



HOLDEN

RETIREES' CLUB

NEWSLETTER NO. 61

NOVEMBER 2004

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Our Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla St. Bentleigh on Thursday, December 2nd 2004 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 \$24.00 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, Denny Mooney

It is not necessary to book for lunch

The President's Message

Fellow retirees, it is almost the end of another eventful year and I'm pleased to advise that the Holden Retirees' Club is thriving, the current membership is 698, which is a net increase of 16 members from 2003.

This past year we signed up 44 new members, many of whom came to our meetings at the Bentleigh Club in Melbourne for the first time and enjoyed having lunch in the company of their friends and former colleagues. These new members seem to be much younger

looking than the rest of us – I wonder why that is?

We celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Holden Retirees' Club lunch meetings last June and were very pleased to honour the founding President of the Club, Stan Wiseman, and founding committee member Len Martin at that meeting. They reminded us that these lunch meetings have been going strong since 1979 and the Club itself since 1977!

Ian Samuel, President, PO Box 2113, Cowes Vic 3922 Tel 03 5956 8431

Leo Mahoney, Secretary, 30 Biscayne Drive, Mt Waverley Vic 3149 Tel/Fax 03 9802 4171

The Club has again enjoyed continued and generous support from Holden management over the past twelve months. Complimentary entry tickets to the Melbourne Motor Show, many items of Holden apparel and merchandise, and sales brochures and product posters, were all generously donated as door prizes by the Marketing and Sales Department of Holden. We sincerely thank them for their generosity.

Corporate Affairs have continued their valued assistance to the Club by maintaining our membership database as well as the printing and distribution of the quarterly newsletter and "People" magazine to all our members – over 10% of whom now reside outside Victoria and overseas. This generous support is much appreciated.

Amanda Webb of Corporate Affairs is our new liaison officer at Holden since taking over from Joanne Smith who had been the Club's main contact at Holden for many years. Amanda has continued the tradition of attending our lunch meetings and always making sure there is at least one new Holden product on display for retirees to critique and admire.

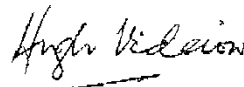
The Club enjoyed the patronage and support of Holden's former Chairman and Managing Director, Peter Hanenberger throughout his three year stay in Australia. His farewell speech at the December 2003 luncheon was one of the year's highlights for us. Denny Mooney, the new Chairman and Managing Director of Holden, has accepted our invitation to be our guest at the Club's December meeting and we are looking forward to celebrating this final lunch meeting for 2004 with him.

On your behalf, I would very much like to thank my fellow Committee members – Vice President Ian Samuel, Treasurer Doug Cleary, and our hard-working and very approachable Secretary Leo Mahoney, for continuing to do a wonderful job in ensuring the smooth

running of the Retirees' Club. I would like to acknowledge their invaluable support and assistance throughout the past year.

After four eventful and enjoyable years as your President, I am stepping down from this position and handing over to Ian Samuel at the end of this year. Ian has done a terrific job as your Vice President over many years and has helped me enormously. I would also like to thank you, my fellow retirees, for your encouragement and support throughout my period as President of your Club, it has been a truly satisfying experience.

In closing, I would very much like to wish each of you and your families a very Happy Christmas and the very best of health and good fortune for 2005 and the years ahead.



Hugh Videion
PRESIDENT

Report on our 101st luncheon – September 2nd, 2004

President Hugh Videon welcomed 150 members and guests, including 4 new members with apologies from 61.

Guests

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| Peter Nelson | - Secretary and committee member of the Australian Formula One Grand Prix |
| Amanda Webb | - National Manager, Community Relations, Corporate Affairs |

New Members

- | | |
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| Peter Drew | - IS & S, Fishermans Bend |
| Tony Pawsey | - HSPO, Dandenong |
| Bob Sterling | - Service, Perth Zone Office |
| Bob Watson | - Niche Vehicles Plant 6, Fishermans Bend |

61 apologies were received from:

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| Wally Ames | Bert Hemley |
| Roger Anderson | Neil Howard (London) |
| John Bagshaw (NSW) | Tyler Halsted |
| Bob Burgess | Gordon Hughes |
| Brian Butt | Jim Hutton (NSW) |
| Bruce Black | Harry Hicks |
| Don Bowden | Ron Illman |
| Arthur Bollard | David Kay |
| Jon Dunning | John Lewis |
| George Edmunds | Jim McCance (Qld) |
| Des Fay | Lyle Mansfield |
| Joe Felice (NSW) | Len Martin |
| Fred Findlay | John B. Marshall |
| Jerry Gifford | Bill Maplesden |
| Dorothy Godley | Graham Marsh |
| Mick Hannon | Graham Miller |
| Lance Harvey | Ernie Moran |
| Doug Hastie | Warren Morriss (Qld) |

Geoff Newell
Keith Nicholson
Norma Oxley
Merv Robinson
Bruce Robson
George Saaty
Michael Samuelson
Walter Scott (SA)
Joanne Smith
Howard and Edna Smith
Noel Simpson
Russell Smith (SA)

Jim Stephens
Harold Stevens
Ray Stodden
Ed Taylor (Qld)
Eugene Twining
Maurie Wickes
Vic Webster
Neil Westhorpe (Alaska)
Peter Williams
Tony Winkelman
Ern Wood
Don Wylie

Obituaries

The President then announced those members who had died recently additional to those listed in our August newsletter.

Harry Adams	— Finance, Fishermans Bend
Tom Newbiggin	— Purchasing, Fishermans Bend

The customary one minute's silence was observed.

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

John Attard (Sept '04)	— Tool Room, Plant 6
B. Bourke	
Jack Cox (June '04)	— Production Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Frank Giovanis (June '04)	— Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend
David Lewis (Sept '04 in UK)	— Foundry Superintendent, Fishermans Bend
Charles Paterson (Oct '04)	— Experimental Engineering, Fishermans Bend

Vale

Charles Alan Paterson (29.08.1914 – 31.10.2004) passed away peacefully after a short illness on 31st October 2004, aged 90 years.

In 1943 Charles joined General Motors- Holden's and was one of the Australian team involved in the design, development and testing of the first Holden

car, the legendary 48/215 which was released to the public in November 1948.

Charles was appointed to the position of Experimental Engineer after the successful launch of the first Holden car and hired a number of young engineering graduates to work in the various areas of experimental engineering. Many of these engineers progressed to senior positions within Holden's.

He loved his work and was a great lateral thinker. In 1955 he had a team working on design and construction of the new Proving Ground at Lang Lang, Victoria which was officially opened in 1957. Charles put in a huge personal effort to build Lang Lang.

In 1960, planning was in progress for the new Technical Centre at Fishermans Bend and Charles Paterson had a major input into the building of the engineering test facilities. The Technical Centre was officially opened in May 1964.

Vehicle safety was becoming more important in the 1960's and Charles was responsible for the Vehicle Safety Test Centre, opened in 1969 at the Proving Ground.

Environmental issues were of concern in the late 1960's and again Charles led the way in the construction of the Vehicle Emissions Test Laboratory at Lang Lang.

Charles became very involved in the drafting of the Australian Design Rules for Vehicle Safety and was an industry expert on several industry and Federal Government technical committees. He was highly regarded for his vast automotive industry knowledge and experience and for his persuasive advocacy in ensuring industry needs were considered in safety and emissions legislation.

Charles Paterson retired in December 1974 from the position of Assistant Chief Engineer - Vehicle Safety and Proving Ground Operations.

He shall always be remembered as a great, enthusiastic engineer in Holden's and the Australian automotive industry.

Courtesy Frank Pound

Guest Speaker

The President introduced our guest speaker Peter Nelson who gave us a fascinating insight into the behind-the-scenes organisation of the Australian

Grand Prix from the Philip Island circuit with Len Lukey to Calder with Bob Jane, then Adelaide in 1985 (when Peter became officially involved) and now in Melbourne where the 4 days of the event makes it the biggest and the best of all the Formula 1 events around the world.

Despite the fact that the event seems to run at a loss each year the injection of dollars into the Victorian economy particularly, Peter considers that the Grand Prix will remain at Albert Park for the foreseeable future.

