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**48 & FJ Holden Owners
Club of NSW**



CLUB DIRECTORY

CLUB NAME	48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB OF NSW INCORPORATED (est 1973)
POSTAL ADDRESS	PO BOX 5261 GREYSTANES, N.S.W. 2145
AIMS OF THE CLUB	THE RESTORATION, PRESERVATION AND USE OF HOLDEN VEHICLES MADE 1948 - 1956, as well as providing a meeting place for owners to obtain and exchange technical advice.
CLUB MEETINGS	Held on the 3rd Monday of each month, commencing at 8pm. At the Allen G Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport Rd Pemulwuy. Visitors are always welcome.
CLUB RUNS	Usually held 3rd Sunday of each month. For more information refer to "Motoring 'Round" pages in our club magazine, the Distributor, & 'EVENTS' page on our web site & Facebook.
MEMBERSHIP	The Annual subscription fee is \$50.00 due on the 1st January each year (includes monthly Distributor magazine, runs, meetings, displays and technical information).
NOTE	Only vehicles listed as per membership form with this club, are permitted to display at official club displays.
AFFILIATIONS	General Motors Day, Display Committee - 12/3/1976. Council of Motor Clubs Incorporated. (CMC) - 2/2/1981.
LIFE MEMBERS	Stan Bennett, Graham Bailey & Dennis Gardner.
GOLD MEMBERS	Geoff Smith, Terry Thompson, Bevis Apps, Bryan Horne (dec.), Jim Hull, Judith Azopardi and John Azzopardi.

2018 Committee

President	Ray Rowe	02 9631 6896	mail@48fj.org.au
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2018 Sub Committee

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CMC Delegate	Ray Rowe	Welfare Officer	Ray Rowe
GM Delegate	Ray Rowe	Catering Officer	Warren Ross

NOTE: ALL Committee members (no matter what position they hold or whether they are required to attend Committee or General meetings or not) will NOT BE eligible for any Club Annual Attendance or Club Person of the Year Awards.

CATERING FOR 48 & FJ SERIES HOLDENS

CLUB MOTTO—"WE KEEP HOLDEN ON"

48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB OF NSW INCORPORATED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARCH 2018



Well, here we are, nearing the end of March.

Thank you to the members who put their hands up to join or rejoined this year's committee and a big thank you to all members for their support. The most notable changes are Geoff Smith now our membership secretary and Kris Magnoli H.V.S. plate registrar. To assist Kris, those involved please make sure all year that your paper work is up to date.

The club run this month was to the Bus Museum at Leichhardt – a report is in this issue, the other run was a sanctioned event at the Historic Oberon Railway – a report also in this issue. Coming events for April is GM Day and May – grey pride to Berrima. More details in this edition.

The Committee is working on plans for June and July, so if you have a suggestion for a run, please let us know and maybe you can help in organizing the day.

I hope the new meeting venue is OK with you all – it is a pleasure to have this facility available to us.

Finally, I trust that all members and families are well in health. To those who are receiving treatment we hope you recover quickly. The latest in need of attention being Bevis Apps, undergoing vision improvement "SEE YA" soon Bevis and Geoff Smith who had special treatment and is now on top of the world. For Sue Hesse, her ongoing saga of her ankle injury is still a concern.

See you all

KEEP HOLDEN ON

Ray Rowe 427



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NO.526

HELD ON 19TH MARCH, 2018 AT ALLEN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE
1 NEWPORT ST, PEMULWUY. WARWICK & LYN TESTER ROOM

Ray Rowe opened Meeting # 526 at 8:20 pm.

Ray welcomed all present.

BUSINESS ARISING

None

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING # 525 as printed in the February 2018 issue of 'The Distributor' magazine.

Accepted by David Stephens

Seconded by Howard Smith

REPORTS

SECRETARY / Correspondence

Inward - mail & emails.

Rare Spares

Wagga Wagga June Rally weekend

Dept of Fair Trading

Retro Autos – March edition online

Web Enquiry x2

Cobbitty Bakehouse

Copy Print

Club Magazines and Display Days information

Outward - mail & emails.

Club magazines to all members and nominated clubs

CMC – Info re 2018 committee

Dept of Fair Trading – Dues

TREASURER

The Treasurer read out the monthly income and expenditure report. A copy of which was on display for members to read. A copy is attached to the Clubs minutes.

Accepted by Howard Creamer

Seconded by Howard Smith

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Forty-Three renewals have been received so far. A copy of the membership list is attached to the Clubs minutes.

HVS PLATE MOVEMENTS

No report received. Refer February magazine.

CMC DELEGATE

The club has pre ordered 12 tickets and requested display space in area D. If you require a ticket, please speak to Ray Rowe promptly as there are only 5 tickets left.

Next CMC meeting will be held on the 27/03/18.

GM DISPLAY DELEGATE

The GM committee are organising a Commemorative Display and are looking for a 48-215 built in 1948.

The committee has a new web site – gmdaynsw.com

Reminder, arrival is at 8.00 am, presentations are at 1.00 – 1.30 pm

EVENTS

Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway – Various units from historic tractors and cars to trains were on display. It was very busy with a quality swap meet organised as well.

The Oberon Steamfest should return in 2019.

The Bus Museum run was also very interesting with historic bus trips around the inner city as well as a trip to and from the QVB Building in Sydney for lunch.

April 29th – GM Display Day, Penrith

May 20th - National Motoring Heritage Day, Grey Pride Run to Berrima.

June 8th – Wagga Rally – This will be a sanctioned run.

June – tbc

July – tbc

August 5th - All Holden Day, Clarendon.

August 12th - CMC Shannons Sydney Classic, Eastern Creek.

If anyone has ideas for club runs, please speak to the committee.

Trips we will be looking at over the coming months are a Christmas in July Cruise, Freeway cruise, Caravan Museum, Steam Train outings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

If anyone is interested in the Wagga Wagga Rally in June, please contact Kris Magnoli or Peter Hesse so accommodation can be booked.

Likewise, if you require accommodation in Mittagong prior to the May 20th - National Motoring Heritage Day, Grey Pride Run to Berrima, please let Kris Magnoli or Peter Hesse so ASAP so accommodation can be booked.

TECH TALK

None

RAFFLE

Winners – David Stephens, Frank Robinson and Julie Hohman

The General Meeting was closed by Ray Rowe at 9:35 pm.

Invitation Club Run

OBERON

Heritage Transport Rally - 10-11th March

Lyn and I decided to attend the stand-in event for Oberon this year. It involved a display of the progress at the Oberon Railway Station site.

We drove up early Saturday morning, Lyn stayed at David and Kim McMurray's property while I attended the display. The afternoon display became a busy time attracting people visiting from areas like Blayney, Lithgow, Hartley, Katoomba and even further afield. This large attendance was a big success for the Oberon Historic Railway Society.

The restored station building was well presented, a big thank you to Geoff Smith – as he has helped paint on working bee days. This year, we were able to see equipment move in the yard for the first time because of a new member who has gained his certificate to operate motorised equipment.

I was able to park the FJ among the other vehicles from local and other visiting clubs. Sunday was a morning display, and again very busy and another chance to catch up with other clubs and eventually had a drive around town in a nice 1937 model Buick sedan – so smooth!

The weather for the weekend was very good, just a bit warm coming home on Sunday afternoon.

Finally, a big thank you to David and Kim for their hospitality which made our weekend very very relaxing.

Next year, we should have the steam festival back in action.

Ray

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FROM THE EDITOR

Don't forget...if you have anything of interest or a short story please send it to me for inclusion in your magazine – it makes my job easier and really helps to make our magazine an interesting and enjoyable read.

