



HOLDEN

RETIREES' CLUB

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Our 2008 Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla St. Bentleigh on Thursday, December 4th 2008 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 \$25.00 payable at the door of the function room.

Drinks are available at bar prices.

It is not necessary to book for lunch.

Our guest speaker will be G. M. Holden's Chairman and Managing Director, Mark Reuss.

Retiring President, Ian Samuel's, Christmas Message

During my tenure as Vice President and then as President of the Holden Retirees' Club, we have seen many new faces join our membership and have retained the support of an ever changing senior management at Holden's. The speakers have made some great presentations over a variety of subjects ranging from "What is happening on the world automotive scene" to "Personal experiences during their working lives, and into retirement". Who can forget the world of difference that was presented by our own Jack Rawnsley, who

at 96 years young described his involvement and travels during the development of the 48/215 immediately following WWII.

GM Holden's management has been generous in their support of the Retirees' Club with handouts, presentations, information sharing, plant visits and vehicle displays. This has continued with the Holdens 60th birthday invitation and the extension of the vehicle purchase plan to Holden retirees and their spouses.

It is worth repeating that a club is only as good as its members, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the committee and members for their

continued support and particularly Leo Mahoney for his stewardship as secretary over many years.

This January, I will pass the baton onto Laurie Sparke who as President, I am sure will continue the tradition of fellowship and entertainment enjoyed by our many members.

Thank you for your support, and wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Samuel
President

Report on our 117th luncheon – September 4, 2008

President, Ian Samuel welcomed 151 members and guests including guest speaker Tony Brougham an Executive with Experimental Engineering for 34 years.

Guests

Tony Brougham	– Guest Speaker
Dominic Depragiache	– Sports and Social Club
Cathy Sheehan	– Corporate Affairs
Jaydeep Solanki	– General Manager Strategic Projects

New Members

It is always pleasing to welcome new members and Ian Samuel introduced 12 new members.

Don Boughton	– Foundry, Fishermans Bend
George Canciani	– Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Dave Choy	– GRWD Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Bob Fay	– Plastics, Elizabeth
Garnet Fernandez	– Design, Fishermans Bend
Nick Gayed	– Holden Engine Company
John Hefferman	– Assembly Plant, Dandenong
Chris Leighfield	– Power Train Engineering, Fishermans Bend
Jack Tavinor	– HSPO, Dandenong
Charles Stewart	– Engine Assembly, Fishermans Bend
Ken Swain	– Materials, Plant 17, Fishermans Bend
Bruce Wenham	– Plant & Equipment, Elizabeth

Obituaries

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

Frank Sargent (Aug '08)	– Manufacturing, Fishermans Bend
Audrey Banner (Aug '08)	– Secretary to a number of Managing Directors

A respectful silence was observed.

Since our September luncheon we have also been advised of the deaths of the following.

Clem Aghion (Aug '08)	– Supply Department, Fishermans Bend
Ted Dzialukowski (Oct '08)	– Finance, Fishermans Bend
Eric Clark (Nov '08)	– Supply Department, Fishermans Bend

Apologies

As usual there were many apologies received from around Australia – a total of 48 including 14 from interstate.

On this occasion, I am not going to record them but they are available with the details of our September luncheon.

Guest Speaker

Tony Brougham then gave us a wonderful insight into camping in the '50's right through to the present day. Probably the most important matter to come through Tony's talk was the importance of communication. An HF radio or satellite phone is pretty much essential. A minimum of three days food and water is also important and of course it goes without saying that the vehicle and the trailer have got to be in top mechanical condition.

Tony's rig was a delight to examine in the gardens of The Bentleigh Club with every little space utilized to the maximum.

Of Special Interest

Retiree Bob Watson has written a book about his adventures with Holden and the Holden Dealers Rally Team, winning the first race for the Monaro at Sandown and competing at Bathurst with fellow Holden employee Tony Roberts.

Bob will be attending our Christmas luncheon and would be pleased to take orders for his book which I'm sure is a great read.

National Museum of Australia – Canberra

In 2010 the National Museum of Australia will open a new permanent gallery called 'Creating a Country'. One of the many places featured in the new exhibition will be Fishermans Bend. Two major features of the new display will be the Holden prototype No.1 and a Lees Bradner gear cutting machine from the plant room.

While we have more than enough information about GMH we would like to consider borrowing more objects from the Fishermans Bend plant. I would like to hear from members who have kept objects which reflect their working lives.

For example, dust jackets, ties, tools, or other mementos. I am especially keen

to hear from anyone who worked in the publicity department and from any women who worked at GMH during the 1950's and 1960's.

Members can contact me as follows:

Mr. Daniel Oakman

Ph. 02 6208 5234

Email: doakman@nma.gov.au

or at

National Gallery of Australia
GPO Box 1901
Canberra ACT 2601

Inclusions with this newsletter

There are (2) two important inclusions with this newsletter:

1. The Annual Subscription Renewal Form for 2008. It would be much appreciated if this form could be returned to Doug Cleary preferably prior to the luncheon.
2. Two (2) cards with our luncheon dates for 2009.

Christmas Luncheon


As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter, our Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, December 4th, 2008.

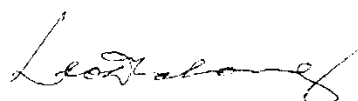
With guest speaker, Mark Reuss, GM Holden Chairman and Managing Director we are sure to be brought up to date with the state of play for the automotive industry and GM Holden in particular

Don't forget your name tags. If you haven't got one, we will get you one on the day!

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year.

See you on the 4th.

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FOR 2009**

Annual subscriptions of \$2.00 are now due and payable from 4th December 2008. 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 4th 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: