



RETIRES' CLUB

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Dear Member,

Happy New Year, New Decade and New Millennium! We hope it is a great year for you and all of your families.

Report on our 86th Luncheon – December 7th, 2000.

What a great Christmas luncheon with what must be a record attendance of 286 (give or take a few), with again what must surely be a record 49 apologies. Our President, Hugh Videion, welcomed

members and guests following the usual high standard Bentleigh Club special Christmas Luncheon.

Special Note:

Ray Smith (G.M.H. 1934 – 1978) is handicapped with osteoporosis. He would like to hear from any of his G.M.H. colleagues at his home address; 16/29 Delphin Drive, West Lakes, South Australia 5021. Telephone (08) 8449 1499.

Guests

Peter Hanenberger
Murat Koukmaz
Dean Nicklasen
Michaela Bingham
Joanne Smith

- Managing Director and Guest Speaker
- Managing Director's Driver
- Holden Project Engineer – Hybrid Car
- Public Affairs
- Public Affairs

New Members

Amelia Bates
Bobby Burgess
Peter Cox
Ingrid Dollinger
Doug Johnstone
Davis Lewis
Peter Lord
Lyle Mansfield
Malcolm Preston
Ray Smith
Alan Stannard

- CKD Materials - Dandenong
- Manufacturing - Dandenong
- Finance - Elizabeth
- Plant & Equipment - Dandenong
- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
- Manufacturing - Fishermen's Bend
- Printing/Stationery - Dandenong
- Materials - Fishermen's Bend
- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
- Finance - Woodville
- Engineering/Sales - Dandenong

49 Apologies were received from:

Frank Bartosy
Ian Berry
Bob Bloss

Ken Bond
Stan Chesterfield
Doug Cleary

Peter Cox	Len Martin
Leo Curran	Graham Miller
Bill Cummings (Albury)	Keith Nicholson
Ida Dwyer	Cliff Orchard
Neville Edwards	Eddie Orme
Boyd Fankhauser	Charles Paterson
Max Fuller	Alistair Pearse
Peter Green	John Perkins
Keith Gregory (Queensland)	Brenda Phillips
Ted Greetham	Jack Rawnsley
Stan Halliday	Lyle Reeves
Mick Hannan	Wally Scott (Adelaide)
Adrian Hobson	Noel Simpson
Sid Holmes	Ray Smith (Adelaide)
Sam Horrobin	Harold Stevens
Patricia Howard	Ian Startup (Sydney)
Ken Jacoby	Les Sutherland
George Keel	Ed Taylor (Queensland)
Margaret Kish	Ian Watson (Adelaide)
Jim McCance	Lene Watson
Bill McWilliam	Irene Worley
Kevin Marmion	

Obituaries

Our President then announced the deceased members since our September meeting including those listed in our November newsletter and also the following whose deaths have been advised since the newsletter.

Sam Bonnici (1999)	-	Manufacturing - Fishermen's Bend
Des Noone (November 2000)	-	Inspection - Fishermen's Bend
Trevor Vanderzeil (December 2000)	-	Engineering - Fishermen's Bend

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

Since our December luncheon we have been advised of the deaths of the following members:

Jack Burgan (December 2000 Qld)	-	Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Bruno Volpi (December 2000)	-	NASCO Fishermen's Bend and Dandenong

Guest Speaker

Introduced by our President, Hugh Videion, Managing Director and Chairman. Peter Hanenberger's address was the highlight of the luncheon. Peter covered Holden's heavy involvement in the recent Olympics and also the Sydney

Motor Show where the VU Ute and the Sandman were real 'hits'.

Peter emphasised the importance of expanding the export market, particularly in the light of ongoing tariff reductions. He quoted a most interesting statistic.

In 1993 imported vehicles were 35% of sales, in 1999 the figure had risen to 58%.

Vice-President, Ian Samuel proposed a vote of thanks to Peter which was generously endorsed by the members.

Special Interest

On display in the gardens of The Bentleigh Club were the VU Ute and also the hybrid electric/fuel Eco vehicle. We thank Dean Nicklasen for fielding all the questions on the hybrid.

Membership Subscriptions

Many membership renewals were received at the luncheon and also through the mail for those unable to attend. For those who have not paid their \$2.00 membership we would appreciate you finalising this matter by mailing to our Treasurer.

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General

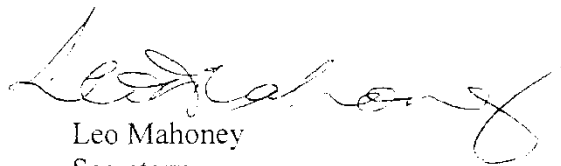
If any member has any item of interest that he or she thinks may be of interest to the general membership then please do not hesitate to contact me and we will hopefully include it in a future newsletter.

Next Luncheon

The next luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, March 1st commencing at 12:00 noon. Cost \$16.50 per head.

Our guest speaker will be John Crennan, Managing Director Holden Special Vehicles (HSV) and also Director of TWR Australia.

See you there!



Leo Mahoney
Secretary
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