



RETIREES' CLUB

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The Holden Retirees' Club Christmas luncheon/50th Holden Anniversary was held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, 3rd December, 1998 which was the 78th since the inception of the Retirees' Club.

Our luncheon was a special event with considerable assistance from Holden Limited to celebrate the achievement of 50 years of Holden production since 29th November, 1948.

The luncheon was attended by 268 people – a record - and this included our guest speaker, Peter Thomas – Executive Director of Holden's Planning and External Affairs and several other guests who kindly brought their personal Holden cars or Holden's specific models for display in the club garden, to whom we extend our thanks.

Guests

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| Alison Silke | Holden Limited – Holden VT Calais 50 th Anniversary – Sedan. |
| Jane Marshall | Holden Limited – Holden HQ Premier 25 th Anniversary Sedan. |
| Ann Turner | Early Model Holden Club of Victoria – personal Holden 48/215 Sedan (from Ballarat). |
| Kris Aquilina | Holden Limited – personal Holden EK Special Sedan. |
| Graeme Neander | Contract photographer. |

Overseas Visitor

A special welcome to Gilbert Baxter from Santa Rosa, California, USA, introduced by member Bill Varrenti, a relative of Gilbert's.

Before lunch, members were invited to inspect the display of various Holden models from 1948 to 1998 and this proved to be very popular, with long time retirees reminiscing about their years with Holden.

Our special Christmas luncheon was served at 1:00pm. The main course consisting of turkey, ham and roast vegetables followed by dessert of Christmas pudding and brandy sauce and after dinner mints with tea and coffee. To my mind, it was the most successful luncheon that we have had and a lot of the success must go to our president Frank Pound.

Frank welcomed all members, visitors, new members and guests and thanked Holden's and Holden owners for providing the great display of Holden cars.

New Members

Graeme Barton
 Alan Bayley
 Gordon Hill
 Colin Lewis
 John Vellutti

He then announced a long list of apologies received from members unable to attend; if all had been available we could not have accommodated everyone at The Bentleigh Club.

Ivor Arrigoni	Daryl Hornsby	Lyle Reeves
John Bagshaw	Dan Kelly	Ian Robertson
Frank Bartosy	Jack Langlands - Corpus	Harry Rowe
Harry Beardmore	Christi Hospital	John Schinasi
Ted Bensley	Vic Lowe	Walter Scott - Adelaide
Ian Berry	Jack Malone	Edgar Spencer
Ron Butler	Bill Maplesden	Ray Stemmer
John Cauchi	Ern Marsden	John Tabone
Jack Cox	John Marshall	Joan Thiele
Leo Curran	Bill Matchett	Ron & Pat Warne
Geoff Dennis	Jim McCance - Gold	Dick Warren
Jean Dodd	Coast	Gordon Warren
Fred Findlay	Maurie McFarlane	Ian Watson - Adelaide
Jack Flynn	John McIlwain	John Willis - Port
Brian Frayne	Geoff Newell	Macquarrie
Les Goding	Cliff Orchard	Les Winn
Pat Howard	Brenda Phillips	

Obituaries

Don Bowyer	Engine Operations Quality Assurance, Fishermen's Bend
Dick Davis	Frigidaire, Hendon, UK. Frigidaire Model Shop, Dandenong
Henry (Joe) Hoy	Area Superintendent Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend
Ted Walmsley	Experimental Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend.

Members observed one-minute silence in respect for all deceased members.

There have been further obituaries since the 3rd of December 1998.

Oswald (Ossie) Long	Production & Vehicle Assembly, Dandenong.
Eric (Nigger) Shaw	NASCO Finance, Dandenong.

Olivene Strang Frigidaire & NASCO, Dandenong.

Harry Beardmore Data Processing, Dandenong & Fishermen's Bend.

Frank advised of an apology from Jim Wiemels, Vice President of General Motors and Chairman and Managing Director of Holden Limited and introduced Peter Thomas as our guest speaker.

Peter gave an excellent overview of the Holden highlights for 1998 including Holden's VT continuing success and left-hand drive export models to the Middle East and Brazil, production of the Holden Vectra sedan and wagon models in right and left-hand drive, the great reenactment of the Holden 48/215 sedan on the 29th November 1998 and the "show stopping" Holden Coupe displayed at the Sydney Motor Show in October 1998.

Hugh Videion, our vice president, thanked Peter for his informative address and asked members to express their appreciation with a round of applause.

Hugh then invited members to proceed to the Holden cars display after our lunch for group photographs to be taken.

The president closed our function by thanking The Bentleigh Club for an excellent Christmas lunch, read a letter from Walter Scott, Adelaide (copy attached), and advised members that copies of the "Holden Heritage 50th Anniversary" book were available for collection, courtesy of Holden.

He then wished all members and families a Happy and Safe Christmas and All the Best for 1999.

I have had passed on to me by one of our members, Bill Fitzgerald, a copy of an article appearing in the Mordialloc-Chelsea News (04/01/99) relating to another one of our members, Dimitri Arvanitakis, concerning the International Year of Older People (1999) – Dimitri was among several people invited by the Federal Government to discuss ways to help elderly citizens during 1999.

