Gnoo Blas

Motor Racing Circuit 1953 to 1961

The beginning

The name Gnoo Blas was taken from the original map of the district prepared by explorer Major Thomas Mitchell who adopted it from the Wiradjuri word meaning “two shoulders”

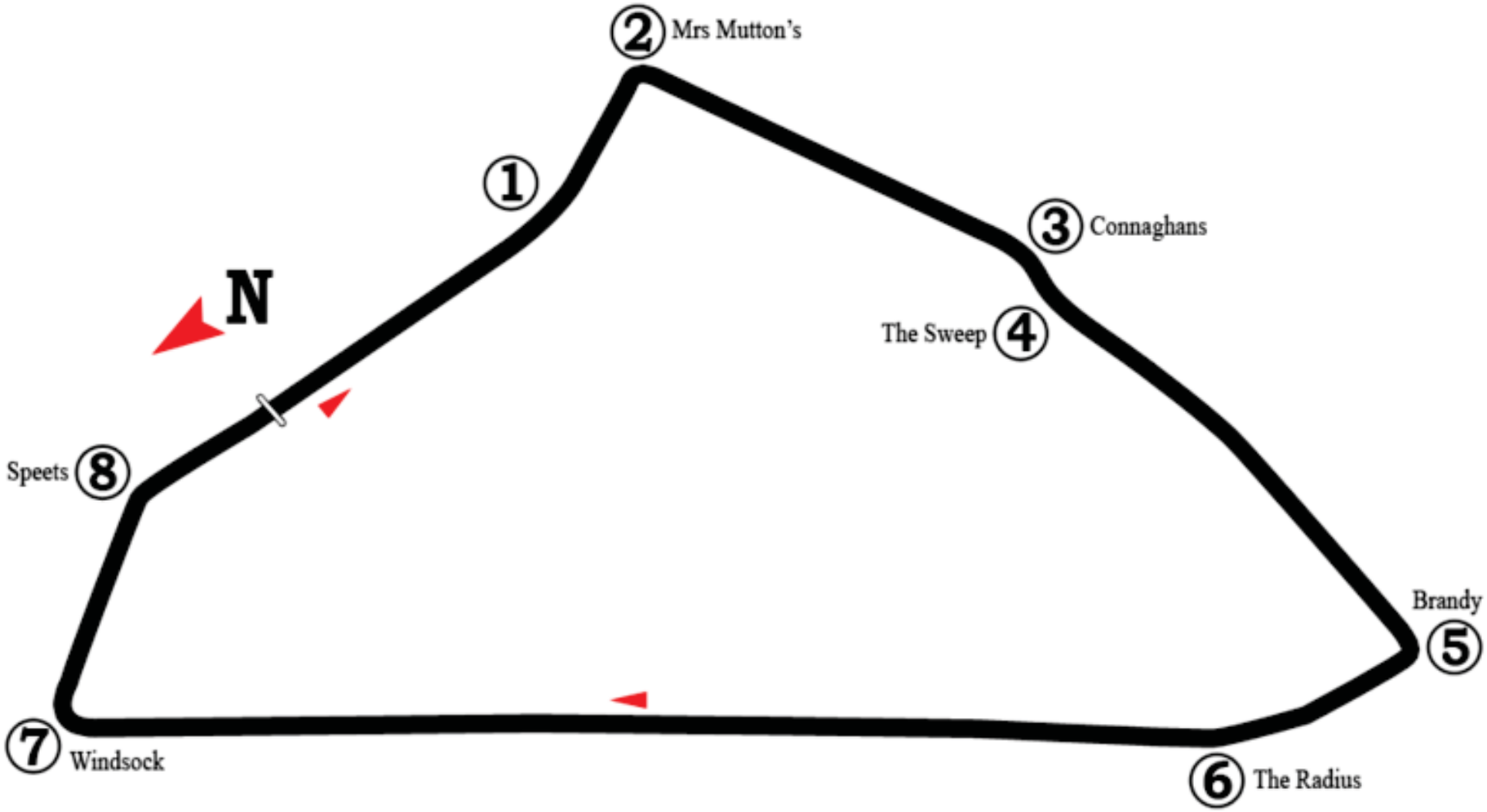
The Track

The circuit was open in Jan 1953

It was built by the Cherry Blossom Festival Committee

It's 6.34kms long

The lap record is held by Jon Leighton driving a Cooper Climax in Oct 1960 av speed 105.2mph (178.1kph)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7 Windsock
6 The Radius

Start Line

The start is located on Huntly Road near the present-day playground

1953

Looks a little different

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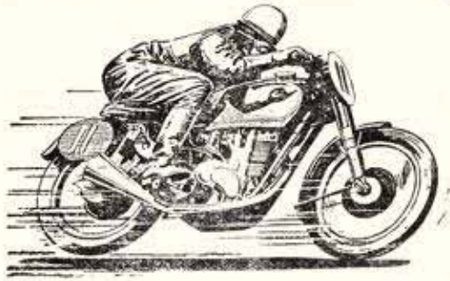
MOTOR CYCLE RACING