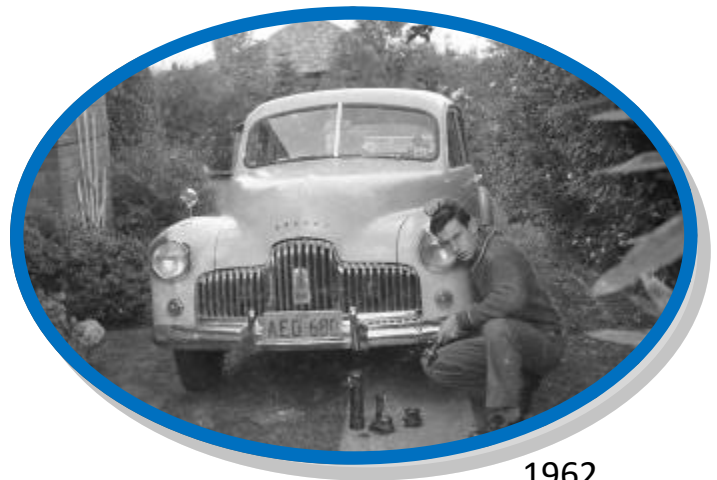
Does anyone have any photos, slides or negatives taken in your younger days with your cars?

We would love to display them in our magazine.

If you would prefer to receive your Club Magazine via email (in full **colour**) rather than in hardcopy, please let me know –

Email: mail@48fj.org.au

Regards,
Howard



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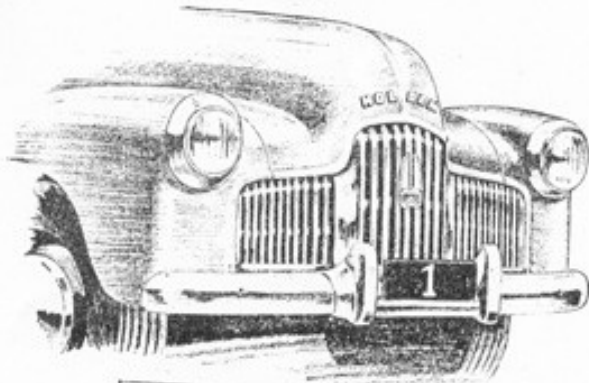
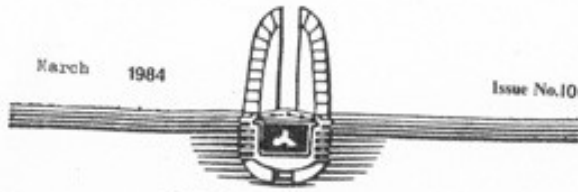
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AUGUST 2009

4 Special Feature for our Issue 500

The following pages are the text from our club magazine - Issue No.1

“THE DISTRIBUTOR” NEWS SHEET OF THE FX - FJ CAR OWNERS’ CLUB NO. 1 14/4/1975

For the want of a better name and till someone suggests a more appropriate and meaningful one I have called our-first news sheet "The Distributor", to honour that small electrical part of a car which motivates its mechanism and which I hope will motivate the mechanism of the FX-FJ members to a more active participation in both club meetings and outings.

Of our 36 members only 11 were present again at our April 14th meeting. Mr. Mike Elliott of the S.A. Club was our guest for the night and told us that of their 25 members 80% turn up for meetings — 75% to 80% for outings. Where are we missing out?

There is to be a swap meeting at Merrylands Mall on June 22nd, 1975. 50 cents for a swap place and 20 cents for parking - special area for club members - We may have a surprise visitor !!?? Bring your car - wife and kids - (well park them somewhere) also your goods and chattels to sell and swap - not your wife and kids (Can't get permission from the police to swap them!!).

Robert Boshell was married last Saturday - Sharon was a very pretty bride. Pity the day wasn't nicer for them. Robert and Pat Fay looked so dressed up for the occasion, they almost outdid the FX and EH (black, of course) in which you could almost see your face. Best of luck from all club members, Bob and Sharon.

We haven't got our jackets yet - Green is to be the colour with yellow embroidery all-weather-wind proof zippered jacket has been suggested - we're still waiting for samples and price. Hope it won't go over \$20.00.

