



**HOLDEN**

**RETIREES' CLUB**

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Another year is inexorably rolling by and here we are already preparing for our winter meeting for Thursday June 5.

Our first luncheon for 2008 in March attracted 140 members including 9 new members and 4 guests.

***Report on our 115<sup>th</sup> luncheon – March 6, 2008***

President, Ian Samuel welcomed members and guests.

***Guests***

Chris Shattock	– Retiree, Executive Engineer
Anna Glenn	– Sales & Marketing, GM Holden
Jack Baldassari	– Sales & Marketing, GM Holden
Tanya Warrington	– Corporate Affairs, GM Holden

***New Members***

President, Ian Samuel then welcomed the following new members to our Club.

Gabriel Carmona	– Tool Room Plant 10, Fishermans Bend
Cip Corva	– Maintenance, Fishermans Bend
Peter Cummins	– Sales, Fishermans Bend
Roy Fardon	– Vehicle Assembly, Dandenong
Ken Foletta	– Design, Fishermans Bend
Ron Griffiths	– Foundry, Fishermans Bend
Brian Nash	– Purchasing, Fishermans Bend
Joe Tabbah	– Works Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Frank Sargent	– Manufacturing, Fishermans Bend

### *Apologies*

As usual there was a long list of apologies received from 47 members all over Australia.

Roger Anderson	John Leigh
John Bagshaw (Qld)	Warwick Lindsay
Lindsay Backway	Peter Lukey
Graham Barton	Marc McInnes (NSW)
Bruce Black	Jim McCance (Qld)
Tony Brougham	Graham March
John Bruni (Qld)	Bill Murrell (WA)
Alex Chalmers	Steve Markwell (Qld)
Leo Curran	Garry Newsome (Qld)
Jean Dodd	Keith Nicholson
Norm Ellis	Tom O'Regan
Frank Fagarazzi	Earl Peppin
Bill Fitzgerald	Ivan Rilling (SA)
John Finlayson (SA)	Clem Rogers
Ted Greetham	George Saaty
Keith Gregory (Qld)	Walter Scott (SA)
Ron Griffiths	Bob Sterling (WA)
Bob Harland (Qld)	Dave Tasker
Eric Hess (Qld)	Ed Taylor (Qld)
Harry Hicks	Brian Williams
Jim Hutton (Qld)	Tony Winkelman
Brian Jackson	Gerry Wright
Peter Kane	Don Wylie
Martin Kruger	

### *Obituaries*

In addition to those members already listed in our February newsletter, President, Ian then announced the passing of the following members.

Charlie Attard (Feb '08)	–	Materials Management, Fishermans Bend
George Edmunds (Nov '07)	–	Standards, Fishermans Bend

The customary respectful silence was observed.

Since our March luncheon we have been advised of the death of:

Charlie Mattioni (Mar '08)	–	Maintenance/Tool Room, Fishermans Bend
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### *Guest Speaker*

As announced in our February newsletter retired Executive Engineer, Chris Shattock was to be our guest speaker but unfortunately due to a communications breakdown, Power Point presentation equipment was not available at The Bentleigh Club and at such short notice it was just not possible to make alternative arrangements. Therefore, Chris' presentation has been deferred to our June 5 luncheon.

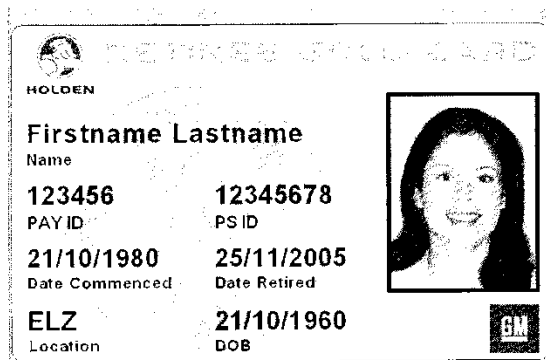
Fortunately, we had with us Anna Glenn and Jack Baldassari from Sales and Marketing who were able to elaborate more fully on the new system being developed for the purchase of vehicles through a web based application. A handout on the new system was made available to all present.

Also, the response to the leaflet mailed in our last newsletter requesting e-mail addresses etc. was outstanding with well over 300 responses received.

In conjunction with these changes there is also going to be a replacement of the existing Gold Card with a plastic card. Details are as follows:

### **Plastic Replacement for GM Holden Gold Card**

GM Holden is pleased to advise you of a new Gold Card process for all retirees. A sample of the new card which will be issued to all new retirees is below.



