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# FRONT COVER – Phil Hallewell's 1974 El Camino at the Ace Café

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# EDITOR'S NOTES.

Hi all,

I hope some of you managed to get along to the the Ace Café on the 30<sup>th</sup> January. My thanks to Phil Hallewell who took along his Chevrolet El Camino (a South African version of the Holden HZ and provide the pictures on page 11 of this edition.

Slightly off topic but you may have noticed the news story recently about the car carrier; Felicity Ace, which caught fire and eventually sank to the bottom of the Atlantic. Among the 189 Bentleys and 1100 Porsches were possibly 1000 VW EV's. Although the cause of the fire hasn't been established yet, its intensity and the fact that the hull partly melted does suggest that it might have involved lithium-iron batteries. As is

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already reported EV fires are almost impossible to put out as temperatures can reach around 2700 degrees centigrade. This isn't a danger which receives much publicity, but worth being aware of.

It looks like some car shows are being planned for the coming months, so hopefully we are more or less back to normal now.

Regards

Ken



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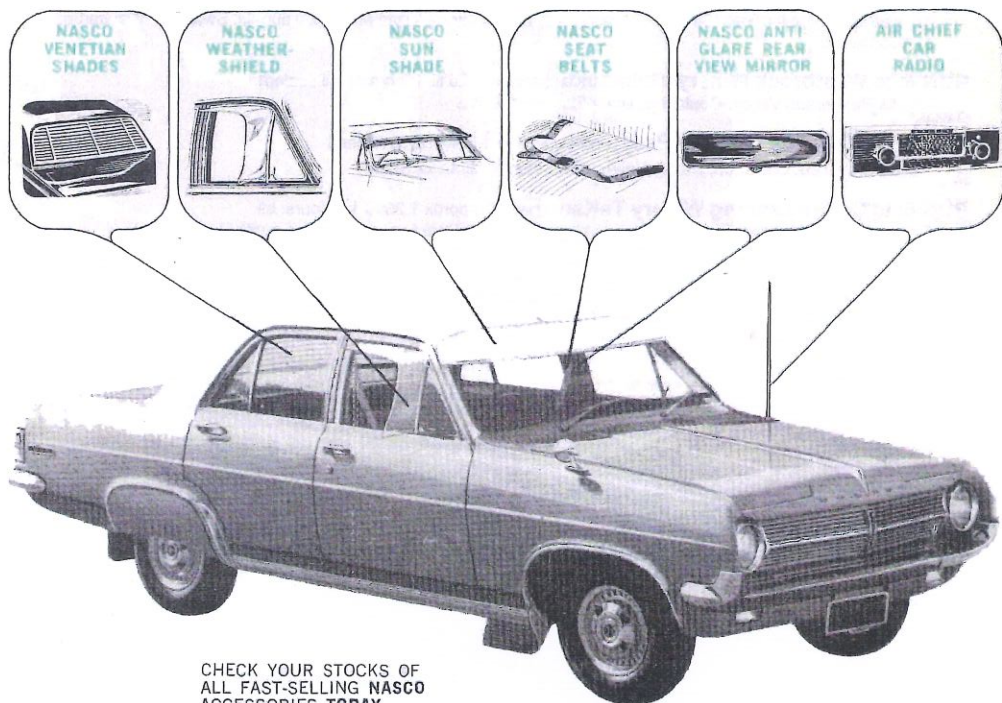
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# Holden hit with another writ



## Sydney dealer claims Holden's withdrawal from Australia cost it \$9.2 million

By JOHN MELLOR

**SYDNEY** dealer Anthony Altomonte, it has emerged, has taken on General Motors in a quest to recover losses his company alleges the US car giant made when GM withdrew the Holden brand from the Australian market.

The case, which commenced mid last year, is separate to the class action being brought by 10 former Holden dealers who are seeking compensation from GM-Holden for allegedly breaking their dealer agreements by failing to continue to supply Holden vehicles to their dealerships for sale to the public.

Alto Pty Ltd said that it incurred losses because it was led to believe

by the most senior management at GM-H that Holden's future as a brand was "bright" and that Holden was "here to stay".

In documents lodged with the Supreme Court of NSW, Alto said that even though local manufacturing was to be closed down, as late as 2017 and 2018 GM-H was assuring its dealers that GM "remained committed" to the Holden brand.



**Anthony Altomonte**

The court documents allege that those undertakings by GM-H, including personal undertakings by the then GM-H chairman and managing director Mark Bernhard made to Mr Alto monte, were in breach of Australian Consumer Law because GM-H did not have reasonable



grounds to make them.

The action against GM-H alleges that because of these positive representations on the brand, Mr Altomonte was induced to be positive about the long-term future of Holden and the products it intended to import for sale through the Australian dealer network and, in January 2019, he signed on to the brand for five more years.

