



HOLDEN

RETIRES' CLUB

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With our first newsletter for 2006 we take this opportunity to wish you all and your families a very happy, healthy and rewarding year.

Report on our 106th Luncheon – December 1st 2005

President, Ian Samuel welcomed 267 members and guests to our Christmas luncheon well presented as usual by the Bentleigh Club. We still haven't "cracked" that magical 300 attendance but in football parlance "there's always next year".

Guests

Tony Hyde	- Executive Director, Engineering
Cathy Sheehan	- National Manager – Corporate Responsibility – Corporate Affairs
Adrian Street	- Assisting with P.A. and audio/visual presentation
Michael Brewer	- Assisting with P.A. and audio/visual presentation

New Members

Our President then welcomed 26 members which is easily a record number for many years.

Jim Allan	- Lang Lang Proving Ground
Geoff Bedford	- Sales and Marketing, Fishermans Bend
Heinz Belyers	- Experimental Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Allan Bucci	- Foundry, Fishermans Bend
George Byford	- After Sales Service, Fishermans Bend
Kevin Cox	- Public Relations, Fishermans Bend
Heather Darwin (Blair)	- Manufacturing, Fishermans Bend
Norm Darwin	- Finance, Fishermans Bend
Julie Dight	- Purchasing, Fishermans Bend
Chris Elias	- Sales, Fishermans Bend
Joe Etulian	- "Front Office", Fishermans Bend
Klaus Georgi	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Arthur Greelish	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Jo Hall	- IGM
John Herron	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Steve Markwell	- Sales, Fishermans Bend
Leon Paulazzo	- Experimental Engineering, Fishermans Bend

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Darryl Pay	- Purchasing, Fishermans Bend
Maria Pizziolo	- Cafeteria, Acacia Ridge
Clem Rogers	- Engineering, Fishermans, Bend
Joe Ripamonti	- Service Garage, Fishermans, Bend
Denis Swalwell	- Engineering Fishermans, Bend
Ian Tothill	- Materials, Elizabeth
Manfred Tursky	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Alan Williams	- Quality Control, Fishermans Bend
Col Wilson	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend

Apologies

Again, a long list of 61 apologies both local and interstate, which is indicative of the importance our members hold for the Retirees' Club.

Roger Anderson	David Lamden
Lance Amooore	Jim McCance (Qld)
Alan Baker	Don MacDougall
Ken Baker	Len Martin
Frank Bartosy	Steve Markwell (Qld)
Herb Brown	Lyle Mansfield
Tony Brougham	Kevin Matthews (S.Aust)
John Bagshaw (NSW)	John Moore
Don Bowden	Bill Montgomery
David Chard	Warren Morriss (Qld)
Steve Cossey	Tony Mele
Leo Curran	John Murison
Cath Davies	Garry Newsome
Jon Dunning	Ed Orme (NSW)
Warwick Exton	Alistair Pearce
Des Fay	John Phillips
Frank Fagarazzi	Eric Prout
Fred Findlay	John Riley
Forbes Gordon	George Saaty
Keith Gregory (Qld)	Max Saunders
Ted Greetham	Walter Scott (S.Aust)
Brian Griffin	Noel Simpson
Peter Green	Howard Smith
George Hammond	Jim Spotswood
Eric Hess (Qld)	Bob Sterling (W.Aust)
Doug Hastie	Ray Stodden
Neil Howard	Ed Taylor (Qld)
Patricia Howard	Alf Triffett
Jim Hutton (NSW)	John Velluti (NSW)
Peter Janssen	Neill Westhorpe
Ray Jenner	

Obituaries

President Ian then announced those members who had died recently additional to those already listed in our November newsletter.

Geoff Davies (Oct'05)	-	Sales, Fishermans Bend
Kevin Heys (Nov'05)	-	NASCO, Fishermans Bend and Dandenong
John Lee (Nov'05)	-	Finance, Fishermans Bend
Maurie Wickes (Nov'05)	-	Engineering, Fishermans Bend

The customary one minute's silence was observed.

Since our November newsletter we have been advised of the death of:

Dan Martin (Dec'05)	--	Master Schedules, Supply, Fishermans Bend
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Kevin James Heys 8.5.1922 – 23.11.2005

Kevin joined GMH in May 1939 but for family reasons resigned but returned a few years later when he joined NASCO. He was always a very popular member of the Holden family and was very active in the various social activities around the company.

He was renowned for his love of golf and the Huntingdale Golf Club where we often joined him for lunch on Sundays.

The many Holden Retirees who attended his funeral at Camberwell was indicative of his generous nature and popularity.

Guest Speaker

President Ian Samuel then introduced Tony Hyde, our guest speaker, who gave a humorous, but insightful presentation into the status of GM Holden at this time when the Corporation as a whole is going through many problems.

He spoke of the tough road ahead and pointed out how Holden is now the centre of excellence for rear wheel drive vehicles for the Corporation.

He particularly emphasised the absolute necessity of growing our export markets if we are to maintain our manufacturing base.

His presentation was loudly applauded by all the members with the vote of thanks from Peter Pavey who then presented door prizes made available through Corporate Affairs.

Also on display in the Bentleigh Club gardens – again courtesy of Corporate Affairs – was the new Viva Wagon and also Tony Hyde's Monaro with all the extra "goodies".

Do You Remember?

This year is the 50th anniversary since the introduction of the FE Holden in July 1956.

Holden was already well established in the Australian market and this Australian

designed body was a major change from the original Holden introduced in 1948.

Many of the engineers involved with the FE are members of the Retirees' Club and Tom Molnar, who was part of the engineering team and who now lives in Port Macquarie, would like to congratulate all his colleagues on remembering those exciting times.

(Ed's note: My first car was an FE – GSG 935 – 2 tone blue, white walled tyres, heater, reversing lights and windscreen washers. Wow!!)

Next Luncheon

The next luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday March 2, 2006 commencing at 12 noon. The cost will be \$19 and drinks are available at bar prices.

Our guest speaker will be Ray Grigg who retired from General Motors in 2004 after 47 years of service as an executive both here in Australia, Europe and Japan. Ray chairs the S.A. Government's High Level Automotive Industry Group to improve that States international competitiveness in the automotive industry. He is also on an advisory panel on the future of Mitsubishi Australia Ltd.

This will certainly be a most interesting presentation and we look forward to a large attendance.

See you there!



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