



**HOLDEN**

## RETIREES' CLUB

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We started off our luncheons for 2006 with an equal record attendance (excluding Christmas) of 175 and we certainly look for your support continuing throughout the year.

### *Report on our 107<sup>th</sup> Luncheon – March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006*

#### **Guests**

Ray Grigg

– Chairman, Company Director and Management Consultant

Cathy Sheehan

– National Manager – Corporate Responsibility – Corporate Affairs

#### **New Members**

Our President then welcomed 10 new members.

Ted Abaloz

– Materials, Dandenong

Bob Anketell

– HSPO, Dandenong

Kevin Clarke

– Sales & Marketing, Fishermans Bend

Tony Dixon

– Service, Fishermans Bend

Ray Ingram

– GMPA, Dandenong

Jim McAuliffe

– Engineering, Fishermans Bend

Frank Nesci

– Laboratory, Fishermans Bend

Neil Pogson

– Product Planning, Fishermans Bend

Wally Smith

– Quality Control, Elizabeth

Henry Wolf

– Engineering & EDS, Fishermans Bend

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### *Apologies*

Again, a long list of 59 apologies which as I have often said, is a good indication of the interest that members have in our Club.

Brian Alexander	Marc McInnes (NSW)
Wally Ames	John Morrison
Brian Bardwell	Steve Markwell (Q'ld)
Arthur Bollard	Bill Murrell (WA)
Geoff Bedford	Kevin Matthews (SA)
Rod Bertram	Tom Montgomery
John Bagshaw (NSW)	John Moore
Lindsay Backway	Jim McAuliffe
Allan Chaplin	Jim McCance (Q'ld)
Phil Conroy (very sick)	Peter MacDonald
Bill Dalton	Gary Newsome
Frank Fagarazzi	Mike Perry (NSW)
Joe Felice (NSW)	Leo Pruneau
Fred Findlay	Eric Prout
Paul Fontaine	Max Richards
Brian Griffin	George Saaty
Ted Greetham	John Schinasi (Q'ld)
Ian Gale	Noel Simpson
Keith Gregory (Q'ld)	Howard Smith
Bert Hemley	Bob Sterling (WA)
Eric Hess (Q'ld)	Ray Stodden
Graeme Harper	Walter Scott (SA)
Jim Hutton (Q'ld)	Harold Stevens
Gordon Holden	Muriel Stockdale
Terry Hellier	Stan Suffren
Norm Hemingway	Ed Taylor (Q'ld)
Brian Jackson	Neill Westhorpe
Ron Kidd	Alan Watkins
David Lamden	Tony Winkelman
Warren Morriss (Q'ld)	

### *Obituaries*

President Ian Samuel then announced those members who had died recently in addition to those already listed in our February newsletter.

Brian Hansen	- Finance, Dandenong
Roy Morgan	- Materials, Dandenong

The customary one minute's silence was observed.

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

Peter Ascher (Dec'05)	- Manufacturing and Isuzu, Dandenong
Bill McMahon (Mar'06)	- Supply, Fishermans Bend
Don Moulton (Mar'06)	- Manufacturing, Fishermans Bend
George Hammond (Mar'06)	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend

*George W. Hammond  
d. March 19, 2006*

George joined G.M.H. in 1942 as a Technical Officer at the Pagewood Plant engaged on wartime projects such as the 25 pdr Gun and Mosquito Bomber Wing. He transferred to Fishermans Bend Plant in 1946 working on Frigidaire Projects, then to the Dandenong Frigidaire Plant in 1956 as Executive Engineer and with the cessation of Frigidaire manufacture reverted back to Fishermans Bend controlling new model Vehicle Tooling Expenditure Data until retirement in 1980.

**Guest Speaker**

President Ian Samuel then introduced our guest speaker, Ray Grigg, who after a distinguished career with Holden, has worked within the South Australian Government, particularly in the area of health.

He emphasised the need in the automotive industry to be "fit and lean" if it is going to survive and that growth will only come with an emphasis on exports and this equally applies to suppliers.

