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CLUB DIRECTORY

CLUB NAME	48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB OF NSW INCORPORATED (est 1973)
POSTAL ADDRESS	PO BOX 5261 GREYSTANES, NSW, 2145
AIMS OF 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 GEZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 1 NEWPORT ST, PEMULWUY, NSW. Visitors are always welcome.
CLUB RUNS	Usually held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. For more information refer to the 'Motoring Around' pages in our club magazine "The Distributor", and the 'EVENTS' page on our web site & Facebook.
MEMBERSHIP	The annual subscription fee is \$50.00 due on 1st January each year (includes monthly Distributor magazine, runs meetings, displays and technical information) In addition to the annual fee, a one off fee of \$25.00 is to paid upon joining the club. This also applies to lapsed memberships.
AFFILIATIONS	General Motors Display Day, Display Committee 12/3/1976 Council of Motor Clubs Incorporated, (CMC) - 2/2/1981
LIFE MAMBERS	Stan Bennett, Graham Bailey, Dennis Gardner, Bevis Apps & Geoff Smith
GOLD MEMBERS	Howard Smith

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MARCH-APRIL 2023



Below is an extract of the speech I gave at the recent 50th Anniversary lunch.

'I would like to welcome our special guests – Marc McInnes, Eve Lauter and their partners. Marc and Eve have been involved in some way with our Club over many years. Thank you for your support. Also, Stan Bennett, a founding member and Life Member of the Club who has maintained involvement in the Club since it was established in 1973. Roles he has held over the years include, Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, General Committee Member, Magazine Editor, Public Officer, Club Events, CVVTMC Delegate, GM Display Day Delegate, All Holden Day Delegate amongst others.

I would also like to make mention of a couple of people who could not be here today. They are not well and would definitely be here if humanly possible. Graham Bailey (Life Member and previous Committee member),

Dennis Gardner (Life Member, previous Committee member and current member of 36 years), Jim Hull (previous President) and Ian Young (previous Committee member). On behalf of the Club, we are thinking of you and send our best wishes.

I feel honoured to be the President of the Club at this time in the Club's history. Without the foresight and dedication of the Club's co-founders, Stan Bennett and Pat Faye, we would not be celebrating this milestone today.

Some facts from 1973, the year the Club was formed, the 48-215 was celebrating its 25th year, FJ was celebrating its 20th year, HQ Holden was in production and cost between \$2090 and \$4290 to purchase. The Club has had 17 Presidents, 19 Vice Presidents, 18 Secretaries and 15 Treasurers. We have recently issued membership number 493, although due to some clerical errors in early days, the actual membership count is actually 479. Currently we have 46 members. One thing that I know, Stan is extremely proud of seeking and receiving official approval from General Motors Holden to use the word Holden in our Club name.

Although I have only been a member for 8 years, during this time I have had many discussions with members about the Club and the cars that make up such an important part of Australia's motoring history. Like most of you here, I grew up around Holden's and I guess that is where my interest in these cars started.

Like all clubs there have been ups and downs along the way but the hard work of the Committees and the dedication of some of our members over the last 50 years has kept the Club going.

However, this point in time is extremely important for the Club. It now needs to change with the times, become more flexible and ensure future decisions made by the Committee helps it grow and encourage new and a more diverse membership. Some of these processes have been approved by the Club already, so there is no reason why this cannot happen. I hope the Club can continue to grow and support the Club and the community with the enthusiasm that these cars require.

I would like to thank the Management Committee for their support over the past year. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the Clubs 50th Anniversary lunch.

The same Management Committee has been re elected this year. Thank you for your continuing commitment to the Club. The task for this year is to consolidate the Clubs position for the future.

Welcome to our new member, Jennifer. Jennifer owns a 48-215. Sedan. Please keep in mind that if you require assistance or have questions of any kind with the repairs or maintenance of your vehicle, do not hesitate in talking to us. There is a wealth of knowledge available to you from Club members. Looking forward to catching up with you soon.

I would also like to thank Garry O'Reilly and Ian Cook (past member) for their raffle donations.

"WE KEEP HOLDEN ON".

Cheers **Peter Hesse** President



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NO.570

HELD ON 17TH APRIL, 2023

AT ALLAN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 NEWPORT ST, PEMULWUY, (GREYSTANES), NSW.

Peter Hesse opened Meeting #570 at 8.05pm.

Peter welcomed all present to the meeting. The Club wishes Club and ex Club members who are not feeling well, a speedy recovery.

