



## RETIREES' CLUB

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Happy New Year to you and your families and we hope that 2002 is peaceful and rewarding.

### *Report on our 90<sup>th</sup> Luncheon – December 6<sup>th</sup> 2001*

What a great Christmas luncheon with a record attendance of 287 and a record 56 apologies. President, Hugh Videon welcomed members and guests (including 20 new members) following the usual high standard Bentleigh Club special Christmas lunch

#### **Guests**

Peter Hanenberger	– Chairman and Managing Director and guest speaker
Kate Arnold	– Editor "People" magazine
Alison Silke	– Public Affairs
Joanne Smith	– Public Affairs

#### **New Members**

Merv Brown	– Manufacturing - Dandenong
Bob Clark	– Enginecring - Fishermen's Bend
Errol Croll	– Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Gordon Elliott	– Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Chris Evans	– IS & S - Fishermen's Bend
Ray Gillett	– Materials - Dandenong
Mario Giurina	– Maintenance - Fishermen's Bend
Donald Good	– Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Neil Griffin	– Engine Co. - Fishermen's Bend
Ursula Henderson	– Manufacturing - Dandenong
Harold Ingamells	– Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Alan Jones	– Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Charlie Mattioni	– Maintenance - Fishermen's Bend
Peter MacDonald	– I-GM
Bernie Macc	– Central Laboratory
Roy Morgan	– Materials - Dandenong
Paul Muhlhauser	– Foundry - Fishermen's Bend
Nick Papadam	– Foundry - Fishermen's Bend
Bruce Scott	– HSPO - Dandenong
Trevor Walsh	– Frigidaire - Dandenong

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**56 Apologies were received from:**

Rod Allen	Jim McCance (Qld)
Ross Amooore	Don MacDougall
John Bagshaw (NSW)	John McIlwain
Frank Bartosy	Marc McInnes (NSW)
Mark Bell	Colin McLean
George Beveridge	Jack Malone
Reg Bondini (recovering from stroke)	Ern Marsden (Qld)
Roger Caspar	Len Martin
Don Cheyne	Doug Mennie
Jack Cox	Graham Miller
Peter Cox	George Mills
Cath Davies (London)	John Moore
Ron Denny	Warren Morriss (Qld)
Jon Dunning	Geoff Newell
Ida Dwyer	Keith Nicholson
Ted Dzialukowski	Eddie Orme
Warwick Exton (Virgin Isles)	Ron Pellow
Max Fuller	Jim Penaluma
Ted Greetham	Ray Purrington
Neil Griffin	Noel Simpson
George Hammond	Dave Smith
Mick Hannon	Howard and Edna Smith
Brian Hansen	Jim Stephens
Doug Hastie	Fred Stevens
Patricia Howard	Ed Taylor (Qld)
Brian Jackson	Peter Thomas
John Kazlowski	John Velluti (NSW)
	Victor Walker

**Obituaries**

The President announced the names of our deceased members since our September luncheon in addition to those already notified in our November newsletter.

John Janssen (Nov 2001)	- HSPO Finance
Lorna McGill (Aug 2001)	- Executive Dining Room
Bill McWilliam (Dec 2001)	- Finance - Fishermen's Bend and Dandenong
Syd Pointon (Nov 2001)	- Quality Assurance - Fishermen's Bend
George Williams	- Tool Room - Fishermen's Bend
Jack Zelgis	- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend

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

Since our Christmas luncheon we regret to inform you of the deaths of the following members:

Joe Azzapardi (Dec 2001)	- Foundry - Fishermen's Bend
Jack Malone (Dec 2001)	- Manufacturing - Fishermen's Bend
Vic Lowe (Dec 2001 aged 93)	- Engineering - Fishermen's Bend
Sid Warburton (Dec 2001 aged 92)	- Production Engineering - Dandenong

We also acknowledge the death of Jon Dunning's wife, Ann.

### **Special Note**

In our November newsletter we very incorrectly announced that Jim Spotswood had died. Be assured that he is fit and well and we apologise for this misinformation.

### **Items of Interest**

1. A special welcome and congratulations were extended to *Chris Stafford*, believed to be our oldest retiree who will turn 95 in April, 2002, and to, *Fred Findlay* who turned 90 on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001
2. *Warren Morriss* and wife, Dianne have recently moved to Queensland and would welcome any 'southerners' travelling that way to call in for a BBQ and a few XXXX's. Their address is:  
6 Sweetlip Circle  
Tin Can Bay Qld 4580  
Tel: (07) 5486 2990
3. At our September 2001 luncheon our guests were the Strongman family and their restored No. 1 Holden. A video is now available showing 50 minutes of the restoration of this vehicle including rare footage of road testing at Milford Proving Grounds in Detroit and around the Dandenongs in 1946/47.

If anybody is interested inquires can be made to Amanda Strongman on 0419 714 966 or ordered direct to:

No. 1 Prototype Productions  
26 Sundown Walk  
Frankston Vic 3199

The cost is \$35 plus postage and handling.

### **Guest Speaker**

President, Hugh Videon then introduced Holden's Chairman and Managing Director, Peter Hanenberger.

His first job was to make a special presentation to Paul Fontaine for achieving the record for the longest serving employee of Holden's - from September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1947 to his retirement on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001

Accompanied by a visual presentation, Peter then outlined the achievements for the year commencing with the impact of September 11 on GM's global operations.

Other highlights included:

- (a) The Holden sales success with the YTD 25% passenger and 22.2% Holden market share.
- (b) Holden as the most successful GM Division in the world.

- (c) Success story for the 'SS' Ute and the Monaro (Monaro's were on display in the gardens).
- (d) Purchase of Daewoo and Holden responsibility for ASEAN.
- (e) The export story.

This was a superb presentation, as you would expect with such a great story to tell.

Vice President, Ian Samuel, moved a glowing vote of thanks and then proceeded to distribute a range of excellent prizes.

***Next Meeting Date***

Our next luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002 commencing at 12:00 noon

Our guest speaker will be Ms. Andrea Grant, Executive Director, Human Resources at Holden.

The cost is an extraordinarily reasonable \$16.50 (incl. GST) with drinks available at bar prices.

See you there!



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