



HOLDEN

RETIREES' CLUB

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Our Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club on Wednesday, December 3rd 2003 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 \$23.00 (inc. GST), which is payable at the door of the function room. Drinks are available at bar prices.

Our guest speaker will be the retiring Holden Chairman and Managing Director,
Peter Hanenberger.

We will also introduce the new Managing Director, Denny Mooney.

It is not necessary to book for lunch.

The President's Message

Fellow retirees, the Christmas season is with us once more and it is an appropriate time to reflect on the highlights of the past year.

I'm pleased to advise you that the Retirees' Club is thriving – over 40 new members joined the Club in 2003. On your behalf, I would like to wish our new members a very enjoyable and satisfying

involvement in the activities of the Club for many years to come.

The current membership of the Retirees' Club stands at 680, a net increase of 34 members in 2003.

Quite a few of our members who reside interstate or in regional areas of Victoria find that they are unable to attend our lunch meetings in Melbourne.

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However, they maintain contact by way of the Club's quarterly Newsletter and are very appreciative of being mailed "People" magazine. We are indebted to Holden Corporate Affairs for this invaluable informative service to retirees.

From time to time, I receive requests from some of our interstate Club members for the addresses and telephone numbers of fellow retirees with whom they would like to communicate. Many of our members lose contact with former colleagues and friends and for one reason or another feel that they would like to resume contact. The Retirees' Club is a great conduit that provides a communication channel between Holden retirees. As your President, I find it very satisfying to facilitate this two-way communication for the preservation of long-standing associations and friendships.

On your behalf, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the great support that the Retiree's Club receives from Holden management. This past year we had a Holden director as the guest speaker at each of our lunch meetings – Ian McCleave was our guest in March, Sabrina Groshek in June and Ray Borret in September. All of them have extremely busy schedules and we should be very appreciative of the time and effort that they put into attending our functions and making such informative presentations.

Record member attendances at these lunches shows the interest that retirees continue to have in the latest Holden products and organizational developments that our guest speakers were so willing to share with us.

Our good friends in Corporate Affairs continue their invaluable contribution to the Club by maintaining the membership list and mailing out the Newsletter and "People" magazine to our members.

Joanne Smith, in particular, supported the Club at each of our meetings by providing product brochures, posters and items of Holden merchandise which were sought after as door prizes. Joanne also had the happy knack of always being able to bring newly released Holden products to the Bentleigh Club, allowing retirees an exclusive and close-up inspection of these glamorous vehicles.

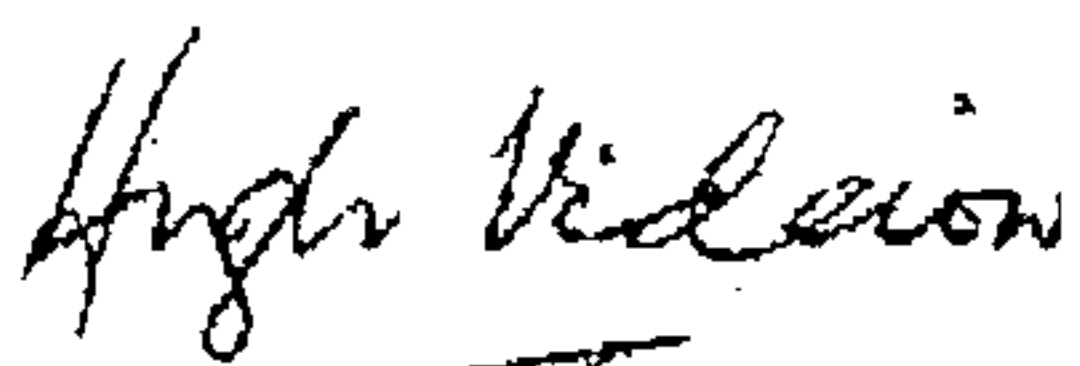
The Club also appreciates the Melbourne Motor Show tickets so generously donated by Holden Sales and Marketing at the March luncheon. I'm sure that the lucky members who won these tickets as prizes thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Show, particularly the viewing of the exciting products on display at the Holden stand.

Peter Hanenberger – Chairman and Managing Director, will be our guest speaker at the Club's final luncheon for 2003 (Wednesday, December 3rd). As you all know this will be his last appearance before his retirement from Holden and GM Corporation at the end of the year. He always has been a champion for the Retiree's Club and we are greatly indebted to him for his support and patronage. On your behalf, I would like to wish Peter a very happy and enjoyable retirement.

My fellow Committee members – Ian Samuel, Doug Cleary and Leo Mahoney, have again done a tremendous job in keeping the Retiree's Club running smoothly. I would like to sincerely thank them for their invaluable support and assistance throughout the past year.

I would also like to thank you, fellow retirees, for the wonderful support you have given the Club. It is very gratifying to have record attendances at each of our lunch meetings in 2003. Sometimes, it was quite an accomplishment to find everyone a seat at a table.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and I look forward with you to enjoying a safe and exciting New Year in 2004.



Hugh Videion
PRESIDENT

Report on our 97th luncheon – September 4th, 2003

Overall membership continues to increase and for a non-Christmas luncheon we had a record attendance of 176 including 9 new members.

President, Hugh Videion welcomed members and guests and in a special way welcomed Joanne Smith who was attending for the last time as the representative of Holden, Corporate Affairs.

Joanne has been tremendously supportive of the Retirees' Club and will be greatly missed in this capacity.

A presentation was made to Joanne and it is hoped to see her at future luncheons as a club member in her own right.

We wish her well for her future endeavours.

Guests

Ray Borrett	– Director, Performance Products and Racing
Joanne Smith	– Product Logistics Manager, Corporate Affairs

New Members

Alan Dodd	– Manufacturing – Fishermen's Bend
Norm Francisco	– Engineering – Fishermen's Bend
Jim Hutton	– Marketing and IGM
Ken Jones	– Frigidaire and Truck Plant – Dandenong
Wayne Landry	– Finance – Fishermen's Bend
Peter McLean	– Purchasing – Fishermen's Bend
Mid Pica	– Manufacturing – Fishermen's Bend
Bruno Wiedemeyer	– Engineering – Fishermen's Bend
John Wright	– Finance – Fishermen's Bend

Apologies – (there was a record number of 66)

Wally Ames	Bill Matchett
Lindsay Backway	Graham Miller
John Bagshaw (NSW)	Warren Morriss (Qld)
Ivor Bittner	Bill Montgomery
Bob Burgess	John Mullan
Leo Curran	Alan Nanscawen
Cath Davies	Geoff Newell
John Dunning	Keith Nicholson
Ian Eltringham	Norma Oxley
George Edmunds	Peter Pavey
Fred Findlay	Leo Pruneau
Bill Fitzgerald	Joe Pulis
Paul Fontaine	Jack Rawnsley
Ian Gale	Max Richards
Gerry Gifford	Harry Rowe
Tom Godden	Merv Robinson
Ted Greetham	George Saaty
Mick Hannon	Ken Schofield
Brian Hale	Walter Scott (Sth Aust)
Graeme Harper	Noel Simpson
Eric Hess (Qld)	Howard & Edna Smith
Daryl Hobson	Doris Springate
Lorraine Hope	Chris Stafford
Ray Jenner	Ray Stodden
Ron Kidd	Pam & Gerry Sweeting
David Kay	Doug Virgin
John McBride	John Wallington
Jim McCance (Qld)	Vic Webster
Mark McInnes (NSW)	Maurie Wickes
Colin McLean	Don Wylie
Bill Maplesden	Jim Young
Graham March	

Obituaries

President, Hugh Videion then announced the members who had died recently in addition to those already listed in our August Newsletter.

Dick Warren (June '03) – Engineering, Fishermen's Bend

Members observed the customary one minute's silence.

Since our September luncheon we regret to announce the deaths of the following.

Ken Bond (Oct '03)	– Purchasing, Fishermen's Bend
Les De Santo (Oct '03)	– OMR, Dandenong
John Ludeman (June '03)	– Manufacturing, Fishermen's Bend

Guest Speaker

President, Hugh Videion then introduced our guest speaker, Ray Borrett, who gave a most interesting presentation on Holden in its various performance and racing guises. He illustrated how the customer can now order special kits for wheels, satellite navigation and a host of other driving "goodies".

