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THE HOLDEN COLLECTION  
WOODVILLE PLANT

BRG 213  
Series 77  
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When Holden Motor Body Builders outgrew their premises in King William Street South they looked beyond the city for a site suitable for a large factory, close to transport and with room for some expansion. In 1922 the Grenfell St works were closed, and in 1923 King William Street was expanded and a new factory at Woodville was opened. The Woodville factory became the sole production site Australian produced GM vehicles and the company's expansion was on the back of this.

By 1931 the depression was hitting HMBB hard and production levels had plummeted to unsustainable levels. The 1931 merge with GM resulting in the new company of General Motors –Holden's saved the company, jobs and the Woodville factory.

The Woodville factory continued to play an important role in Holden's production despite the move of headquarters to Melbourne. As a large, advanced and efficient factory production levels remained high throughout the pre war, war and post war years, particularly with the introduction of the All Australian car the Holden 48-215 in 1948.

With company restructuring and rationalisation in the late 1970s and 1980s GMH closed many smaller factories around the country. In South Australia the Woodville factory had expanded to its boundaries and capacity and was competing with the newer Elizabeth plant which did not have the disadvantage of being in a built up area with defined limits on expansion. Production levels were gradually reduced and activities and equipment transferred to the Elizabeth plant. By 1983 the plant was virtually closed and portions of it were sold to automotive sub-contractors and other industries.

Includes Beverley, Birkenhead and Finsbury  
For Birkenhead see also BRG 213/81 [General Motors Australia].

Correspondence of JR Holden relating to his overseas trip  
1932-1933 1.5cm

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[Includes report on competitive Body Building in Australia 1932, organisation changes since 1934, correspondence relating directly to JR Holden's overseas trip, specifically letters from New York, model details, USA plant inspection, pay and expenses arrangements while overseas, sale of house details, disposition of Australian plant, components manufactured at Woodville.]

- Correspondence relating to paint application 77/2  
1935-1938 2cm  
[Includes schedule of painting at GM Melbourne, recommendations for painting at Woodville, minutes of paint conference at Woodville, methods of spraying pearlescent, minutes of paint committees, paint defects and panel pressing problems, use of phosphoric acid metal cleaner, problems of colour matching, paint usage rates for 1938 vehicles, costs per colour group for duco and ground coats on a 1938 Chevrolet sedan.]
- Correspondence of JR Holden with EC Poole 77/3  
1936-1939 1cm  
[Includes body shop labour schedules, tooling procedure, printing equipment requirements and usage, installation and use of internal telephones, petrol sold to employees, Co-operative Building Society employee proposal, CBS Gazette Vol. 3, No 3, April financial statement.]
- Correspondence of JR Holden with TA Wylie, largely tooling and design implementation 77/4  
1936-1939 0.5cm  
[Includes equipment for Fishermens Bens, final costs for 1937 GM tooling program, tooling department review and staff requirements, flattening of windscreen openings, proposed Vauxhall 14/6 program, tooling department facilities, arrangements for TA Wylie and VW Stacey overseas visits, 1940 annual plan, equipment for metallurgical work, sheet steel wastage, testing of design features on experimental cars, elimination of running boards on 1941 models, quotation sheet.]
- Correspondence of JR Holden with NA Pointer 77/5  
1937 0.5cm  
[Includes reworking of Bedford ASXC bodies, interior door handles dropping off, Vauxhall conversion to 5.25 x 16 wheel, summary of cables for 1939 shock absorbers.]
- Correspondence with the Opel factory in Germany 77/6  
1937-1939 1cm  
[Includes visit of F Daly and King Stuart to Opel, importing and building Opel Kadett and Olympia cars, details of modifications required to Opel cars from Australia, Hartnett letter to JR Holden concerning building of Opel cars at Woodville, costings for Opel cars, notes of meeting of Operating Directors.]

- Correspondence of JR Holden labelled miscellaneous data 1936-1938 0.5cm (2 parts) 77/7  
[Includes 1937 delivery data, Opel sedan breakdown costs, GM model volume estimate, junior male salary range, performance figures for several English cars, production forecasts for 1938, report on factory visits at Melbourne and Sydney by JR Holden.]
- Correspondence of JR Holden with VL Sunners 1936-1939 1cm 77/8  
[Includes black and cream colour scheme on GY Vauxhalls, complaints on GY Vauxhall from EG Eager, 1938 model year estimates, 1938 tentative announcement dates, deletion of half-door utility and Chevrolet Master, sagging upholstery in Cadillac models, 1938 body changes, Judge Perdriau criticises 'flimsy modern bodywork', competitor utility sales, comments on Vauxhall Caleche in baby car market, Chevrolet half-door utility sales versus Ford V8 utility sales and prices, deletion of safety glass from rear light, 1939 Buick driving position criticism, suggest sliding roof for sedans, Preston Motors praise 1939 Buick, Wyvern Caleche criticism and praise EG Eager, industrialisation figures for Australia since 1913 and potential effect of war 1939, criticism of 1938 Buick by purchases P Cohen re:trim, criticism of Vauxhall 25, VL Sunners returns his car.]
- Correspondence of JR Holden with J Storey 1937-1939 1.5cm 77/9  
[Includes papers on reworking of Chevrolet engine bonnets, 1937 Chevrolet chassis distortion, plant required for production of chassis wheels, coupe utility half-door tooling costs, F Daly working in Melbourne, gaining headroom in 'G' Vauxhall, supply department organisation chart, recruitment of Woodville employees from Melbourne, late chassis shipment caused by USA strikes, list of all vehicles produced at Woodville and targets, modifications to Chevrolet chassis (King Stuart), suggested appointment of J Jolly, secretary of paint committee, painting of cabs in Dulux, Vauxhall 10/4 looks undershod compared with competitors, tubular shock absorbers for Buick, heat treatment of Vauxhall bumper bars, draughtman's salary, 1939 Canadian Chevrolet modifications, shock absorbers for 1939 cars, synthetic enamels and undercoats, material and component suppliers with price increases.]

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Correspondence of JR Holden with RW Maillager 77/10  
1937-1939 0.5cm  
[Includes complaints on bumper bar damage in transit, uses for asbestos, suggested panel modifications to vehicles passing through panel assembly department, cars for Melbourne show, converting mechanical presses to hydraulic operation, complaints on finished cars, details of coming visit to America by RW Millager, manufacture of double acting shock absorber for 1939, factory floor housekeeping, Chevrolet shell body margins, model of Woodville plant.]

Correspondence of JR Holden 77/11  
1937-1939 1.5cm. Part [Original Mohair sample WITHDRAWN, photocopy available].  
  
[Includes report from BALM paints on 1936 paint faults, Australian sheet versus American and English poorer sheet steels for car turrets, 1937 American gas(petrol) tanks splitting problems, steel specification for shock absorbers, sample of 'breathing back' mohair with letter dated 10 March 1937, 3/16 glass costs, seat spring wire supplies, loose leather upholstery, Government policy and problems with overseas delivery of roof steel, stamping breakages of steel for 1937 models, 1930 model year estimates, dock damage to bodies in shipment Pt Adelaide et. al., Australian Paper Manufacturers with test results over problem with body chipboard, introduction of BALM 242 duco, use of metalprep, visit of A Wigan to America.]

