

Press Release

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Transforming an age-old commodore into the Golden Holden

The final touches were made, and the restoration completed on a 2002 Holden Commodore, the coveted prize in a 'Car-aoke' singing competition hosted by the Christian O'Connell Show on Melbourne's Gold FM radio station.

Affectionately known as the Golden Holden by listeners of the Christian O'Connell show, this Commodore caught the attention of Adam O'Sullivan, EGM at ACM Parts, when he discovered the competition and quickly offered to procure parts for the car. Stanley's Body Works, an AMA Group collision repair site located in Braybrook, Victoria, was called upon to restore the Commodore's body to a better-than-factory finish - and the team delivered.

It was a quick turnaround from Stanley's offer of support to the vehicle landing in the workshop, and the team were racing against the clock to turn this dusty old car into a piece of art. When it arrived, the Commodore had paintwork, dents, a ruined interior, the classic home fix-it taped on mirror and a thick coating of dust. The challenge was set, and all hands were on deck to restore the car to its original beauty.

With ACM Parts supplying the parts and Stanley's Body Works restoring the vehicle, the project was delivered in just three weeks – with an average restoration taking up to 3 or 4 months.

Adam O'Sullivan reflected on the experience sharing “It was great to be involved in a project like this that really showcases what the AMA group is capable of, from sourcing the parts, to restoring the vehicle, and working with other key supply partners to finish the whole project off, it was a real team effort”.

The car has now made the journey to its new home (the winner of the Car-aoke competition), with its new gold paintwork, leather seats and tinted windows, not only now a piece of golden Holden history but a true Australian masterpiece.