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# 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, David Stephens, Lynnette Rowe

## 2023 Committee

President	Peter Hesse	0437622339	mail@48fj.org.au
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Secretary	Susan Hesse		mail@48fj.org.au
Treasurer	Lynnette Rowe	02 9631 6896	mail@48fj.org.au
General Committee			

## 2023 Sub Committee

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Membership Secretary	Lynnette Rowe	mail@48fj.org.au	
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CMC Delegates	Peter Hesse, Phill Cooper	Welfare Officer	
GM Delegate	Peter Hesse, Phill Cooper	Catering Officers	
Facebook Manager	Sue Hesse	Web Manager	Peter Hesse

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

### 2023



The Committee would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas, along with a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Congratulations go to David Stephens (Member 18 yrs, Vice President 2yrs, Executive Committee 11 yrs, Registrar 4 yrs, Property Manager 10 yrs) and Lyn Rowe (Member 17 yrs, Treasurer 11 yrs, Membership Secretary 5 yrs) on achieving Gold Member status in the Club. They both have held a number of Committee positions and been very supportive of the Club over the years. Thank you both for your support and continuing commitment to the Club and its members.

A special mention and congratulations go to Sue Hesse who was named Club Person of the Year. Thanks for all your hard work throughout the Clubs 50th year.

2023 has been very busy year in organising & celebration of the Club's 50th Year. In March we celebrated our 50th year with a lunch held at the Fox Hills Golf Club and ended it with our Display Day and Christmas Lunch at Marayala. Thank you to everyone who attended the Display Day and Christmas lunch. Weather was fine, lunch was very good with everyone receiving a gift in the lucky draw. Thank you to David Stephens, Lyn Rowe, Sue Hesse, David McMurray, Ian King and Stephen Solomons (Solomons Wholesale Nursery) for their Christmas raffle donations and Jennifer Wong for the beautiful cakes. Thank you to the people who were involved in organising these events along with those who helped on the day, a special thank you to Helen Stephens and Kris Magnoli.

There was an excellent range of vehicles on display. Trophy winners were Jenifer Wong, Best Club 48-215, Howard Creamer, Best Club FJ Sedan, Bevis Apps, Best Club Commercial and most importantly, Paul Shears for the Car of the Day, 50-2106. Visitors Car Award went to Stephen Solomons, HT Premier sedan.

The Clubs 50th Year Anniversary Book – Book 2, 2003 to 2023, is available. There is no charge for the book to 2023 Club members. If you wish, the book can be mailed to you for \$15.

Nomination forms for 2024 Committee positions have been sent to all members. If you are thinking of taking on a Committee position and not sure what it entails, please talk to me and I will explain the workings of the position.

Don't forget to complete your Club membership renewal form and return it as soon as possible.

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

"WE KEEP HOLDEN ON".

Cheers **Peter Hesse** President



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING NO.574**

**HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023**

**AT ALLAN G. EZZY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

Peter Hesse opened Meeting #574 at 8.30pm.

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

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

The Minutes of General Meeting #573 were presented to the members.

Accepted by David

Seconded by Howard

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

As per attendance book

### **APOLOGIES**

As per attendance book

### **VISITORS**

None

### **SECRETARY / CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Maraylya Hall Management Hall Committee – Hall booking/etc

Chris – membership enquiry

John – re Membership enquiry

Paul – Car jacks for sale

Marsh – Club insurance policy & receipt

Arthur r – FJ ute for sale

Steve – Change of contact details

Copyprint – Printing quote

Ventra IP Aust – Hosting service invoice & receipt

**Outward- mail & emails.**

Club magazine to all members and nominated clubs

Club Members - Other Club magazines, Club Christmas Party Invitation, Parts for sale, Membership & magazine cost information, FJ ute for sale, Change to Novembers Coffee run, Christmas lunch rsvp reminder, 2024 Committee nomination & voting proxy forms, December Club meeting reminder

John – re Membership enquiry

Lyn – request to pay the Clubs insurance policy & Email hosting service

Copyprint – Printing quote acceptance

Chris – membership enquiry

Steve – Change of contact details requested

Maraylya Hall Management Hall Committee – Hall booking/etc

**TREASURER**

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

Accepted by Jeff

Seconded by Robert

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

Seventeen members have re-joined the Club as at the 18/12/23.

