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

# CLUB DIRECTORY

<b>CLUB NAME</b>	48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB OF NSW INCORPORATED (est 1973)
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>	PO BOX 5261 GREYSTANES, NSW, 2145
<b>AIMS OF CLUB</b>	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.
<b>CLUB MEETINGS</b>	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.
<b>CLUB RUNS</b>	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.
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	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.
<b>AFFILIATIONS</b>	General Motors Display Day, Display Committee 12/3/1976 Council of Motor Clubs Incorporated, (CMC) - 2/2/1981
<b>LIFE MAMBERS</b>	Stan Bennett, Graham Bailey, Dennis Gardner, Bevis Apps & Geoff Smith
<b>GOLD MEMBERS</b>	Howard Smith

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

### 2023



The year is fast coming to a close, and yes, we survived another frantic year. Looking forward to catching up with everyone at our Display Day and Christmas lunch which will be held on the 26th November at Maraylya Hall, 346 Boundary Road, Maraylya. If I do not catch up with before Christmas, I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

As mentioned in the Octobers President Report, changes to the eligibility to Clubs vehicles are now in place. All Holden vehicles manufactured in Australia (1948 to 2017) will be accepted as Club cars.

Informally, Committee positions for 2024 were discussed over refreshments. Members were asked to consider taking on a Management Committee position next year. Lyn Rowe has notified members she will not be taking a position on the Committee in 2024. If you would like further information on any Committee position, please talk to me and I will explain the workings of the committee position.

You will receive a membership renewal form with this magazine. Can you please fill in BOTH sides of the form and return it as soon as possible. Remember members with HVS registration must re-join on or before the 1/1/2024 otherwise their vehicle registration with TfNSW will be compromised.

You will also receive a notification of the cost to you if you wish to receive a printed copy of the Clubs 2024 magazines. The cost is an addition to your Club membership. The cost will be \$30 for the year's supply of the magazine. If you do not want the printed magazine then do nothing. The magazine will be sent to members electronically for free as usual.

The Club extends its appreciation to Ashleigh Garlick for supplying a most enjoyable supper and Paul Shears for providing the cold drinks.

Remember if any member requires 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.

Finally, I would like to wish Club members who are not feeling well a speedy recovery.

"WE KEEP HOLDEN ON".

Cheers **Peter Hesse** President



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NO.572**

**HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2023**

**AT ALLAN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

Peter Hesse opened Meeting #573 at 8.06pm.

Peter welcomed all present to the meeting. The Club wishes members who are not feeling well, a speedy recovery. Peter also welcomed Jen to her first Club meeting and visitor, Stuart.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

The Minutes of General Meeting #572 were presented to the members.

Accepted by Kris

Seconded by Howard

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

As per attendance book.

### **APOLOGIES**

As per attendance book.

### **VISITORS**

As per attendance book.

### **SECRETARY / CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **Inward - mail & emails.**

Magazines & Newsletters from other Clubs x 15

CMC – Preserve magazine link, 2024 affiliation renewal form

Maraylya Hall Management Hall Committee – Hall booking/deposit

Howard – Changes to the Oberon Club run

**Outward- mail & emails.**

Club magazine to all members and nominated clubs

Members - Other Club magazines, Changes to the Oberon Club run, Club meeting reminder

Lyn, Howard – Confirmation of Maraylya Hall booking

Selected Members – Invitation to join a TV reality show

**TREASURER**

No treasurers report presented to members tonight as Lyn is unable to attend the meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Nothing new to report.

**HVS REGISTRAR**

Howard FJ ute is due for HVS registration. Paul gave registration details of his sedan to David Stephens.

**CMC DELEGATE**

2023 CMC Shannons Display Day had a record crowd attendance.

CMC distributed 2024 Annual Affiliation Renewal Forms. CMC has a new PO Box.

Hopefully new CVS registration plates will be in circulation by the end of the year.

Dates have been confirmed for the following two Display days in 2024. National Motoring Heritage Day will be on the 20th May and the CMC Shannons Display Day will be held on the 25th August.

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

**GM DISPLAY DAY**

GM Display Day AGM was held on the 23/9/23. The existing Committee was re-elected.

2023 Display Day raised \$415.90 for Legacy from gold coin donations on the day.

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the GM Display Day. At this stage it will be held on 7th April at the Museum of Fire, Penrith. This will be confirmed soon. A follow up meeting is planned for December to confirm the 2024 display date and what will be done to promote the day.



**CLUB EVENT RUNS****2023**

**October** 20th to 21st – Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway. Meet at Glenbrook Tourist Centre, Hamment Pl, Glenbrook (parking area), 9am for a 9.15 departure. Travel to Bathurst for lunch and a visit to Mt Panaroma. Then onto Oberon to participate in OTHR's Picnic and Display Day (stop mid transit for coffee/meal breaks).

**November** 26th – Club Display Day / Christmas Party. Maraylya Community Hall, 346 Boundary Road, Maraylya, NSW.

Display Day commences at 8.30 am to Noon

Christmas Party commences 12.30pm

**December** – No Club Run

**2024**

**January** - TBA

**February** -TBA

**March** 17th - TBC - Megalong Valley Tea Rooms. Travel to Megalong Valley Rd Megalong Valley.

**April** 7th – GM Display Day, Museum of Fire, Museum Dr, Penrith. Meeting time - 8am at the Museum of Fire, Museum Drive, Penrith.