Remember the elections in June, also yearly fees. If you can't come along to vote, let us know, we'll post you a voting form.

On Sunday 27th April, (Anzac Weekend) members are asked to come to Mrs. Brown's - John and James's - home, 75 Belmont Street, Merrylands (phone 632-8044) Mr. Dick Williams (who is well qualified) will be there from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to check member's cars for roadworthiness. This is the aim of the club - road worthy cars for Registration and also reliability when we go for runs. All are welcome - bring a BBQ lunch (we'll cook it somehow) bring a wife or girlfriend or anybody, bring the children. After lunch Pat Fay will show ' films of our Mt. Druitt Swap Meeting - cartoons for the kids. Drinks will be on sale also parts ("Call it a Mini Swap Meet").

It is hoped that if our cars are roadworthy, to go to Austinmer the following weekend. Details of the "Get together" are by ringing Pat Fay 628 0050 or Mary Brown 632 8044 after 27th April, 1975. Mr. Bennett is to be thanked for preparing the route for the Easter Sunday run to Australiana Park - Those who went enjoyed it - would have been better with many more members coming along.

COMING EVENTS

Hot Rod Show Bankstown entries close. Queen's Birthday. Conditions of entry. from Pat Fay

Swap Meeting Merrylands Mall June, 22, 1975.

Car check and Reliability Test, 75 Belmont St.1 ,Merrylands. 632-8044. April 27th, 1975.

Outing to Austinmer — First weekend in May (details April 27th).

Raffle to be held 1st prize FJ front windscreen rubber.

2nd,prize Brand new FJ hub cap.

3rd prize Linen.

1st & 2nd prize-donated by Mr. Fay. 3rd prize ??

We would like scraps of "news" "Tid-bits" "items" for our coming news sheet.

Also please think of a better and more appropriate name for our monthly "Distributor" of news.

For now, for the Want of a better pseudonym, I am "Under the Bonnet"

(with me and my FJ - that's where I usually am !!!)

INTERESTING INFORMATION from Geoff Smith who also provided the copy of issue no.1

At the March 2018 Meeting Geoff presented a run down on some club information from times gone by.

Our Club Magazine milestones are:

No 1. 14/04/1975.

No 100. March 1984.

No 200. July, 1992.

No 300. April, 2001.

No 400. August, 2009.

No 500 March, 2018

The first 4 page Magazine was No 47. June, 1979.

Our Club name was - 'FX-FJ Car Owners - Custom Limousine Utility Builders'

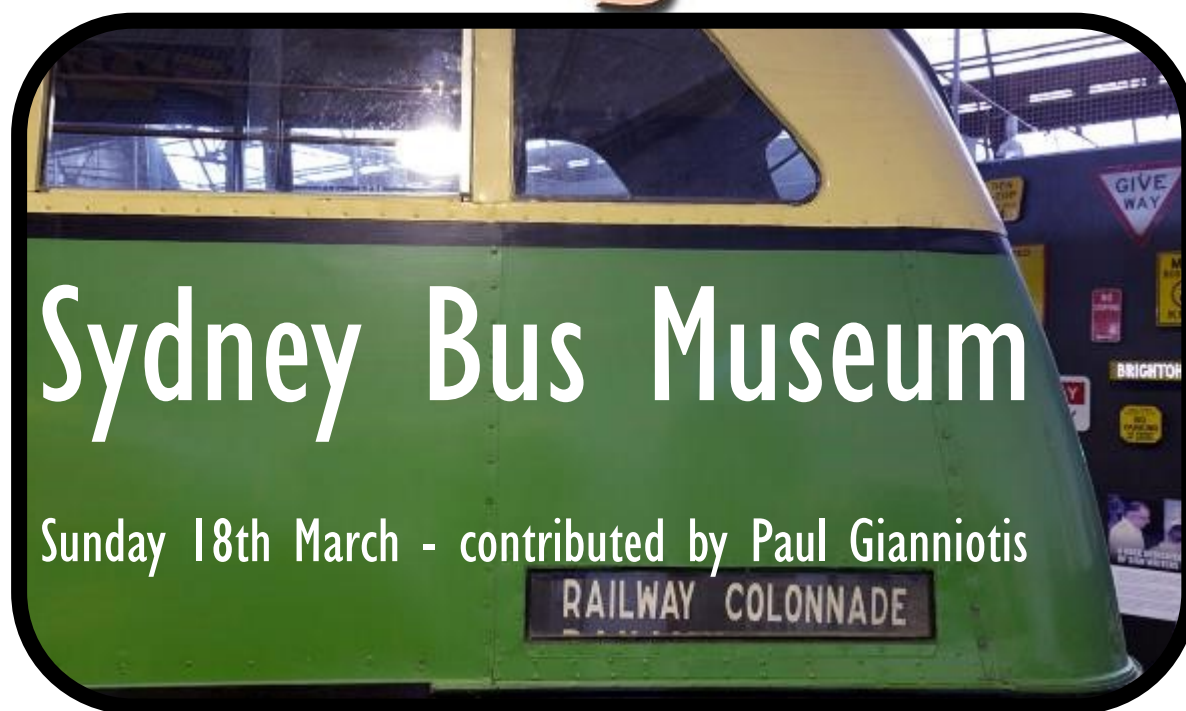
from December, 1975 until 1982. It then became the FX-FJ Car Owners Club until June, 1983 then to 48 & FJ Holden Owners July, 1983.