- Correspondence of JR Holden with MacFarlane and JR McKenzie  
1937-1939 2cm  
[Includes reducing company expenses, EW Holden annual report 1937, financial statement , profit on bodies at Woodville, budget for 1938, costs of truck cab and cowl, loss of business on utility bumper bars, Vauxhall Wyvern and 14/16 costing, staff provident fund, standard times summaries for commercial body division, graining of Chevrolet instrument panel, deletion of running boards for BOP range, senior staff salary increases, use of armour plate glass, charges for Frank Hershey's visit, employees joining armed services, breaches of factory regulations and penalties for employees, Holden employees first annual ball, plant safety inspection and report, welfare conveniences and dining rooms proposals.] 77/12
- Correspondence of JR Holden with BC Newland  
1937 1cm  
[Includes payments to workers absent with ill health, budget commercial expenses, miscellaneous costing for 1937 bodies, comment on profit and loss account, employee insurance, Audit report to December 9 1936, financial results, May financial results, operating results, rear lift glass costs - 1938 models, Vauxhall GL 7-passenger sedan costs, letter from female accounting department staff expressing appreciation for pay increase, coupe utility all-steel rear end - Chevrolet costs, movement in salary and wage rates, 1938 budget including bodies completed, watchman's security reports November 1937.] 77/13
- Correspondence of JR Holden (Woodville) and Mulcahy (Melbourne)  
1937-1939 1.5cm  
[New Zealand Chevrolet coupe utilities, Delco-Remy shock absorbers, body timing charts, car import figures for May 1935 to April 1936 with quote for 1938, delivery problems from Woodville to Melbourne assembly plant, men refusing to work further overtime to speed up jobs, 1938 model announcement dates, proposed standard for scheduling vehicle building, announcement dates all 1939 models, gas tank shipment inside bodies, advice to improve Woodville body program, program for 1939.] 77/14

- Correspondence of LJ Hartnett with Jessmore and Batchelor of Vauxhall  
1937-1939 0.5cm  
[Includes study on Vauxhall 10/4 and 14/6 providing details, deletions, specifications and panel drawings January 1937, advanced information and changes on next English Vauxhall range, sliding roof will not be used on Australian models, preventing rust of petrol tank bodies.] 77/15
- Correspondence of JR Holden and Welker (Director of Service).  
1937-1939 0.5cm  
[Includes components for complete car manufacture in Australia, list of faults and correction of same emerging in 1937 bodies, dust entry into bodies particularly Oldsmobile, bumper bar shortages, reworking of 1937 Vauxhall 'GY' coupe front seat, Service Bulletin 21, Oldsmobile 35 and 36 rear axles July 1937, Oldsmobile front seat cushion failure, procedure for recording reporting of complaints, suppliers of transmission gears, manufacture of Gypsy engine parts, windshield wiper blades of Anderson Company, Indiana, more effective.] 77/16
- General memos to staff and factory  
1937-1939 1cm  
[Includes public holiday shift programs, tooling for Vauxhall vehicles, new model program, body service on key personal cars, Chevrolet commercial panel van proposal, Frigidaire manufacture at Woodville, work for Defence Department.] 77/17
- Correspondence of K Stuart (Development Department)  
1937 1cm  
[Includes first use of Delco shock absorbers, Wege engine, body modifications various cars, Pontiac car colours, modification of defects, Chevrolet, Pontiac, Buick, Vauxhall, wireless speakers for 1938, interchangeability between Cadillac and Buick Fisher bodies, comments on various cars at Adelaide show, Hamilton patent door lock, defects in 1938 Buicks.] 77/18
- Correspondence of Frank Daley, technical assistant to Factory Manager  
1937 0.5cm  
[Includes dye problems, equipment for disposal, zinc plating, resume of motor body problems confronting Woodville by Mr Wimperis, Technical Adviser to Commonwealth Government, enquiry into munitions manufacture.] 77/19

