



RETIREES' CLUB

NOVEMBER 2000
NEWSLETTER No. 45

Dear Member,

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



The Christmas Luncheon will again be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, December 7th, 2000, commencing at 12:00 noon.

The menu will consist of roast turkey and ham, followed by Christmas pudding.

Lunch will be priced at \$22.00 per person (including GST), please pay at the door of the function room.

It will not be necessary to book for lunch.

The President's Message

In September this year, Frank Pound retired as President of the Holden Retirees' Club, having served as President for four years.

Frank has performed the role of President to an exceptional degree, conducting the luncheons in his own inimitable style with wonderful good humour and flair for good stories. He has always listened to suggestions from Club members and introduced many innovations and improvements to the management of the Retirees' Club and luncheon meetings.

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At Frank's request, I stepped into the role of President at the luncheon meeting in September of this year. I am very honoured to have been offered this position and I seek your continued support and encouragement while I remain as your President.

Ian Samuel, whom most of you know very well, is our Vice-President. I would like to thank him for taking on this role, which involves assisting me in the management of the Retirees' Club with the principal responsibility of arranging for guest speakers at our luncheons.

Together with our long serving Treasurer, Doug Cleary, our hard working Secretary, Leo Mahoney and Frank Pound as immediate Past-President, your Committee is at full strength. We are dedicated to continuing to make your membership of the Holden Retirees' Club an enjoyable and stimulating experience.

The Club continues to grow by attracting both recent and not so recent retirees from the Holden group of companies. I would like to extend to all our new members a very warm welcome and wish each of them many years of enjoyable membership in the Club.

On behalf of all members on the Holden Retirees' Club, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Holden management for their continued and very generous support of the Club. It is very pleasing to frequently have Directors attend our luncheons and provide stimulating presentations as guest speakers. It is also a pleasure to welcome them as members of the Club when they themselves retire!

Together with my fellow Committee members, I would very much like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and an enjoyable and safe New Year.

We look forward to your continued support and participation in the activities of the Club in 2001.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Videion
PRESIDENT

Important inclusions with this Newsletter

1. Annual subscriptions for the year 2001 are now due and payable. Please complete the enclosed form and bring it with you to our December 7th luncheon or mail it to Doug Cleary as indicated.
2. Two (2) Holden Retirees' Club cards with dates for our 2001 luncheons and contact phone numbers for the Club President and Secretary.

Report on our 85th Luncheon – September 7th, 2000

Our meeting was attended by 140 members and guests and after an excellent luncheon, President, Frank Pound welcomed our guests, introduced 12 new members with apologies from 36. Details follow.

Our Guests were:

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| John Elsworth | – | Guest speaker, Marketing Manager – Large Cars |
| Tom Twelfree | – | Marketing Team – Large Cars |

New Members:

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| Eric Armstrong | – | Personnel, Fishermen's Bend |
| Dorothy Godley | – | Planning and External Affairs, Fishermen's Bend |
| Keith Gregory | – | Engineering, Fishermen's Bend |
| Erne Ivanyi | – | Engineering, Fishermen's Bend |
| Barry Johnson | – | P.O.A.D. Elizabeth |
| Herman Lange | – | Purchasing, Fishermen's Bend |
| Leigh Maguire | – | Engineering, Fishermen's Bend |
| Jim Penaluna | – | Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend |
| Albert Saliba | – | Purchasing, Dandenong |
| Doug Sterling | – | CKD Receiving, Dandenong |
| Peter Thomas | – | Planning and External Affairs, Fishermen's Bend |
| Colin Wytkin | – | Forward Model Costings, Fishermen's Bend |

36 Apologies were received from:

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| Wally Ames | Jim McCance |
| Basil Barrand (Queensland) | Colin McLean |
| Vin Bastianon | Keith Nicholson |
| George Beveridge | Cliff Orchard |
| Arthur Bollard | Paul Pollak |
| Ron Boyak | Jack Rawnsley |
| Doug Cleary | George Reid |
| Leo Curran | Cyril Rosler |
| Fred Findlay | George Saaty |
| Stan Halliday | Walter Scott (Adelaide) |
| George Hammond | Doris Springate |
| Lance Harvey | Harold Stevens |
| Karl Henkel | Ray Stodden |
| Syd Holmes | Ed Taylor (Queensland) |
| Daryl Hornsby | Eugene Twining |
| George Keel | Trevor Vanderzeil |
| Jim Lamour | John Ward |
| Alex Ludowyke | Neil Westmore |

Obituaries

The President then announced the deceased members since our June meeting.

Clem Grainger (July 2000)	–	Maintenance, Plant 1, Fishermen's Bend
Patricia Guthrie (December 1999)	–	Finance, Fishermen's Bend
Max Knowles (August 2000)	–	Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend
Ken Sidney (August 2000)	–	Quality Control, Dandenong
Carl Van Dem Boogaard (August 2000)	–	Quality Services, Fishermen's Bend
John Vecchio (July 1999)	–	Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend
Len Wagener (August 2000)	–	South Australia, Dandenong & Personnel, Fishermen's Bend

The customary one-minute's silence was observed for these and all deceased members

Special Note

In our August Newsletter we inadvertently recorded the death of Ross Borden. We apologise for this misinformation. Ross if fit and well!

Since our September meeting we have been advised of the deaths of the following members:

Georg Baass (05/10/2000 – Perth)	–	Frigidaire, Dandenong
Peter Baxter (September 2000)	–	Frigidaire and NASCO, Dandenong
Robert Beasley (20/09/2000)	–	Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Ian Curtis (January 2000)	–	Finance, Fishermen's Bend
Peter Haas (11/09/2000)	–	Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
George Mynott (30/09/2000)	–	Frigidaire, Dandenong
Paul Pollak (15/10/2000)	–	Engineering, Fishermen's Bend

Tribute – Courtesy Stan Halliday

Peter Baxter	–	Long time employee with Frigidaire and NASCO. To his wife Jeanie and those he left behind we pass on our deepest sympathies.
George Mynott	–	Another employee of the Production Department of Frigidaire. To the family he left, we and his many friends pass on our deepest sympathies.

Special Announcement

Frank Pound announced that after 4 years in the chair he was standing down as President and he introduced Hugh Videion as the incoming President, who, in turn introduced Ian Samuel as the new Vice- President.

Guest Speaker

Hugh Videion then introduced John Elsworth, Marketing Manager, Large Cars who elaborated on the successful launch of the new VX and the upcoming release of the VU Utility. John was ably assisted by Tom Twelfree from the Large Car Marketing Team.

Ian Samuel thanked John for his enthusiastic presentation and this was endorsed with generous acclamation from the members. A brief biography of John is attached.

Of Special Interest

On the retirement of Stan Halliday as Secretary, a presentation was made to him of a "Holden" wristwatch engraved:-

"Holden Retirees' Club
Stan Halliday
1977 – 2000"

We have received the following response from Stan:-

"Dear Leo,

I wish to thank your current and past Presidents, Hugh Videion and Frank Pound together with 'Holden' the honorary member of the Club, for the gift of an engraved wristwatch I received expressing appreciation of my past years as Secretary of the Club.

I can assure all concerned that my tenure as Secretary and seeing the membership increasing up to 660 (at the time of my retirement) gave me great satisfaction and pleasure and also gave me the opportunity to continue contact with all the friends I made, during my working life with the General.

I trust that the continuance of the Club will give future members retiring the same pleasure.

Thanks again

Stan Halliday"

Next Luncheon

As mentioned at the beginning of this Newsletter the next meeting will be our Christmas luncheon at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday December 7th, 2000.

We are privileged to have again as our guest speaker, the current Holden Managing Director and Chairman, Peter Hanenberger.

We look forward to your attendance.



Leo Mahoney
SECRETARY
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PS. Enclosed with this mail out is information about Don Loffler's new book "Still Holden Together."

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
Harry Boylan	Commenced	January 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
Jack Heenan	Commenced	September 1935

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*
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

Holden Retirees' Club

– 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
Doris Springate	Commenced	February 1939
Les Colechin	Commenced	March 1939
Fred James	Commenced	March 1939
Doug Hall	Commenced	August 1939
Arthur Ling	Commenced	August 1939
Tom Godden	Commenced	January 1940
Bob Wright	Commenced	July 1940*
Doug Davis	Commenced	September 1940
Peter Williams	Commenced	December 1940

* Deceased

JOHN ELSWORTH

MARKETING MANAGER – LARGE CARS

HOLDEN LTD

John Elsworth currently holds the position of Marketing Manager – Large Cars in Holden's Sales & Marketing Department at Fishermen's Bend, Victoria. In this role, John is responsible for managing all facets of Holden's strategic and tactical Marketing plans relating to Commodore, Statesman, Coupe and Utility models.

John joined Holden's Sales & Marketing Department as a graduate in 1990 and has held a number of positions in Sales (Market Analysis, Distribution and Sales District Management in Queensland and Victoria) and in Marketing (Sales Promotions, Product Planning and Product Management).

John graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1989 with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and also completed a Masters of Marketing at the University of Melbourne in 1997.

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RETIREES' CLUB

HOLDEN RETIREES' CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2001

Annual subscriptions of \$2.00 are now due and payable from 7th December 2000. Please complete this form with your \$2.00 attached and return to our treasurer:

Mr. D. J. Cleary
6/285 Barkers Road
KEW VIC 3101
Tel: (03) 9818 3485

- a) Please mail to Doug Cleary at the above address if you will not be attending our Christmas lunch on 7th December 2000, or
- b) return the form with \$2.00 to Doug Cleary at the December 7th luncheon.

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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Given Names:

Surname or Family Name:

Preferred given Name:

Your Postal Address

Street number and name:

Suburb or Town:

State: Postcode:

Telephone: Mobile:

Signature: Date:

Name of the last Holden's department you were working in prior to retirement:

Department: Location:

Dear Member,

'Still Holden Together?' Well, some of the original model Holdens are still holding together very well indeed.

The above quote comes from Don Loffler's new book, ***Still Holden Together: Stories of the first Holden model***, due for release in December, 2000.

You will no doubt remember Don Loffler's first book, ***She's a Beauty: The Story of the first Holdens***. This book was a huge success, selling 20,000 copies.

Don Loffler has requested that we make copies of his new book, ***Still Holden Together***, available at a wholesale price to all Holden clubs, for orders of 10 copies or more.

Still Holden Together retails at \$39.95 GST inc. When ordering 10 copies or more you will receive them at 40% discount off the RRP (\$23.97 per copy).

She's a Beauty is now retailing at \$19.95 GST inc. and is also available at 40% off for orders of 10 copies or more (\$11.97 per copy).

If any of the members are interested in purchasing a copy of either of these books, then please complete the form below and mail to me as indicated.

Assuming that more than 10 members are interested (and I'm sure there will be) we can then order at the bulk price.

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ORDER FORM

I would like to order copies of ***Still Holden Together*** @
\$23.97 per copy = \$

I would like to order copies of ***She's a Beauty*** @
\$11.97 per copy = \$

Enclosed is my Cheque/Money Order (made out to Holden Retirees' Club)
Total \$

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Phone No.

Signature:

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