



RETIRES' CLUB

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NOVEMBER 2001

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Our Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, December 6th 2001 commencing at 12:00 noon.

It will consist of the usual high quality Bentleigh Club special lunch with Christmas pudding at the very reasonable cost of \$23.00 (inc. GST), which is payable at the door of the function room. Drinks are available at bar prices.

Our guest speaker will be the Holden Chairman and Managing Director, Peter Hanenberger.

It is not necessary to book for lunch.

The President's Message

I am pleased to say that the Holden Retirees' Club continues to grow from strength to strength, and we now boast approximately 625 in number. We have had great support at our lunch meetings, attendance has been outstanding with The Bentleigh Club's function room almost filled to capacity at most of our recent functions.

I would like to extend to all our new members who joined the Club in 2001 a very warm welcome and wish all of them many years of enjoyable and satisfying membership in the Club.

Your Committee comprising hard working, congenial Secretary Leo Mahoney, Treasurer, Doug Cleary who keeps us solvent and Vice President Ian Samuel who so enthusiastically provides bigger and better door prizes for each lunch meeting, are to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts.

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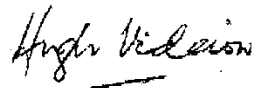
They are dedicated to continuing to make your membership in the Club a stimulating and enjoyable experience. On your behalf, I would like to thank them for their outstanding efforts.

On behalf of all members of the Holden Retirees' Club, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the management of Holden for being such staunch supporters of the Club. In particular, we are indebted to those Directors and Staff Heads who have attended our luncheons as guest speakers and kept us so well informed about recent events at Holden including new product launches and important global GM Corporation activities.

A special thank-you is due from the Retirees' Club to all the staff of Holden Public Affairs for their terrific contribution in maintaining the Club's membership listing on a computer database. We are also indebted to them for the supply of product brochures, books and publications for handout at our functions and the continued distribution of "People" magazine to our members. Sales and Marketing have also been very generous in their gifting of Holden merchandise and complimentary Motor Show tickets as

door prizes and we sincerely thank them for their continuing support.

Together with my colleagues on the Holden Retirees' Club Committee, I would very much like to wish you all – the members of the Holden Retirees' Club 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 Club's activities in 2002.



Hugh Videion
PRESIDENT

Report on our 89th luncheon – September 6th, 2001

President, Hugh Videion, welcomed 150 members and guests (including 15 new members) and particularly the Strongman family and their completely restored No.1 prototype 48/215 Holden originally built in Detroit.

There were 55 apologies.

Guests

Graeme and Amanda Strongman.

Gavin and Patricia Strongman.

Brett and Gail Strongman.

Ken McLean

Tony Galea

Bill Murrell

- President, FE/FC Club.
- Vice President FE/FC Club.
- Retiree from Production Engineering, Woodville

New Members

Bruce Arnold	- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Simon Artin	- Project Control - Fishermen's Bend
Don Cheyne	- Engineering Department - Fishermen's Bend
Jim Ferdinands	- Quality Control - Dandenong
Terry Fowler	- Finance - Dandenong
Brian Griffin	- IGM
Fred Henderson	- Body Shop - Dandenong
Brian Jackson	- IGM
Doug Mennie	- Experimental Body Shop - Fishermen's Bend
John Moore	- IGM
Bill Murrell	- Production Engineering - Woodville
Jim Pados	- Pattern Shop - Fishermen's Bend
Ron Pellow	- Frigidaire - Dandenong
Tony Prior	- Product Planning - Fishermen's Bend
Doug Virgin	- Personnel - Fishermen's Bend

55 Apologies were received from:

Wally Ames	Jim McCance - Queensland
Ross Amooore	Marc McInnes - New South Wales
John Bagshaw - sailing in Portugal	Kevin Marmion
Max Bell	Ern Marsden - Queensland
Bob Bloss	Dan Martin
Bob Branson - overseas	Ed Matthews
Ian Bayles	Geoff Miller
Basil Barrand - Queensland	Graham Miller
John Car	Warren Morriss
Leo Curran	Geoff Newell
Ian Eltringham	Keith Nicholson
Des Fay	Alistair Pearce
Fred Findlay - rcovering for operation	Charles Paterson
Betty Flanagan - South Australia	John Schinasi - Queensland
Ian Gall	Walter Scott - Adelaide
Ken Gibb	Don Scott-Wright - Queensland
Gerry Gifford	Howard and Edna Smith
John Gilchrist - overseas	Ray Smith - Adelaide
Ted Greetham	Laurie Stapleton - very ill
Doug Hastie	Edgar Spencer
Gwen Hillis - New South Wales	Jim Stephens
Gordon Holden - overseas	Ray Stodden
Heather Horsley - Paris	Peter Thomas - overseas
Fred James	Sid Warburton - Queensland
Sue Leaper	Tony Winkelman
John Lee	Stan Wiseman
John Lewis - knee operation	Colin Wytkin

Obituaries

The President announced the names of our deceased members since our May 31st luncheon in addition to those already notified in our August newsletter.