Page 11 shows reproductions of our 'Century' production magazine covers, again courtesy of Geoff Smith who appears to have saved everything in his infamous 'back room'.

MAGAZINE EDITORS THROUGH THE YEARS

1975 - 78	MARY BROWN
1978 - 80	RON HANNA
1980 - 1981	GARRY O'REILLY
1981 - 1991	STAN BENNETT
1991 - 1996	SUE GRIFFITHS, assistant
	ATHOL HODGSON
1996 - 1998	NEVILLE BENNETT
Jan 1998 - Jun 1998	TREVOR HILLIARE
Jul 1998 - Feb 1999	no editor – STAN BENNETT – stand-in
1999 - 2010	JUDITH AZZOPARDI
2010 - 2013	KRISTINA MAGNOLI
2013 - CURRENT	HOWARD SMITH

Motoring 'Round



In the last Distributor there was a notice in the Motoring 'Round page to alert club members to visit the Sydney Bus Museum in Leichhardt on Sunday 18th March.

I had been waiting for years to see this collection when it was known as the Bus and Truck Museum at the old bus depot in Gannon Street, Tempe. The building was ear-marked for redevelopment about 2011 and the bus collection went into storage until it reappeared as the Sydney Bus Museum in August 2016.

It is now housed in the century old tram shed at Leichhardt and I finally got to see it. A grand total of 3 club members turned up at 10.30 am on Sunday 18th March, Ray Rowe, Robert Shaw and myself to wander around the shed to inspect over 70 vehicles dating back from the 1920's to 1940's, and 1950's. Some were Leylands and AEC's and including in the collection was a London Double Decker and one from Hong Kong.

The highlight of the morning was the free bus ride in a double decker which took us over the Anzac Bridge to the Queen Victoria Building and back to Leichhardt again. It sure brought back a lot of memories especially the vibrations of the cabin and the lofty view from the upper deck.

All the work in the museum is done by volunteers and everyone was very helpful in answering our many questions. About 4 buses in the workshop are awaiting restoration and from the many racks that we could see, they have plenty of spare engines and equipment. If the club wishes to go to the museum at some future date, I would certainly go again. It is only open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday every month and includes free bus rides into the city and return.







Motoring 'Round

APRIL 29th- 45th GM Day, The Museum of Fire, Penrith

MAY 29th NMHD (Grey Pride) Berrima Run

JUNE

JULY

GENERAL MOTORS NEW AUSTRALIAN CAR

AUGUST 5th - All Holden Day, Clarendon

12th - CMC Shannons Sydney Classic, Eastern Creek.

