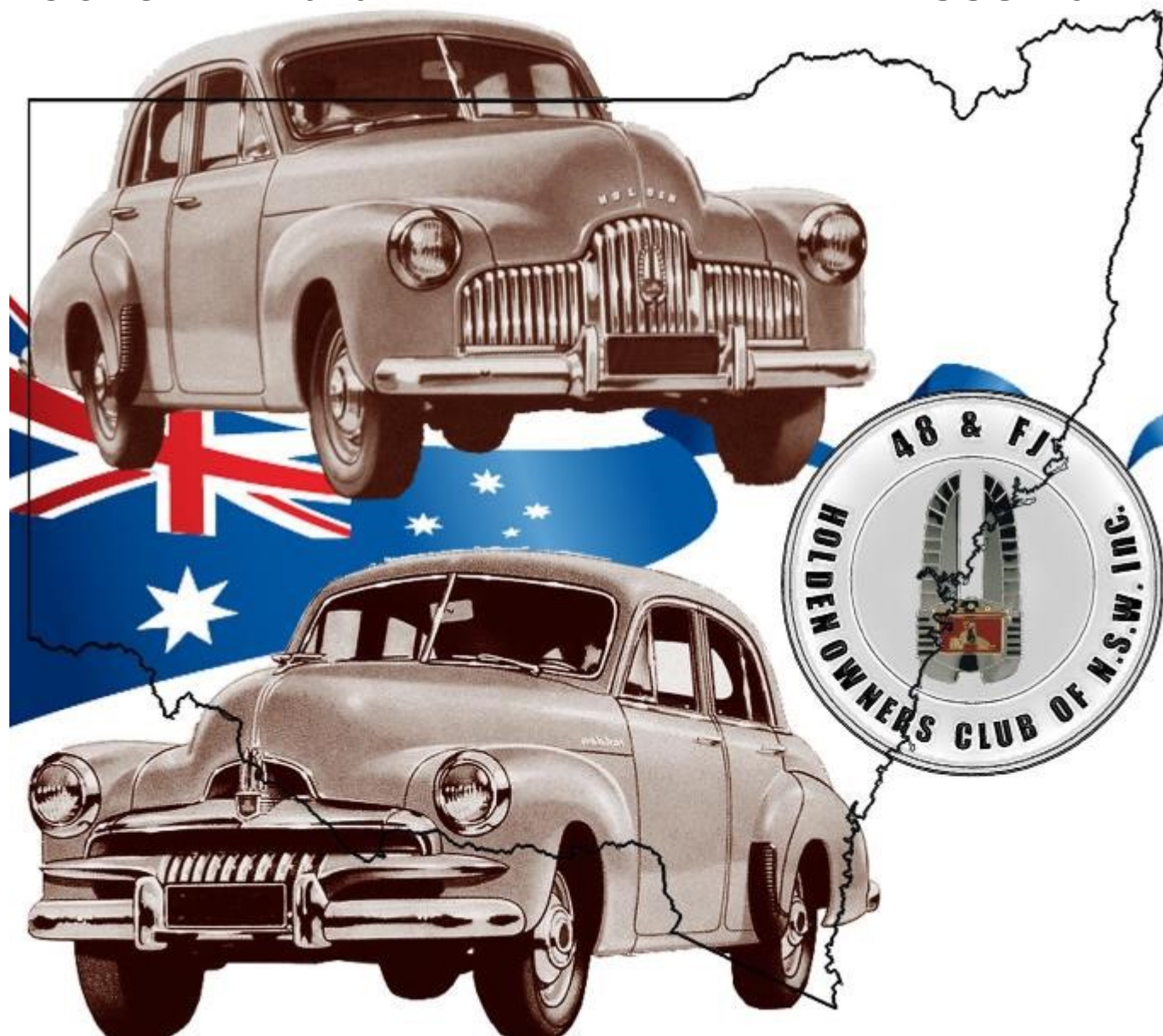


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Club of NSW**



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 Allan 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).
AFFILIATIONS	General Motors Day, Display Committee - 12/3/1976. Council of Motor Clubs Incorporated. (CMC) - 2/2/1981.
LIFE MEMBERS GOLD MEMBERS	Stan Bennett, Graham Bailey, Dennis Gardner, Bevis Apps & Geoff Smith. Terry Thompson, Bryan Horne (dec.), Jim Hull, Judith Azzopardi and John Azzopardi.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2020



Finally, we were able to hold a Club meeting. We had a good roll up of members which was extremely pleasing. Recent months have been very testing so it was good to see everyone.

Vale Katherine Gardner. It is with great sadness that I let you know of the passing Katherine Gardner on the 12th of October. This was sudden and unexpected. Ann and Dennis are in Tasmania at the moment going through their Covid isolation period. Once completed they will finalise Katherine's affairs and hopefully return to Sydney some time in November. I have offered them the Club's full support. Club members wish to offer Ann and Dennis their sincere condolences.

For those members who are feeling unwell at the moment, the Club is thinking of you all. With much reluctance it has been decided to cancel both the Club's Display Day and Christmas party. Perhaps, as I have mentioned before, we can have a Christmas in July (2021) as get together. More discussions will be held on these matters at the next meeting.

Remember, Committee nominations and voting proxy forms were sent to members in October. Please think about taking on a Committee position or nominating someone who would like to take on one of these important positions.

Also early payment of your 2021 membership fees (received by the Club on or before the 31st of December 2020), will see a reduction of the fee to \$45. Payment received on or after the 1st of January 2021 will remain at the current \$50. Membership renewal forms were sent out to members in October. Importantly, please complete these forms **front and rear** so the Club can fully update members details.

Look after yourselves and your families and I look forward to catching up with you at the November meeting.

"WE KEEP HOLDEN ON".

Cheers

Peter Hesse President



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NO.551**HELD ON 16TH OCTOBER, 2020****AT ALLAN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE****1 NEWPORT ST, PEMULWUY, (GREYSTANES), NSW.**

Peter opened Meeting #551 at 8:15pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

Business Arising

None

Minutes of General Meeting #550 as printed in the March 2020 issue of 'The Distributor' magazine.

Accepted by Bevis Seconded by Alan

Members Present

As per attendance book

Apologies

As per attendance book

Visitors

None

REPORTS**Secretary / Correspondence****INCOMING – mail / email**

Magazines from other Clubs/organisations (9)

Other incoming mail/emails (14)

OUTGOING – mail / email

Emails to other Clubs (1)

Magazines from other Clubs/organisations emailed to members (9)

Other information emailed to members (5)

Treasurer

The Treasurer's report was provided and the monthly income and expenditure read out. A copy was on display for members and is also attached to the Club minutes.

Accepted by Jeff Seconded by Robert

Lyn sought the member's approval to renew the Term Deposit at the current best rate - accepted.

Membership Secretary

Geoff S outlined the Committee's decision with regard to setting the 2021 renewal fee at \$45 if paid before 31st December 2020 – thereafter the fee will increase to the usual \$50. It is hoped that this will result in all memberships being finalised quickly – rather than dragging on into the year.

2 renewals were lodged and paid for tonight for 2021 – taking advantage of the reduced price.

HVS Plate Movements

No 'Club' runs due to COVID.

As Ray is unavailable - all HVS matters will be handled by Peter or Kris.

The updated HVS booklet will be provided to HVS owners soon.

As there had been a procedural error with regard to a vote taken at the July 2019 General Meeting around the number of runs required for 'Additional' vehicles on HVS, Ted again put forward a motion that 'Additional vehicles on HVS be required to do a minimum of 1 run each year' the motion was seconded by Bevis – the motion was carried. Geoff S voted against the motion and asked that his request for 2 runs be noted.

Peter has had several enquiries from previous members of a 'disbanded' Hawkesbury Club – as they lived well outside of our area, they were referred to their local Clubs.

CMC Delegate

The CMC Delegate provided the following report from the September CMC meeting.

CMC has received a 'Draft' version of the HVS Logbook for comment. It has a hardcover and is about the size of a passport book with 6 pages of 10 entries. All that needs to be entered is the date, Driver's name and signature. Only one entry per day is required – no matter how many times you go out on that day.

There is no date as yet for the 2021 National Motoring Heritage Day

Medallions for this year's Shannon's Classic event will be handed out to Club's at the CMC's November AGM.

Transport for NSW has put together a list of acceptable 'period' accessories which will be coming out to Club's soon with an 'acceptance' form to fill in.

The team of Inspectors will continue to attend car shows etc. to check vehicles.

All vehicle registration inspection stations are supposed to keep a paper/hardcopy booklet for registration inspections – it is against Transport NSW rules for them not to have one.

The meeting date for January 2021 has been changed to 2nd February .

2 new Club's were voted on and accepted to join the CMC.

Department of Fair Trading has advised that there is no problem with delaying Club's AGM's and voting can be done electronically or via email.

A Shannon's Representative spoke at the meeting and said -

- in 2019 there were 103 events and this year there will only have been 3 by Xmas.
- Shannon's is relocating 800 metres from Reserve Road St Leonards to 22 Lambs Road. The new facility is bigger, newer and has a room for non-regular meetings (which Club's are able to use).

- Shannon's has released their version of 'Roadside Assistance' – with 2 types – 'Enthusiast' for owners with 1 vehicle and 'Ultimate' for owners with up to 8 vehicles. Some people commented that they had already signed up and that the 'Ultimate' option worked out much cheaper than the NRMA's individual membership for each vehicle system. NRMA are currently offering a 20% discount for a 2nd vehicle for the 1st year only. It was agreed that the Shannon's version gives motor-ing enthusiasts what they want... multiple vehicles / one membership.

GM Display Day Delegate

Ray has resigned from his position on this Committee. Any correspondence will now come through to Peter – who has not heard anything yet with regard to the 2021 GM Display Day.

Events

As the Campbelltown area is a current COVID 'hot spot' it was decided to cancel the 25th October run to Mt Annan Gardens.

Geoff S was asked to work on putting together runs for the remainder of the year (next run to be early in December) and early next year. The following suggestions were made - 'loop/ drive' runs (with just toilet stops); Drive-In movie.

Bevis advised that the Sydney Antique Club were organising an 'out in the open' show in late December – he will provide more information when it is available.

Nothing has been announced as yet with regard to the 2021 Australia Day CARnivale.

Facebook Report

More than 200 followers.

Something relevant to our cars is posted every couple of weeks.

Web Report

Web page continues to be kept updated.

General Business

Geoff S queried the status of previously discussed teardrop flags, tents, tables. Peter has already purchased 2 smaller foldable tables which fit easily into the boot of our sedans - so anyone can transport them. The current tables are too large for our sedans and Geoff is relied upon to transport them. The larger ones could be used at 'major' events or offered for sale to members. Peter has gathered information on the other items which will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Geoff S asked what the Club was going to do with the Club's 70th Birthday Banner – to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

Annual Display Day – As we would have to manage this event in regard to COVID requirements, which would be very difficult, this has been cancelled.

Club Xmas Party – cancelled due to COVID restrictions. Last year's venue is not taking bookings. The 2021 Committee will look at having a 'Christmas in July' instead.

Peter spoke in regard to developing a plan for where the Club is going. Active members are invited to come forward with ideas. Any new members will have to meet the current rules with regard to run and meeting attendances. Further discussion on this matter will be undertaken at the next couple of meetings.

