



## RETIREES' CLUB

**FEBRUARY 2000**  
**NEWSLETTER No. 42**

Dear Members,

Welcome to the year 2000 and I trust that none of our members were afflicted by "the millennium bug", other than aphids in your garden!

The 82<sup>nd</sup> quarterly luncheon meeting was held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1999. This was a special Christmas lunch menu with roast turkey, ham and vegetables and plum pudding with brandy sauce. The attendance was excellent with 260 members and guests enjoying the occasion.

We had several guests at our Xmas lunch and various Holden cars on display in the fountain garden.

Courtesy of Holden Limited, we had the latest VT Commodore and Calais and WH Statesman sedans on display. Further interest was provided with an excellent, mint condition 1968 Holden HK Monaro GTS coupé, kindly loaned by the owners, Richard and Lisa Miani.

Members enjoyed inspecting the vehicle display before and after lunch and reflecting on the changes from the 1960's through to the 1990's.

After our excellent lunch, our President, Frank Pound, introduced all of our guests and new members.

***Our guests were:***

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| Peter Thomas         | – | Executive Director - Strategic Planning and External Affairs - Holden Limited |
| Joanne Smith         | – | Public Affairs - Holden Limited   |
| Jane Marshall        | – | Public Affairs - Holden Limited   |
| Mike Chester         | – | Design Staff - Holden Limited   |
| Kate Arnold          | – | Graphic Words Pty Ltd - Editor of "People" magazine                           |
| Richard & Lisa Miani | – | Holden Monaro Club  |
| Jon Hodgson          | – | Compuwrite Typing Services  |

***New members welcomed:***

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| Chris Shattock | – | Engineering       | } Fishermen's Bend |
| Ray Chaplin    | – | Plant Engineering |                    |

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**Interstate members welcomed:**

Betty Flanagan – Sydney  
 Ian Watson – Adelaide  
 Marc McInnes – Sydney

**Apologies were received from:**

John Bagshaw – Sydney	John Kozlowski – Adelaide
Frank Bartosy	Wally Lauder
John Black	Stuart Littlehales
Alan Chapman	Rex Ludowyke
Jim Crowhurst	Bill Maplesden
Joyce Doig	Kevin Marmion
Vic Drew	Jim McCance – Gold Coast
Goardon Eastwood	Bill McMahon
Frank Fairley	Cliff Orchard
Phil Fitzgibbon	Charles Paterson
Max Fuller	Mike Perry – Coffs Harbour
Ian Gale – hip operation	Alistair Pearse
Barry Gates	Lyle Reeves
Doug Hall	Walter Scott – Adelaide
George Hammond	Noel Simpson
Mick Hannon	Ray Stodden
Don Haywood	Bruno Volpi
Rick Howard	George Wallis
Pat Howard	Lene Watson – Cobram
Ken Jacoby	John Willis – Port Macquarie
John Janssen	Tony Winkelman
Peter Janssen	Ern Wood – cardiac tests
Kevin Johnson	Emile Yagmoor
George Keel	

**Obituaries:**

The President announced the deceased members since our last meeting:

Marg Hall	–	G.M.P. & A. (Nasco), Dandenong
Jim Harris	–	Frigidaire, Dandenong
		Engine Department Claims, Fishermen's Bend
Albie Jobling	–	Plant 6 Maintenance, Fishermen's Bend
Len Whytcross	–	Engineering Drafting, Fishermen's Bend

A minutes silence was requested as respect for all of our deceased members.

Frank Pound then introduced our guest speaker, Peter Thomas, who gave a most interesting and informative talk on the activities of Holden during 1999. Peter covered the success of the VT Commodore/Calais and the WH Statesman/Caprice models, particularly in the export of left-hand drive cars to Middle Eastern countries and the expanding overseas markets for Holden four cylinder engines

Our Vice President, Hugh Videion thanked Peter for his excellent talk and then, with a great acclamation from the members.

Holden Public Affairs kindly donated Holden posters to distribute to members at the luncheon and these were greatly appreciated.

We have learned from Jeanne Melbraaten that she was born on the S.S. "Berrima", coming from the U.K. to Australia. Jeanne is a regular attendee at our quarterly luncheons and worked in Finance.

Since our last meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1999 we have been advised of the passing of two of our well known members:

Ted Bensley	-	Supply/Manufacturing
John Willis	-	Service/Sales

(Port Macquarie).

Ted Bensley was an inaugural member of the Holden Retirees' Club and served as Treasurer for many years.

Copies of letters received from Howard and Edna Smith and Jim Crowhurst are attached to the end of this newsletter, as I feel there is interest to many other members.

Our first luncheon meeting for the year 2000 will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12:00 noon. Our guest speaker will be Peter Hanenberger, Chairman and Managing Director of Holden Limited.

I hope to see you all there.



Stan Halliday  
SECRETARY

Letter to Stan Halliday from Howard and Edna Smith...

