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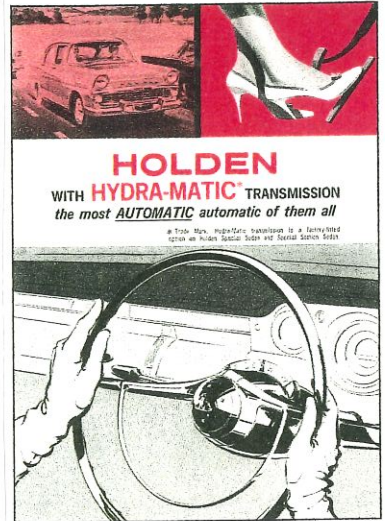
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EDITOR'S NOTES.

Hi all,

For those of you who managed to get along to the Australia Day event at the Ace Café In north London, you will have seen a good selection of Australian vehicles, not all Holdens but they were well represented.

This is the time of the year when people are dusting off their cars and getting them ready to attend one of the many shows which are being planned for the coming months. In this connection if you are planning to visit your local show let me know and I will give it a bit of a promotion in a future edition of this magazine..



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Regards

Ken

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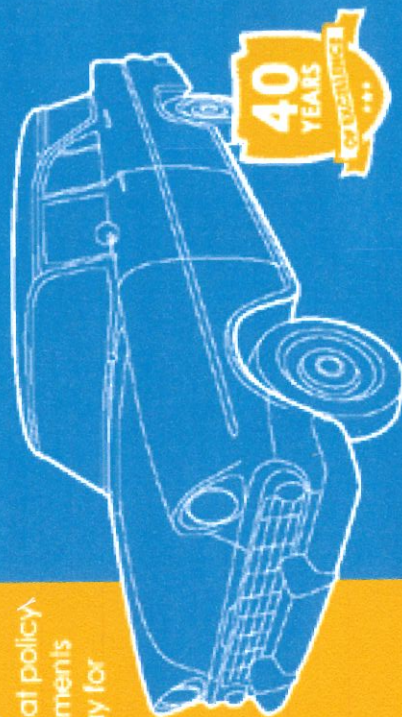
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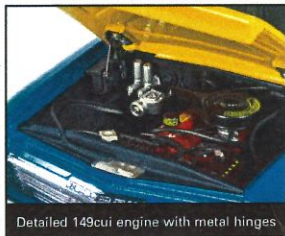


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From: Troy Workman <troy.workman@dcj.nsw.gov.au>
Sent: 08 February 2026 00:28
To: cawdronhardy@gmail.com
<cawdronhardy@gmail.com>
Subject: Hello from Sydney Australia

Hello Guy,

Hope that this finds you well.

I was just reading my Restored Cars magazine, and there was a picture from one of your club members EJ Holden sedan (S Jones was the name).

Anyway, I had never heard of the UK register and it was very interesting reading for me.

I live in Sydney and I have a HD wagon that I have owned for about 20 years. I also have other 1950s and 1960s cars and caravan. I am not very interested in modern vehicles.

I would like to write to you or a member of the club every now and then just for the pleasure of a friendly conversation about old Holdens, and to hear about the happenings in your part of the world.

Best wishes to you and your club members.

Troy Workman

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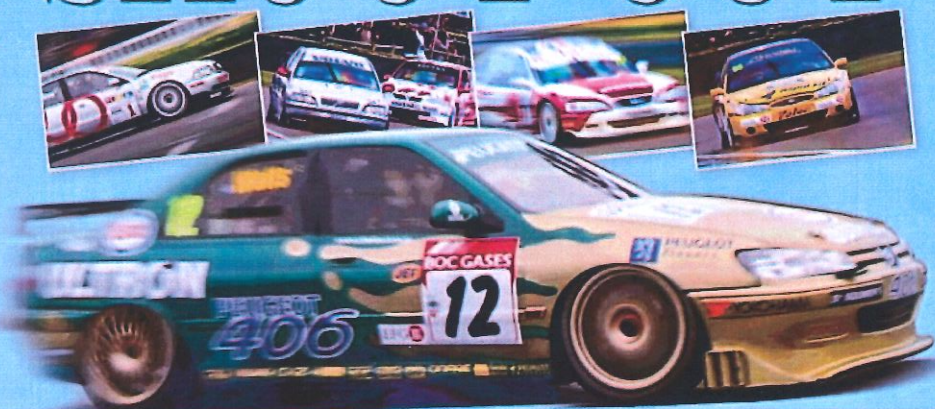
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By NEIL DOWLING

AUSTRALIA will have 67 vehicle brands in 2026 and 75 brands in 2031, making it one of the most competitive markets in the world.

The Australian Automotive Dealer Association (AADA) commissioned respected automotive data and modelling agency Blue Flag to detail the number of brands projected to come to Australia so that franchised new car dealers fully understand the market wave that is coming their way.



James Voortman

“We are currently seeing an overflooding of the Australian market with new brands coming thick and fast,” said AADA CEO James Voortman.

The new data details that in 2026 there will be a record number of brands with eight new entrants stating their intentions to set up in Australia from last year and an increase of 28 new brands by the year 2031 – a 92 per cent rise in the number of brands in Australia in 10 years from 2021.

“These new brands see Australia as

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having very attractive policy settings that are geared for the supply of electric vehicles where they can test their product in a western market with low upfront investment when compared to other western countries.”

Mr Voortman said that it was obvious that not all these new – and even established brands – will be able to compete long term.

“Australian drivers will always be attracted to value-based products that offer a quality experience but more so, a quality after sales experience with reliable and timely servicing and repair work,” he said.

“Brands that cannot compete on that level will struggle.”

However, in the race to supply vehicles to Australia, the AADA is asking the federal government to move at pace to protect Australian franchised new car dealers with their election commitment before the market consolidates.

“After the recent federal court decision involving Australian new car dealers, we have seen that franchising laws will not protect against some franchisors,” he said.

“The Albanese government must move to legislate on their election commitment to introduce an ‘unfair trading practices’ regime to protect franchised new car dealers which will give them confidence to invest in the transition to electric vehicles.”



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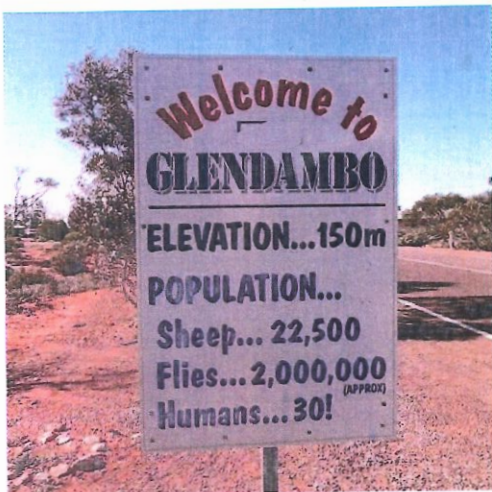
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