Frank had 2 rear FX overriders which were noticeably different – one much wider than the other. It was thought that the very early ones were different from the later ones and Robert suggested they could be from different suppliers – it was suggested that Frank ask Stan. Geoff S informed the meeting that his car is currently off the road as he is servicing the brakes. This was last done in 1982 when he switched to scilicone and he has found that on cleaning the wheel cylinders, master cylinders and pistons, they are as good as new and he only needs to replace the rubbers.

Raffle

No raffle was held tonight.

The General Meeting was closed by Peter at 9:40pm.

Wisemans Ferry Lunch Run

Friday, 28th August

To enable a few club members to catch up while still social distancing a short sojourn out to Wisemans Ferry was suggested. Coffee, tea or whatever took your fancy was taken at Maccas McGraths Hill and then proceeded out to Windsor and on to Wisemans Ferry. David Stephens only got a short way when a persistent rubbing sound from the front right brought the black 48-215 to an unscheduled stop beside the road. Nothing was obvious at first examination, but after feeling the front right hand wheel it was pronounced very hot when compared to its left hand mate. A prudent decision was to return to base and change over to a modern to join the others at Wisemans. Forensic examination was completed some time later to discover a frozen wheel cylinder which has now been replaced.







It's an easy 40 km run from Mcgraths Hill to Wisemans Ferry along a meandering road through now green country. It's amazing what a dash of rain does to the Australian landscape. At Wisemans we availed ourselves of the take-away food available near the ferry. The hamburgers were monstrous and delicious. Socially distanced, we were able to catch up on each other's doings since we last met and enjoyed the rest of the afternoon.

Our picnickers for today were:

Peter & Sue Hesse	Howard & Irene Creamer	Craig & Wendy Bennett
Jeff & Kris Magnoli	David & Helen Stephens with Howard & Pat Smith	



Who and What is Behind Holden

The General Motors Corporation, with its 41 divisions and subsidiaries and with a production record of over 33 million motor vehicles, is behind the new Holden car.

General Motors-Holden's Ltd. is the biggest automotive organisation in Australia and has been completely organised for the manufacture of the new car. American and Australian engineers have been working side by side for over three years, during which time new buildings have been erected and equipped with the world's most modern machine tools. The new Engine Manufacturing Plant at Fishermen's Bend, Melbourne, is as advanced as any in operation anywhere to-day. Its cost, including the new mechanised foundry, exceeds £2,100,000. The body-building plant at Woodville, South Australia, has also been re-organised at an additional cost of £1,750,000.

The new Holden joins such a distinguished family of General Motors cars as Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Chevrolet and Vauxhall.

General Motors tests all its cars and all its equipment at the General Motors Proving Ground—the most complete outdoor laboratory in the world. Since its inception in 1924, the General Motors Proving Ground has conducted tests extending over 100,000,000 miles. The Holden car went through its preliminary tests at this Proving Ground.

The General Motors Research Laboratories have originated or developed many of the most important automotive improvements—battery ignition, the self-starter, independent front wheel springing, synchro-mesh transmission are some. This world-famous institution contributed both directly and indirectly to the design of the Holden car.

How the Holden Car was Designed and Built

The Holden car was designed specially for Australian requirements. A survey conducted in Australia established that the outstanding characteristics required for an Australian car were: dependability . . . low first cost . . . low fuel consumption . . . roominess without unnecessary bulk . . . good performance on all roads . . . modern styling . . . nation-wide service and spare parts availability. All these characteristics were designed into Holden.

Using these basic requirements, the Holden car was then designed by the Central Engineering Department of General Motors Corporation. The first car was put through a complete series of tests at the Research Laboratories, the Proving Ground, and at the Fisher Body Division. Only after all tests had shown that the design was fundamentally right were the entire design team and their families brought to Australia to carry on further operations.

How Holden has been Tested and Proved

A test route was selected near Melbourne having a great diversity of road surfaces. This test route closely parallels the General Motors Proving Ground in the number of miles of each different type of road surface; if anything, the Australian route may be more severe.

