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EDITOR'S
NOTES.

Hi all,

It might seem a little bit early, but this is the last edition of our magazine for this year.

It has been quite a busy year with more privately imported Holdens arriving, a mix of utes and saloons from various years.

I came across the 1962 EK shown on the cover for sale on a Facebook Group page. It had been in the UK for quite a few years and does need some refurbishment. A lot of work has already been done and it comes with quite a few spare parts.

There is an article on page 10 of this edition, referring to the possible introduction of an R plate in Australia, where a P plate is already used to identify new drivers. I am not sure this is a very good idea as they might attract adverse attention rather than the 'safe space' they are designed to create.



Finally can I be the first to wish you all a Happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Regards

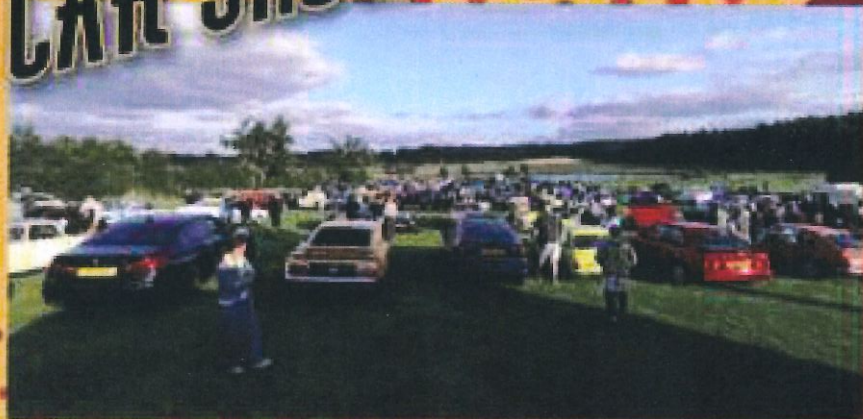


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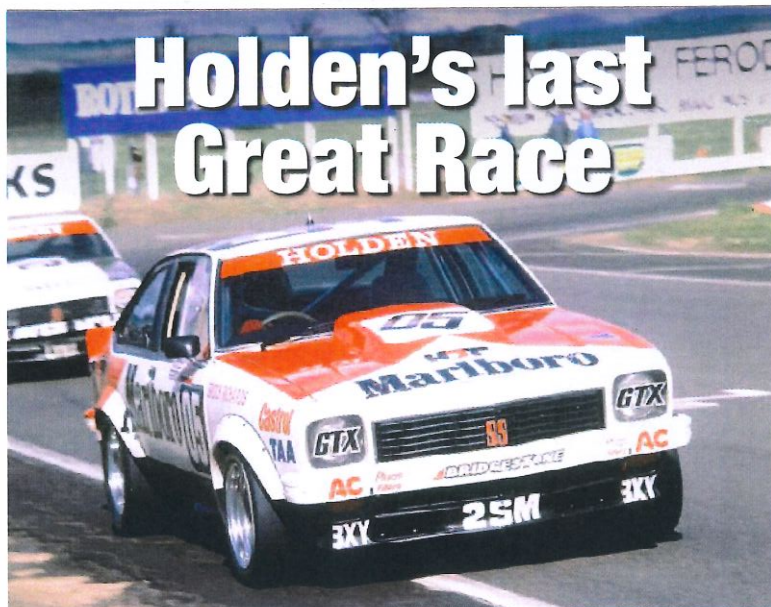
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Holden's last Bathurst coincides with 50th anniversary of Brocky's first Mountain win

By COBEY BARTELS

CELEBRATIONS commemorating Peter Brock's first Bathurst win, some 50 years ago, as well as Craig Lowndes' 300th Supercar start took place on and off the Mount Panorama track as Holden took part in its last Great Race.

The news, sad for so many die-hard Holden fans Down Under, comes as teams move to the new Gen3 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 for the 2023 Supercars season.

"Bathurst is one of the most iconic races in the world and we want to appropriately recognise this historic end of an era for Holden in racing," said Chevrolet Racing general manager, Chris Payne.

"Sunday will be emotional for a lot of Holden fans, including ex-Holden and race team employees and ex-Dealer staff, the final time a Holden races in a Supercars event at Bathurst.