BUSINESS ARISING

The Minutes of General Meeting #569 were presented to the members.

Accepted by David Seconded by Howard

MEMBERS PRESENT

As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES

As per attendance book.

VISITORS None

REPORTS

SECRETARY / CORRESPONDENCE

Inward - mail & emails.

Magazines & Newsletters from other Clubs x 13

Machines & Macchiatos Club - invitation to the Holden Heritage Car Show

Cumberland City Council – Tentative meeting room bookings

Chris – HVS request

David – FX Holden giveaway

Jennifer – Membership enquiry

Appreciation emails - Neville, David Mc, David, Eve,

Marcus McInnes

GM Display Day Inc. – Display Day Guidelines

Ventra IP – Domain name renewal notification

Outward- mail & emails.

Club magazine to all members and nominated clubs

Other Club magazines & magazine info to all members

Management Committee & Kris– Confirmation of points raised at the Feb Committee meeting and update for the 50th anniversary lunch

Selected Club members & guests – 50th Anniversary lunch update

Club members – 50th Anniversary lunch acceptances, invitation to the Holden Heritage Car Show, AGM Committee information, FX Holden giveaway, reminder of the Clubs AGM

Chris – re HVS request

Lyn – re membership enquiry

TREASURER

The Treasurer read out the monthly income and expenditure report as well as a profit which also included the 50th Anniversary Celebration costs. Copies were on display for members to read and are also attached to the Club Minutes.

Accepted by Jeff

Seconded by Ted

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Lyn has reported there has been forty-six membership renewals. An application form from Jennifer was received. Welcome to the Club Jennifer. This brings our membership to forty-seven members.

HVS REGISTRAR

Waiting on Matthew for confirmation of his vehicle HVS re-registration. There had been an enquiry from Chris to inspect three vehicles for HVS registration. This has been arranged for the 2nd May.

CMC DELEGATE

Phill attended the meeting on behalf of the Club. The CMC are running a HVS update on the 27/5 at 9.30am. Peter and David will be attending. New CVS plates are to be introduced shortly. The meeting was informed that the NRMA Classic Insurance no longer covers the breakdown service in the policy. Clubs must recognise vehicles from a nominated secondary Club on runs. Police are actively booking HVS registered cars who do not meet current guidelines.

Eight of the ten CMC Display Day tickets that the Club holds have been allocated. If you want one of the two remaining tickets, please contact Peter Hesse. Tickets will be \$25 each and must be paid for no later than the June General Meeting.

Again, a request was made to all members that any help that can be given to the CMC

Please refer to the CMC web site for all current information, including minutes from their meetings.

GM DISPLAY DAY

A site meeting will be at the display venue on the 22/4/23 at 2pm. Please keep in mind the guidelines outlined by the GM Display Day Committee.

EVENTS

May 7th – GM Display Day, Museum of Fire, Penrith, 8.30 am arrival.

May 21st - National Motoring Heritage Day, Stanley Park, East Kurrajong, 9am arrival.

Meeting points will be at McDonalds McGrath Hill at 8 to 8.15am then at Howard Creamers house on the way to the venue. 9am arrival.

June tba –

July tba –

August 6th – All Holden Day, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon (Gate 4). 7.30 to 8.30am arrival.

August 20th – CMC Shannons Display Day, Area? Motorsport Park, via Ferrers Rd, Eastern Creek. Meeting time, refer organizers documentation.

September – 16th or 17th (date to be confirmed). Clarendon Classic Machinery Show, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon (Gate 1).

October tba –

November 26th – Club Display Day / Christmas Party. TBC more details soon.

December tba –

We are still waiting for advice from the Camden Aircraft Museum on a suitable date to re visit the museum. Hopefully in July? This booking will be made for fifteen people.

We are waiting on confirmation of the outing to the Picnic and Display Day at Mayfields Garden, Oberon on the 14th October. This is being organized in conjunction with the re-opening of parts of the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway. The Club has tentatively booked seven rooms. Please let Sue Hesse know if you wish to attend and if you require a room.

The General Meeting was suspended at 8.45pm for the Annual General Meeting.

Results of the election are as follows

President, CMC and GM Display Day Delegate, Web Manager – Peter Hesse

Vice President, HVS Registrar – David Stephens

Secretary, Facebook Manager – Sue Hesse

Treasurer, Membership Secretary – Lyn Rowe

Magazine Editor – Howard Smith

Events Manager - TBA

CMC and GM Display Day Delegate – Phill Cooper

Property – Geoff Smith

Public Officer Kris Magnoli

The General Meeting was re-commenced at 9.05pm

GENERAL BUSINESS

Club shirts have been ordered and should be available on or before the GM Display Day. David and Howard have been requested to buy a new tent as the previous one has become damaged.