- Correspondence of A Hurwood (Assistant Managing Director) and CM Hartman  
1937-1939 0.5cm  
[Includes utes and panel vans on Vauxhall or Bedford chassis, organization chart alterations, purchase of competitor cars, summary on reports from dealers and owners on GMH built vehicles, summary of user complaints and praise, all GMH produced vehicles in use in Victoria and NSW.] 77/20
- Papers relating to aircraft manufacture at Woodville plant  
1937 1.5cm  
[Includes (Part 1) 1937 Annual Plan GM-H Ltd Body Division Woodville, (Plant 2) Woodville Plant Appropriation August 1937, (Part 3) Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation - production methods, manufacture of tools, details of manufacturing plant for aircraft, aircraft engine manufacture, Beaufort engine mountings and fuel tank.] 77/21
- Correspondence of HM Longbottom (Production Engineer)  
1937 1.5cm  
[Includes packing of bumper bars, explosion of acetylene generator, rework on Chevrolet Standard and Master Deluxe, touch-up problems with duco, re-arrangement of paint shop, annual plan for 1937, planning section functions, duco polishing operations, Austin Standard Times, Solder usage on all makes, securing car rubber seals, Project 205 car - letter form Detroit, hydraulic presses not preferred - Detroit, American press types - New York.] 77/22
- Audit reports for 1937-1939  
1937-1939 1cm  
[Includes FP White (Internal Auditor) correspondence, audit report, GMC audit report, plant photographer, schedule of slow moving stock.] 77/23
- Customs file  
1937-1938 1cm  
[Includes evidence on motor car manufacture, auto body steel panel, British steel faulty, inquiry concerning industrial expansion from department of Trade and Custom, reply to custom Dept inquiry - expansion since 1932, LJ Hartnett's letter to Minister of trade and Customs re: orders for USA versus UK steels, Minister's reply to LJ Hartnett, AC Wigan response to LJ Hartnett's request to Minister's admonition.] 77/24

- Correspondence of Development department, King Stuart  
1938-1939 1.5cm  
[Includes Opel-Vauxhall 10/4 comparison, 1938 La Salle inspection, Vauxhall Wyvern Saloon defects, Wyvern Caleche chassis beaming, Ternstedt 'snap-on' door handles, engineering data 1939 models Detroit, model program for 1939, body modifications, 1939 colour specifications, criticism of cars at Melbourne show, infringement o Budd Australia patent, Chevrolet commercial panel van, seating position, 1940 trim styles, Hamilton door locks.] 77/25
- Correspondence to JR Holden (Commercial Manager)  
regarding personal leave and requests for  
employment  
1937-1939 1cm  
[Includes (Part 1) personal leave for 1938 and exopt division titles, (Part 2) requests for employment from individuals.] 77/26
- Correspondence of P Walding (Assistant Chief Inspector)  
1937-1938 0.5cm  
[Includes complaints on 1937 Chevrolet, modifications to 1937 door locking handles, dust sealing, organisation chart of Inspection Dept, Buick door handle problems, sweating of leather, factory faults in trim assembly, faults in competitors cars, body service complaints.] 77/27
- Correspondence of JR Holden (General Manager) with  
GM Overseas Operations  
1937-1939 1.5cm  
[Includes letter to Detroit re: paint and trim, drawing numbers from Detroit 1938 Buick, paint practice in Australia, Australian lacquer tests, specification differences between Us and Canadian Chevrolet vehicles, organisation chart and details of GMC Export Division, Project 205 equipment, Ternstedt hardware, proposed 1940 models from detroit, degreasing and welding CKD gas tanks - report from CM Foss, Detroit paint and trim section, heat lamps for baking undercoats - instructions, bronzing problems with maroon and blue duco.] 77/28
- Correspondence of JR Holden (General Manager)  
regarding industrial matters  
1937-1938 0.5cm  
[Includes correspondence from union leaders regarding staff holidays, pay, lay offs, reinstatement, log of wages and conditions of employment.] 77/29