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WEEK-END

"Gnoo-Blas" Circuit

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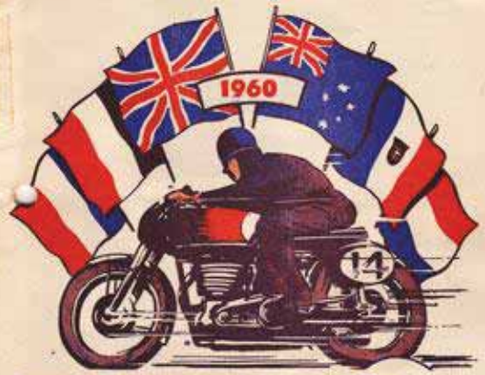

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The ORANGE
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GRAND PRIX

GNOO BLAS CIRCUIT

13th JUNE, 1960

in conjunction with The Orange Cherry Blossom Motor Racing Committee

Mrs Mutton's Corner

Present-day, corner Huntley Road and Bloomfield Road

1959

Jaguars everywhere

BMK 797

The Dip

Heading west along Bloomfield Road

Brandy Corner

Corner Bloomfield Road and Forest road

BRANDY CREEK

Mental Straight

Present day Forest Road

1956

Not much has changed

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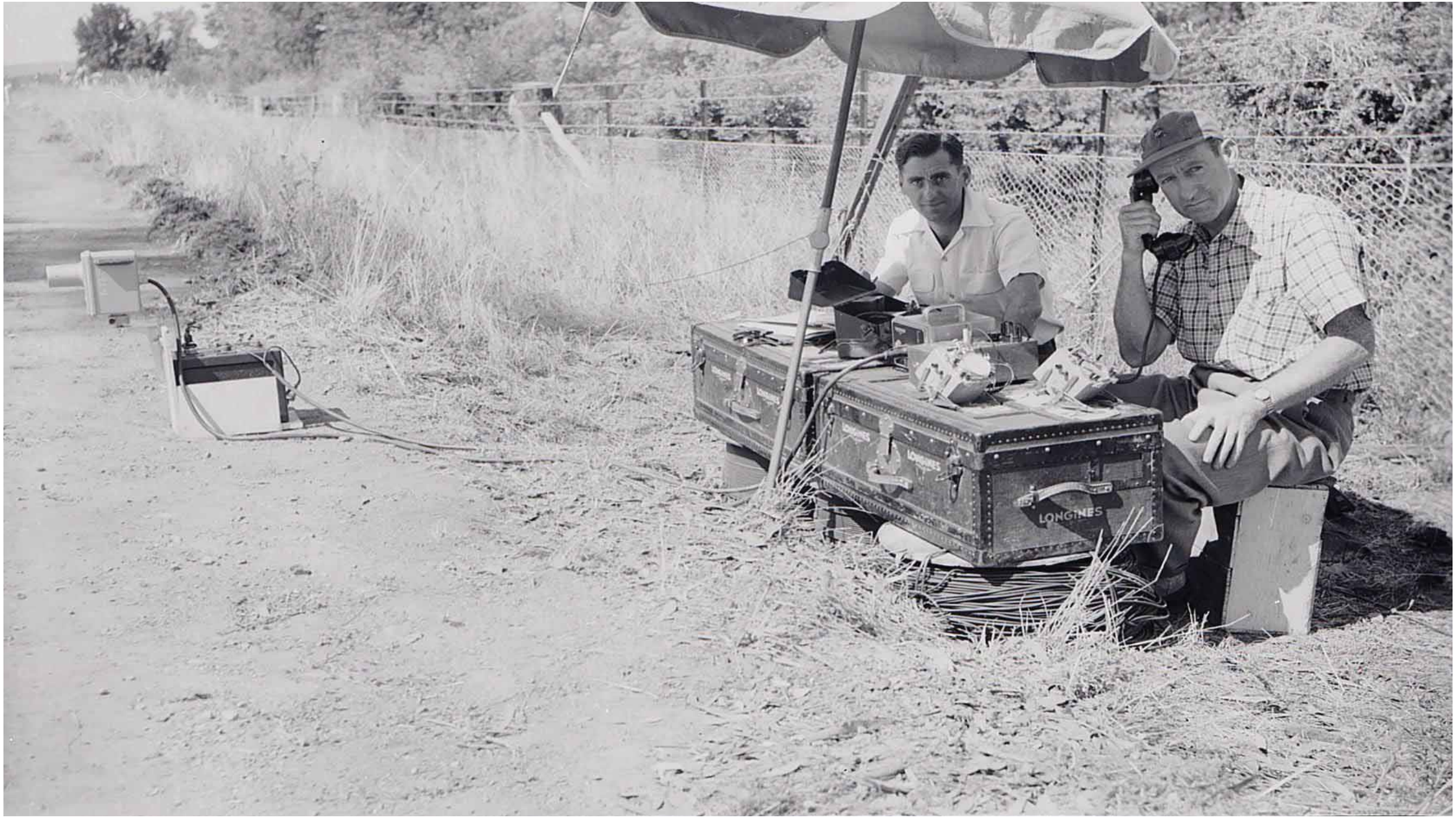
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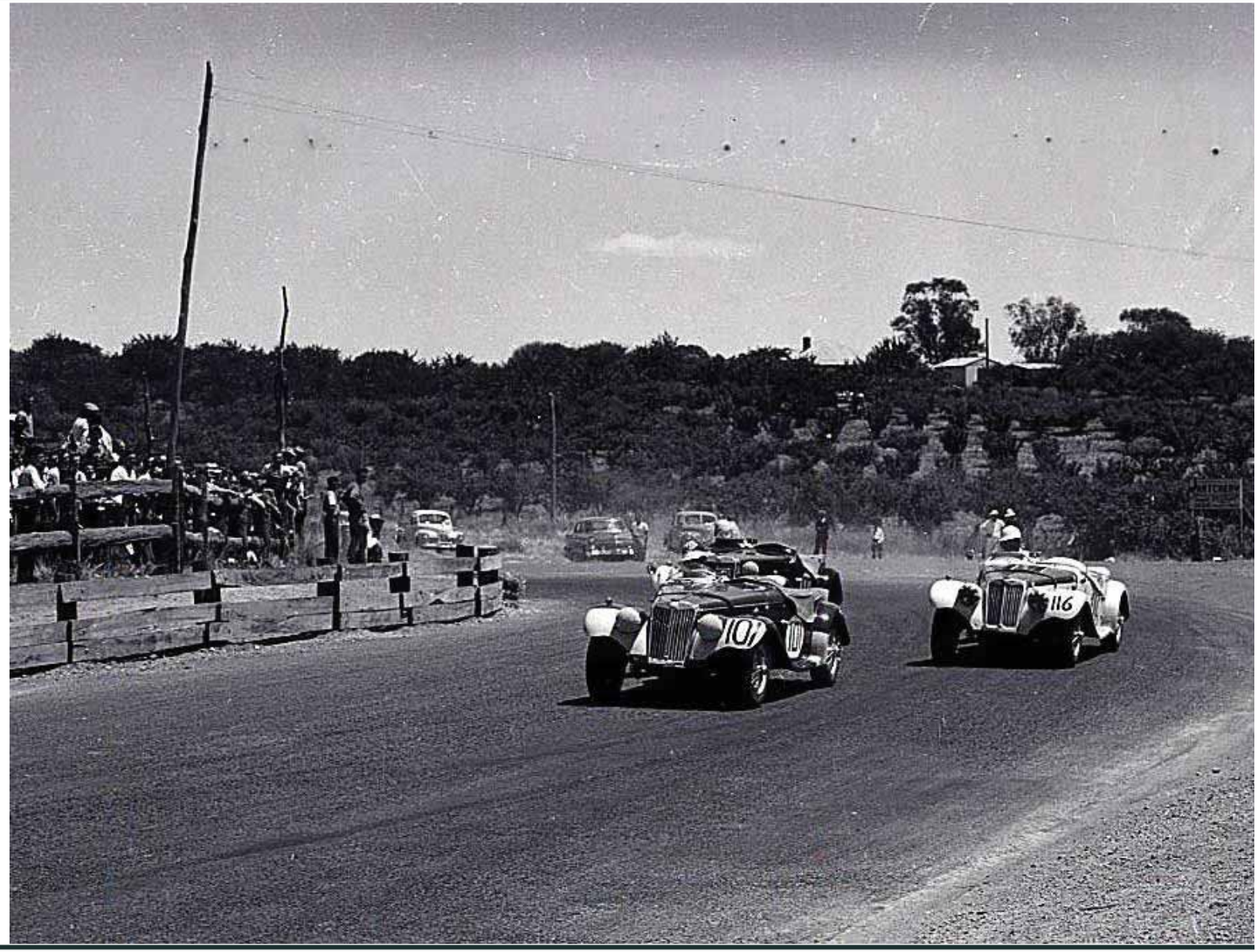
Windsock Corner

Corner of Forest Road and Orange Southern Feeder Road

1956

Note the orchard in the background



Windsock Corner

TOTAL
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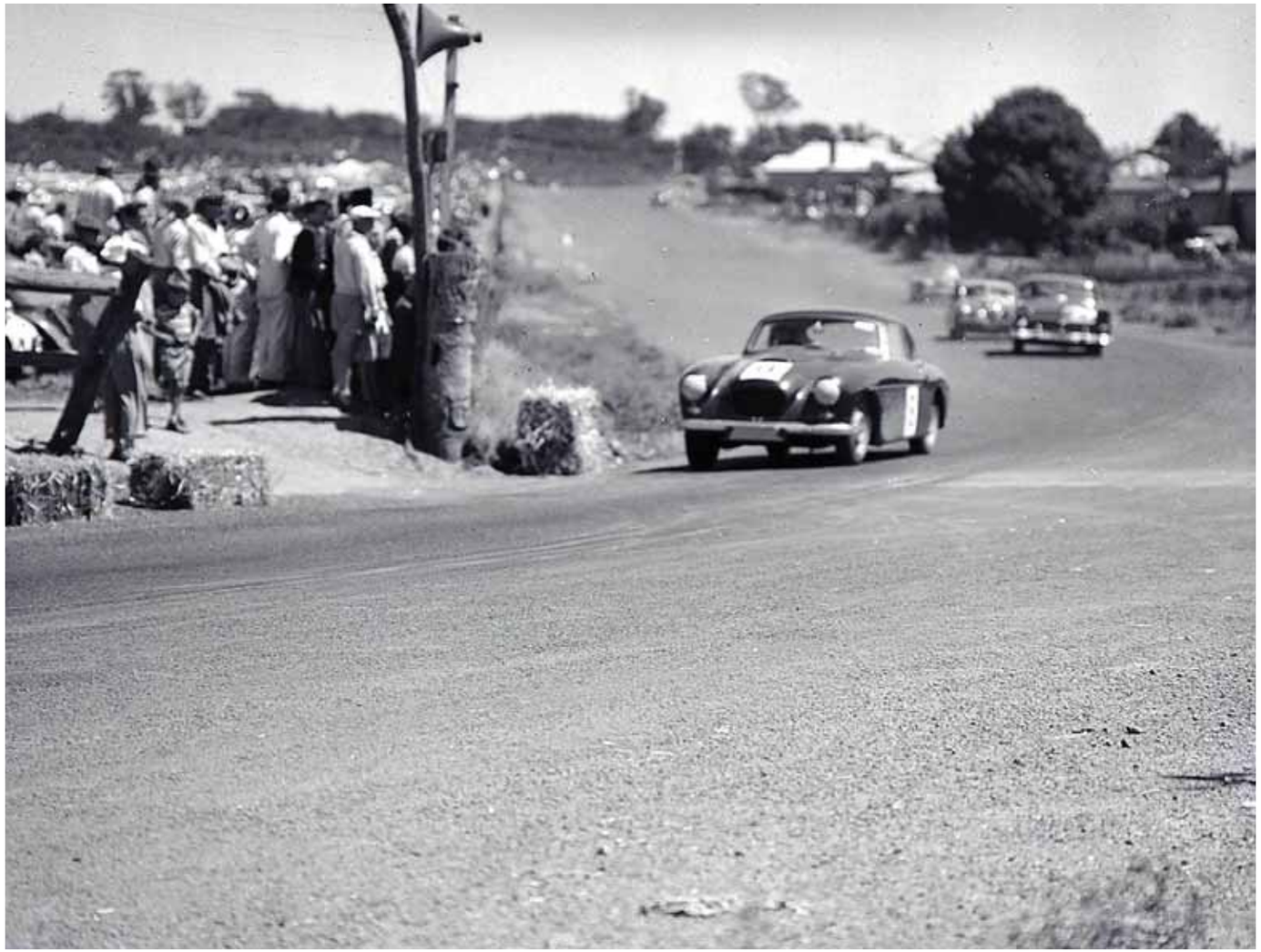
Speets Bend

Corner Huntley road and Ash street

1956

Let the good times roll



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Fastest Flying Eighth

Reg Hunt (Maserati) Jan 1956

161.8 mph (273.93kph)