"It would be an outstanding way to farewell Holden from the Mountain if one of the Commodore drivers can add to the brand's 35 race wins at the circuit."

Off-track, punters were able to take a walk down memory lane at the Peter Brock Tribute display in the Harris Park precinct, with many of his iconic race-winning cars on show.

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Australia to Make Cars

Industry to be Subsidised by the Government

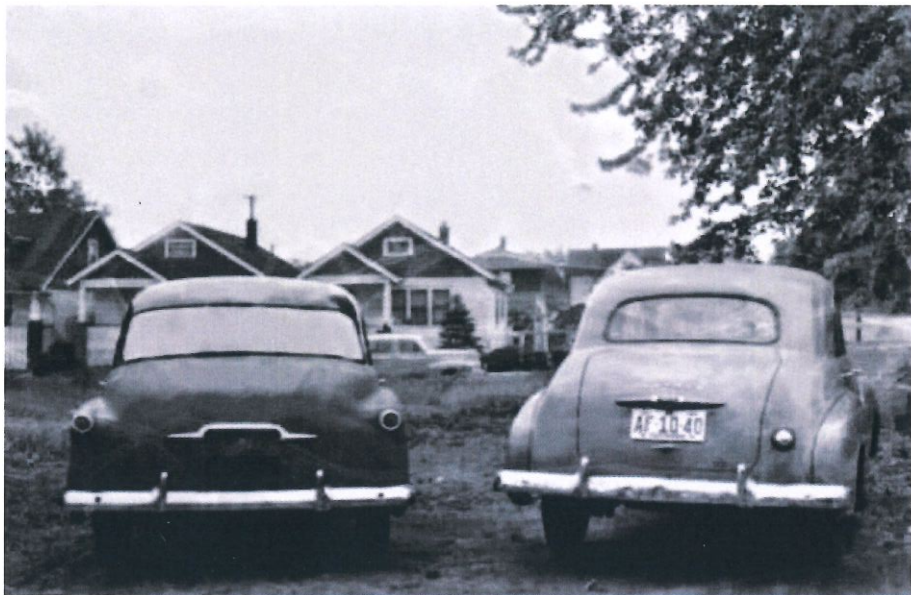
THE Australian Commonwealth Government has now decided to subsidise the establishment of the car industry in Australia, in the interests of defence, industrial expansion, conservation of overseas capital, immigration, and the use of native raw materials. It has not yet been decided whether a company with exclusively Australian capital, or with British, Australian and perhaps American capital, shall be formed. From the customs duty on imported chassis and parts, a fund of more than £1,100,000 has been built up to provide a bounty on engines made in Australia. Australia spends about £7,000,000 a year on imported engines and chassis, and the market is about 85,000 units a year.

It is estimated that a car can be built and sold in Australia at a retail price of £350, on an output of 20,000 cars a year, and with a Government bounty which, above sales of 20,000 a year, might be reduced to £25 or £30 per car. The Government visualises export markets in South Africa, India, Malay States, and New Zealand. British car circles have discussed the question of manufacture with the Australian customs department, and it is understood that they have asked for the first option on any manufacturing rights granted by the Government, although neither they nor American interests will agree to start production in Australia unless they receive definite guarantees from the Government.

break away



the new Torana



The almost-forgotten Holden FG - the front looks familiar, but check the very different styling at the rear.

LONG-LOST CLASSIC

David Burrell

LONG rumoured in Holden enthusiast circles but never seen is the so-called "FG" Holden, which was planned for release in 1954.

That is, until now.

Pictures found in the General Motors' US archives have revealed the FG in all its glory.

In late 1949, 12 months after the FX hit the dealerships, Holden was not confident that the early enthusiasm for the car could be sustained so they

developed the FJ by the middle of 1950 ahead of a planned release in 1952.

Trouble was, there was then a long four-year gap until the FE, due in 1956.

So, in early 1951 Holden's local executives asked General Motors (GM) in Detroit to develop a facelifted FX/FJ and put it on the roster for a 1954 debut.

This stopgap model was coded "FG".

GM stylists used an FX that had been sent to the US for testing as a base for the FG.

The stylists could not do much about the distinctive front end and mudguards so they focused on making the rear half of the car look very different.

But it was all for nothing, because sales of the FX remained so strong that Holden delayed the FJ until October 1953.

The FJ was a raging sales success so the photos of the prototype FG lay unseen in a folder for 65 years.

David Burrell is the editor of retroautos.com.au

Say R

A plate to recognise drivers returning to the road.

'Return' plates launched as part of campaign to assist drivers recovering from road trauma

By COBEY BARTELS

AUSTRALIAN service workshop chain Mycar, formerly Kmart Tyre & Auto, has launched an 'R Plate' campaign to recognise the mental toll road trauma can take, aiming to inform road users that a driver may need "extra care" and space to ease back into daily driving.

The campaign is not affiliated with any road transport authority but widespread media attention – no doubt a primary aim of the initiative – may change that.

Arguments from both sides of the fence say the R plate scheme may face its challenges, particularly from those who view plate-bearing drivers (such as those on L or P plates) as the subject of derision.

Mycar's announcement says the initiative is about ensuring "recovering drivers can confidently return to the road knowing they are

in a supportive space" and provides the plates free for download.

"Our ambition is to have R Plates adopted and recognised nationwide," the Mycar website says.

"If you see an R Plate on a car, know that someone is bravely returning to the road and treat them with empathy, respect and extra care."

The service chain is pushing to gain government regulatory support by way of a pledge, urging supporters to sign the petition to mandate R Plates.

Mycar says about three quarters of Australians, based on a 1000-person survey conducted by research firm Pureprofile earlier this year, have been affected by a road incident and, of those, 21 per cent took at least six months to feel comfortable driving again.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Finances are good – hopefully 22-23 will be the first “normal” year for some time. Our new Holden Business with plenty of colour printing will need reviewing during the year as it costs substantially more than the old format.

No changes to membership rates are recommended for 22-23.

*Guy Hardy
Treasurer
November 2022*

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

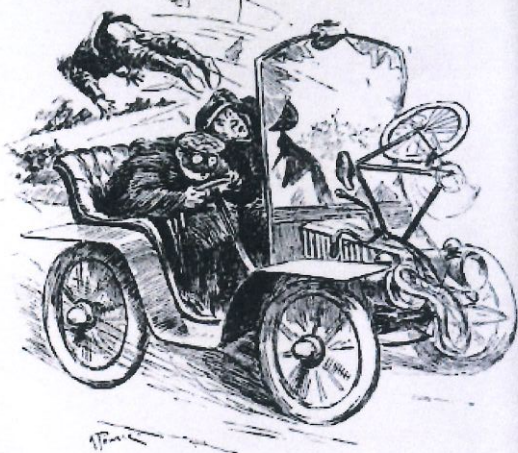
*Writing this a fortnight before the Sunak/Hunt budget one must be concerned on what the new squeeze might mean. Our membership has again fallen to 19 plus 3 free of charge and this must reflect how the squeeze on income is affecting more peripheral activities + the cost of fuel for those big 5 litre engines. We have one member who didn't renew but will next year!! And another who paid to join but failed to fill in a membership form. We are also no doubt suffering from the shyness of people to return to what was normal before covid which has affected many activities especially among the elder generation.
As I said last year let's hope normality will return soon.*

*Guy Hardy
Membership Secretary
November 2022*

Bits & Pieces ...

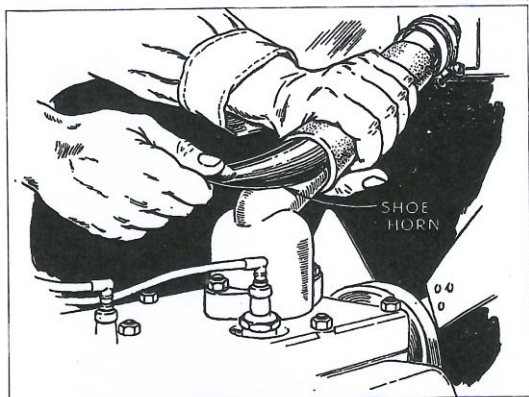
"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - **Winston Churchill on British Labour politician Stafford Cripps.**

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." - **Moses Hadas**



SO INCONSIDERATE

"Jove! Might have killed us! I must have a wire screen fixed up."



SHOE HORNING THE HOSE

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