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- Correspondence of JR Holden (General Manager) with TM Johnstone (Melbourne), JH Horn, Frigidaire and sales department data. 77/30  
1937-1939 1.5cm  
[Includes (Part 1) TM Johnstone (Melbourne) correspondence covering sailing arrangements for JR Holden, (Part 2) JH Horn and JR Holden correspondence covering Graham sedan front cushion, criticism of Chevrolet tourer bodies fro Java from HA Quade, GM Java to jack Horn, details 1938 Willys, progress on DKW car, Vauxhall 25 criticism, (Part 3) Frigidaire correspondence, (Part 4) sales department stat of coats 1939.]
- Correspondence of JR Holden (General Manager) and HM Longbottom 77/31  
1938-1939 1.5cm  
[Includes paint shop filters shock absorber testing, rust proofing of body components, 1937 annual plan - equipment, Hamilton press data, statement of results of operations, bumper bars, 1938 annual plan, frigidaire production, staffing, proposed plant extensions, Woodville boiler installation, anti-rattler and door striker plates.]
- Correspondence of EC Poole (Acting Treasurer) 77/32  
1938 1.5cm  
[Includes military and naval training, financial loan to employee LW Chambers due to illness, hours expended reworking factory faults on various vehicles, March financial statement, donations to RSL advice, payment to employees sisters Dorsch, Jackson, and Gapper on account of illness ansence, tooling estimates for 1939, bumper bar costs, telephone service, tooling appropriation, National Insurance, panel van tooling, shock absorber costs, local manufacture of gas (petrol) tanks discouraged, Willys coupe body costs, July financial statement, plant area and land values Woodville, Bedford HB cowl, details of illness of WA Hallam, suggested duties of treasurer, commercial boy profits, office hours and Holden training schedules.]

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- Correspondence of BC Newland (Treasurer) 77/33  
1938-1939 2cm  
[Includes Vauxhall 25 convertible parts costs, questions arising from impending visit of GK Howard, truck cab prices, Vauxhall 10/4 price formula, December financial results, staff club night cricket, incapacity of worker C Bowering, panel interchangeability, body prices, welfare of Mesdames McCance, Killen and Hammond and children, Key personnel Program cars, greedy staff selling at profit, arrangements for Newland's trip overseas, November financial results, Dulux versus Duco passenger cars, military service, defence work - ambulances, ammunition boxes quotation, 3 passenger Chevrolet coupe.]
- Correspondence to AC Wigan from suppliers , many referring for war work 77/34  
1938-1955 0.5cm  
[Includes hand written letters and accounts from suppliers around Adelaide such as engineering firms, glass suppliers, leather, springs etc.]
- Papers of Mr EW Holden for his reference 77/35  
1944-1951 0.5cm  
[Includes post-war planning RC Rainsford, body specification questionnaire, post-war projects - refrigerators, 1937-1939 production totals - cars and trucks with post-war forecast, Holden engines for industrial trucks.]
- Correspondence relating to panel duties 77/36  
1945-1946 1cm  
[Includes duties on imported body panels, conference details on duty on body panels Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries, extract from Hansard 'Motor body panels', transcript of Tariff Board enquiry, imported panels versus Australian manufacture.]
- Correspondence on Tariff Board Enquiry 'Automotive Industry' 2cm 77/37  
1946-1955 (2 parts)
- Correspondence, certificates and photographs relating to exhibitions in Adelaide 77/38  
1936-1963 0.5cm OUTSIZE 6 & 7  
[Includes certificates of participation and photographs of royal Exhibitions and Chamber exhibitions.]

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- Papers relating to Woodville Open House 77/39  
1968 0.5cm (2 items)
- Staff magazine - *The Woodville Comment* and *Woodville Engineer* 77/40  
1980-1984 1cm (11 items in 1 folder)  
See Also BRG 213/72/13 *The Comment* Elizabeth
- Papers relating to Woodville Plating Plant opening 77/41  
1967 0.5cm (2 parts)  
[Includes program, guest list, biographies, speeches from 2-10-1967.]
- Papers relating to the opening of the Trimatic transmission assembly plant 77/42  
1970 9cm (Parts 1-3b)  
[Includes program, invitation cards, purchase requests, guest and invitation lists, correspondence, background material, brochures, speeches.]
- Papers relating to miscellaneous buildings at Woodville plant 77/43  
1944-1961 4cm (6 parts). Part 4 original  
WITHDRAWN, view online.  
[Includes social centre plans and details of amplification equipment (1961), descriptive book with photos detailing operations of metrology room and technical services (1944), new press shop (1954), article in *Australian Engineer* regarding new buildings at Woodville (1961).]
- Papers and photographs relating to the history , layout and plans of Woodville plant. 77/44  
1945-1972 4cm (3 parts) Part OUTSIZE 6,7  
[Includes layouts and photographs of Woodville plant 1923-1957 and 1923-1965, plot plan of existing Woodville plant - removals and relocations (1957)(outside), estimate for transfer of GMH from Woodville to Finsbury (1945), brochures and history of Holden operations in South Australia.]
- Apprentice books and notes 77/45  
1941 2cm  
[Notes and standard issue books for apprentices (1941) as distributed by GMH including: 1.'Standard procedure for tool room details'; 2.'Workshop facts and figures'; 3.'Modern cutter sharpening methods' (includes right angle set square).]