“7<sup>th</sup> December 1999

Dear Stan,

Thru` you Edna and I would like to thank our President Frank Pound for informing the audience of about 250 G.M. Retirees` of our up-coming 13<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (which is today).

This year Edna reached 50yrs Association with Holden – 28 yrs Service plus 22 yrs Retirement which together with my 63 yrs since I started at City Rd in 1936 makes a combined total of 113 yrs.

As far as I know we are the only husband & wife combination at present regularly attending our quarterly lunch of the Victorian Retirees` Club and we both feel very privileged to have been associated with the Company for such a long time.

We are both Veterans of W.W.2 Edna serving with the AWAS and I with the R.A.N.

We think that Betty Flanagan & Lorraine Cornell were behind the announcement which came as a great surprise to us both but believe me Stan it was a thrill of a life-time to receive such an ovation from our co-members of the Club and Betty followed it up by prevailing on the photographer to take our photo in that “den of iniquity” the “pokie” Room before we left on Thursday last.

Finally Stan it would be a great favour to us if you could report this event in your own words in the next newsletter.

Yours Sincerely,

Howard & Edna

Wishing you and your wife our Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas.”

Letter to Stan Halliday from Jim Crowhurst...

"21.11.99

Dear Stanley Bruce,

Ive been asked by a very good friend, Mrs Joyce Harris. whether you could add a note in one of your very informative news letters, advising the friends and acquaintances of her husband, Jim Harris that he passed away Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Jim worked for many years at Frigidaire Dandenong then about 15 years in Fishermen's Bend, finishing up in Engine Dept. claims div.

Never an avid sports fan he made up for this when he retired a couple of years ago becoming a golfing fanatic.

Regretfully he died of liver cancer after e very short illness.

On a personal note, after my two heart attacks I had the mandatory quad bi-pass. At 75 I play off a very respectable (if unofficial) handicap of 27. You may remember my lovely wife, Jean.

We remember you and all the old GM and Nasco Gang with affection. We hope you and Edna are still in good health.

Jim Crowhurst"

# Holden Retirees' Club

## - Honour Roll -

VICTORIAN MEMBERS WITH LONG SERVICE & DISTINGUISHED  
ASSOCIATION WITH G.M.H.A. AND THE RETIREES' CLUB

### OVER 70 YEARS

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Jack Willis	Commenced	November 1926
Jack Burgan	Commenced Birkenhead	March 1927
Stan Suffren	Commenced	March 1928

### OVER 65 YEARS

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Bill Jobson	Commenced	November 1926*
Charlie Lennen	Commenced	November 1926*
Bob McIntosh	Commenced	January 1927*
Bob Bloss	Commenced	December 1932
Sid Warburton	Commenced	May 1933
Chris Stafford	Commenced	June 1933
Jack Kane	Commenced	November 1933
Harry Boylan	Commenced	January 1934
Eric Clark	Commenced	April 1934
Les Sutherland	Commenced	June 1934
Ted Bensley	Commenced	July 1934*
George Wallis	Commenced	August 1934
Max O'Brien	Commenced	September 1934
Stan Wiseman	Commenced	October 1934
Mervyn Giles	Commenced	March 1935

### OVER 60 YEARS

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Jim Williams	Commenced	July 1933*
Jessie Hay (nee Pope)	Commenced	October 1933*
Tom Warburton	Commenced	October 1932*
Dave Prain	Commenced	February 1934*
Wally Clarebrough	Commenced	April 1935
Eric Prout	Commenced	May 1935
Vi Hall (nee Davidson)	Commenced	May 1935
Jim Lindsay	Commenced	May 1935*
Carmel Mulligan	Commenced	July 1935*
Jack Rawnsley	Commenced	January 1936
Frank Shetliffe	Commenced	January 1936*
Syd Holmes	Commenced	February 1936
Gordon McCann	Commenced	February 1936
Fred Findlay	Commenced	March 1936
Jack Murchie	Commenced	March 1936
Howard Smith	Commenced	June 1936

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## - Honour Roll -

OVER 60 YEARS (*cont.*)

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Len Martin	Commenced	July 1936
Keith Nicholson	Commenced	August 1936
Dan Kelly	Commenced	September 1936
Lorna Cheary (nee Mitchell)	Commenced	January 1937
Bruno Volpi	Commenced	March 1937
Graham Miller	Commenced	May 1937
Bill Maplesden	Commenced	June 1937
Bill McMahan	Commenced	July 1937
Jack Bourne	Commenced	August 1937
Basil Barrand	Commenced	January 1938
Jim McCance	Commenced	November 1938
Doris Springate	Commenced	February 1939
Les Colechin	Commenced	March 1939
Fred James	Commenced	March 1939
Doug Hall	Commenced	August 1939
Tom Godden	Commenced	January 1940
* Deceased		

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