Each test car was driven every day over this test route under all weather conditions for at least 50,000 miles.

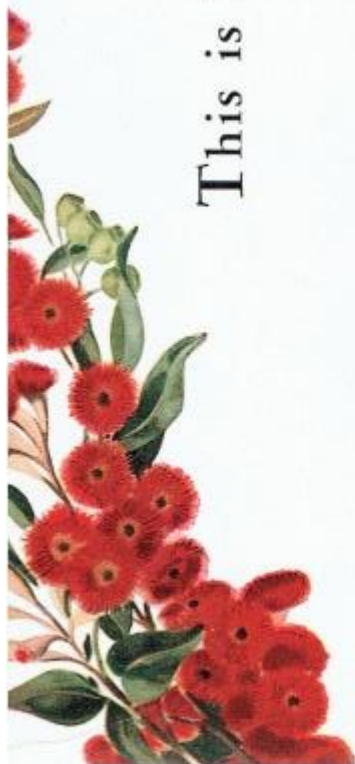
50,000 miles of durability testing is so severe that it is estimated to be equal

to 200,000 miles of owner driving. Even a brand-new set of tyres sometimes lasted only 3,000 miles, compared to 20,000 or 30,000 miles in normal driving.

After nearly two years of this kind of testing, a "pilot run" on the new plant at Fishermen's Bend was made. The cars produced in the pilot run were again turned back to the Engineering Department for inspection and further tests before the O.K. was given to start full-scale production.

This, very briefly, shows why you can buy a Holden with confidence. This is the background . . . this is the heritage . . . this is the guarantee that Holden is a thoroughbred: designed for the job it has to do by the best brains in the industry, tested with almost inconceivable thoroughness, built with the world's most modern equipment and backed by all the resources of General Motors. This is Australia's own car.

This is Holden . . . Australia's own car



It's beautiful, it's modern, it's a car you will be proud to own. And you'll find its practical features more than match its fine appearance. There's performance in the car that will astonish you . . . an acceleration that will challenge anything on the road . . . a sense of security in its handling that makes it a pleasure to drive. Comfort and safety are big features too—due to the Aerobilt single-unit construction of body and chassis. There's ample room for 5 or 6—real room too, with seat width, leg room and head room equal to or better than many bulkier cars. And finally, Holden creates entirely new standards of petrol economy.

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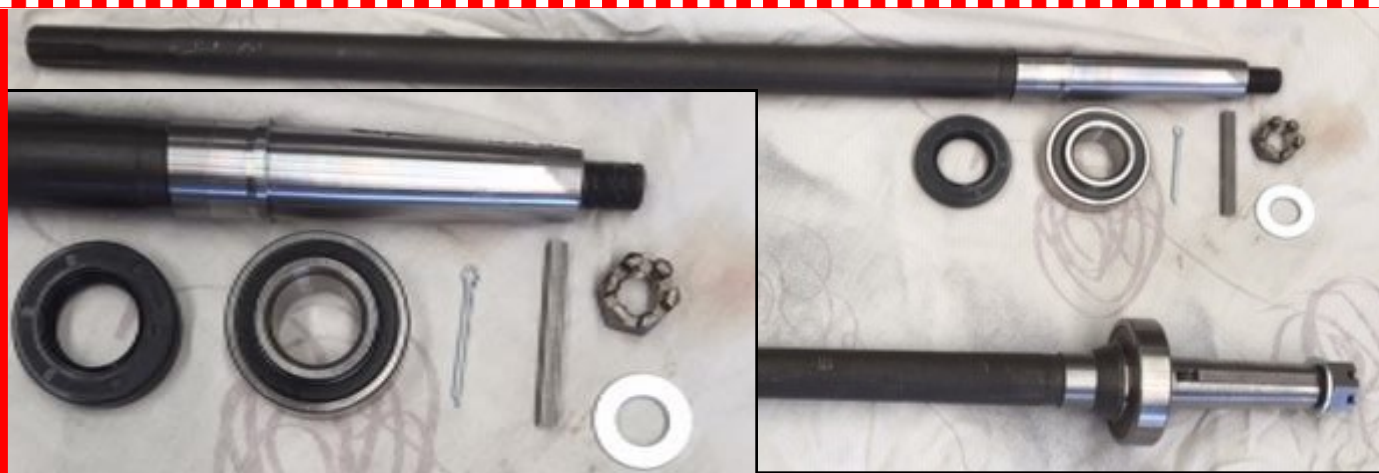
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Does anyone have any photos, slides or negatives taken in your younger days with your cars? We would love to display them in our magazine.

