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Hi all,

The last few weekends have seen some very nice weather so it has been a good time to shine and show you cars. Once again I have included some adverts for upcoming shows, they are a random selection so the attendance of any Holden vehicles isn't guaranteed, unless you take yours along!

As mentioned before it is always worth keeping a eye on the various Facebook groups which cover Holdens, (and Aussie Cars overseas) they are a good source of pictures, news and often include vehicles for sale.

Another excellent source of information and history is the **Holden Retirees Club** which can be viewed by everyone and now has a new and very easily remembered URL (hrc.au).



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GM to buy AU metals



In a move to bypass China, GM to source metals for EV motors and batteries from Australia

By NEIL DOWLING

GENERAL Motors has signed its first direct-supply agreement – and the first with a company outside of China – for manganese with Australian company Element 25.

The deal, which expands GM's supply chain for its electric vehicles, is for up to 32,500 tonnes of manganese sulphate a year.

GM and Element 25 this week said the agreement includes an \$US85 million (\$A126.6m) loan from GM to help Element 25 fund construction of a \$US290 million (\$A432m) facility in Louisiana to produce battery-grade manganese sulphate.

Production is expected to begin in 2025 and Element 25 will source

manganese concentrate mined in Australia for the Louisiana operation.

GM's EV Raw Materials Center of Excellence executive director Sham Kunjur said in an interview with leading trade paper *Automotive News* (AN) that "GM is scaling EV production in North America well past one-million units annually."

"Our direct investments in battery raw materials, processing and components for EVs are providing certainty of supply, favourable commercial terms and thousands of new jobs, especially in the US, Canada and free trade agreement countries like Australia".

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Holden Acadia



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Elfin reborn

L to R: Shaun and Steve Baker, Phani Bhogavalli

Young Timer's Garage acquires iconic Elfin Sports Cars brand from Walkinshaw

By MATT BROGAN

DORMANT Aussie sports car brand Elfin will be “reborn” under new ownership with the announcement this week that Melbourne-based collectible car dealership Young Timer's Garage has purchased the iconic nameplate for an undisclosed sum from previous owners, Walkinshaw Automotive Group.

Historic race-car-turned-road-car manufacturer Elfin was originally formed by South Australian, Garrie Cooper, back in 1959. Cooper's underdog operation went on to amass 29 championships and major Grand Prix titles, and produced a slew of successful race cars before his untimely death in 1982.

In 1993, Elfin was acquired by a Victorian, Murray Richards, who

in turn sold the business to Bill Hemming and Nick Kovatch in 1998. The business was relocated to Melbourne and formed a collaboration with Holden, producing the MS8 Streamliner in time for the Melbourne International Motor Show in 2004.

Limited production of the MS8 Streamliner and Clubman began in 2006, the same year the business was sold to Tom Walkinshaw of Walkinshaw Automotive Group. The last vehicle was produced in 2012.

Now, brothers Shaun and Steve Baker, with their business partner Phani Bhogavalli, have announced plans to give new life to the Elfin brand.

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Kevin Yardley

Former VinFast, GM exec Yardley to address local Society of Automotive Engineers AGM

By MATT BROGAN

FORMER VinFast engineering chief Kevin Yardley has been named as the keynote speaker for the Society of Automotive Engineers – Australasia (SAE-A) annual general meeting and networking event to be held in Melbourne on June 27.

Mr Yardley, who was also the director of propulsion systems at General Motors Holden for almost 15 years before landing a role at VinFast, will speak at the SAE-A AGM almost two years after he and most of his Australian engineering team departed abruptly from the Vietnamese car-maker.

He established VinFast's technical centre in Port Melbourne in 2019,

followed by the acquisition of the former Holden proving ground at Lang Lang in 2020.

