



**HOLDEN**

**RETIREES' CLUB**

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Another cold winter rolling by and the AFL finals almost upon us and our Spring luncheon coming up.

Our luncheon in June attracted 146 members including 9 new members and one of our own members as Guest Speaker

***Report on our 116<sup>th</sup> luncheon – June 5, 2008***

President, Ian Samuel welcomed members and guests. Ian also welcomed Bill and Valdean Murrell from West Australia who were joined at lunch by Peter and June Green and Frank and Jean Pound.

***Guests***

Chris Shattock	– Retiree, Executive Engineer
Tanya Warrington	– Corporate Affairs

***New Members***

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

Tony Curtis	– Production Control, Elizabeth
Bill Disco	– Drawing Office, Fishermans Bend
Nick Erdem	– Tool Room Plant 6, Fishermans Bend
Bill Galna	– Durability, Lang Lang
Colin Green	– Tool Room Plant 6, Fishermans Bend
Tony Hyde	– Engineering, Fishermans Bend
John Mountford	– HSPO, Dandenong
Stan Rusiniak	– Technical Centre, Fishermans Bend
Jim Thompson	– Manufacturing, Plant 10, Fishermans Bend

### *Apologies*

54 apologies were received from members from all over Australia.

John Bagshaw (Qld)	John Melwain
Ivor Bittner	Steve Markwell (Qld)
Max Bell	Geoff Miller
Rod Bertram	John Moore
John Bruni (Qld)	Warren Morriss (Qld)
Don Cheyne	Jack Murchie
Leo Curran	Alan Nanscowen
Norm Ellis	Garry Newsome (Qld)
Warwick Exton	Rob Newton
Frank Fagarazzi	Keith Nicholson
John Finlayson (SA)	Peter Pavey
Paul Fontaine	Neil Pogson
Keith Gregory (Qld)	Jack Rawnsley
Ron Griffiths	Ivan Rilling (SA)
Ted Greetham	Ken Rolls
Bob Harland (Qld)	George Saaty
Eric Hess (Qld)	Walter Scott (SA)
Harry Hicks	Noel Simpson
Jim Hutton (Qld)	Joanne Smith
Ernie Ivanyi	Laurie Sparke
Alan Irwin	Bob Sterling (WA)
Brian Jackson	Ray Stodden
David Lamden	Stan Suffren
John Lacey	Ed Taylor (Qld)
Peter Lukey	Brian Williams
Jim McCance (Qld)	Tony Winkelman
Ian McCleave	Don Wylie

### *Obituaries*

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

Evan Carter (May '08)	- Finance, Fishermans Bend
John Clipsham (May '08)	- Manufacturing, Fishermans Bend and Isuzu
Tom Connors (May '08)	- Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Ron Duffin (May '08)	- Works Engineering, Fishermans Bend

The customary respectful silence was observed.

Since our June luncheon we have been notified of the deaths of:

Andy Leslie (June '08)	– Drawing Office, Fishermans Bend
Don Scott-Wright (Aug '08)	– Quality Control, Fishermans Bend

We would also like to place on record the recent death of Sharon Pound – daughter of past president Frank Pound and his wife Jean who worked in Master Schedules, Supply Department back in the '60's.

Sharon had battled breast cancer for 5 years and had two boys aged 10 and 11. Sharon was only 44.

### ***Guest Speaker***

After the false start at our February luncheon, Chris Shattock was up and rarin' to go and gave us a wonderful and interesting insight backed up with a PowerPoint presentation of his and his wife's "Walking Adventures in the UK".

St. Bees to Ennerdale in the Lakes District – the spectacular scenery – and plenty of blisters! Passing through Richmond (of Fawltly Towers fame) and from St. Bees to Robin Hood's Bay a total of 192 miles in 16 days with only 2 bad weather days!

A great presentation with an appropriate vote of thanks from Hugh Videion who with the assistance of Tanya Warrington distributed prizes generously donated by Corporate Affairs.

### ***People Magazine Can You Help?***

The first "People" magazine was published to commemorate the release of the 48/215 Holden in November 1948.

The cover shows a family sitting around an open fireplace and the 4 year old in the photo is our own Warwick Lindsay who worked with Isuzu and whose father, Jim was Traffic Manager for GMH.

We are looking for a copy of this magazine to be used as part of the 60<sup>th</sup> Holden Anniversary celebrations.

Alternatively there was a "People" magazine featuring the same family some 5 or 6 years after the 48/215 – probably around the time of the introduction of the FJ in 1953.

If you have a copy of either of these publications then please contact Warwick on (03) 9592 5535 or see him at the September 4 luncheon (with the precious magazine).

### ***GM Holden 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations***

Yes! There is going to be a big celebration on site at Fishermans Bend on:

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2008

Time: 3pm to 8pm.

Retirees may only bring their spouse or partner and you must fill in an online application form located on the Holden Sports and Social Club's website: [www.hssc.org.au](http://www.hssc.org.au)

For those with no internet access complete the application form enclosed with this newsletter.

At our luncheon on September 4, Jaydeep Solanki, General Manager Strategic Projects, is going to give us a brief overview of the event and will answer any questions

### ***FE/FC or Model Memorabilia***

As retired Holden employees downsize from their family home to a 1 or 2 bedroom unit many of their heirlooms stashed away in cupboards often end up in the tip! If you are in this category there are avid collectors of Holden memorabilia awaiting your call!

Tony Galea, President of the FE/FC Holden Club can be contacted on (03) 9785 1015.

Brochures, key rings – practically anything related to Holden – phone (03) 9457 4197 and ask for Neville.

In Adelaide, where we can trace back the Holden name to the body builders of the early 1900's and who merged with General Motors in 1931 to form General Motors – Holden, there must be lots of memorabilia hidden away.

You can also contact the Melbourne phone numbers but there is also an Adelaide collector – Rod Smith who can be contacted on (08) 9448 2384.

### ***New and Improved Vehicle Purchase Programme***

GM Holden is improving the New Vehicle Purchase Programme which is also available to retirees.

Full details are provided in an attachment included with this newsletter.

### ***Thanks... and an Appeal***

*Fred Jamison* thanks all those retirees who helped him raise over \$4000.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation when he submitted to the "World's Greatest Shave".

*Warwick Lindsay*, also a volunteer driver for the Foundation, appealed for more volunteers. If you can help, then contact Jane Dickenson at the Leukaemia Foundation on (03) 9949 5814.

### ***Honour Roll***

A revised Honour Roll is included with this newsletter and there is a number of additions to the list particularly for retirees who started their careers with GMH in the latter part of 1947 and during 1948. It will be updated again in February 2009.

### ***Next Meeting***

Our next luncheon will be held at the Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> commencing at 12 noon.

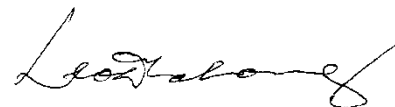
Our guest speaker will again be one of our own retirees, Tony Brougham, who worked for 34 years with Holden in Experimental Engineering.

Tony will talk about "Touring Outback Australia" which he has done extensively with tent, camper trailer and caravan. His talk will be supported with a PowerPoint presentation.

The cost is \$20.00, payable at the door and drinks are available at bar prices.

Make sure you bring your name tag – if you are a new member we will supply you with one.

See you there!!



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