xmas luncheon of this century, after which we hope to be able to continue our commitment for a further extended period.

It was after lunch that our President, Frank Pound, spoke welcoming the 130 members including 5 new members and guest, Barclay Scott on holidays from Scotland who is a friend of one of our members, Jim Dobson – Barclay was kind enough to play light dinner music on the piano prior to the serving of lunch which was most appreciated – he has now returned to his home in Scotland.

The new members were:

Ron Davison
Ron Heath
Fred Jamison
Kevin Johnson
Rex Ludowyke

Frank then advised that he had received apologies from the following 34 members:

Basil Barrand	Jerry Gifford	George Saaty
Ted Bensley	George Hammond	John Schinasi
Bob Bloss	Sid Holmes	†Walter Scott
Ralph Bond	George Keel	Jim Spotswood
*Lorna Cheary	Martin Kruger	Jerry & Pam Sweeting
Lorraine Cornell	Len Martin	*Ed Taylor
Leo Curran	Jim McCance	George Taylor
Des Fay	Keith Nicholson	Eugene Twining
Fred Findlay	Cliff Orchard	Neil Westhorpe
Betty Flanagan-Sydney	Norma Oxley	John Willis
†Bryan & Phil Fitzgibbon	Leo Pruneau	

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- * On three week cruise on board the QE 2
- † Holidaying in Dubai
- ‡ Adelaide
- * Mornington Retirement Village – can't leave his German Shepherd dog alone

Obituaries:

David Bryan (aged 88 years).
 Nick Corda.
 Alan Johnson.
 Carmel Mulligan.
 Bon Wiseman.

Carmel Mulligan was one of the first, if not the first, female to join the Retirees' Club – I understand that she commenced with G.M. in City Road in July 1935 working for Tom Johnston, Manager of Customs & Traffic Department and then secretary to Wally Ruthven, Traffic Manager, then Jack Fidler, Director Supply Department.

Bon Wiseman was the wife of our foundation President, Stan Wiseman and, together with Norma Bensley, wife of our foundation Treasurer, Ted Bensley, showed great interest in the Retirees' Club and together they were responsible for the typing of the President's letters and the relevant envelopes.

To you Stan and to those left behind by the other retirees, we offer our sincere sympathies.

A minutes silence was observed for all deceased members.

Announcements:

Carmel Mulligan was added to the Holden Retirees' Honour Roll

Thanks were recorded to Holden's Public Affairs Department for arranging to supply to retiree members at the luncheon, Holden Heritage 50th Anniversary (1948 – 1998) booklet, together with Holden 50th Anniversary models posters.

Donations made in 1997 - 1998 to:

Baker Medical Research Institute	\$100.00
Anti Cancer Council of Australia	\$100.00

The Holden Retirees' Club is now is a registered donor to these organisations.

Our guest speaker for the day was Fred Jamison, one of our new members who recently retired from Holden's after 4½ years at Adam Opel in Russelsheim, Germany, as Holden Resident Engineering Liaison Manager on the new Holden VT program.

Fred worked for many years in Holden's Engineering Department prior to his selection to handle the VT program with Opel.

Fred gave an excellent talk on the coordination between Opel and Holden and how the worldwide strategies and technology were changing Holden's position in G.M.

Hugh Videion, our new Vice President, thanked Fred for his informative talk and members expressed their appreciation with a round of load applause.

I would like retirees to be appreciative of the work and time spent by Frank to ensure the success of the Club. Hugh Videion has been busy with approaching future speakers and has been successful in obtaining for our June luncheon Brian Jackson – the Product Planning Manager for Isuzu – General Motors (IGM).

Brian will speak about the program recently undertaken by IGM and GM-US to manufacture the right hand drive version of the Chevrolet Suburban 9 seater and 4 wheel drive wagon for Australian road conditions and vehicle legislation requirements, and I am sure that his talk will be appreciated by all.

When apologising for the absence of Lorna Cheary at our last luncheon, Frank advised this was due to Lorna sailing on a 3 week cruise on the QE 2 (lucky girl).

Lorna has now returned feeling very well and advises that she had a tremendous time, the sailing, the meals, the passengers and the entertainment were all superb, fulfilling all expectations.

Received an apology from Jack Joyce a NASCO retiree whose address is 14 Morven Street, Yarraville, and he advises he is losing his sight and finds it difficult to walk any distance – he is now 78 years of age and would appreciate receiving any phone calls from his old NASCO mates – his phone number is (03) 9314 7080.

Finishing on a sad note is to advise the passing of the following retirees:

Geoff McCausland
Linda Gordes (Linda Moncrieff) 89 years of age
Tony Allen
Alan Johnson

Geoff McCausland: passed away at 2:30am on the day of our luncheon, his wife rang and advised it was one of his last requests that she advise his mates in the Retirees' Club of his passing.

Linda Gordes: Linda very rarely missed a Retirees' luncheon, was secretary to Arthur Wigan and then Jack Fidler until her retirement.

Tony Allen: started in the NASCO warehouse at Fishermen's Bend, was transferred to Materials in NASCO and with the introduction of computers in NASCO, became the Liaison Officer between RAMAC, IBM and NASCO.

Alan Johnson: Alan passed away early on the morning of our March luncheon – he set up the Apprentice Training Area in the Plant 6 Tool Room prior to its transfer to its present location in the old Disco Factory in Williamstown Road.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

During the luncheon meeting, a surprise presentation was made to three of our long serving members of the foundation group of our club, namely,

Stan Halliday	Secretary (since 1977)
Stan Wiseman	First President
Ted Bensley	First Treasurer

Certificates of appreciation for the many years of meritorious service to the Retirees' Club were given to Stan Halliday and Stan Wiseman at the luncheon.

The certificates were fully framed in nice timbers to enhance their appearance.

Unfortunately, Ted Bensley was unable to attend and Stan Wiseman undertook to give Ted his certificate.

The work done by these three people in setting up the Retirees' Club in 1977 and to keep it very active over 20 years is greatly appreciated by all members.

The two Stan's thanked the Club for the awards. A thank you also to Hugh Videion for organising the certificates for presentation.

That is all at the moment, anticipating a good roll-up on the 4th June – don't forget the venue is the Bentleigh Club – Yawla Street, Bentleigh.



Stan Halliday
SECRETARY