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- Black and white photographs - Woodville plant 77/46  
1934-1936 3cm (1 volume). Original WITHDRAWN.  
[47 photographs in an album including assembly  
line operations, panel presses, welding all-steel floor  
bottoms, trim fabrication and bodies being loaded for  
shipment to Java (some with captions)]
- Black and white photographs – album 77/47  
1936 2cm (1 volume). Original WITHDRAWN  
[37 photographs in an album including Holden’s bore  
water tank, presses, panels, trim fabrication and  
GMH exhibit in South Australian Centennial  
Exhibition 1936 (or 1947 exhibition) (Similar in  
content to BRG 213/77/46 but with additional  
images)]
- Black and white photographs – album 77/48  
1939 3.5cm (1 volume). Original WITHDRAWN,  
view online.  
[34 photographs in an album (1 missing) entitled  
‘Photographic Study Vol. 1’ including bodies for  
overseas shipment, bodies on the line, Hamilton  
Press, Kellar machine and roof patterns. With  
captions.]
- Black and white photographs 77/49  
1931-1939  
[Photographs of GMH Woodville plant, post merger  
1931 and before beginning of war production 1939.]
- Black and white photographs – loose - Finsbury plant 77/50  
1945 2.5cm. Originals WITHDRAWN, view online.  
[Includes adjacent Housing Trust homes, aerial  
views, factories and machine shops. With captions]
- Black and white photographs – loose - Beverley and 77/51  
Birkenhead plants  
1928-1972 2.5cm. Original WITHDRAWN, view  
online.  
[Includes 1 photograph of exterior Beverley 1928-29,  
and Birkenhead exterior, interior, bow bending 1941  
and last car off the line.]  
See also BRG 213/77/65

- Black and white photographs – loose - Woodville pre-war 1931-1939 5cm. Original WITHDRAWN, view online. 77/52  
[Includes factory in production, examples of vehicles produced, machinery, delivery and ceremony for starting the Hamilton Press 1938. Some of these photographs may be duplicated in BRG 213/1/3 Holden Motor Body Builders (1917-1931) as many are undated and an estimate has been made.]  
See Also BRG 213/1/3
- Black and white photographs – loose 77/53  
1945-1967 60cm (14 volumes). Vols 8-12  
OUTSIZE 1. Vols.1-7,13-14 originals WITHDRAWN.
- Volume 1: 1945-1950  
Volume 2: 1951-1952  
Volume 3: 1953-1954  
Volume 4: 1955-1956  
Volume 5: 1957-1958  
Volume 6: 1959-1964  
Volume 7: 1965-1967  
Volume 8: 1946-1952)1-2014  
Volume 9: 1950-1952 1558-3234  
Volume 10:1952-1956 2015-3627  
Volume 11: 1956-1957  
Volume 12: 1957  
Volume 13: 1967-1969 Part 1. Auto transmission  
Volume 14: 1967-1969 Part 2. Auto transmission  
[Includes photographs of Woodville vehicle production in the post-war period showing vehicle production and erection of new buildings at the Woodville site, also visits by assorted dignitaries such as Premier Playford, and Governors George and Norrie. Volumes 8-12 are numbered proof albums of Darian Smith]
- Black and white photographs – loose 77/54  
1970-1977 5cm. Originals WITHDRAWN. [Includes 10 colour proofs and 11 black and white photographs of trimatic transmission plant, press shop, Gemini door and seat trim and brake shoe assembly]
- Black and white photographs – loose - Woodville aerial photographs 77/55  
1944-1977 10cm Part 2. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes colour aerial.]