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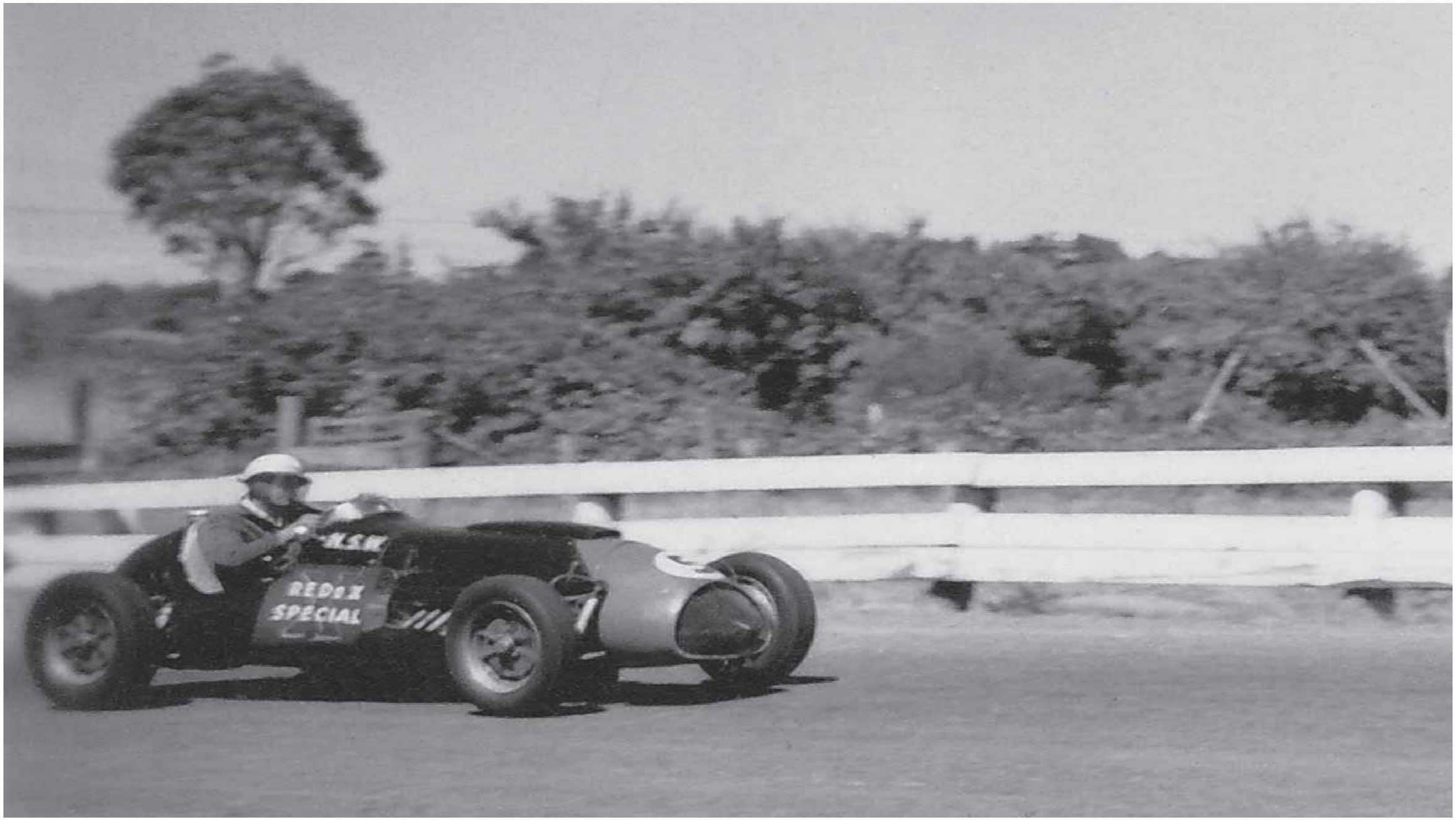
Sir Jack