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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2020 Club Runs

All runs are subject to change depending on circumstances beyond the Clubs control. Club members will be advised if there are any changes to the runs listed above asap.

Motoring 'Round

Apr. 5th – Bella Vista Farm – Cnr Norwest Blvd & Elizabeth MacArthur Dr, Bella Vista.

CANCELLED

Apr. 19th – Robertson Heritage Railway Station Classic Car Show – Yarranga St, Robertson.

CANCELLED

May 3rd – GM Day, Museum of Fire, Museum Dr, Penrith.

CANCELLED

May 16th – Campbelltown Machinery & Steam Museum - 86 Menangle Rd, Menangle Pk.
Meeting time – 11am **AND** (extended week-end) **OR**

May 17th – National Motoring Heritage Day, **CANCELLED**

Jun. 5th & 8th - Wagga Wagga Rally **CANCELLED**

Jun. 28th – Fish and Chip Run down to the south coast, Austinmeer, Kiama or Gerringong
- (location to be decided).

Meeting time & place - Depart 10am - Meet at Partridge VC rest stop. **CANCELLED**

Jul. 12th – National Caravan Museum, 1/19 Ruddock St, Corrimal.

Meeting time & place – Depart 9am - Meet at Partridge VC rest stop. **CANCELLED**

Aug. 2nd – All Holden Day, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon (Gate 4).

Meeting time - 7 to 9am **CANCELLED**

Aug. 16th – CMC Day - Motorsport Park, via Ferrers Rd, Eastern Creek.

Meeting time - refer organizer's documentation. **CANCELLED**

Sep. 19th & 20th – Clarendon Classic Machinery Show - Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon (Gate 1). **CANCELLED**

Meeting time & place – Depart 8am - BP Servo, 244 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon.
CANCELLED

Oct. 25th – Mount Annan Gardens – 362 Narellan Rd, Mt Annan.
(TBA)

Nov. 22nd - Annual Club Display Day - (TBA).

Dec. 6th – Christmas Party - (TBA).

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MEETINGS

November 2020

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

Committee Meeting to be held at Allan G Ezzy Community Centre
7:00pm start.

General Meeting – 8 pm start. Visitors welcome

December 2020

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

General Meeting to be held at Allan G. Ezzy Community Centre– 8
pm start. Visitors welcome

January 2021

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

Committee Meeting to be held at Allan G Ezzy Community Centre
7:00pm start.

General Meeting – 8 pm start. Visitors welcome

February 2021

15th (Monday) – 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club NSW Inc.

General Meeting to be held at Allan G. Ezzy Community Centre– 8
pm start. Visitors welcome

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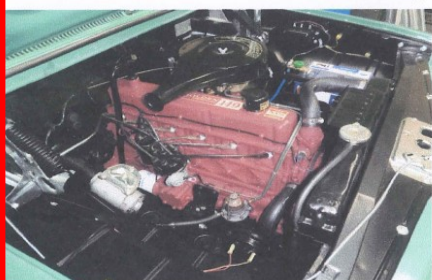
GENERAL MEETINGS are held on then 3rd Monday each month at Allan G.
Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport St, Pemulwuy
in **Room 1** - **Please note change of our room number.**

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

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