**May** 20th - National Motoring Heritage Day, Stanley Park, East Kurrajong. Meeting time - 8am at McDonalds, McGraths Hill or 8.30am at Howard Creamers Place.

**June**

**July**

**August** 4th - All Holden Day, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon. Meeting time - 7 to 9am at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon (Gate 4).

**August** 25th - CMC Shannons Display Day, Sydney Motorsport Park, via Ferrers Rd, Eastern Creek. Meeting time - 8am to 9am arrival, Area C (TBC). September

**October**

**November** 24th - Club Display Day / Christmas Party - (location to be decided).

**December**

**CLUB COFFEE RUNS****2023**

**November** 10th - Central Gardens, Cnr Cumberland Hwy & Merrylands Rd, Merrylands.

**December** 8th – Boathouse Café Macquarie Park. Travel to 1 Wilberforce Rd, Freemans Reach. 11am arrival.

**2024**

**February** 9th – TBC - Parramatta Park (Government House). Travel to Cnr Pitt & Macquarie Sts, Parramatta

**March** 8th – TBC - Riverboat Postman, Dangar Rd, Brooklyn.

**April** 12th – TBC - Warragamba Dam, Production Ave, Warragamba.

We are still waiting for advice from the Camden Aircraft Museum on a suitable date to re visit the museum. This booking will be made for fifteen people. When we hear back from the Museum, we will let members know.

Maraylya Community Hall has been booked for both the Display Day and Christmas Party on the 26th November. Cost of the lunch to members will be advised soon.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Supper roster for December is Lyn.

50th year book (Book 2 years, 31-50) should be ready for sale at the Club Display Day.

The following details were confirmed from the last meeting

Magazines – commencing 2024, if members want a paper copy, a cost of \$30 will be implemented for the year's supply of the Clubs magazine. This is above the membership fee. Payment will be required at time of renewal of membership. Emailed copies of the magazine will be at no cost to members.

Opening up of the Club – the Club now accepts all Holden vehicles manufactured in Australia as Club cars (1948–2017). Hopefully this will strengthen the Clubs position. Current HVS rules will apply.

AEHF - look at the possibility of re-joining this group. It is under investigation at the moment to determine costs. The next National Titles will be held in Redcliffe Queensland, December 2024.

Club Canopy - Geoff has been asked to purchase a canopy the same as we had from Bun-nings.

Combined Display Day and Christmas Lunch – will be held on the 26th November at the Maraylya Community Hall. Pig Out will be used as the caterer again. The Club will subsidise the Christmas Party. Club members will be notified of the cost shortly. It will be the 75th Anniversary of 48-215. A food Christmas Hamper will be purchased by the Club, gifts for additional prizes would be appreciated. A raffle ticket and a lucky door prize ticket will be included in the purchase of your lunch.

PO Box – This will be kept at Greystanes for the time being.

### **TECH TALK**

Paul asked about brands of tyre and where to get them for his car. It was suggested that he talk to members after the meeting.

### **RAFFLE**

Tonight's raffle was replaced with a selection of giveaway items.

Peter Hesse closed the General Meeting at 8.50pm.



**The Fred Foster DOHC grey motor conversion  
with 6 motorcycle carbies**



# 48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB of NSW INC.



## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Club Display Day

The 48 & FJ Holden Owners Club of NSW Inc. invite all owners of Holden Vehicles to join us in a Display Day on:

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



Display 8:30am – 12pm  
(Arrival from 8:00 am)



**Maraylya Community Hall**

346 Boundary Road, Maraylya NSW.

(Club members will be available to guide you to the display area)

**Trophies will be awarded on the day**

*'Come along and be a part of this great day to celebrate Holden's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 48-215 (FX) & 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the FJ'*

[www.48fj.org.au](http://www.48fj.org.au)

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# Motoring 'Round

Sydney Antique Machinery Club Inc. presents the

## Clarendon Classic

MACHINERY, TRUCK & HOBBY SHOW

2023

September 16 & 17

Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Rd, Clarendon NSW





# Clarendon Classic Machinery Show

## 16th September 2023

Unlike previous runs, there was no concerns with the weather. It was a beautiful day reaching the early 30 degrees temperature with little humidity. This made the day most enjoyable. The event was extremely busy with everything on display from remote control toys to stationary engines of all types, tractors, cars, trucks etc. as well as stalls and displays, again of all types. It was easy to wander around the site for a couple of interesting hours. Not only was it enjoyable to catch up with fellow Club members, there was plenty discussion around repair short cuts members had researched in the past couple of months. This included fixing matters from vents to boot hinges. We also got our hands dirty replacing the headlight globes on Warren's ute. Another very happy Club member. Answered questions from the public who had an interest in our cars. An entertaining & interesting day. Good fun was had by all.

Club Members attending today were:

Peter & Sue Hesse	FJ – 225
Kris & Jeff Magnoli	48 - 215
Jennifer Wong	48 – 215
David Stephens	48 - 215
Warren Ross & Julie Hohman	50 – 2106
Geoff Smith	50 – 2106
Bevis Apps	Modern

Visitors

Harry Wong



# Motoring 'Round



## **OBERON RUN**

**20TH & 21ST OCTOBER 2023**

Day 1, We met at the Glenbrook Tourist Centre car park 9am. All was in readiness for the run, cars fuelled, people ready, off we ventured. Everyone was keen to get an early start as the first stop was a coffee break at the Hydro Majestic. Nerves were settled, stomachs were filled in preparation for the next part of our journey. Geoff Smith then realised he needed petrol. Plan was to stop at a Lithgow service station. As we got to the outskirts of Lithgow, Geoff indicated that he was OK for fuel so we kept going until three of us got pulled over for a roadside breath test and log book check. Having survived this unscheduled stop, Bathurst here we come. We hit the road at break neck speed (70 – 80 kmls) taking in some beautiful sights on the way. Weather was pleasant as the car's rolled effortlessly across the country side. We stopped in Bathurst for lunch at the Rockabilly Café. So far so good, everything was running to plan. Time was getting away from us so the planned visit to the Car Racing Museum was put on hold. Instead, we cruised around the Mt Panorama track and pits a number of times taking photos on the way. Wendy & Craig Bennett along with Carma & Dennis Gardiner left the group and headed for home. The rest of the group headed off to Oberon for the night. Again, no concerns as we left Bathurst. This changed about a third of the way to Oberon when Geoff Smith ran out of fuel. Luckily, Geoff was carrying a spare gerry can of fuel. Just goes to show you can't trust a fuel gauge. Finally, we made it into Oberon without any further issues. Having booked in to the motel, it was off to dinner at the RSL. There we met up with David McMurray for a quick talk. Dinner was delicious then back to the motel.

Day 2, was a 9am start. Off to town to get a coffee and food in preparation for the OTHR Cars and Coffee display day. It was held at the 'Common' in Oberon. It was a lazy start to the day with plenty of shade, sunny day with a slight cool breeze, beautiful views of the countryside and a variety of cars and trucks to look at. We were joined by Neville Bennet and David McMurray in their FJ's. After much relaxing under a very old pine tree, talking and eating we then set out for a visit to the Oberon Station rail precinct to have a look at all the improvements and restoration projects they have carried out by the Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway. Pretty impressive, worth a look at if you are in Oberon. After fuelling up the cars, we then headed off for a late lunch and then a leisurely drive home.

### Club Members attending the run were:

Peter & Sue Hesse	FJ - 225
Howard & Irene Creamer	FJ - 225
David McMurray	FJ - 225
Neville Bennett	FJ - Conv
Jennifer Wong	48 - 215
Wendy Bennett	48 - 215
Geoff Smith	50 - 2106
Ted Ashton	Modern
Lyn Rowe	Modern

### Visitors

Dennis & Carma Gardiner	Commodore
Harry Wong	
Craig Bennett	





















## **FOR SALE**

### **48-215 – 1952 - Built Adelaide**

FX Holden mechanically refurbished, original paint with patina. Rebuilt FC motor, done 800 miles since rebuild.

Owned the car for 3 years. It's a very nice car, easy to drive.

On Club rego – not transferable. Located in Nowra.

Asking price \$18,000 ono.

Contact Darren Lea, 0410 949244 for more information.

## **FOR SALE**

**REMANUFACTURED FJ REAR AXLE**

**\$175**

**CALL GEOFF SMITH—0416 299 640**



# 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](mailto: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.***

At our 50th anniversary dinner Marc McInnes suggested club members may be interested in the ***Holden Retirees Club website.***

The web address is ***https://hrc.au*** and it's well worth investigating.

# Club Merchandise

Email orders to [mail@48fj.org.au](mailto: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 cap - \$25**



**Club Grill Badge**  
\$25.00 each



**Club Vinyl Windscreen Banner**  
\$25.00 each

# **MEETINGS**

## **December 2023**

**18<sup>th</sup> (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 2024**

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7:00pm start.

**General Meeting** – 8 pm start. Visitors welcome

## **April 2024**

**15<sup>th</sup> (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

## **June 2024**

**17<sup>th</sup> (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

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**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.

# Motoring 'Round

## CLUB EVENT RUNS

### 2023

**November 26th** – Club Display Day / Christmas Luncheon—Maraylya Hall, 346 Boundary Rd, Maraylya.

Annual Club Display Day—8am to 12pm

Christmas Luncheon—12:30pm to 4pm

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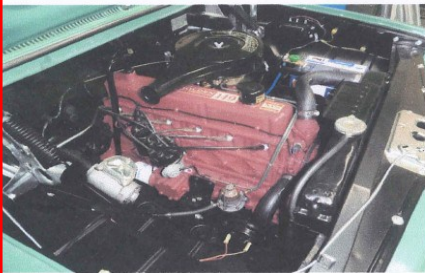
**April 12th** – TBC - Warragamba Dam, Production Ave, Warragamba.



# Frank Tedesco Autos

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