The Club has received an offer from Marcus McInnes to attend a meeting to speak about his experiences with GMH people who had involvement with the production of early Holdens.

Geoff showed an Official Program and items issued to people who participated in the 25th AEHF FX FJ Nationals held in Cooma last December. 142 vehicles participated in the event. The 2024 Nationals will be held in Queensland.

TECH TALK

No discussions were held.

RAFFLE

Tonight's raffle was won by Howard.

Peter Hesse closed the General Meeting at 9.25pm.



Queensland launch of the Holden 48/215 at Eagers Motors, Brisbane, 1948

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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Disclaimer:

Any opinions expressed in articles and features published in this magazine should not be regarded as necessarily being the opinion of the Club or the Committee which also cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of information published in good faith as supplied to the editor.



50th Anniversary Dinner

Well, we finally made it to 50 years. Today, at the Fox Hills Golf Club, we celebrated that wonderful milestone and were fortunate to have a few of the original members present, making it an extra special occasion.

The club owes a large thank you to the members of the committee who put so much work into today's celebrations. Creating the table decorations, organizing the menu and the venue with the club, printing hundreds of club logos to go with the chocolates, baking Holden cookies, selecting 50th anniversary banners and designing placemats. This event has been a creative masterpiece, thank you one and all who helped on the day.



Our menu for the day was extensive and catered for every taste and size of appetite. A club employee served the meals which meant there was enough for everybody. The meal was finished off with cake and cup cakes.

Following the meal we heard from our President Peter Hesse, founding member

Stan Bennett and former GMH employees Marc McInnes with Eve Lauter.



**President
Peter Hesse**



**Stan Bennett
Member No.1
& Life Member**



Marc McInnes & Eve Lauter



Stan Bennett performed the ceremonial honours of cutting the 50th Anniversary cake.



Stan presenting 50th anniversary medallions



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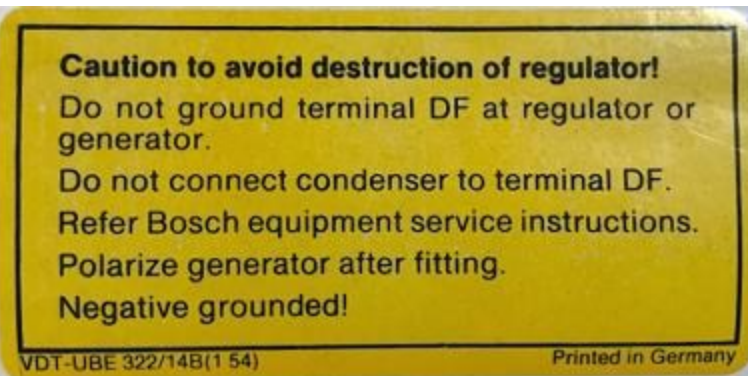


Club Merchandise

Email orders to mail@48fj.org.au
or contact a committee member



48-215 Air Cleaner Decal
\$2.00 each



FJ Regulator Decal
\$2.00 each



Club Logo Cloth Badge
\$6.00 each



Club Grill Badge
\$25.00 each



Club Vinyl Windscreen Banner
\$25.00 each



Polo shirts are \$42 each.

You can get them with the normal Club logo or the 50th logo



Club cap - \$25

48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB OF NSW INCORPORATED

Motoring 'Round

- *The club is looking for an EVENTS Manager.*

March 26th – Club 50th lunch, 12pm – 4pm. To allow more time to catch up we have extended the time.

April tba – Picnic Day, venue to be confirmed (Emu Hall Penrith or Hill Billy Cider Bilpin)

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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.

MEETINGS

June 2023

19th (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

August 2023

21st (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

October 2023

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 2023

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

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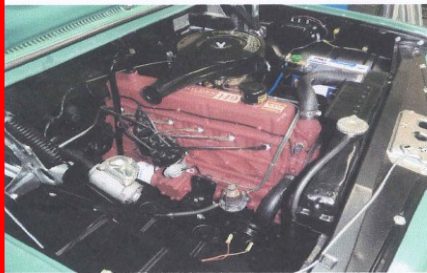
GENERAL MEETINGS are held on then 3rd Monday each month at Allan G. Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport St, Pemulwuy in Room 1

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

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