Until December 31 2008, GM Holden retirees club members will be able to change their paper Gold Card over to the new format plastic card. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, you will need to:

1. Fill out the Gold Card replacement request form, attached to this newsletter. A replacement card is free until December 31st 2008. From January 1 2009, replacement cards will be at a cost of \$5.00
2. Visit Holden Security at Main Gate in Fisherman's Bend or Elizabeth and present your paper Gold Card.
3. Security personnel will take a photograph of you and collect a copy of your current card and the completed Gold Card replacement request form.
4. The Human Resources Service Centre will prepare your replacement card and send it your postal address once it has been completed.
5. Please allow three weeks for new cards to be mailed to you.

If you do not wish to take advantage of the replacement card offer, you are able to retain your existing paper Gold Card. If you have any queries regarding this process please contact Melanie Seymour of the Human Resource Service Centre on 03 9647 5512.

### ***Leukaemia Foundation***

As you are all aware GM Holden is a major sponsor of the foundation and a number of retirees' are volunteer drivers. Among them is Fred Jamison who has gone one step further in the "World's Greatest Shave". Fred gave us a brief rundown on the programme and suggested that members may care to sponsor his entry onto the Great Shave although not too much to shave from Fred's head(??) The result was beyond expectations and the following article and photo from the

Leukaemia Foundation newsletter says it all.

“One of our volunteer drivers, Fred Jamison, has participated in the World’s Greatest Shave. Fred made a phenomenal effort in raising over \$4000. He received support from his dance group – Surry Dance, GM Holden, and lots of generous friends and family. Thanks Fred for the amazing contribution and ongoing support to the Leukaemia Foundation.”



### ***GM Holden Retirees Golf Day***

As announced at the luncheon, the Annual Golf Day was being held on Thursday, March 20. The following is a detailed report of the day.

The Holden Retirees Golf Day was again held at Heidelberg Golf Club this year by courtesy of Mike Sullivan who had heard of our problem to find a venue following the death of Gordon Holden. Mike had recently joined the Heidelberg Golf Club so he offered to have our annual day there again in 2008. The course was in very good condition despite the lack of good rain as the Club has access to water from the nearby Yarra river. Play commenced at 9.30 am on Thursday March 20 and the weather was fine. The winner on the day with 34 stableford points was a recent retiree John Riley who also won the longest drive and one of the two nearest the pin prizes. John was presented with the perpetual Trophy which he is able to keep for the next 12 months. Mike Sullivan and yours truly, John

Lacey, were equal second followed by Bill Dobell, Don Cheyne and Ron Kidd. Peter Gibbs won the other Nearest to the Pin and Brian FitzGibbon also won a prize. You may be interested that the past winners are now as follows:

81 R Lee, 82 C Stafford, 83 R Lee, 84 F Astill, 85 D Hall, 86 E Shaw, 87 S Wiseman, 88 C Breen, 89 N Tempest, 90 J Murchie, 91 C Breen, 92 N Tempest, 93 & 94 C Breen, 95 H Rowe, 96 J Lacey, 97 A Chalmers, 98 J Lacey, 99 W Dobell, 01 G Holden, 02 A Nancawen, 03 A Nancawen, 04 D Cheyne, 05 G McGilvray, 06 G Holden, 07 J Lacey, 08 J Riley

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 Corporate Affairs and many thanks to Tanya Warrington for her generous assistance.

*Courtesy, John Lacey*

### ***Motor Show Tickets***

A limited number of tickets were made available to members through Hugh Videion courtesy of Chensina Berylka of GM Marketing Services.

### ***On Display***

In the gardens of The Bentleigh Club we had a “Hummer” that created a lot of attention. (The question not to ask is “How many litres per 100k’s”).

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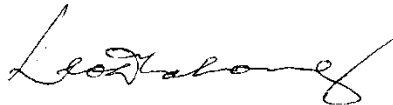
*Next Meeting*

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter our next luncheon will be held at The Bently Club, Yawla Street, Bently on Thursday June 5, 2008 commencing at 12 noon.

The cost is \$20.00 payable at the door and our guest speaker will be Chris Shattock who will speak about his and his wife's "Walking Adventures".

Don't forget your name tag, we will supply you on the day if you don't have one.

See you there!!



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