



HOLDEN

RETIRES' CLUB

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Oh! What a beautiful morning,
Oh! What a wonderful day.

These are the opening lyrics, sung by Joel McCrae, in the musical 'Oklahoma' and when I heard them recently I thought, how appropriately they described the day of the 04/03/1999, the day of the Holden Retirees' 79th Luncheon since its inception.

Who do we thank for such good fortune?

It was a shame that only 122 retirees attended which, however, was a slight increase on March 1998 and it is hoped that the June 1999 attendance will be an improvement on our June 1998 attendance which was 127.

Prior to the luncheon, many members tilted their chairs to reserve their seats at tables and this is an action that we would appreciate being discontinued – 2 women were upset and, rightly so, having the misfortune to knock their legs on upturned chairs, ruining their hosiery and, in a few instances, it was noted that retirees, after having tilted their chairs wandered off and joined mates at another table.

It is because of these instances, it would be appreciated if such actions were discontinued – thank you.

After lunch our president, Frank Pound, welcomed all members, our visitor, new members, guest speaker and advised of an obituary.

The new members were:

Vincent Bastianon
Graham Braybrook
Tyler Halstead
John Hulley
Tim Kondos
Una Marcus (well known by many retirees)
Charles Miller
Alf Smith
John Woods

Visitor

Harold Ingamells – retiree from north central Victoria.

Guest Speaker

Ms Deidre Fleming from Transurban, City Link.

Obituaries

Bill Kaaden Finance Department, Fishermen's Bend

I have since received a bereavement acknowledgement card from Bill's wife, Mrs Mary Kaaden, in which she requested me to pass on her appreciation to those retirees who attended the church service.

Unfortunately, there have been two further deaths since our March Luncheon.

Austin Preuss who was Personnel Manager, G.M.H. Dandenong, prior to his retirement – he passed away recently in Sedona, Arizona, USA

Bert Arney Finance Department, Fishermen's Bend and Dandenong.

A minute's silence was observed for all deceased members.

Apologies

Frank then advised having received apologies from the following 35 absent members:

Wally Ames	Jack Gow	Eric Prout
Basil Barrand – Bribie Island	Don Grant	Jack Rawnsley
Bruce Black	Kevin Heys	Ian Robinson
Arthur Bollard	Syd Holmes	George Saati
Sam Bunnici	John Lee	Harold Stevens
Jack Bourne	John Lewis	Dave Smith
Keith Chapman	Jim Lindsay	Ray Stodden
Lorna Cheary	Bill Matchett	Bruno Volpi
Cath Davies	Jim McCance – Gold Coast	John Willis – Port Macquarie
Frank Fairley	Colin McLean	Ern Wood
Betty Flanagan	Geoff Newell	Bob Wright
Jerry Gifford	Cliff Orchard	

Frank then introduced our speaker for the day. Ms Deidre Fleming, Community Relations Manager for Transurban City Link.

Deidre gave an excellent talk on the City Link project and how the option will apply for payment of the tolls when the Tullamarine link opens in May 1999, followed by the south eastern section in August 1999.

There were many questions from members that were all very clearly answered by Deidre.

For knowledge of Deidre's experience, a copy of her resume is attached.

The president presented a 'Holden' pen to Deidre in appreciation of her talk and our vice president, Hugh Videion, thanked her on behalf of all members who confirmed their appreciation with an outstanding round of applause.

It was after this that Frank announced that:

- A. Holden Frontera brochures were available – courtesy of Isuzu – General Motors.
- B. Holden 50 years (1945 – 1998) calendars were available to members – courtesy of Holden Ltd.
- C. When paying for their luncheon and receiving the relevant docket, the duplicate was used in a raffle for two tickets to the Motor Show. The winner of these tickets was Doug Davis.

The annual Golf Day at the Kew Golf Club on the 12/03/1999 as announced in my last newsletter, was won by Ed Orme who received the relevant shield and also golf balls courtesy of Fred Findlay – it was such a success that it was suggested that it be made an quarterly instead of an annual affair. Would those interested, please advise Howard Smith who will be at the June luncheon.

- D. A donation of \$100 is sent annually to each of the following organisations:
 - 1. The Baker Medical Research Institute, affiliated with Monash University & Alfred Group of Hospitals.
 - 2. Anti-cancer Council.

Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, 3rd June 1999 and our guest speaker will be Tony Hyde, Director of Engineering and Design, Holden Limited. Tony will speak on the development of the all-new WH series Statesman sedan for Australia and right and left hand drive versions for export to overseas countries.

Looking forward to a good roll-up in June.


STAN HALLIDAY
SECRETARY

Deidre Fleming

Community Relations Manager for Transurban City Link

Background

Based in Sydney, Deidre began her career in the finance industry as an advisor to major corporations in the technical and investment aspects of superannuation.

Deidre then took a major change in career direction and moved into the media, working initially in radio and then later in the print media and television.

Moving to Melbourne, Deidre worked in various consulting roles in communications and corporate relations. With the National Mutual Group, Deidre held the position of Communications Manager and more recently worked for the first privatized electricity distribution company – United Energy – as their Media Services Manager and then their Corporate Relations Manager.

At the start of 1999, Deidre joined Transurban to take up her current role as Community Relations Manager.

Deidre's hobbies and interests include:

- Entertaining
- Sailing
- Kayaking
- Motorcycles.

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- Honour Roll -

VICTORIAN MEMBERS WITH LONG SERVICE & DISTINGUISHED
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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
Harry Boylan	Commenced	January 1934
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*
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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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
Doris Springate	Commenced	February 1939
Les Colchin	Commenced	March 1939
* Deceased		