The item appeared as follows.

Don't forget skills of aged

"ELDERLY people have a lot to offer society, government and advisory group representatives heard recently.

Bayside resident Dimitri Arvanitakis was among several people invited by the Federal Government to discuss ways to help elderly citizens during 1999, the International Year of Older Persons.

During the Canberra meeting, one of many held throughout the country, Mr. Arvanitakis asked that elderly people be given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills.

"In my view, when people get older it seems to me they are put away and forgotten about," Mr. Arvanitakis said.

"These people have in their lives acquired skills, which could be used in their latter lives and this could be utilised by the government and the community."

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Mr. Arvanitakis also suggested the public be educated about the emotional and physical difficulties elderly people faced. He said some found it hard to cope with retirement as, having worked all their lives, they suddenly felt isolated.

Mr. Arvanitakis said some elderly people may need special care.

"There are difficulties in life as you get older," he said. "Some older people have to do gentle exercise or take medication."

Mr. Arvanitakis said it was now up to the government to improve relations between the elderly and the rest of the community. He said everyone who attended the meeting provided expertise and ideas on how this could be done."

Congratulations Dimitri, I trust the efforts you put into this project are well rewarded.

A change in the date of the Retirees' Annual Golf Day was suggested for the following reasons:-

G. M-H. RETIREES' ANNUAL GOLF DAY

It was decided to defer our Annual Golf Day until March 12th, 1999. About a week after our March 4th luncheon.

We came to this decision for the following reasons:-

1. The Kew Golf Club was in the throes of rebuilding the 9th green and this will be well and truly completed by March.
2. The day we usually play clashed with "The President's Cup" and most of our golfing addicts would have wanted to be glued to their TV sets for tips on how to play the game.
3. Any later date, such as the 3rd week in December would have been inconvenient being so close to Christmas.

On reflection it is quite possible that a March date could be considered by many of our players to be more acceptable for future Golf Days so it would be appreciated if those concerned could let Howard Smith on 9891 3311 know their opinions of an autumn date for future Golf Days.

We have just been advised that Lorna Cheary, who has been cruising on the "QE II", had a fall in Honolulu and had to have a hip operation. Lorna has almost completed her hospital stay and will soon be returning to Melbourne.

We wish Lorna a good recovery and hope to see her at future luncheons.

Our next luncheon at The Bentleigh Club will be on Thursday March 4th, 1999 at 12:00 noon and we have been given to understand that our guest speaker will be from Transurban, the construction group building the City Link System.

Looking forward to a good roll-up.

STAN HALLIDAY
SECRETARY

Holden Retirees' Club

- Honour Roll -

VICTORIAN MEMBERS WITH LONG SERVICE & DISTINGUISHED
ASSOCIATION WITH G.M.H.A. AND THE RETIREES' CLUB

OVER 70 YEARS

Jack Willis	Commenced	November 1926
Jack Burgan	Commenced Birkenhead	March 1927
Stan Suffren	Commenced	March 1928

OVER 65 YEARS

Bill Jobson	Commenced	November 1926*
Charlie Lennen	Commenced	November 1926*
Bob McIntosh	Commenced	January 1927*
Bob Bloss	Commenced	December 1932
Sid Warburton	Commenced	May 1933
Chris Stafford	Commenced	June 1933
Jack Kane	Commenced	November 1933
Eric Clark	Commenced	April 1934

OVER 60 YEARS

Jim Williams	Commenced	July 1933*
Jessie Hay (nee Pope)	Commenced	October 1933*
Tom Warburton	Commenced	October 1932*
Harry Boylan	Commenced	January 1934
Dave Prain	Commenced	February 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
Carmel Mulligan	Commenced	July 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

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- Honour Roll -

OVER 60 YEARS (*cont.*)

Len Martin	Commenced	July 1936
Keith Nicholson	Commenced	August 1936
Dan Kelly	Commenced	September 1936
Lorna Cheary (nee Mitchell)	Commenced	January 1937
Bruno Volpi	Commenced	March 1937
Graham Miller	Commenced	May 1937
Bill Maplesden	Commenced	June 1937
Bill McMahan	Commenced	July 1937
Jack Bourne	Commenced	August 1937
Basil Barrand	Commenced	January 1938
Jim McCance	Commenced	November 1938
* Deceased		

Attachment

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19th November 98

Mr. Frank Pound
President
Holden Retirees' Club

Dear Frank,

Could you please tender my apologies for not being able to attend the December luncheon.

You will be please to hear that the Woodville Tool Room 25 year dinner held at the Riverside Golf Club on 23rd October attracted a record crowd of over 220. The food and service was excellent.

President, Peter Lancaster, passed on your best wishes to the gathering together with those of Doug Cleary, Bruce Black and Don Wylie. The latter three being ex-south Aussies.

Frank, you may also like to know that a small group of ex-Acacia Ridge people had a reunion dinner on the 13th November in Brisbane. Amongst those attending were John Cameron, Bob Harland, Alf Filia, Jack Stubbs (complete with grey beard) and Bob Waller. They intend to increase the attendance and have two dinners each year.

My best wishes to all of your members for a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Kind regards,

Walter Scott in Adelaide