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The Holden Car Club of WA is always looking for members to plan, organize and help. So if you think you have something to offer the club, let us know!

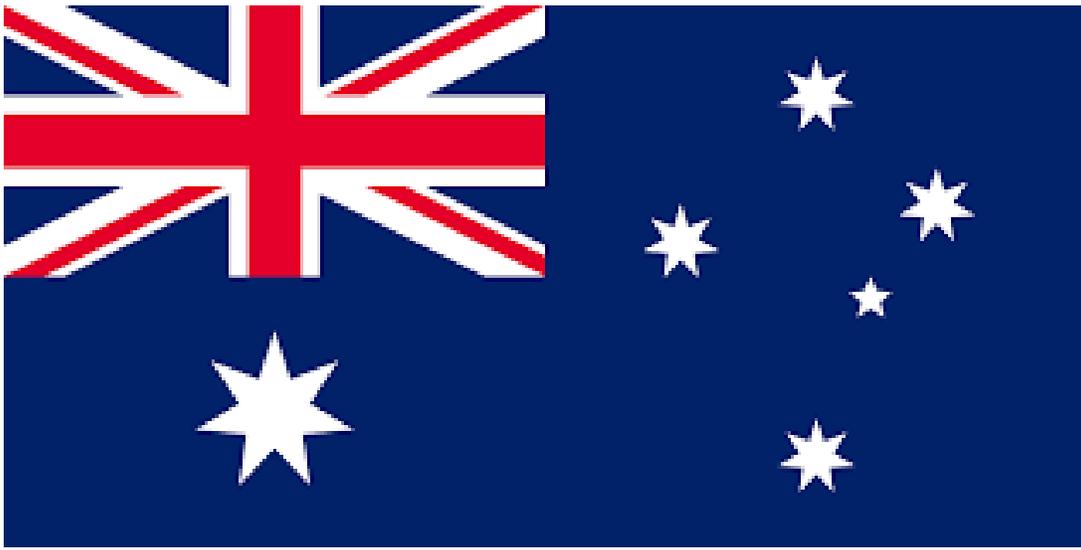
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FRONT COVER:

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# EVENTS RE-CAP



# DAY



What a cracker of a way to start the 2020 HCC events season with our annual catch up with the Rossmoyne Rotary Club's Australia Day breakfast. It was an awesome line up of HCC's finest.

We were lucky enough to all receive a breakfast voucher upon arriving and the spread they put on was really good. I tell you what though, the location, the weather, the cars, the people made it an awesome day to be out in a Holden.....

# EVENT CALENDAR

# BUSSO WEEKEND



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# SHANNONS CLASSIC



# HOLDEN NEWS

**The West Australian**  
THE END OF THE ROAD FOR ICONIC AUSSIE CAR BRAND

## YOU'RE NOT AXING THE HOLDEN!

ScoMo furious, jobs gone and a nation in mourning

PM's virus plea as cruise trope of last

VEGAN

'Perth guy here... I want to make world'

MASTER OF OUR DOMAIN 'COSTANZA' LANDS IN PERTH P?

**The Advertiser**  
Inspired by South Australia

## Thanks for the memories

CHEERS, HOLDEN  
A proud nation, car lovers and workers salute end of the Lion

\$100m foster care shock

HOME ALONE DVD TODAY

Bank to refund \$65m

**The Daily Telegraph**

## END OF THE ROAD

Holden to quit Australia by 2017

Workers 'gutted' by GM's decision

Toyota could be next to go

NRL STAR GUILTY

WILD RIDE

**Herald Sun**

TANIA HIRD SAYS: BACK OFF AFL

EXCLUSIVE VIDEO NOW WATCH HIRD'S WIFE UNLOAD

It's over for Holden and Toyota may be next

## END OF THE ROAD

MICHAEL HEAT NOW ON TOYOTA

HOW IT WILL AFFECT VICTORIA

OUR GREAT AUSSIE RIDE

Deals at the Night Noodle Markets

Caps players say 'we can get it done'

**The Canberra Times**  
SERVING THE NATIONAL CITY

The lion sleeps tonight

PM slammed over fires

CITY LOSES CAR SPACES

FRESH LOOK AT BEAUTY

NEXT ON WISHLIST

**HERALD**  
NEWCASTLE

## END OF THE LION

DEVELOPER WARNS OF 'WALL OF BUILDINGS' HIGH ANXIETY

NEWS: ARSONIST AVOIDS JAIL FOR STRING OF HUNTER FIRES

ROBO-DEBT HITS HARD

BODY RETRIEVED

TESTING TIMES

**The EXAMINER**

## HOLDEN MEMORIES

## DRUG RAGE

Victim shot in eye by drug-soaked meth users he didn't know

There's still time... WHY WAIT?

Take charge, challenge yourself, change your life.

SCRUMPTIOUS SUPPORT

**The Courier Mail**  
We're for jobs.

FOUND

END OF THE LION: Legendary car maker to shut as US pulls the pin

## DEATH OF AN AUSSIE ICON

Miracle of student who survived fire nights in the playground

Victim's last hours

NEW BOOK

Economic virus cure

RUST IN PEACE HOLDEN  
ANGER AS AUSSIE ICON AXED

## END OF THE LION

**Courier & Mail**

# HOLDEN LEGENDS

**HK Monaro**

**EN**

**FE**

**HQ**

**V2 Monaro**

**Sandman**

**Torana**

**V8 Commodore**

**V6 Commodore**

**VE Commodore**

# HOLDEN NEWS

**17 February 2020**

Dear Holden Family

Today is the toughest of days for us.

We will be winding down Holden sales, design and engineering operations in Australia and New Zealand – and retiring our much-loved Holden brand after a 160-year history.

We are devastated. We love Holden. We know you will all hurting after this news too.

This is not the outcome we were working towards, but it is one we must accept.

General Motors and Holden tried everything to keep things rolling, but we just could not make it work.

The Holden leadership team has worked hard to turn around the business for a number of years. More recently, we developed a comprehensive plan for substantial investment in our brand, our products, the customer experience and more to make Holden successful again.

A brand like Holden deserves investment in a plan to flourish not just limp along – not after it was the brand that led the way for so many years.

The brand that won so many Bathurst races and just about everything else there was to win including round Australia rallies, racing championships and car of the year awards.

GM leadership considered our plan in depth. We all agonized over this decision.

Regrettably, the turnaround plan we submitted could not generate the return on investment of other projects GM has before it.

This decision is in no way a reflection of the expertise and commitment of the Holden family, those who love their Holden's like a family member.

The Holden brand and its memorable cars have inspired a rich car club movement. You have been fervent guardians of the Holden legacy and will continue to be.

We may be sadly winding down a business, but no one can ever take away the icon. A truly Australian icon.

On behalf of GM and Holden, I thank you for your unwavering passion for our vehicles, our company and our brand.

We ask that you join us in giving Holden the dignified farewell that it deserves.



Kristian Aquilina - Holden Chairman and Managing Director

# OLDEN NEWS

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## NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN GOVERNMENT'S NEW CAR PLAN

### Now to get on with the job

The Government has now announced its new long-term plan for the continuing development of the motor industry.

That plan has been hammered out after a great deal of investigation, in which everyone was able to say his piece.

In the Prime Minister's own words:

"The public debate and inquiry has been more open and intensive than any other industrial decision-making process."

GMH believes the debate has been worthwhile. But it has involved months of speculation and uncertainty — especially for the hundreds of thousands of people employed by the industry.

At least one in ten jobs in Australia is generated by the motor industry.

GMH alone directly employs more than 26,000 people — and another 200,000 work for our suppliers.

Many of you have been with us since we first produced 'Australia's own car' back in 1948. Since then, the name Holden has become synonymous with Australia, and

with the country's industrial growth and maturity.

GMH has some reservations about the new plan. It would be surprising if we did not.

However, we welcome the Government's recognition of the industry's past achievements and of its continuing role in the country's development.

#### New program

Shortly after the Government's announcement, GMH announced the second stage of a multi-million dollar program in its South Australian and Victorian operations.

The new facilities will involve a combined investment of more than \$18 million.

Announcing details of the program, Managing Director Damon Martin, said:

"Now that the Government's long term

policy for the motor vehicle industry has been announced we can proceed with this program with renewed confidence.

"Our plans provide for additional fabricating capacity and the modernisation of material handling and transportation of fabricated materials to improve further the quality of Holden production throughout Australia."

Two new warehouses are to be constructed, one at Elizabeth and one at Fishermen's Bend.

The major Elizabeth warehouse, covering 24,300 sq metres, will be built by a South Australian firm.

Both warehouses are expected to be fully operational by the end of 1975.

The first stage of the program was for the provision of 18 new stamping presses at Elizabeth.