He spoke of Holden in motor sport and of the Precision Driving Teams that go around Australia

Ian Samuel (Vice President), proposed the vote of thanks which was received with warm applause.

A Word of Thanks

Malcolm Colquhoun, a recent retiree, on behalf of the Kyneton Sub-Branch of Legacy, would like to thank those members who contributed to the Legacy badges at the September luncheon.

Special Inclusions

With this Newsletter there are three (3) very important inclusions:

1. Subscription Renewal Notice for 2004. Please complete and return to Doug Cleary, preferably before the luncheon, otherwise bring it with you.
2. Two (2) Holden Retirees' Club cards to remind you of our meeting dates for 2004.
3. An updated Honour Roll.

Next Luncheon

As mentioned at the beginning of this Newsletter our Christmas luncheon will be held at The Bentleigh Club, Yawla Street, Bentleigh on Wednesday, December 3rd, 2003 when our guest speaker will be Peter Hanenberger.

See you there!

Seasons Greetings to you and all your families.

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**HOLDEN RETIREES' CLUB MEMBERS ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
FOR 2004**

Annual subscriptions of \$2.00 are now due and payable from 3rd December 2003. Please complete this form with your \$2.00 attached and return to our treasurer preferably prior to the luncheon:

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You may also return the form with \$2.00 to Doug Cleary at the December 3rd luncheon.

Holden Retirees' Club

– Honour Roll –

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

OVER 75 YEARS

Jack Willis	Commenced	November 1926
Stan Suffren	Commenced	March 1928

OVER 70 YEARS

Jack Burgan	Commenced Birkenhead	March 1927*
Chris Stafford	Commenced	June 1933
Jack Kane	Commenced	November 1933

OVER 65 YEARS

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*
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*
Waliy Clarebrough	Commenced	April 1935
Eric Prout	Commenced	May 1935
Vi Hall (nee Davidson)	Commenced	May 1935
Jack Heenan	Commenced	September 1935
Jack Rawnsley	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
Len Martin	Commenced	July 1936
Keith Nicholson	Commenced	August 1936
Dan Kelly	Commenced	September 1936*
Lorna Cheary (nee Mitchell)	Commenced	January 1937
Graham Miller	Commenced	May 1937
Bill Maplesden	Commenced	June 1937

Holden Retirees' Club

– Honour Roll –

OVER 65 YEARS (cont...)

Bill McMahon	Commenced	July 1937
Phil Johnson	Commenced	December 1937
Jim McCance	Commenced	November 1938

OVER 60 YEARS

Hartley Chaplin	Commenced	1921*
Jim Williams	Commenced	July 1933*
Jessie Hay (nee Pope)	Commenced	October 1933*
Tom Warburton	Commenced	October 1932*
Dave Prain	Commenced	February 1934*
Jim Lindsay	Commenced	May 1935*
Carmel Mulligan	Commenced	July 1935*
Frank Shetliffe	Commenced	January 1936*
Bruno Volpi	Commenced	March 1937*
Jack Bourne	Commenced	August 1937*
Basil Barrand	Commenced	January 1938*
Chris Breen	Commenced	January 1939
Doris Springate	Commenced	February 1939
Les Colechin	Commenced	March 1939
Fred James	Commenced	March 1939
Doug Hall	Commenced	August 1939
Arthur Ling	Commenced	August 1939
Tom Godden	Commenced	January 1940
Bob Wright	Commenced	July 1940*
Doug Davis	Commenced	September 1940
Peter Williams	Commenced	December 1940
Wally Ames	Commenced	January 1941
Ron Bousfield	Commenced	May 1941
Don MacDougall	Commenced	May 1941
Audrey Banner	Commenced	August 1941
John Mellwain	Commenced	September 1941
George Hammond	Commenced	February 1942
Cliff Orchard	Commenced	February 1942
Mick Hannon	Commenced	November 1942
Keith Gregory	Commenced	February 1943

* Deceased