



RETIRES' CLUB

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We open this newsletter on sad note to let you know that *Stanley Bruce Halliday* died on June 18th, 2001.

Stan was well known through the length and breadth of the Holden family and if you did not know him personally during his 35 years with "The General" (as he liked to refer to Holden) then you certainly knew him through this newsletter which he edited during the 22 years he was the first and only Secretary of the Retirees' Club.

In the latter months of his life he was most appreciative of the many visits of colleagues when he was in the Kingston Centre at Cheltenham and later at the Bayview Nursing Home in Sandringham. I am sure that he would have been equally thrilled with the number of Holden colleagues who attended his funeral service on June 21st.

Our condolences to his son Wayne.

Stan was in his 89th year.

Other deaths since our May 31st luncheon are as follows:

Carl Henkel (June 2001)	-	Production Control - Fishermen's Bend
Len Mincham (May 2001)	-	P & A Perth
Ben Wilson (May 2001)	-	Manufacturing - Fishermen's Bend

Report on our 88th luncheon – May 31st, 2001

Our President, Hugh Videion, welcomed our guests and particularly our guest speaker, John Crennan, Managing Director, Holden Special Vehicles. He also welcomed 149 new and current members, which was a record attendance for a non-Christmas luncheon. There were 45 apologies.

Guests

John Crennan	-	Guest Speaker
John Stanley	-	Editor - "Accelerator"
Michaela Bingham	-	Public Affairs
Joanne Smith	-	Public Affairs

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New Members

Max Bell	- IGM
Bob Branson	- Sales and Marketing - Fishermen's Bend
John Cleary	- Service - Fishermen's Bend
Tom Findlay	- Materials Management - Fishermen's Bend
Paul Fontaine	- NASCO, GM Components Division, IGM (53 years + service)
Ralf Gmehling	- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Neil Howard	- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Terry Hellier	- IGM
David Lamden	- IGM
Geoff Miller	- IGM
Warren Morriss	- IGM
Tony Reed	- Warehouse - Dandenong
Norm Thompson	- Sales - Perth
Neil Ustick	- Purchasing - Fishermen's Bend
Alan Watkins	- IGM

45 Apologies were received from:

Vin Bastianon (Q'land)	Bill Matchet
Alan Chaplin	Graeme Miller
Brian Clatworthy	Bill Montgomery
Doug Cleary (overseas)	Geoff Newell
Leo Curran	Charles Paterson
Jon Dunning	Michael Perry (Coffs Harbour)
Frank Fairley	Bob Pulford
Max Fuller (Q'land)	George Saaty
Gerry Gifford	Don Scott-Wright (Q'land)
Ted Greetham	Alf Smith
Stan Halliday	Howard and Edna Smith
George Hammond	Ray Smith (Adelaide)
Mick Hannon	Chris Stafford
John Harris	Harold Stevens (hip operation)
Lance Harvey	Muriel Stockdale
Graeme Harper	Ray Stodden (overseas)
Heather Horsley	Ed Taylor (Q'land)
Tim Kondos (heart surgery)	Sid Warburton (Q'land)
Martin Kruger	Vic Webster
Jim McCance	Jack Willis (turned 90)
Marc McInnes (NSW)	Colin Wytkin
Ern Marsden (Q'land)	Monty Zammit

Obituaries

The President then announced the deceased members since our March 1st luncheon in addition to those already notified in the May newsletter.

Marc Gottsch (April 2001) -- Maintenance - Fishermen's Bend
Ken McLay (May 2001) -- Finance - Fishermen's Bend

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

Ken McLay

Apart from spending most of his working life with Finance, Fishermen's Bend, Ken served in the RAN for the duration of World War II.

He joined the Williamstown RSL in 1947 and served with great distinction for the rest of his life. In 2000 he was presented with the highest honour by the RSL – The Meritorious Service Medal.

He was also involved with the Williamstown Bowling Club and was a Vestryman at the Holy Trinity Church of England.

Les Sutherland

Since Les' death in April 2000 we have received a special note of thanks from his wife, Mavis, who has asked that we pass on her sincerest thanks to all that attended his funeral service and in other ways expressed their support to her and the family.

Guest Speaker

President, Hugh Videion then introduced our guest speaker John Crennan, Managing Director, Holden Special Vehicles and Director of Tom Walkinshaw Racing.

John joined GMH as a Sales Cadet in 1963 and by 1986 was National Marketing Manager. John provided those present with a wonderful and nostalgic background of his time with GMH reeling off names of past identities with

consummate ease to illustrate the good people and the solid training he received under their leadership.

He spoke of the growth and the development of Holden Special Vehicles, which now produces over 3,500 vehicles per year and is increasing in great leaps. The associated promotional goods and apparel turns over \$20M per year

John's address was at least equal to any heard at the Retirees' Club and the applause following Ian Samuel's vote of thanks was indicative of the audience's appreciation.

Special Interest

Many reading this newsletter will remember Kevin Wale who joined Holden in 1975 and rose to Director of Finance and subsequently to Sales and Marketing Director in 1993.

In 1998 Kevin was appointed Executive in Charge of General Motors Asia Pacific based in Singapore. He has now been appointed Managing Director of Vauxhall Motors and also Vice President of GM Europe.

Special Inclusion

After a long gestation period a new brochure explaining the ins-and-outs of motor vehicle purchase has been produced. The publication titled "The Holden Vehicle Purchase Plan" is enclosed.

Next Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 6th at our usual venue The Benteigh Club, Yawla Street Benteigh, with pre-luncheon drinks about 12:00 noon. The cost is \$16.50 including GST.

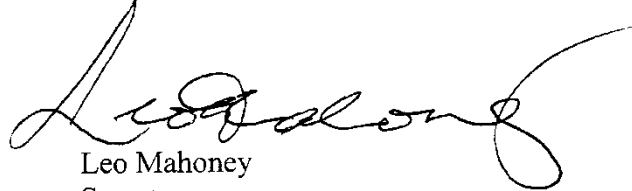
Our special guests for this occasion will be Gavin Strongman and his father Graeme, owners/restorers of ***THE*** No. 1 prototype Holden made and hand built in Detroit in 1946.

After its time with GMH, the vehicle was owned by Arthur Ling, well-known Holden retiree, and then by his brother-in-law Bill Vickery who in turn sold it to Des Kelly whose family had the Holden dealership in Morwell.

After about 40 years the Kelly's sold it to the Strongman's who have meticulously restored it to its original specifications.

The vehicle will be on display at The Benteigh Club.

See you there on September 6th!!



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