

Classical gas

A new exhibition pays tribute to the glory days of Australian motoring.

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Finally! I've found an exhibition my petrol-head brothers would appreciate.

Balmain artist Rosa Fedele has painted old-school Holdens, complete with babes for cruising with, as part of her latest exhibition 'The Australian Icons Suite'.

"I love vintage cars," Fedele said.

"I love anything that's old and glamorous, like those movies from the 50s and 60s.

"Those old Australian cars were beautiful and people haven't really appreciated that until now."

To make sure the models posing with the cars looked authentic, Fedele spent hours researching the fashion of the era in which each car was built.

"I also tried to incorporate a bit of Balmain, my next body of work is going to be on Balmain. I'll add a bit of glamour to the old Balmain," she said.

'The Australian Icons Suite' will also include her portrait work and dance sketches.

The exhibition runs until July 21 at the Iain Howells Gallery, 230 Darling Street, Balmain.

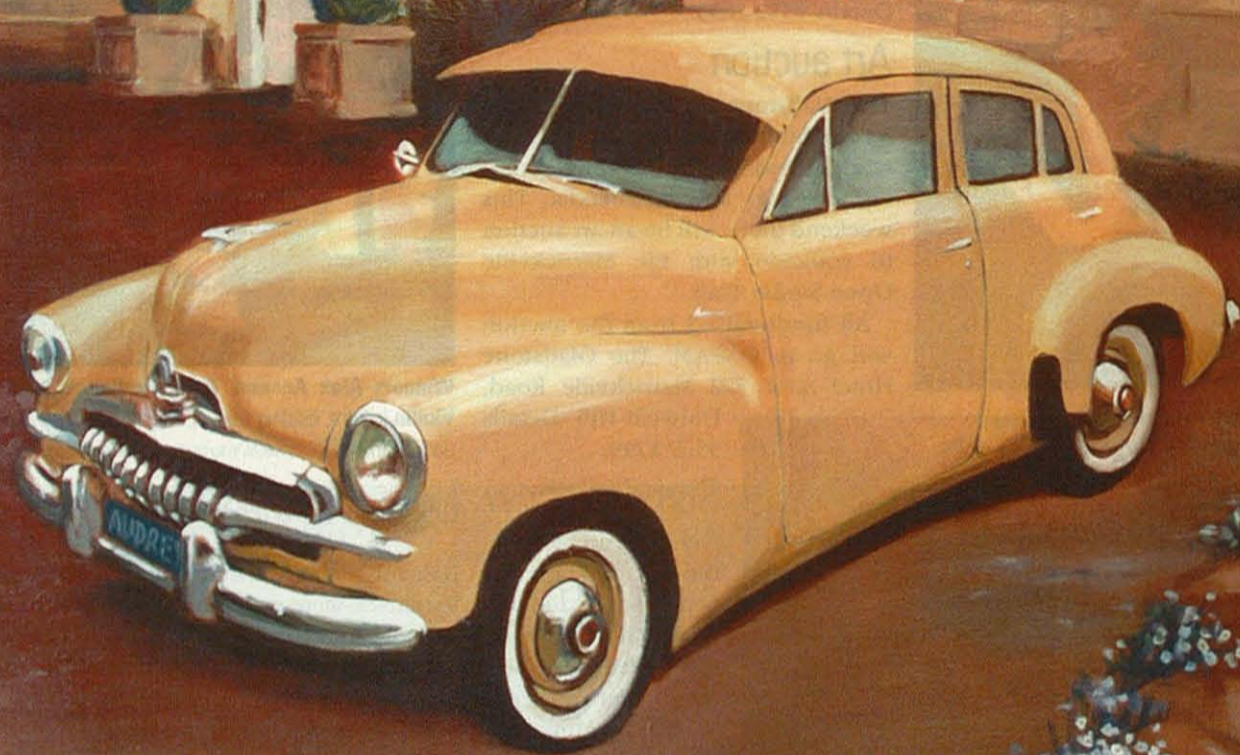


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