



HOLDEN

RETIREEES' CLUB

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Our Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, December 5th 2002 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 \$22.50 (inc. GST), which is payable at the door of the function room. Drinks are available at bar prices.

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

It is not necessary to book for lunch.

The President's Message

Again, the time of the year has approached when we reflect on what has happened over the past twelve months – both good and bad.

All Australians have been saddened by the horrific events that took place in Bali just a few short weeks ago, a happening which destroyed the lives of so many people and changed the lives of others forever. It brought with it an element of terror into the daily lives of ordinary people, something that most Australians

had never before experienced. At the same time, it had the extraordinary poignant effect of bringing family and friends closer together, something that we tend to do at this time of year – traditionally a time of goodwill and hopefully, peace.

As Holden retirees', most of us enjoy a satisfying life in retirement and as part of that we like to maintain our friendships and contacts with former colleagues. The Retirees' Club provides a great opportunity to continue these contacts.

As evidence of this, since December 2001, forty-seven retirees joined the Club as new members bringing our current total membership to 656. Many of these new members attended our lunch meetings this past year, which continue to attract great support from a large proportion of our members.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and to wish them a very satisfying involvement with the Retirees' Club for many years into the future

On your behalf, I would also like to express my appreciation for the tremendous support and encouragement that the Holden Retirees' Club receives from all levels of management at Holden. It is very gratifying to see so many Directors regularly attend as guest speakers at our meetings and keep us informed about the latest happenings and developments at Holden

Again, we should give thanks to our good friends in Corporate Affairs and Sales and Marketing for their continued contribution of product brochures, posters, Fact books, Motor Show tickets and items of Holden apparel that have become such a popular feature as hand-outs and door prizes at our lunch meetings.

A very special thank-you is also due to the staff of Corporate Affairs for their

Guests

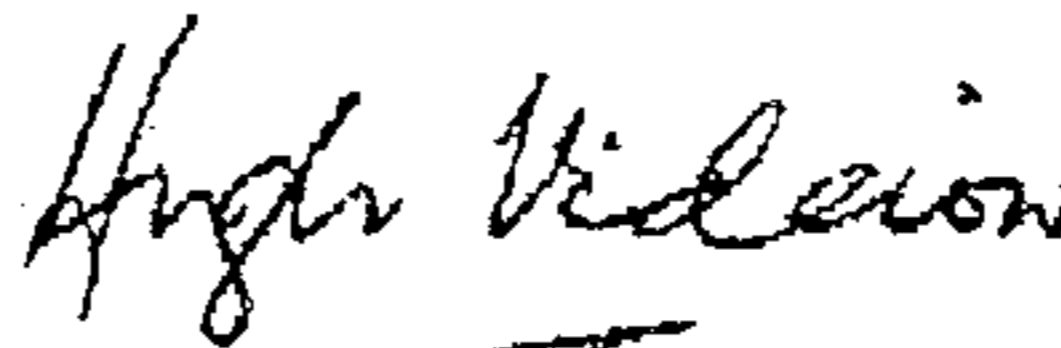
Brian Ducasse.
Joanne Smith

- Executive Director – Quality
- Public Affairs

support and contribution in maintaining the Retirees' Club membership database and the mailing out of the Newsletter and "People" magazine to all members on the mailing list.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank my fellow Committee members – Ian Samuel, Doug Cleary and Leo Mahoney, for the tremendous job they do in keeping the Retirees' Club running so smoothly. Having the support of Committee members like these makes my own job as President much easier and very gratifying.

As this is the last publication of the Newsletter for the year, I would very much like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year.



Hugh Videion
PRESIDENT

Report on our 93rd luncheon – September 5th, 2002

President, Hugh Videion, welcomed 150 members (including 14 new members) and our guests for the day.

New Members

Ivor Bittner	– Experimental Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Ted Bryant	– W.W. Purchasing – Fishermen’s Bend
Alan Drinkell	– Engineering - Fishermen’s Bend
Ray Esnouf	– Experimental Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
John Finlayson	– Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Don Gowers	– Manufacturing Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Kevin Kilby	– Purchasing – Fishermen’s Bend
Alistair McKinnon	– Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Eric McKinstray	– Finance/Internal Audit – Fishermen’s Bend & Dandenong
Jim Nicol	– Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Barbara Ridd	– Purchasing – Fishermen’s Bend; HSPO Dandenong
Leighton Smith	– Engineering – Lang Lang Proving Ground
Geoff Taylor	– Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Bob Willoughby	– Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend

42 Apologies were received from:

Wally Ames	Graham March
John Bagshaw (NSW)	Lyle Mansfield
Basil Barrand – Queensland	Graham Miller
Graeme Barton	Bill Montgomery
Vince Bastianon	Warren Morriss (Queensland)
Bruce Black	Alan Nanscawen
Bob Burgess	Geoff Newell
Frank Buswell	Laurel O’Dwyer (NSW)
Arthur Cook	Cliff Orchard
Ian Eltringham	Alistair Pearce
Frank Fagarazzi	Mike Perry (NSW)
Fred Findlay	Frank Pound
Don Grant	Jack Rawnsley
Peter Green	George Saaty
Keith Gregory (Queensland)	Howard & Edna Smith
Mick Hannon	Walter Scott
Geoff Hollings	Chris Stafford
Sid Holmes	Ray Stodden
Jim McCance - Queensland	Ed Taylor (Queensland)
Barry McNaughton (WA)	Vic Webster
Bill Mc Mahon	

Obituaries

Since our September luncheon we regret to advise the deaths of the following members.

Ray Smith (Aug 2002)	– Finance - Woodville
Gordon McCann (Sep 2002)	– Production Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Merv Giles (Sep 2002, NSW)	– Personnel - Fishermen’s Bend
David Govan (Sep 2002)	– Production Engineering – Fishermen’s Bend
Frank Buswell (Oct 2002)	– Supply - Fishermen’s Bend
Dan Kelly (Oct 2002, Qld)	– Supply – Fishermen’s Bend
Basil Barrand (Oct 2002, Qld)	– Supply Fishermen’s Bend
Bob Branson (Nov 2002)	– Supply, Purchasing, Export Sales – Woodville & Fishermen’s Bend

Tributes

Frank Buswell

After serving in the Navy as a stoker in mine sweepers, Frank joined GMH in 1947 in Supply where he worked in various capacities before taking early retirement in 1980. He was a staunch member of the RSL and was proud of his life membership of the organization as well as a life member of his local Aspendale RSL. He died on October 9th aged 77.

Albert George (Dan) Kelly

Dan joined GMH in 1936 and when war broke out he enlisted in the Navy. Among other appointments he served as a writer on HMAS *Shropshire* which was subjected to Japanese kamikaze bombing. He rejoined GMH after the war in Finance Department before being appointed Assistant Customs Manager in 1948. He took over as Manager in 1961 when Howard Smith (also ex RAN) was appointed to London. He retired in 1981 and was living in Queensland for some years where he died on October 16th, aged 82.

Basil Barrand

Basil joined GMH in 1938 and enlisted in the Army at the outbreak of war. He then switched to the RAAF where he completed his flying training and flew various aircraft including the immortalized Spitfire. He took early retirement in 1980

and moved to Queensland to enjoy his favorite pastime – fishing. He died on October 24th, aged 81.

Bob Branson

Bob joined GMH in Woodville in 1957 in the Supply Department and in the mid 60’s was sent to the GM Institute in Detroit.

From 1972 he worked in the Purchasing Department at Fishermen’s Bend and in the mid 80’s was very much involved in the joint venture with Toyota. In 1995 he moved into Export Sales and he retired in July 2000. He was a great sportsman which kept him very fit and to advance his knowledge he was studying French. A life sadly and suddenly ended on November 3rd, 2002. Bob was 63.

Guest Speaker

President, Hugh Videion then introduced our guest speaker, Brian Ducasse, Executive Director – Quality.

Brian spoke to a visual presentation outlining the Quality culture that pervades the whole development of a new model through the purchasing and manufacturing functions, to sales and after-sales, through warranty and customer acceptance.

Ian Samuel’s proposed the vote of thanks and then proceeded with the draw for the door prizes and other ‘goodies’ provided by our good friends from Public Affairs

Special Inclusions

With this Newsletter there are three (3) very important inclusions:

1. Subscription Renewal Notice for 2003. Please complete and return to our Treasurer, Doug Cleary, preferably by mail prior to our next luncheon or bring it with you on December 5th.
2. Two (2) Holden Retirees' Club cards to remind you of our luncheon dates for 2003.
3. An updated Honour Roll.

Next Luncheon

As highlighted at the front of this newsletter, our special Christmas December luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, December 5th, 2002.

Be there!!

Leo Mahoney

Secretary

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Seasons 
Greetings

Holden Retirees' Club

– Honour Roll –

*VICTORIAN MEMBERS WITH LONG SERVICE & DISTINGUISHED
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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 Rawnsley	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
Graham Miller	Commenced	May 1937
Bill Maplesden	Commenced	June 1937