



HOLDEN

RETIREES' CLUB

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Our luncheon attendances continue to hold up extremely well with 154 members and guests attending our June luncheon including 9 new members.

Report on our 96th Luncheon – June 5th 2003.

President, Hugh Videion welcomed members and guests.

Guests

Sabrina Groshek

– Executive Director, World Wide Purchasing

Joanne Smith

– Product Logistics Manager, Corporate Affairs

New Members

Charlie Attard

– Materials, Fishermen's Bend

Jim Anastasaku

– Foundry, Fishermen's Bend

Roy David

– Q.A., Fishermen's Bend

John Edge

– Marketing, Fishermen's Bend

Murray Ferguson

– Tool Room, Fishermen's Bend

Gordon McGilvray

– Engine Operations, Fishermen's Bend

Peter Gibbs

– Purchasing, Fishermen's Bend

Wendy Gray

– Human Relations, Elizabeth

John Riley

– Finance, Fishermen's Bend

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45 Apologies were received from:

Lindsay Backway	Bill Montgomery
Don Bowden	John Mullan
John Bagshaw (NSW)	John Murison
Cath Davies	Alistair Pearce
Doug Davis	Frank Pound
Fred Drury	Ray Purrington
Jon Dunning	Ken Riddell
George Edmunds	George Saaty
Bill Fitzgerald	John Schinasi (Qld)
Paul Fontaine	Walter Scott (Sth Aust)
Jerry Gifford	Noel Simpson
Keith Gregory (Qld)	Howard & Edna Smith
George Hammond	Jim Spotswood
Doug Hastie	Jim Stephens
David Kay	Ed Taylor (Qld)
Martin Kruger	Neil Ustick
John Lee	John Wallington
John Lewis	Maurie Wickes
Jim McCance (Qld)	Tony Winkelman
Bill Maplesden	Neil Westhorpe
Graham Miller	John Wood
Warren Morriss (Qld)	Jim Young

Obituaries

President, Hugh Videon then announced the names of those members who had died recently in addition to those already listed in our May newsletter.

Alex Duncan (June '03)	- HSPO Dandenong
John Edwards (March '03)	- NASCO, Fishermen's Bend and Dandenong
Pamela Naylor (May '03)	- Engineering Library, Fishermen's Bend
Bob Thompson (May '03)	- Personnel, Fishermen's Bend

The members stood and observed one minute's silence.

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

Fred Drury (June 03)	- Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Alan Stannard (June 03)	- Detroit Diesel, Allison

Guest Speaker

Sabrina Groshek, Executive Director, World Wide Purchasing, then addressed the members with an illustrated overview of the World Wide Purchasing and Order to Delivery function (WWP&OTD).

It was a fascinating and exciting presentation, which brought home to the older retired personnel just how much the whole philosophy of the old purchasing function has changed.

The key challenge is to support the continued development of an Australian Supply base that is competitive and able to compete globally.

Another significant feature emphasized by Sabrina was the purchasing of complete assemblies (say, a front end) rather than purchasing individual components and assembling them on-line at the plant.

Vice-President, Ian Samuel, proposed the vote of thanks, which was enthusiastically received.

General Interest

1. A group of West Australian retirees, who belong to our club, meet regularly in Perth. We do have a number of retirees' who have worked in various Holden plants and now live in Queensland. John Schinasi (SQA - Fishermen's Bend) who lives on the Gold Coast, would be happy to be the contact if all the ex-pats living in the vicinity would be interested in meeting on a quarterly basis. John's address is:

54/1 Serisier Avenue

Main Beach

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E-mail: schinasi@tpg.com.au

2. Howard and Edna Smith (nee Bromilow) were long-serving employees of Holden and very active members of the retirees' club. Edna has not been to well over recent times and they have not been able to attend out luncheons. We send our good wishes to them both.

Next Luncheon

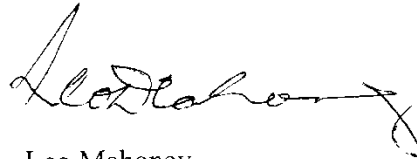
Our next luncheon will be held at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, September 4th, commencing at 12:00 noon

The cost is \$17.00 per person (including GST) and our guest speaker will be Ray Borrett who is currently Director, Performance Products and Racing.

Ray, back in the 60's was a mechanic with Harry Firth and then after studying Mechanical Engineering full time worked as a Project Engineer at the Proving Ground and with Chassis Design and Development. He had various managerial positions with Holden's including Director, V6 Project. His subject will be "Performance Products and Racing".

Come and listen to what will be a great presentation.

See you there!



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