Vice President Ian Samuel proposed the vote of thanks and together with Amanda Webb then proceeded with a complicated month and date of birth draw for some wonderful prizes supplied by Corporate Affairs.

General

Elsewhere in this newsletter you have read where Hugh Videon is stepping down as President and Ian Samuel will be taking over after this Christmas luncheon.

The new Vice President for the coming period will be Peter Pavey who was with Service Department at Fishermans Bend.

Special Inclusions

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

1. Subscription Renewal Notice for 2005. Please complete and return to Doug Cleary, preferably prior to the luncheon, otherwise bring it with you.
2. Two (2) Holden Retirees' Club cards to remind you of our meeting dates for 2005.
3. An updated Honour Roll.

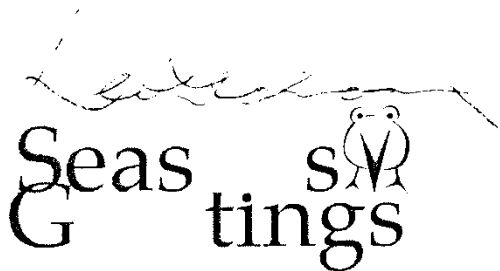
Next Luncheon

As highlighted at the beginning of this newsletter our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, December 2nd when our guest speaker will be Denny Mooney, Chairman and Managing Director.

As this will be his first visit to the Retirees' luncheon let's give him a great welcome and see if we can break the 300 attendance barrier.

See you there!

Seasons Greetings to you and all your families.



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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*
Stan Suffren	Commenced	March 1928

OVER 70 YEARS

Jack Burgan	Commenced Birkenhead	March 1927*
Chris Stafford	Commenced	June 1933*
Jack Kane	Commenced	November 1933
Harry Boylan	Commenced	January 1934
Eric Clark	Commenced	April 1934
George Wallis	Commenced	August 1934
Max O'Brien	Commenced	September 1934
Stan Wiseman	Commenced	October 1934

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*
Les Sutherland	Commenced	June 1934*
Ted Bensley	Commenced	July 1934*
Mervyn Giles	Commenced	March 1935*
Wally Clarcbrough	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

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– Honour Roll –

OVER 65 YEARS (cont...)

Bill McMahon	Commenced	July 1937
Phil Johnson	Commenced	December 1937
Jim McCance	Commenced	November 1938
Chris Breen	Commenced	January 1939
Doris Springate	Commenced	February 1939
Les Colechin	Commenced	March 1939
Fred James	Commenced	March 1939
Kevin Heys	Commenced	May 1939
Doug Hall	Commenced	August 1939
Arthur Ling	Commenced	August 1939

OVER 60 YEARS

Hartley Chaplin	Commenced	1921*
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*
Ken Couper	Commenced	June 1936*
Bruno Volpi	Commenced	March 1937*
Jack Bourne	Commenced	August 1937*
Basil Barrand	Commenced	January 1938*
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
Ron Bousfield	Commenced	May 1941
Don MacDougall	Commenced	May 1941
Audrey Banner	Commenced	August 1941
John McIlwain	Commenced	September 1941
George Hammond	Commenced	February 1942
Cliff Orchard	Commenced	February 1942
Otto Tescher	Commenced	July 1942
Mick Hannon	Commenced	November 1942
Maurie Wickes	Commenced	November 1942
Keith Gregory	Commenced	February 1943
Charles Paterson	Commenced	March 1943*
Arthur Bollard	Commenced	May 1943

* Deceased

The roll will be updated next on June 30th, 2005. Would retirees' who commenced in 1945 and who wish to be included, please contact Howard Smith – (03) 9842 7887 or Leo Mahoney – (03) 9802 4121.



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**HOLDEN RETIREES' CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
FOR 2005**

Annual subscriptions of \$2.00 are now due and payable from 2nd December 2004. Please complete this form with your \$2.00 attached and return to our treasurer preferably prior to the luncheon:

Mr. D. J. Cleary
6/285 Barkers Road
KEW VIC 3101
Tel: (03) 9818 3485

You may also return the form with \$2.00 to Doug Cleary at the December 2nd 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

(If no alteration tick box)

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: