MINT CONDITION

Classic Cars & Coins
Collectibles converge in Australia’s
Holden Heritage Series.

The Royal Australian Mint joined
Australian automaker GM Holden, Ltd.
to celebrate the latter’s 160th anniversary. In
August the mint launched the Holden Heritage
Coin Collection to mark the manufacturer’s mile-
stone. The Heritage series recognizes the instru-
mental role Holden cars have played in the
country’s history.

Holden opened its doors in 1856
as a saddlery, moving into the auto
industry in the early 1900s. Its
cars are an Australian institution
and have mirrored the changes in
national culture through the
years.

Eleven classic Holden automo-
biles are featured on the colorized
31.51mm copper-nickel coins. The
entire series, including a twelfth
specimen and a collection tin, has
sold out. However, the mint will
offer a small quantity at Bathurst
1000, an annual car race held Oc-
tober 6-9 in New South Wales.
Individually, coins are still available
from the mint for AU$15 (US$11.40)
if purchased domestically; the interna-
tional price is AU$13.60 (US$10.23).

In conjunction with the release of this unique
series, on August 20 Holden and the mint collabo-
rated on “Mint Condition,” the first-ever car show
held at the coining facility. The event showcased
classic Holden cars from the 1950s to the 1990s and
displayed several of the vehicles featured in the coin
series. To purchase, or to request more information,
visit www.ramint.gov.au.

Car enthusiasts and coin collectors congregated
at the Royal Australian Mint for a drive down mem-
ory lane. The “Mint Condition” car show was the
first of its kind to be held at the facility.