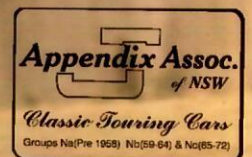


# Appendix Assoc. of NSW

## Classic Touring Cars

Groups Na(Pre 1958) Nb(59-64) & Nc(65-72)



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## AMP 1000 Bathurst 1997

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The Appendix J Association of NSW is proud to be associated with the running of the 35th Bathurst endurance event, the AMP 1000, and is represented here this weekend with a field of more than forty Historic Touring Cars. This field is representative of the first ten years of the Bathurst endurance races that have become known as the "Great Race".

From beginnings in 1960 at Phillip Island as the Armstrong 500, the race in 1963 moved to Bathurst. The inaugural Bathurst race was won by Bob Jane and George Reynolds in a Cortina GT, many similar examples of which are represented in our field. In fact they are the most prolific make represented, a testimony to their endurance. They battled with "Australia's own" Holden S4 which also has examples in the field. The following year, 1964, a man named Alan Moffatt was racing a Lotus Cortina in Australian touring car racing, beginning an illustrious career that culminated in him becoming a household name in the early 1970's winning the 1971 Bathurst race in a Falcon GTHO. Examples of both these Ford cars are represented in our field.

It was at that time that Peter Brock burst onto the scene with the support of Harry Firth and the Holden Dealer Team. The Toranas carried "Brockie" at the start of that rise to fame which has only grown since the halcyon days of the early seventies.

There are of course even more examples in our field, the diminutive Morris Cooper S which carried our own Bob Holden and Finn, Rauno Aaltonen to victory in 1966 and the Falcon Sprint, a similar car to which Frank Gardner drove in the sixties in England in which his quest for British Touring Car Championship fame was eventually realised. The Mustangs, reminiscent of "Pete" Geoghegan and the many Touring Car Championship wins he accumulated during the sixties and seventies.

This is not the first time these cars have been seen at Bathurst, the category has appeared before as a support race for the "Great Race". In 1989 we were one of the first categories beyond the Premier Touring Car class to be allowed back to Bathurst after racing activities were restricted somewhat in the early 1970's and we raced here again in 1990, 1992, 1993, and 1994 as support events.

The Appendix J category has expanded since those appearances to include the fledgling Nc category, the 1965-1972 touring cars which include the Torana XU1 and Falcon GTHO cars and this is the first time that these cars have been seen at the October Bathurst event.

We look forward to our appearance at Bathurst this weekend and hope the public enjoy seeing these icons of the past in the environment that many of us remember them best, at speed on the magnificent Mount Panorama Circuit.

Robert Asher  
President

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## ***"Fast from the Past"***

The aim of the club is to foster and promote Historic Touring Car racing in Australia in conjunction with other forms of Historic Car racing. Group N is recognised as part of the Historic 5th Category and enjoys the benefits extended to that category. Simple, fun and exciting racing.

It comprises:

- Group Na, representing cars manufactured during the period up to 1958.
- Group Nb ("Appendix J") up to 1964.
- Group Nc, which covers the period 1965 to 1972.

Only Groups Nb and Nc are represented at Bathurst this weekend. The following is a brief explanation of those two groups.

### **Group Nb**

This category was the basis for the revival of what was affectionately called "Appendix J" after its reincarnation in 1981.

It was no accident that the fans and many involved in the scene referred to this class as "Appendix J" as it was known as exactly that when in 1960 it was introduced and became the premier form of touring car racing in Australia. It lasted until the end of 1964 and spawned such names as Geoghegan, Beechey, Foley, Manton, and Muir to name but a few. Other classes were introduced for the start of the 1965 year but races for "Appendix J" classes were held right up until 1969.

In 1981 a group of ex-Appendix J racers got together in the old ARDC clubrooms at Leichhardt and planned to re-introduce the category. Appendix J was reborn and taken into the Historic category as Group N with regulations similar but not the same as they had been in the 1960's.

Cars which qualify for this class must be manufactured prior to Dec 31 1964 and include such models as Holden FX through to EH, many Mini models including the mighty Cooper S, Cortina GT and Lotus, Mustang, Chevrolet, Falcon, Peugeot and Alfa Romeo to mention a few. Examples of these models are at present running at circuits around Australia and many other makes and models have also been raced.

Group Nb has raced at all racetracks around Australia including support events at the Australian Grand Prix in Adelaide, the annual Bathurst 1000km event in October and many support appearances at Australian Touring Car Championship events. Until the recent introduction of Groups Na and Nc, Group Nb has been the sole touring car category at the popular Historic race meetings held in all states of Australia.

### **Group Nc**

With the spectacular success of Group Nb as a Historic touring car class the natural progression was the introduction of the follow-on class. In the late 1960s and on into the '70s the "Australian Muscle Car" was born and subsequently, bowing to political pressure, was killed off.

During the period there was a great leap forward in technology and the regulations that existed during the period varied tremendously. A new set of regulations was developed in the hope of representing a diverse period in one set of common regulations. Group Nc performs that role and represents cars from the period 1965-1972.

This period saw the rise to fame of new names such as Moffatt and Brock added to Australian icons like Jane, Beechey and Geoghegan in cars like Falcon GT, Mustang, Chevrolet Comaro, BDA Escort, Torana GTR XU1, Holden Monaro and Valiant Charger, all of which are represented in the fields emerging in this relatively new category.

Presently this group races in combined fields with Group Nb but as numbers grow in Nc, racing with a field of Nc-only vehicles will emerge, with the possibility to rival the exposure Nb has gained over the last ten years.

A list of eligible cars for this category is under preparation and prospective recruits should contact the relative CAMS people before embarking on a project. Regulations are available from CAMS.

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The club meets at the Burwood RSL Club, Shaftsbury Rd., Burwood. on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm All welcome.

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