3 times World Champion
1959, 1960, 1966

Sir Jack Brabham started racing here and held the lap record up until the final race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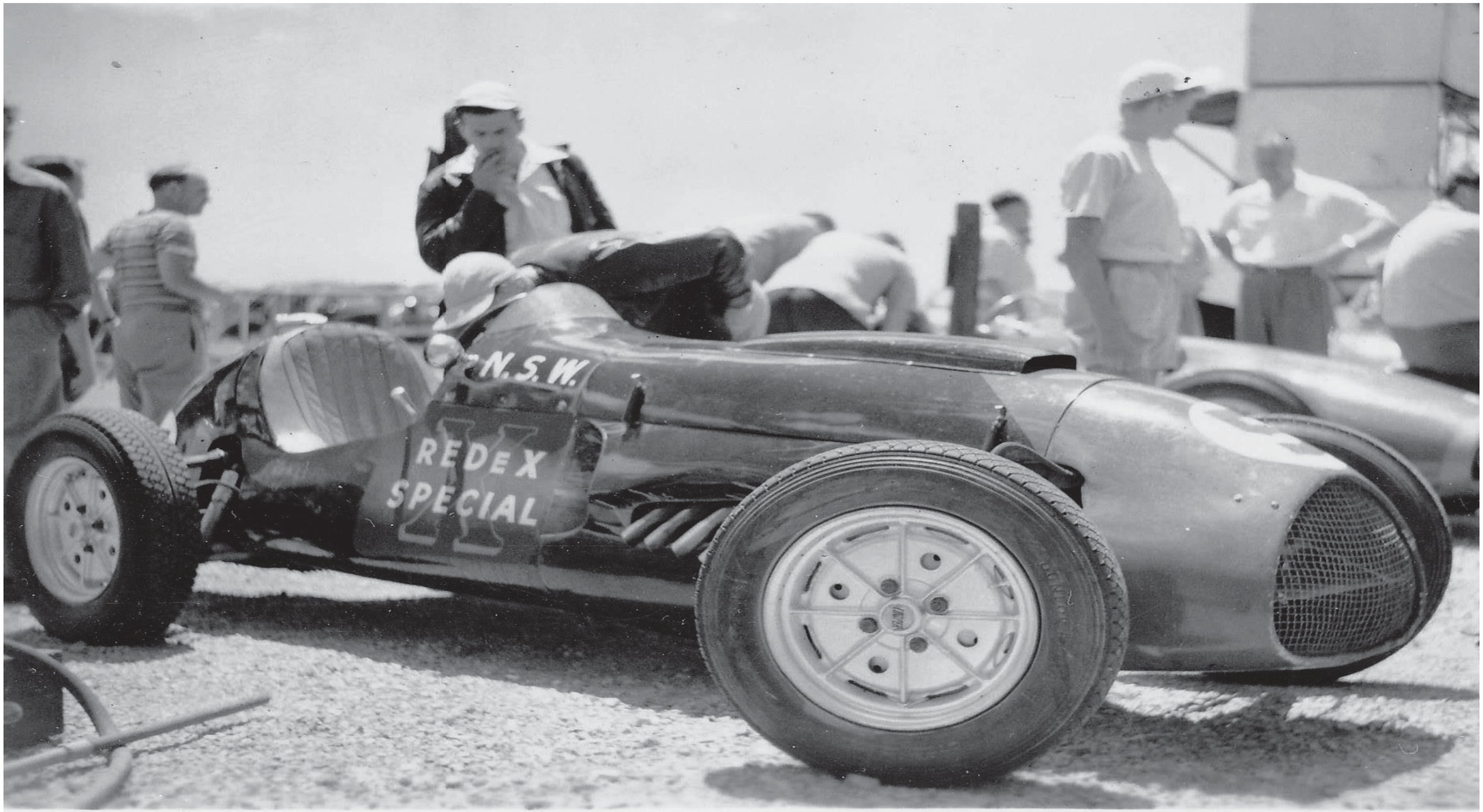