Paul has a friend thinking of joining the Club. A new membership form was given to Paul.

**HVS REGISTRAR**

Nothing new to report.

**CMC DELEGATE**

The members were informed that Police & TfNSW Inspectors were actively checking the use of historic plates. There has been a Club and some users of HVS plates disqualified from the program. HVS & Conditional plates will have a new colour, blue and white. Please refer to the CMC web site for all current information, including detailed minutes from their meetings.

## **GM DISPLAY DAY**

Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the GM Display Day.

A vote was put to the Club in regard to sponsoring the cost of a booklet for the GM Display Day. It was approved by all members. The badge for the fiftieth will be a replica of the first badge first issued by the Committee. Hopefully, there will be a display of past winners.

## **EVENTS**

### **Club Event Runs**

#### **2023**

December – No Club Run

#### **2024**

January - No Club Run

February 18th - TBC – Lithgow State Mine Heritage Centre. Travel to 3A State Mine Gully Road, Lithgow.

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

April 7th - GM Display Day, Museum of Fire, Penrith.

May 19th - NMHD, Stanley Park, East Kurrajong.

### **Club Coffee Runs**

#### **2023**

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

#### **2024**

January – No Club Run

February 9th – TBA

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

April 7th – 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.

Suggestions for Club runs in 2024 were – Australiana Village at Wilberforce on the 26/1/2024, Rare Spares display/open day at Blacktown on the 11/2/2024 (7am to midday), picnic day at Windsor, Scone Aircraft Museum (overnight run). More information on these events to come.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

Gold membership badges were presented to two Club members in recognition of their commitment to the Club. Congratulations go to David (Member 18 yrs, Vice President 2yrs, Executive Committee 11 yrs, Registrar 4 yrs, Property Manager 10 yrs) and Lyn (Member 17 yrs, Treasurer 11 yrs, Membership Secretary 5 yrs)

Dennis has his Nissan X-Train for sale. Details will be in the magazine.

The Clubs 50 year book is available free to all members. Peter Hesse will be holding stock of these books. If you want it mailed to you, there will be a charge of \$15. If you require a second book, again, the charge will be \$15 plus mailing charge if required. There is an update to the book. A sticker is available from Peter Hesse to correct the information printed in the book. All unallocated books have been updated.

The Club will be looking at reproducing some 30th year books in the new year. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, can you let Peter know please.

Geoff showed off his Trax 50th Anniversary Gold FX sedan.

Supper roster is as follows – February = Jen, April = Sue and June = Lyn.

## TECH TALK

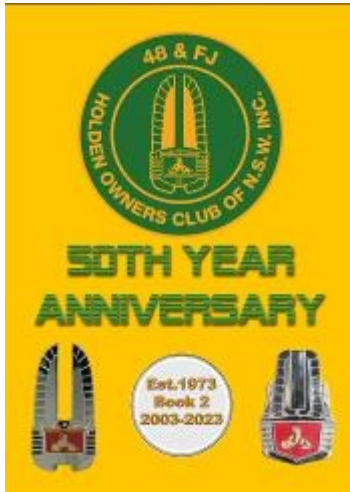
None held.

## RAFFLE

Tonight's raffle was replaced with a selection of lucky door prizes.

Winners were Howard S, Robert & Geoff

Peter Hesse closed the General Meeting at 9.20pm.



The image shows the cover of a booklet for the 50th Year Anniversary of the Holden Owners Club of NSW, Inc. The cover is yellow with a green circular logo at the top containing a sailboat and the text '48 & FJ HOLDEN OWNERS CLUB OF N.S.W. INC.'. Below the logo, it says '50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY' in large green letters. At the bottom, there are three smaller images: a Holden car, a circular badge that says 'Est. 1973 Book 2 2003-2023', and another Holden car.

**A copy of our 50th Year Anniversary booklet is now available to each financial member at no cost if picked up at a general meeting or any club organized outing.**

**If you require the booklet to be posted please contact the President to make arrangements.**

# Motoring 'Round

## 2023 Display Day

**Sunday 26th November**

The day started with concerns over the weather. Weather forecasters predicted rain on the day. Needless to say the day itself turned out fine with not a drop of rain. As usual there were quite a number of vehicles on display, unmodified, modified and some unusually presented cars. All special in their own right. There was more than enough to keep a person entertained for the day. An entertaining & interesting day.