In South Australia, the health industry is undergoing a complete revamp with each hospital specialising in a particular health area (say) cancer.

Peter Pavey proposed a vote of thanks and then proceeded to distribute door prizes made available through Corporate Affairs.

**Retirees' Golf Day**

As announced at the March lunch, the annual Holden Retirees Golf Day was again held at Heidelberg Golf Club this

year by courtesy of Gordon Holden. Play commenced at 9.30am on Thursday March 30 and the weather was fine.

The runaway winner on the day with 41 stableford points was our host Gordon Holden who will have his name on the trophy for the second time. He was no doubt assisted by local knowledge of his own course and the new equipment that he purchased on his recent overseas trip. Being a two time winner now, Gordon has kindly volunteered to renovate the trophy and take over the organization of this day in the next few years.

Retirees may be interested in the past winners who are as follows:

1981	R Lee
1982	C Stafford
1983	R Lee
1984	F Astill
1985	D Hall
1986	E Shaw
1987	S Wiseman
1988	C Breen
1989	N Tempest
1990	J Murchie
1991	C Breen
1992	N Tempest
1993	C Breen
1994	C Breen
1995	H Rowe
1996	J Lacey
1997	A Chalmers
1998	J Lacey
1999	W Dobell
2000	No Golf Day
2001	G Holden
2002	A Nanscawen
2003	A Nanscawen
2004	D Cheyne

2005 G McGilvray  
2006 G Holden

Runner up this year was last year's winner Gordon McGilvray on a countback from Joe Linder. Bruce Black, Bill Dobell and Don Cheyne played well but had a few bad holes. As usual all players had a very happy time at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole and were again very grateful for the prizes supplied by Holden Public Affairs and many thanks to Cathy Sheehan for her generous assistance.

*Courtesy John Lacey*

### **Leukaemia Foundation**

You will recall that back in March 2005 we had representatives of the Leukaemia Foundation at our luncheon to encourage any members who may be able to become volunteer drivers.

One of those who volunteered was Les Sellman who was Quality of Work Life Coordinator in manufacturing at Fishermans Bend. His first job was to East Brighton to pick up Alby Epifano who had worked at Holden for 35 years being a leading hand in Plant 1. Les and Alby were well known to each other although it was some years since they had any contact. What a remarkable coincidence and reunion!!

If anybody else would like to volunteer then feel free to contact Sue Beard at the Foundation on 1800 620 420.

G.M. Holden is a major sponsor of the Foundation.

### **Special Inclusion**

Enclosed with this newsletter is an updated "Honour Roll" with the addition of Alex Chalmers and Gordon Hill.

### **Nostalgia Time**

In my last newsletter, I mentioned that July 2006 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of the "FE" Holden. What a marque! The first total body redesign since the introduction of the 48/215 in 1948.

To celebrate the occasion and with the cooperation of the FE/FC Holden Car Club, we will have on display vehicles as originally designed by our engineers at that time.

Come along to the Bentleigh Club on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and see for yourself.

### **Next Luncheon**

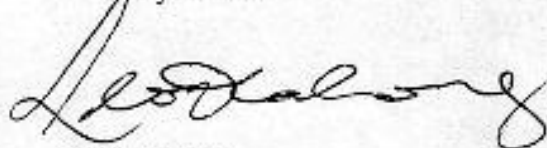
Our next luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 commencing at 12 noon. The cost will be \$19 payable at the door and drinks are available at bar prices.

Our guest speaker will be Rod Keane who is the Executive Director of Manufacturing in South Australia.

Rod commenced with Holden in 1972 as a Quality Control Engineer. After 28 years in South Australia he moved overseas in 2000 to take up the position of Executive Director, Power Train and Chassis Components, GM Europe.

In 2004 he returned to South Australia as Executive Director of Manufacturing. In the current environment of automotive manufacture in Australia, his presentation on changes in Elizabeth will be illuminating.

See you there!



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