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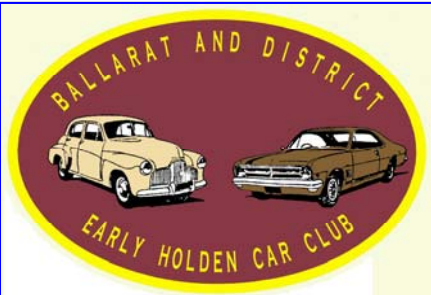
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### **CLUB MEETINGS**

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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G'Day Club Members,

What a very different world we are in since our last newsletter and Club Meeting in March. I trust that everyone is safe and well, and coped as best possible with all of the COVID measures we all have had to adjust to.

It is with great enthusiasm that we can announce a gentle recommencement of Club Activities now that restrictions are easing.

On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June we held our first face to face Committee Meeting to discuss how the relaxing of the COVID restrictions would allow us to recommence Club Activities and which activities would be compliant with the new and ever changing rules.

It was determined that due to the Social Distancing space required, a General Meeting in our Club Rooms on the first Tuesday of each month is still some time off, so for now we will have to wait for these to re-commence.

However we believe that following all of the required safe Social Distancing guidelines we can conduct a Club Run and at that run we could hand out our monthly newsletter and provide members with all relevant updates as required.

Our run activities and destinations will need to be carefully planned as attractions and facilities may still be restricted, but the Committee agreed the most important aspect of re-commencing Club Runs was to get your Holden out and to catch up with each other, the destination is just the excuse.

So it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Committee and with the great work of the Run Co-ordinating team, to invite all Club Members to our "First Back from ISO" Run on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. We will meet at the Club Rooms and drive to Willaura Bakery as our destination. The Bakery will be specially open for us to purchase lunch (feel free to pack your own if you like) and make sure to bring a chair. As a note: As one of the Social Distancing measures we will stagger our departure from the Club Rooms in smaller groups to ensure we do not over-crowd the Bakery.

You are now on notice to finalise those ISO repairs and maintenance you may have been doing to your Holden and plan to join us on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

I look forward to see you at the Club Rooms.

Justin



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# CLUB RUN

## **CLUB RUN—Willaura Bakery**

**WHAT: Cruise to Willaura**

**WHERE: Departing from Clubrooms at 10.00am**

**WHEN: Sunday 5th July**

**Buy your lunch at the Willaura Bakery and support this local institution or BYO Food and Drink.**

**BYO Chair—We'll find a park to eat lunch.**

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# RUN CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

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RED DOG RUN --- WEDNESDAY 27th. MAY.

With the start of Covid19 restrictions being lifted a little bit ,we decided it was time to get our cars out and catch up, with responsible distancing with our friends.

It's been a long time since we have met at Macca's at Lucus. We met in the Carpark and went in for a take-away and after being moved on from the doorway went back and spread out into smaller group for a long overdue chat and catch up.

Two Police cars went through and slowed down-counting our numbers and I think because we were Old Farts they kept going. Not young blokes in Hot Commodores.

Attendees:- Paul Irvin--FE, Graeme Henderson--EK Ute, Peter Wilmot--SLE Commo-

dore, Neil Leckie--FE, Greg Turner--FX, Rob Whitten--HG S/Wagon and David and Ashliegh Trengove, Theo Gooseens, John Bourke, Alan Darrell and Paul Furneaux.

About 11 ;15 some left us and eight went on a little cruise out to Clunes . Lunch and a Coffee from the Bakery and we set up a Socially Distanced area in the manicured and spotless park and enjoyed lunch and a bit more bulls--t and catch up.

Great to get our cars out for a Club Run.

Next Red Dog will be Wednesday 24th.of June, meeting at Macca's Lucus for a similar catch up. All welcomed. As restrictions are eased more we will have more organized Runs.

Rob Whitten.





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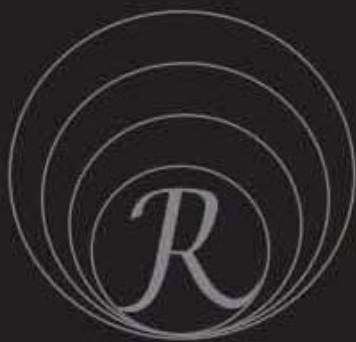
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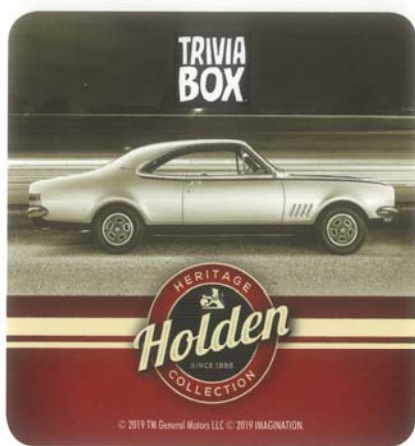


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# HOLDEN TRIVIA



True or false:  
The very first Holden unveiled in Australia  
resides in Canberra's National Museum.

The official announcement ceremony for  
the 48-215 was held in the social centre  
at Holden's Fishermans Bend plant. What  
colour was the vehicle that was unveiled?

What was the engine capacity of the  
standard model Commodore VB?

What year did a Holden Commodore  
first race at Bathurst?

The vocals for  
"Holdin' you in my Holden", released  
in 1956, were performed by whom?

GMOO Frigidaire produced what  
household appliance at the GM Holden  
Dandenong plant from 1956?

In 1970, Norm Beechey won which  
championship in a HT Monaro GTS 350?

True or false:  
The first Frigidaire product rolled  
off GMH's Pagewood plant's  
production line on May 14th 1951?

True or false:  
The Commodore VL's 3.0L six cylinder  
engine had a greater power output (kW)  
than the VK's 3.3L EST six-cylinder engine.

What was the engine capacity  
of the Commodore VB SL?

Where is Holden's automotive  
proving ground located?



What body type was the  
48-215 first released in?

In what year did Colin Bond  
first win the Australian Rally  
Championship in a Holden Torana?

What was the price  
of a Commodore VB SL  
at the time of its release?

What do the letters GMH stand for?

True or false:  
Despite being enormously popular, no  
Holden Monaro model has ever won a  
*Wheels* Car of the Year Award.

True or false:  
The second Holden model released  
in Australia was the Holden Business  
sedan in 1953.

In what year did Holden first produce  
a standard, entry-level Commodore with  
an engine power output of over 150kW?

True or false:  
A Holden Torana won the Australian Rally  
Championship in four consecutive years.

How much was a Commodore VB  
at the time of its release?

Which popular surf wear brand  
did Holden team with on the 2000  
Sandman concept vehicle?



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# Convertible

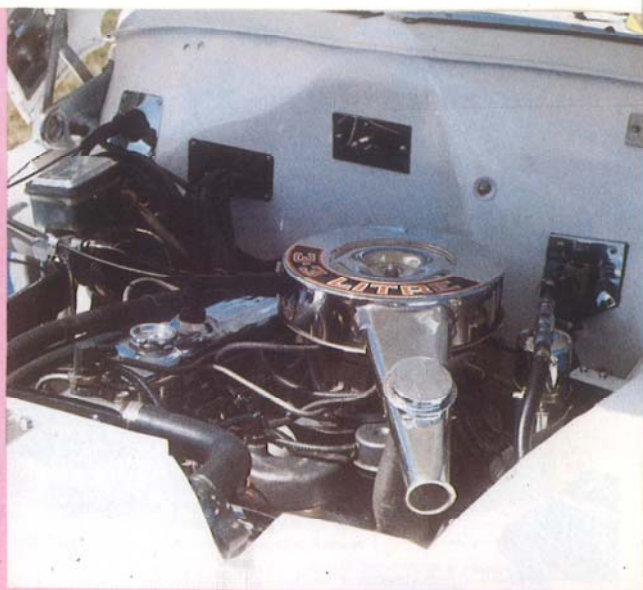
So good it looks like GMH built it!



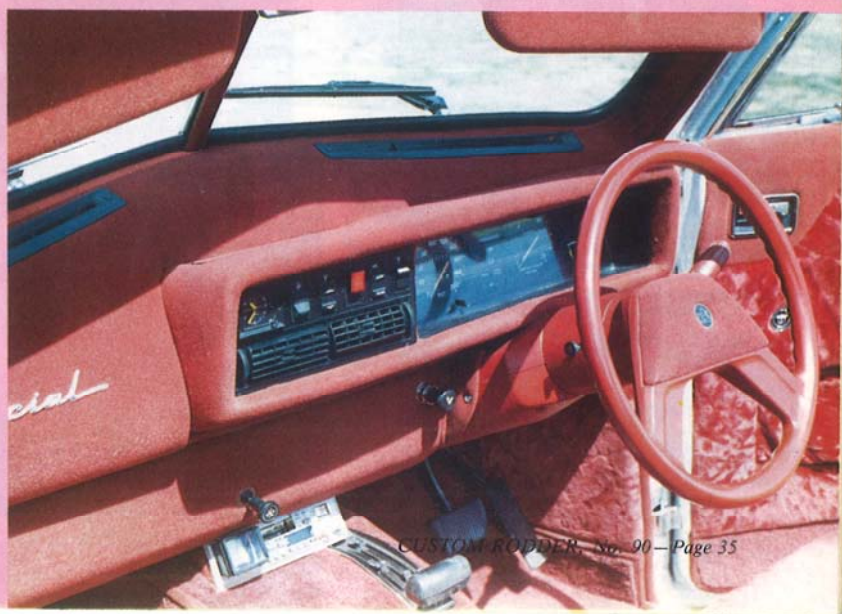




John Gilbert owned a Brisbane built FJ Holden convertible in 1961, which has disappeared and has been the subject of much discussion. John said "It brought back memories and I took up the challenge to design and build a FX convertible, it was an 18 month labor of love!" First registered in October 1986 it is N.S.W. Dept of Motor Transport approved and has travelled 8,000km with no body distortion.



The motor is a 1981 Commodore (blue motor with Trimatic Auto) front and rear is lowered 2in. HR front and rear end, G.T. Monroe shocks. Steering is Commodore including the steering wheel and column. Wheels are Classic Wire with P.205-65 HR-13 Tyres. Dash is Commodore with gauges, console and antenna. The top has been chopped 2in. Seats are 1985 Mazda 929 up front and Commodore rear. Tailamps are AP5 Valiant. A Roadsound stereo with 2in TV is fitted. Paint color is Maroon and White. Upholstery is in Red crushed Velvet and red Drayton. Carpet is red cut pile. Trunk is lined concealed battery and panels in Drayton by John Gilbert Upholstery of Kempsey. (the owner). Paint Moultons of Kempsey. Body Gilbert (owner) and Moultons. The Custom work entails lengthening the doors 6in. welded rear sections. Rear fenders have been modified so they can be removed in their entirety. Windows are fully wind up and designed by John. John took weeks of trial and error to get the windows to wind up OK and seal using HQ Holden regulators. Top bows are from an Austin A-40 found at a dump. Doorlocks are LJ Torana. Also fitted is alarm, air conditioning, heater demister, 2 speed Gemini Wipers, Mazda 121 gas tank behind rear seat. Spare is in Mazda 121 wheel well, where original fuel tank was fitted. The NSW D.M.T. sent an engineer up to John's town to inspect and report on the car for registration. A rear recess allows top to be folded in and sit nice and low, out of sight giving a very pleasant line. (Have a look at how high, a new Rolls-Royce convertible top sits when it's down. Ed.) In all John's "Topless" is a very pleasant looking car and one of the best and complete "home brew" convertibles we have seen for a long while.



# GENERAL MEETING - MINUTES

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General Meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

Meeting Opened: 1942hrs

Apologies: Roger Heap, Theo Goosens, Bernie Sharp, John Whitfield, Dylan McKay, Scott Campbell, Megan Dickson, Mitch, David Turner, Megan Turner, Craig Toddman, Kevin P, Rod Phillips, Jason McGeary, Andy Lee, John Stevens, Adam Ryan.

Guests/New members: Alan McGrath with an EJ sedan.

Minutes of Previous meeting: Read by Jim:  
Moved by Peter Wilmot, Seconded: Greg Turner.  
That the minutes of the previous meeting be carried.

Business Arising: Nil.

Correspondence: Inwards- Goldfields CC newsletter, PO box renewal invoice. Outwards- Team App notifications.

Reports.

Presidents: Read by Justin.

Treasurers: Read by Anne. Moved by Jeff D and seconded by Greg T that the reports be accepted and the accounts passed for payment. Carried.

Run Coordinator: Rob- Red Dog Run.....trip organised to Bacchus Marsh for lunch. Runs.....Vintage and Classic CC has offered to open their library so a run has been organised... details to follow next month. Upcoming runs were detailed. Rob also asked if there was any interest in a weekend away in May/June to see the silo art trail in the Wimmera.

Bar Report: Still there!

Clubrooms: Paul- Thankyou to Neil L for cleaning the clubrooms last month and thanks to Neal G for offering to do this month. There is also a power point that requires attention.

GM Day: Alan- Announced the new date for 2020 show is Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>. A new GM committee has been elected, but more club support is required.

Merchandise: Sharelle- Waiting on a call to collect new items.

Red Plates: Justin is filling in and signing forms in Scott's absence. No further reports.

AEHF: Anne- has a couple of newsletters. State titles date confirmed. Nationals will be held at Cooma over Xmas 2020. New club seeking entry to AEHF. No issues from membership so we are happy for this to occur.

General Business:

Rob- Bay to Birdwood already had over 1000 entrants after being open for 1 week so get in quick.

Jim- Reminded members to make every effort to stay together as a club when travelling as a club to events. If members don't want to travel as a club this is fine, but out of respect for those who organise runs, please try to keep together.

Buy: Nil

Swap: Nil.

Sell: Brad W selling a set of HK Belmont NOS tail lights, a HK,T,G bonnet and tailgate. Contact Brad or secretary for further. Justin trying to sell a low mileage (65,000k's) VE SV6 series 2 Sportwagon.

Technical issues: Nil.

Members Draw: Winner- Mark Hutchinson. Not present so prize jackpots.

Raffle: Winner of \$79.50.....Neal Gordon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew French, 3<sup>rd</sup> John Burke

Sargent at Arms: Pete W did his usual rounds....WEARING A FORD T SHIRT! He raised \$38.45

General Business: Alan thanked those who assisted with the Legacy run, for which we received a certificate of appreciate.

There being no further business, Justin declared the meeting closed at 2020hrs.



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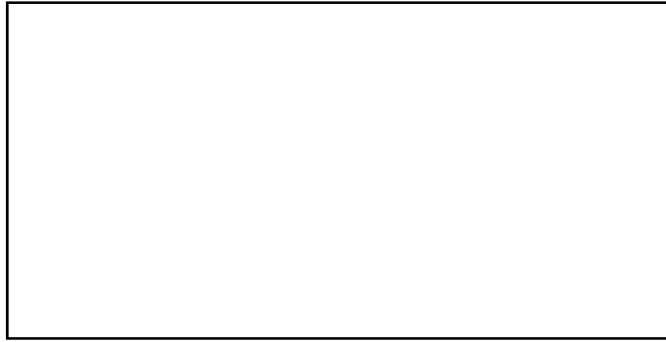
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