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER



Vehicles on Conditional Plates are only permitted to attend Runs and Meetings listed on the Motoring 'Round pages and only on the dates listed on these pages. All other movements by vehicles on Conditional Plates will require prior notification through the HVS Registrar.

MEMBERS WITH HVS VEHICLES WHO WISH TO ATTEND AN INVITATION RUN LISTED IN THE MAGAZINE, MUST NOTIFY THE HVS REGISTRAR AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE EVENT.

For service requirements refer to your Club Conditional Registration Scheme (HVS) Rules and Regulations booklet.

Anyone wishing to add an outing to these pages may do so by submitting the event to the Committee (in writing) allowing enough time for consideration/approval, prior to the Committee submitting the event to the Editor for publication on this page.

2017 Sanctioned or Approved Invitation Runs & Club Outings

JUNE 9-11th Wagga Wagga run & WWVVMC outing

WHY WE SAY THAT

GENER

● A **SCAPEGOAT** is used to take the blame for somebody else's wrongdoing. In the Old Testament, a goat is chosen to bear the sins of the people. It is led into the wilderness and abandoned taking their sins with it. Scape is believed to be a shortened form of escape. So in the Old Testament story, people are able to escape their sins by loading them onto the back of a goat.



GM DISPLAY DAY COMMITTEE OF NSW

PRESENTS

45th Annual General Motors Display Day of Cars & Commercials



Sunday 29th April 2018

Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Pontiac,
Vauxhall, Opel, Bedford, Holden 48 & FJ Only

Location: The Museum of Fire

**COFFEE &
HOT FOOD
AVAILABLE**

**Museum Drive
Penrith NSW 2750**

Gates Open 8am, Exit from 2pm

DISPLAY VEHICLES \$15.00

Enquiries: GM Day Committee of NSW

Contact: Gordon Roberts 0409 677 116

**SPECTATORS
FREE
ADMISSION
EXCLUDING MUSEUM**

MEETINGS

April 2018 - PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

23rd (Monday) – 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club NSW Inc. **General**

Meeting to be held at Allen G. Ezzy Community Centre– 8 pm start.

Visitors welcome **A SPECIAL SUPPER WILL BE SERVED**

May 2018

14th (Monday) - Committee Meeting at the Rowe's, Greystanes

21st(Monday) – 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club NSW Inc. **General**

Meeting to be held at Allen G. Ezzy Community Centre– 8 pm start.

Visitors welcome

June 2018

18th (Monday) – 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club NSW Inc. **General**

Meeting to be held at Allen G. Ezzy Community Centre– 8 pm start.

Visitors welcome

July 2018

9th (Monday) - Committee Meeting at the Rowe's, Greystanes

16th (Monday) – 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club NSW Inc. **General**

Meeting to be held at Allen G. Ezzy Community Centre– 8 pm start.

Visitors welcome

PLEASE NOTE

GENERAL MEETINGS are held on then 3rd Monday each month at Allen G. Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport St, Pemulwuy

in the Warwick & Lyn Tester Room

COMMITTEE MEETINGS will be held at the Rowe's at Greystanes, bi-monthly on the Monday before the General Meeting

ALSO NOTE – Additional Committee meetings may be scheduled if required.

Frank Tedesco Autos

48 – 79 Early Model Holden Specialist

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Green/yellow polo shirts - 2 x M; 1 x L
 Baseball caps with club logo (green)
 Club logo patch for jacket etc.
 Long sleeved green club shirt (Small)
 Club logo self sticking window badge
 Vinyl Windscreen banner
 Grille Badge

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 60th Anniversary 48-215 T-Shirts (green) - 14 x XL; 14 x 2XL; 3
 x 3XL
 Green Battery Sticker (1 only)
 Set of 5 scrap books
 48-215 Air cleaner decal
 FJ Regulator decal
 Eastern Creek Medallions (various years)

\$10.00 ea.
 \$10.00 ea.
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 \$20.00 per set
 \$2.00 ea.
 \$2.00 ea.
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