The court papers say that by not honouring that agreement

GM-H cost Alto a total of \$9.26 million.

This was broken down into:

- Lost market value: \$1.226m
- Foregone trading profits: \$3.1m
- Trading losses: up to \$4.5m
- Cost of moving the dealership from Chatswood to Artarmon: \$400,000.

Alto further alleges that signing on with Holden in January 2019 closed off opportunities to put Volkswagen, Mazda or Honda into the Holden

dealership site.

It also said that when GM-H announced the closure of the brand, the company was in the middle of a three-month negotiation to sell the Holden dealership and that the announcement brought the sale process to an end with the buyer withdrawing.

A GM spokesperson said the company does not comment on ongoing litigation.

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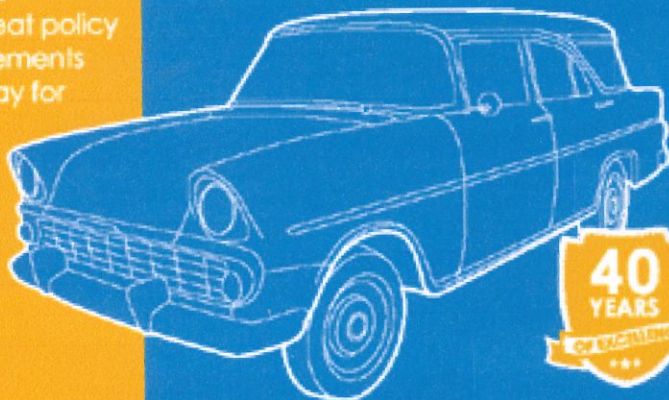
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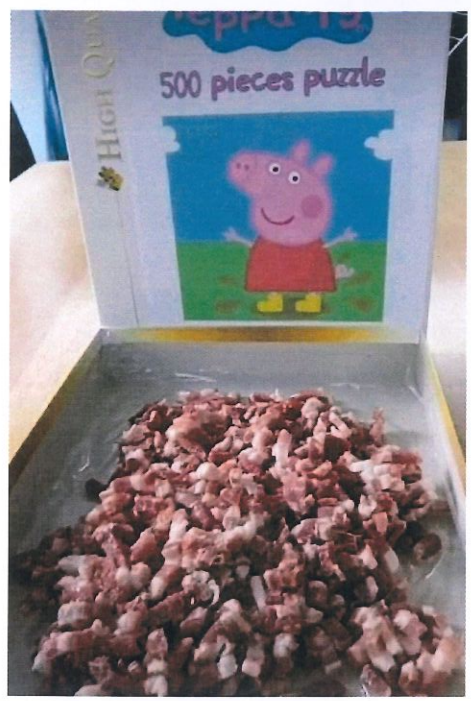
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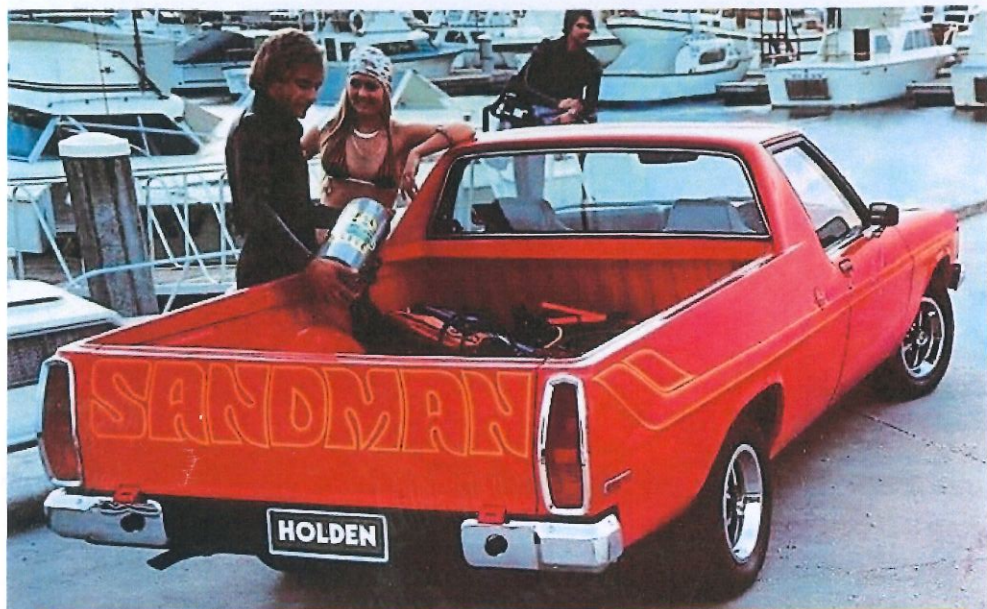
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