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- Black and white photographs – loose - GM 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Australia  
1976 2cm  
[Includes 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at Woodville] 77/56
- Black and white photographs – loose - Holden sponsors gliding team  
1973-1978 (26 images) 2cm. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes gliding teams from Adelaide(1973/40 and Britain (1978) with Holden courtesy cars on loan and handing over these vehicles to gliding officials. Includes photos of Don Dustan at opening] 77/57
- Colour photographs - bound - relating to the visit to Adelaide by Elis S Hoglund  
1965 1.5cm (1 album)  
[Includes arrival at Adelaide airport, tour of Woodville factory, BBQ for senior executives 'at home' in the Adelaide Hills and visiting wildlife (kangaroos).] 77/58
- Black and white photographs and medal relating to the Royal Adelaide Exhibition exhibit  
1947 1cm. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes: 1.South Australian Chamber of Manufacturers medal awarded to GMH for the exhibit of most value to the state; 2.Newspaper clipping describing the exhibit; 3-14.Black and white photographs of the GMH exhibit at the Royal Adelaide Exhibition (colour photographs available - original in RESERVE)] 77/59
- Manufacturing department – planning and development studies  
1951-1952 0.5cm (3 items)  
[Includes: 1.Direct acting shock absorber study; 2.Bailing of scrap sheet steel; 3.Holden clutch manufacturing survey.] 77/60
- Summary of the industrial facilities of General Motors- Holden's Ltd  
1937 1cm (1 volume)  
[Includes black and white photographs and text if introduction, number, locations and areas of plants; summary of facilities available in selected departments at Woodville and then in plants other than Woodville.] 77/61
- Black and white photographs – bound  
1941 2.5cm (1 album). Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes 49 images in bound volume of Woodville plant and people during the war.] 77/62