# PEOPLE



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COMPLIMENTARY



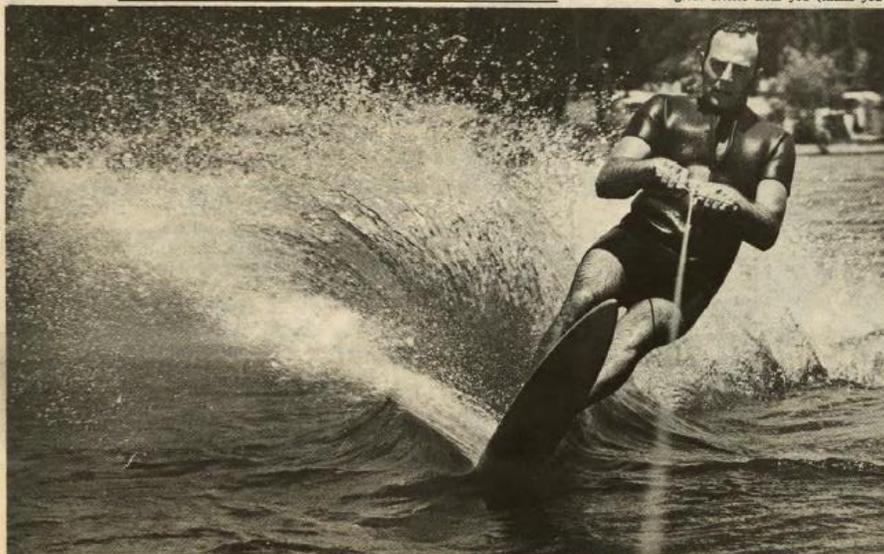
GMH lost no time in expressing its determination to forge ahead. The company took full page advertisements in all leading metropolitan newspapers around Australia, expressing its attitude to the new plans and its desire to get on with the job.

## NOW WE ARE ONE

It's PEOPLE's first birthday. This time last year the first issue of PEOPLE appeared on the scene after an absence of some years.

We think we've received some great stories from you (thank you

very much, all you people who chase them up for us) and we'd like to receive more of them, more photographs and more of what you think should go into your newspaper.



Foreman Peter Matthew enjoys a summer's day on Victoria's lovely Lake Eildon. Peter is a great speed enthusiast and his story appears on page 5.



And while we're celebrating our first birthday, everybody who works on PEOPLE would like to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



# OLDEN NEWS

PEOPLE, December, 1974

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## CHINA — IS IT A NEW MARKET FOR HOLDENS?

● *BELOW: Tony Connolly shows Chinese visitors a Holden motor.*



**EXPORT** Manager, Tony Connolly recently returned from an exhausting 23-day trip to Peking, very optimistic that a market for GMH cars does exist in China.

"There appears to be a market for vehicles to be used by the managing directors of large corporations who are usually allocated permanent transport by the Chinese Government," he said.

"Also there are more than 80 foreign diplomatic missions in Peking and each mission has quite substantial demand for motor transport," he added.

Tony's assignment in Peking was to supervise GMH's display at the Australian Trade Exhibition.

He feels the venture, which was the first time GMH products have been shown in China, was an undoubted success.

There are no privately-owned motor cars in China. All vehicles are operated by the Government. In fact one of the main methods of transportation is by bicycle and there are 1.5 million registered bicycle users in Peking alone.

### "Red flag"

The Chinese Government does manufacture two passenger car models — a large, prestige luxury limousine called the "Red Flag" and a 5-6 passenger medium sized vehicle called the "Shanghai".

"They manufacture trucks, jeeps and passenger cars at

more than 30 locations in China," Tony said.

It didn't take long for the three GMH display vehicles to be snapped up. They were bought by the Chinese National Machinery Import and Export Corporation.



**THE** Acacia Ridge plant was honored to receive the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Air Marshal Sir Colin Hannah, KCMG; KBE; CB; when he visited the plant on October 30.

Personnel Director Mike Saunders, Plant Manager Jack Mullavey, Production Manager Ron Gardiner and Regional Public Relations Manager Lloyd George welcomed the Governor when he arrived.

During his visit, Sir Colin

## Governor visits Qld plant

toured the plant cafeteria, and the assembly plant.

● Sir Colin Hannah is pictured above (left) with Jack Mullavey, talking to Bill Weathered, Body Paint Foreman.

## New Terex Titan

**NEXT** time you need to take two million golf balls to a practice session on the greens, you'll be pleased to know that just the right carrier has been made to take them.

It's the Terex Titan, a diesel-electric hauler which carries a payload of 350 tons, and weighs more than 1,200,000 pounds when loaded.

The Terex Division of General Motors exhibited the largest off-highway hauler (right) ever built at the recent American Mining Congress Convention.

The hauler is 87ft. long and more than 25ft. wide. The top of the canopy, which protects the operator's compartment, towers 56ft. in the air when the body is raised to its full dump position.

When empty, the hauler weighs more than a 747 Jumbo jet (which weighs 369,300 pounds empty without fuel), at 509,500 pounds.

Manufactured for Terex by Diesel Division, General Motors of Canada Ltd, the unit was shipped to the exhibition in Las Vegas on eight railroad carriages, and re-assembled on the exhibition site.

It is powered by a 3300 horsepower diesel railroad locomotive engine built by GM's Electro-Motive Division.



# BACK PAGE



Hey HCC Folk,

Even though Holden will shut up shop, the HCC will serve Holden owners long into the future.....

Hope you can make it to some of the events that Hannah and the Committee have organized. Get out, and get driving your old Oldens...

Till next issue ....

Safe and Happy motoring.