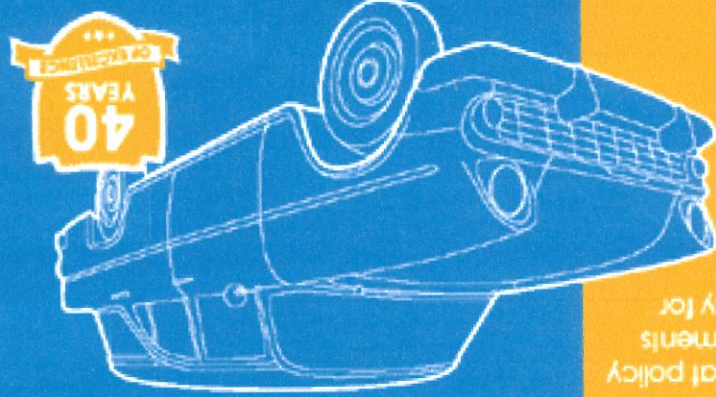
In 2021, Mr Yardley became VinFast's deputy CEO of product development but before the year was over, VinFast – a member of Vietnam's largest private corporation, VinGroup – had moved its engineering back to Vietnam.

With a unique insight into a remarkable chapter in Australian automotive engineering, Mr Yardley heads a bill that also includes computer-aided engineering presentations by senior engineers from Ford Motor Company Australia.

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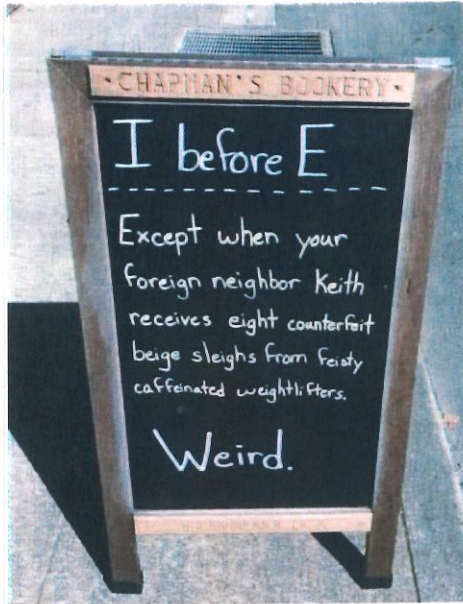
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OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART (or how to interpret antique car ads)

IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Older restoration	Can't tell it's been restored.
Needs engine work	It's been frozen for 30 years.
Rough	It's too bad to lie about.
One owner	Never been able to sell.
No time to complete	Can't find any part anywhere.
Many new parts	It keeps breaking down.
Needs interior	Seats are gone.
Always driven slowly	Won't go any faster.
Ready to show	Just washed it.
Top good	Only leaks when it rains.
Rare model	Nobody liked them when they were new either.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Junk is something you have kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it!

Women will never be equal to men ... until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they're attractive.



'Torana's a winner- on the track and on the road.'

— Peter Brock

"The Torana I race is specially prepared for the track," Brock says.

"And the Torana I drive on the road is just as thoughtfully designed for everyday driving."

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"Torana's Radial Tuned Suspension is designed for the average driver, so in an emergency the car will respond predictably."

"And in normal driving, the ride is smooth and confident, which means it's very comfortable on an all-day trip."

"My personal Torana is supplied by courtesy of the Marlboro-Holden Dealer Team. But it's the car I'd buy anyway. Because it's very well equipped. And it's everything I need in a good road car."

Peter Brock's choice:
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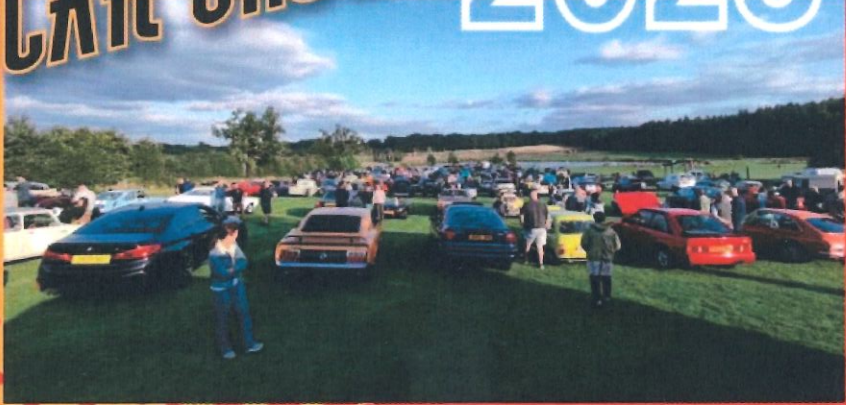
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