



HOLDEN

RETIREEES' CLUB

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With the first newsletter for 2004 we take the opportunity to wish you and your families a healthy and rewarding New Year

Report on our 98th Luncheon – December 3rd 2003.

President, Hugh Videon welcomed nearly 260 members and guests to another Christmas luncheon that only the Bentleigh Club can provide at such a reasonable cost.

We had hoped to 'crack' the 300 attendance but with the change of day from Thursday to Wednesday a number of members were unable to attend because of previously arranged other appointments which could not be altered.

Let's hope that we can 'crack' the 300 in 2004.

Guest

Peter Hanenberger

Retiring Chairman and Managing Director, and special speaker for the luncheon

New Members

We welcomed into our club 14 new members

Alan Baker	– HSPO, Dandenong
Ken Baker	– HSPO, Dandenong
Brial Bayes	– WWP – SQA Fishermen's Bend
Ron Byron	– Experimental Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Jim Dick	– Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Geoff Dougall	– Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend
Bill Harman	– Tool Design, Fishermen's Bend
Joseph LeGall	– Purchasing, Fishermen's Bend
Tom Molnar	– Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Ian Powell	– Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Bill Scrjeantson	– Engineering, Fishermen's Bend
Brian Scudds	– Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend
Russ Smith	– Supply, Fisherman's Bend
Neil Straub	– Engineering, Fishermen's Bend

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Apologies

There was a record total of 99 apologies, nearly double the normal number, largely as a result of the change of date for our luncheon.

Bryan Adams	Wally Lauder
Ross Amooore	Lyle Mansfield
Peter Ascher	Bill Maplesden
John Bagshaw (NSW)	Ern Marsden (Qld)
Frank Bartosy	Len Martin
Vince Bastianon	Bill Matchett
Dave Birrell	Maurie McFarlane
Bruce Black	Colin McLean
Reg Bondini	Graham Miller
John Ceresa	Bill Montgomery
Lorna Cheary	Tom Molnar (NSW)
Bill Cunningham	Denny Mooney (new M.D.)
Leo Curran	John Moore
Doug Davis	Warren Morriss (Qld)
Ron Denny (NSW)	Bill Murrell (WA)
Alan Drinkell	Peter Nathan
Ida Dwyer	George Nicholls
Warwick Exton	Max O'Brien
George Edmunds	Cliff Orchard
Frank Fagarazzi	Ed Orme (NSW)
Murray Ferguson	Charles Paterson
Fred Findlay	Peter Pavey
John Findlayson (SA)	Mike Perry (NSW)
Paul Fontaine	Joe Pulis
Eric Freer	Ray Purrington
Max Fuller	Ken Schofield
Jerry Gifford	Walter Scott (SA)
Les Goding	Bill Serjeantson (NSW)
Dorothy Godley	Chris Shattock
Keith Gregory (Qld)	Lance Shiels
George Hammond	Noel Simpson
Mick Hannon	Joanne Smith
Lance Harvey	John Smith
Terry Hellier	Howard & Edna Smith
Ursula Henderson	Doris Springate
Eric Hess (Qld)	Chris Stafford
Daryl Hornsby	Jim Stephens
Patricia Howard	Harold Stevens
Brain Jackson	Ray Stodden
Jack Kane	Stan Suffren
Peter Kane	Allan Taylor
Rudy Knaepple	Ed Taylor (Qld)
Ian Knowles	Peter Thomas
David Lamden	Alf Triffett

John Velluti (NSW)
Ian Watson (SA)
Vic Walker
Trevor Walsh
Vic Webster

Tony Winkelman
Marg Weyl-Willett
Don Wylie
Colin Wytkin
Bob Young

Obituaries

President, Hugh Videion then announced the members who had died recently in addition to those already listed in our November newsletter

Jean Melbraatten. (November '03) – Finance. Fishermen's Bend

The customary one minute's silence was observed.

Since our December luncheon we regretfully advise of the deaths of the following members:

Wally Clarebrough (Dec '03) – Export Sales. Fishermen's Bend
Bill Fabre (Dec '03) – Master Schedules. Fishermen's Bend
Dimitri Arvanitakis (Feb '04) – Manufacturing. Fishermen's Bend

Guest Speaker

President, Hugh Videion then introduced our special guest speaker, Peter Hanenburger, retiring Chairman and Managing Director who has always enjoyed the company of the retirees' and who has addressed us at each Christmas luncheon since his appointment as Managing Director.

Peter gave us a run-down on the year's achievements including:

1. a new model introduction nearly every month,
2. record annual sales for Holden, and
3. export to the USA of the Monaro badged GTO Pontiac and other exports to Thailand, Malaysia, UK and South Africa.

Daily production will rise from 780 to 910 over the next 12-18 months following a three-shift introduction at Elizabeth. Also

in few years all vehicle production will be all-wheel drive (AWD).

Peter has retired to spend more time with his family and also to indulge in his hobbies of astronomy and model trains.

The Retirees' Club presented Peter with a Certificate of Appreciation, followed by a standing – and sustained – ovation and then led by Bob Burgess a resounding three cheers.

It certainly was an emotional and gracious farewell to a most successful and popular Managing Director.

On Display

In the garden setting of the Bentleigh Club two of the vehicles introduced during 2003 were on display and commanded a

great deal of comment from all the members

- The AWD "ADVENTRA" Wagon
- The Crewman Cross/8 4 door Ute.

A Reminder

Our annual subscription fee is a mere \$2.00 thanks to the consideration of Holden.

Most members have paid their subscription but if you have missed for some reason then forward the \$2.00 to:

Doug Cleary
Treasurer
6/285 Barkers Road
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Thank you.

Items of Interest

If you have any items that you think could be of interest to the members for inclusion into a future newsletter then do not hesitate to contact me.

Next Luncheon

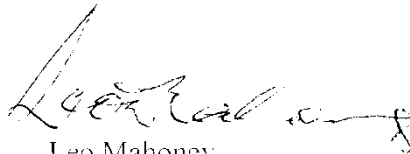
Our next luncheon will be held at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, March 4th, 2004 commencing at 12:00 noon

The cost is \$18.00 per person (including GST) and is payable on the day.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Kevin McDonald, Medical Director at Holden who will give us a run-down on health issues as they affect current employees and also some advice on how we, former employees, could better our retirement with a healthy lifestyle.

Should be a great day.

See you there!



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