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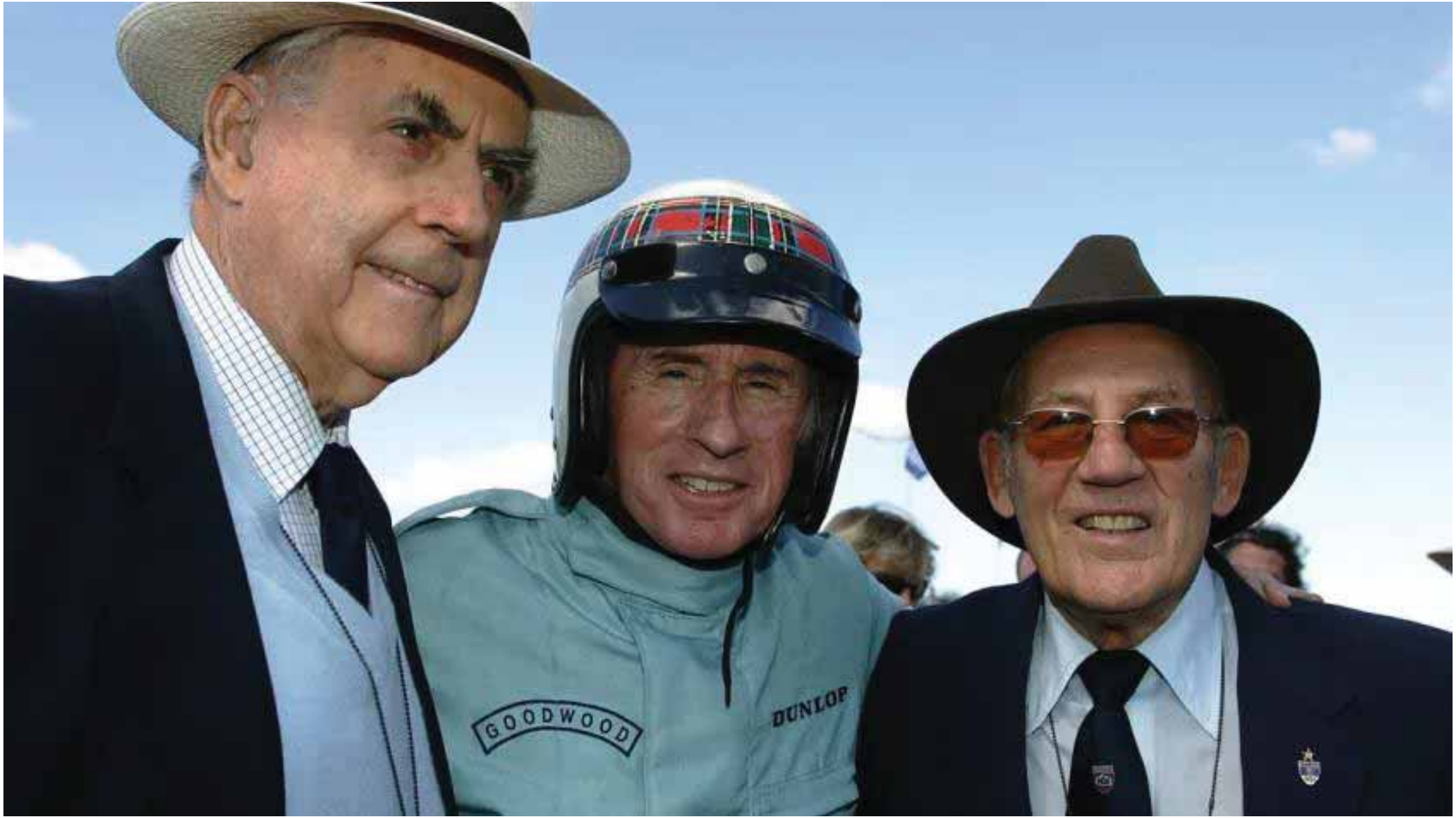
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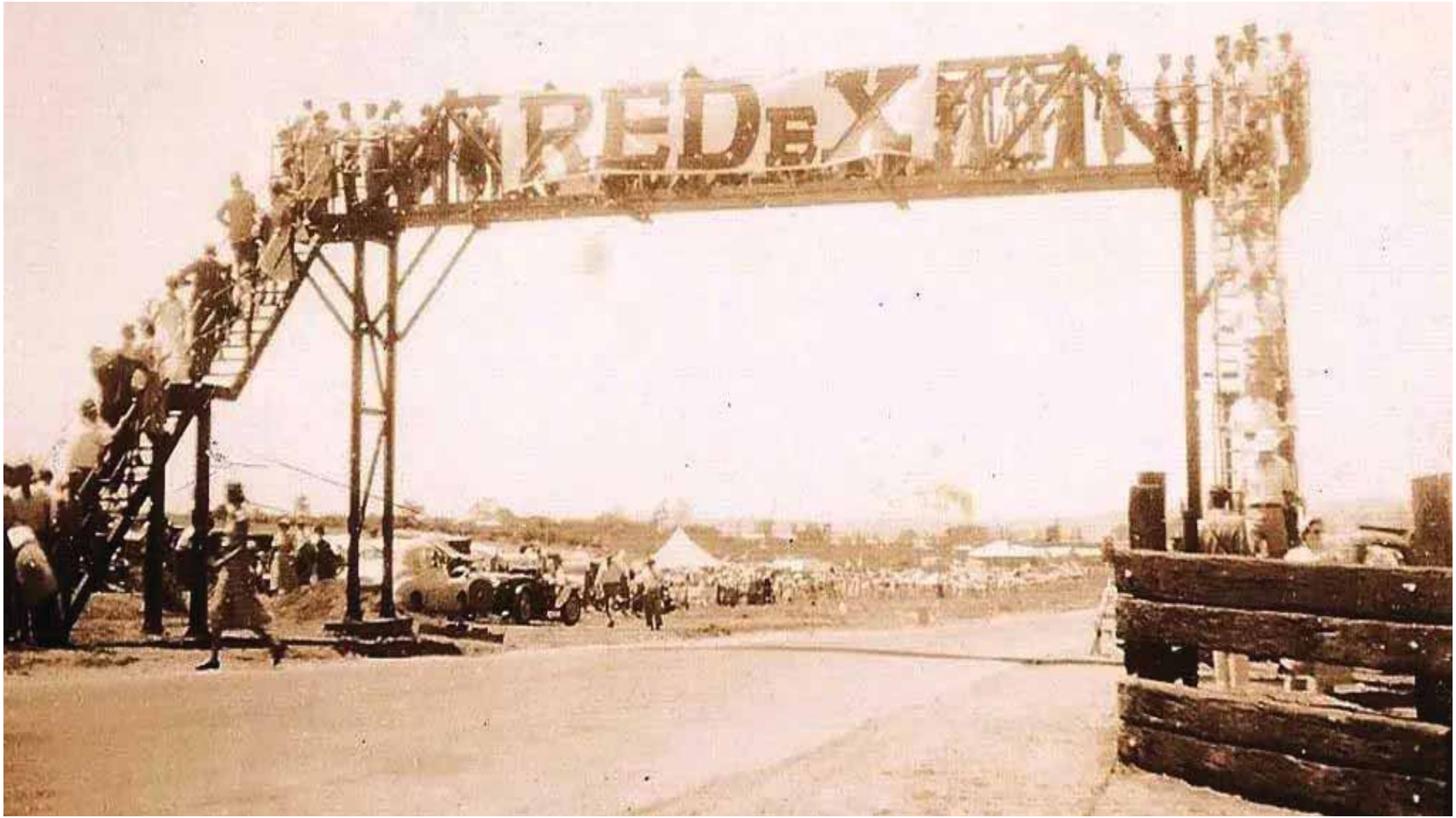
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Famous Faces