Val Boyce (June 2001)	- Finance - Fishermen's Bend
Joyce Doig (June 2001)	- Sales, Albert Rd. and Social Club Secretary
Peter Foard (August 2001)	- Laboratory - Fishermen's Bend
Jack Mulavey (August 2001)	- Manufacturing - Acacia Ridge
John Vernados (February 2001)	- Experimental Manufacturing - Fishermen's Bend
Jack Woodhead (August 2001)	- Manufacturing - Dandenong

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

Since our September 6th luncheon we regret to inform you of the deaths of the following members:

Ken Barrett (November 2001)	- Nasco and Detroit Diesel
Bob Bloss (October 2001)	- Superintendent - Trim, Dandenong
Frank Fairley (October 2001)	- Export Sales
Jim Spotswood (September 2001)	- Engineering and Service Departments
Laurie Stapleton (September 2001)	- Maintenance - Fishermen's Bend

Guest Speaker

President, Hugh Videion then introduced our guests for the day Graeme and Gavin Strongman who through a panel type discussion went through the history of the Detroit built No. 1 prototype Holden 48/215. The discussion was accompanied by videos of the restoration process and it was obvious from the questions the tremendous interest generated from the members present. The beautifully restored 48/215, on view in the gardens of the club, attracted nostalgic inspection before and after the luncheon together with two magnificently restored FE models.

Vice President, Ian Samuel's vote of thanks to the Strongman's was enthusiastically endorsed by all present.

Special Interest

Quite a number of retirees now live in Queensland and recently John Lee was up that part of the world and looked up one of his old Engineering mates, Ed Taylor. This extract says it all:

"Ed lives in Cooroy, which for those who do not know, is about 20km inland from Noosa, beside the Bruce Highway. He is in the very best of health, regularly playing golf and walking his dog daily. We walked up to the local RSL, had a meal, downed numerous XXXX, recalled the good old days including failed fishing trips, canned some of our then senior management, praised the vast majority, and solved most of the world's problems. There is a hell of a lot to do when you have not met for 30 years."

John and Irene Schinasi have recently moved to Main Beach, Queensland and again to quote from their letter:

"I also take this opportunity to extend an invitation to anyone who is visiting the Coast. We shall always be glad to see any member of the GM family."

Meantime, please convey my warmest wishes to everybody at your next meeting."

If anyone is travelling and would like the addresses or phone numbers of other retirees then do not hesitate to contact me for the information.

Special Inclusions

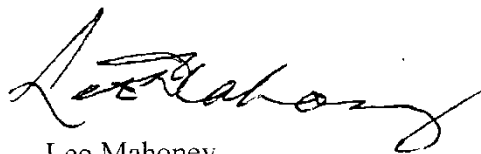
With this newsletter there are very important inclusions:

1. Subscription Renewal Notice for 2002. Please complete and return to our Treasurer, Doug Cleary, preferably by mail prior to the next luncheon or bring it with you to the luncheon on December 6th.
2. Two (2) Holden Retirees' Club cards to remind you of our luncheon dates for 2002.
3. An updated Honour Roll with Jack Willis achieving an unprecedented 75 years association with Holden.

Next Luncheon

As highlighted at the beginning of this newsletter, our special December luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, December 6th, 2001.

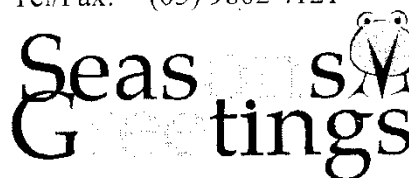
See you there!!



Leo Mahoney

Secretary

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Seaside Greetings



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**HOLDEN RETIREEES' CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
FOR 2002**

Annual subscriptions of \$2.00 are now due and payable from 6th December 2001. 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 6th December 2001, or
- b) return the form with \$2.00 to Doug Cleary at the December 6th luncheon.

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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL

Title: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss

Given Names:

Surname or Family Name:

Preferred given Name:

Your Postal Address and Contact Numbers

Street number and name:

Suburb or Town:

State: Postcode:

Telephone: Fax:

Mobile: E-mail:

Signature: Date:

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

Department: Location:



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The only requirement is for a minimum of 10 years service. If you wish to become a member of the "Holden Retirees' Club", please complete the form below and forward with \$2.00 annual subscription to:

Leo Mahoney
Secretary
30 Biscayne Drive
MT WAVERLEY VIC 3149
Telephone/Facsimile: (03) 9802 4121

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PLEASE PRINT NEATLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

Your Name

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:

Your Contact Numbers

Phone: Fax:

E-mail: Mobile:

Your Years of Service

(Minimum of 10 years service for membership)

Holden's Other GM Division

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

Department: Location:

Signature: Date:

Holden Retirees' Club

– Honour Roll –

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

OVER 75 YEARS

Jack Willis	Commenced	November 1926
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OVER 70 YEARS

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
Jack Rawsley	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
Len Martin	Commenced	July 1936
Keith Nicholson	Commenced	August 1936
Dan Kelly	Commenced	September 1936
Lorna Cheary (nee Mitchell)	Commenced	January 1937

Holden Retirees' Club

– Honour Roll –

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*
Frank Shetliffe	Commenced	January 1936*
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
Wally Ames	Commenced	January 1941
Audrey Banner	Commenced	August 1941
George Hammond	Commenced	February 1942

* Deceased