In summing up it was good to catch up with club members as well as people from other Clubs and friends









**Stephen Solomons**  
Visitor Car of the Day  
HT Premier Sedan



**Jen Wong**  
48-215 Sedan  
Club Car of the Day



**Bevis Apps**  
Club Commercial  
Car of the Day

**Howard Creamer**

FJ sedan  
Club Car of the Day



**Paul Shears**

2023  
Club Car of the Day



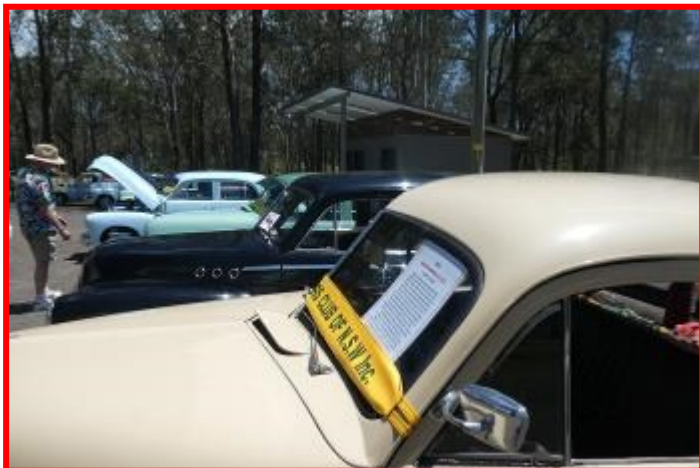
**Sue Hesse**

2023  
Club Member of the Year



**Club members & guests attending the Display Day were:**

Stan & Wendy Bennett	48 - 215
Jennifer & Harry Wong	48 - 215
Ian King	48 - 215
Kris & Jeff Magnoli	48 - 215
Paul Shears	48 - 215
& 50 - 2106	
Geoff Smith	50 - 2106
Peter & Sue Hesse	FJ - 225
Howard & Irene Creamer	FJ - 225
Phill Cooper	FJ - 225
Neville & Sue Bennett	FJ - Conv
Bevis Apps	FJ - 2106
David & Helen Stephens	Modern
Howard & Pat Smith	Modern
Adam Magnoli	Modern
Mark Rhall	Modern
Glen Featherstone	Modern



**Visitors**

Stephen Solomons	HT Premier Sedan
Shane Eaton	FJ Sedan & FJ Ute
Brian Hodges	FJ Van
Ivan Jones	48-215
Darrell Killick	FJ Sedan
Mitch Campbell & Deb Cox	





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(Stock Photo—Typical)

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.

**GM DISPLAY DAY COMMITTEE OF NSW**

# **50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Motors Display Day of Cars & Commercials**



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oakland, Pontiac

Vauxhall, Opel, Bedford, Holden 48 & FJ Only

**Location: The Museum of Fire  
Museum Drive**

**Penrith NSW 2750**

**Gates Open 8am, Exit from 2pm**

**DISPLAY VEHICLES \$20.00**

**Spectators - Gold Coin Donation - Assist Legacy's Anzac Day Appeal**

**Enquiries: GM Display Day committee of NSW  
Contact Gordon Roberts 0409 677 116**

***We are grateful for the support of GMSV & Shannons***

# 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

## February 2024

19<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

## 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

## August 2024

19<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.

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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](mailto:mail@48fj.org.au)

Regards,  
Howard



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# Motoring 'Round

## CLUB COFFEE RUNS

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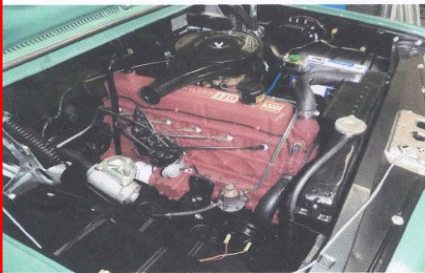
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# Frank Tedesco Autos

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