- Black and white photo proofs – bound 77/63  
1937-1943, 1959-1961 2cm (1 volume). OUTSIZE 1.  
[Numbered proof papers from 1937-1939 by Darian Smith[?] and from 1959-1961 by Anton Ross including Kellar copying machine June 1937, diesel crankshaft grinding,(1L.42) 21/12/43, noise meter with H Chaplin (1N.1) 30/6/39, 1000 ton Hamilton Press installation (1P.14-97) 1938, welding gun (1W.1) 10/11/39, bodyframe jig (2J.4) 1939, first 1939 Buick body assembled (4B.3) 2/10/38, first 1939 Chevrolet body (4C.1) 16/12/38, 1939 Buick panels (7B.1) 14/11/38.]
- Black and white proofs – bound 77/64  
1939-1946 12 cm (4 volumes) OUTSIZE 1.  
[Includes bound volumes of Woodville plant and people during WWII taken by Darian Smith and numbered 1A-1Z, 2A-2Z, 3A-3Z, 7A-7Z large and small negatives and 4A-4Z large and small negatives.]
- Black and white photographs – bound 77/65  
1955-1957 12cm (2 parts) Originals WITHDRAWN, view online. To view images, search BRG 213/77/65.  
[Album including Woodville – Engineering office block construction, Plant 12 extensions, Udyllite plating plant and aerial views,as well as Pagewood, Birkenhead, Mosman Park and Melbourne. With captions.]
- Order and delivery schedules for HMBB 77/66  
1931-1938 50cm (10 parts) Items 1-2,8/2,9-10 OUTSIZE 1  
[Includes firm orders from distributors (Dec 1934- Dec 1938) month by month, detailed sales releases and weekly cumulative shipments broken down by car type 1931-1935, distributors firm orders with body numbers, trim, duco etc with despatch details 1935-1938, 1936 ledger of costs and profit, and fabricating plant time book detailing time taken over each part. Car types Studebaker, Willys, Plymouth, Austin, Satndard, Chrysler, De Soto, Hillman, Humber, Morris, Singer, Nash, Graham, Reo.Also motor body deliveries 1917-1949.]
- Black and white photographs 77/67  
1947 5cm. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes photographic record of Kirksite plant from construction of building to operation and paint shop number 10.]  
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- Black and white photographs 77/68  
ca1940 2cm. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes photographs of typical equipment types  
located at Woodville.]
- Financial data – Woodville Body Division 77/69  
1933-1939  
[Includes Body Division Woodville financial  
statements, price formula, material costs, labour  
costs, tooling cost, wage rates and wage awards,  
JR Holden financial data 1939 model building costs.]
- Papers relating to the closure of Woodville plant 77/70  
1983 2cm  
[Includes newspaper clippings, union tent city,  
protests, factory notices on re-arrangement of  
facilities and GMH reorganisation at Woodville.]  
was BRG 213/87/1
- Black and white photographs 77/71  
1950-1980 2.5cm. Originals WITHDRAWN.  
[Includes miscellaneous photographs of and around  
Woodville plant, used in unidentified correspondence  
from Woodville.]
- Correspondence with dealerships 77/72  
1939 11cm (8 parts)  
[Includes correspondence with Overland, Sydney  
dealership and Maugham Theim in Adelaide  
regarding delivery of bodies and supply of materials.]
- Papers relating to supply of vehicles 77/73  
1934 2cm.  
[Includes proposed tender forms, contracts and  
agreements between body builders HMBB and  
Ruskin.]
- Booklets – Working with GMH 77/74  
1944-1966 2cm (5 items)  
[Includes booklets outlining expectations, rules, pay  
and conditions of working with GMH: 1.1944; 2.1946;  
3.1948; 4.1950; 5.1966]
- Brochures 77/75  
1969,1974 0.5cm (2 parts)  
[Includes brochures outlining GMH industrial facilities  
in South Australia for Woodville and Elizabeth  
plants.]
- Papers relating to the 1 millionth transmission off the line 77/76  
at Woodville  
1982 0.5cm



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- Report concerning manufacturing operations at Woodville  
1934 0.5cm 77/77  
[Includes a report, summary and correspondence  
between LJ Hartnett and TW Tinkham with the  
latters recommendations for the strengthening of the  
organization and facilities and improvement of  
procedure at Woodville.]
- Black and white photographs; Terex trucks  
1969 0.5 cm. Originals WITHDRAWN. 77/78  
[Black and white photographs of the first Terex  
equipment for local assembly in Australia, at  
Birkenhead].
- Brochure for Automatic Transmission Plant  
ca.1970. Originals WITHDRAWN. 77/79  
[Brochure titled 'Automatic Transmission Plant,  
Tri-matic, Woodville].
- Black and white photographs of Woodville plant including  
HMBB 77/80  
ca.1928-1940 4 cm  
[Comprising images of Woodville plant as Holden's  
Motor Body Builders Ltd and as GMH].
- Production statistics at Woodville 77/81  
1917-1971 0.5 cm  
[Statistics for Holden & Frost Ltd., HMBB, and GMH  
at Woodville, covering both overseas models built by  
the Company and Australian cars:  
1. Motor body deliveries, Woodville, 1917-1949  
2. Summary of new car registrations for all  
Australian States, July 1931 to June 1932;  
3. Summary of GMH bodies built compared to  
overseas models (1917-1949), and retail sales to  
dealers (1926-1949);  
4. Production figures by model (including C.K.D.  
export), and release dates, 1948-1971
- Black and white photographs 77/82  
1934 0.5 cm Originals WITHDRAWN  
[Comprising photographs by D. Darian Smith of  
views inside the workshops of the GMH plant at  
Woodville, and the train going past the factory].

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- Black and white photograph relating to Woodville staff  
1936 0.5 cm Original WITHDRAWN, view online.  
[Comprising photograph of the GMH Football Team  
at their first match at King's College] 77/83
- Colour slides relating to Woodville factory  
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