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RACING
SERVICE
SHELL

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REPCO
Frank Matich

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I'M A
NERVOUS WRECK

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Gnoo Blas
60 years of Touring Cars
1960-2020

The first Touring Car round

In January 1960, the first Australian Touring Car Championship (now the V8s) was run at Gnoo Blas along with the first race for the new class for Grand Touring cars.

David McKay won from Bill Pitt and Ron Hodgson, all in Jaguars, in an action-packed race.

McKay recorded 132.7mph on the long straight.

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AutoAction

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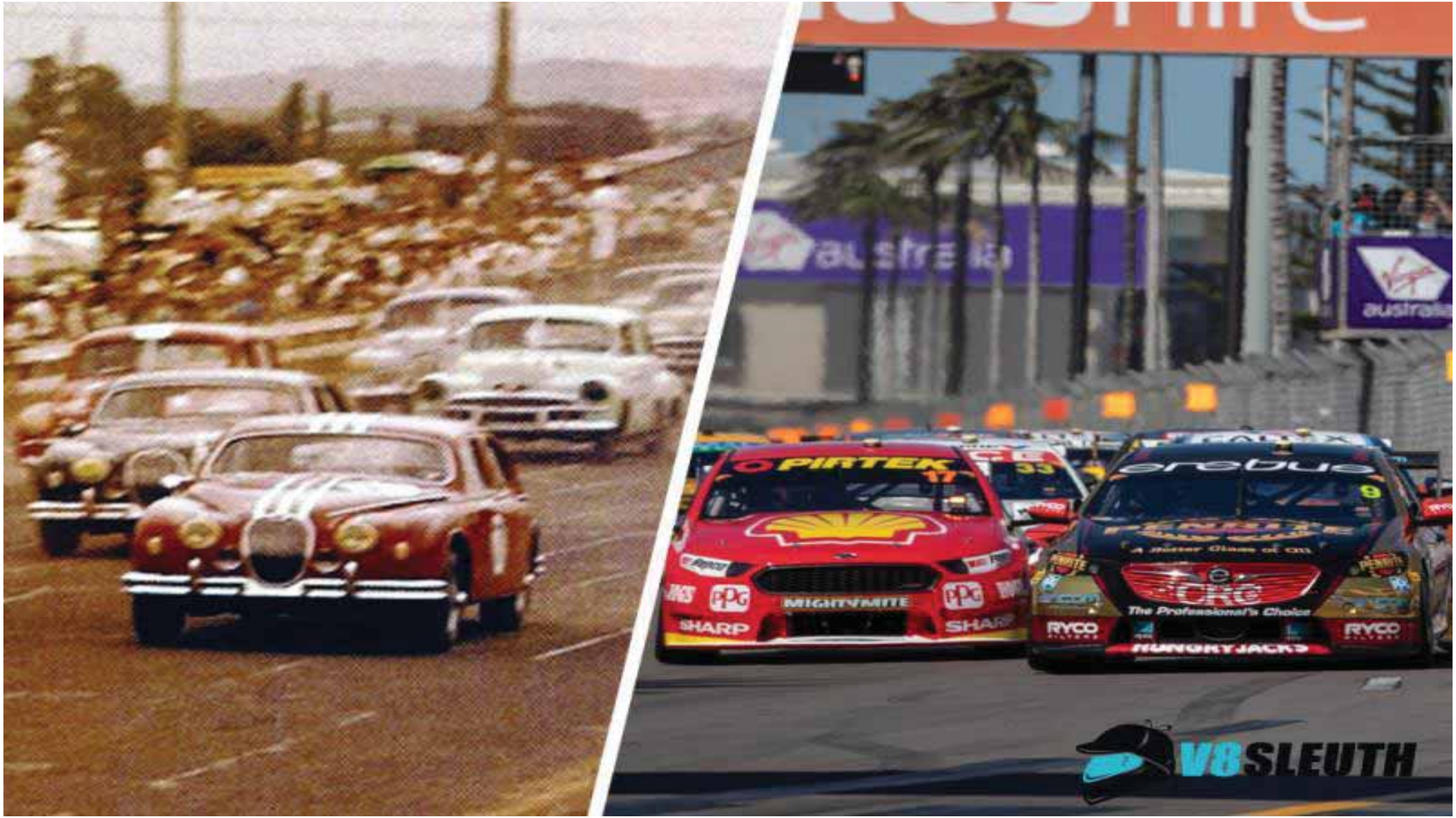
Hallmark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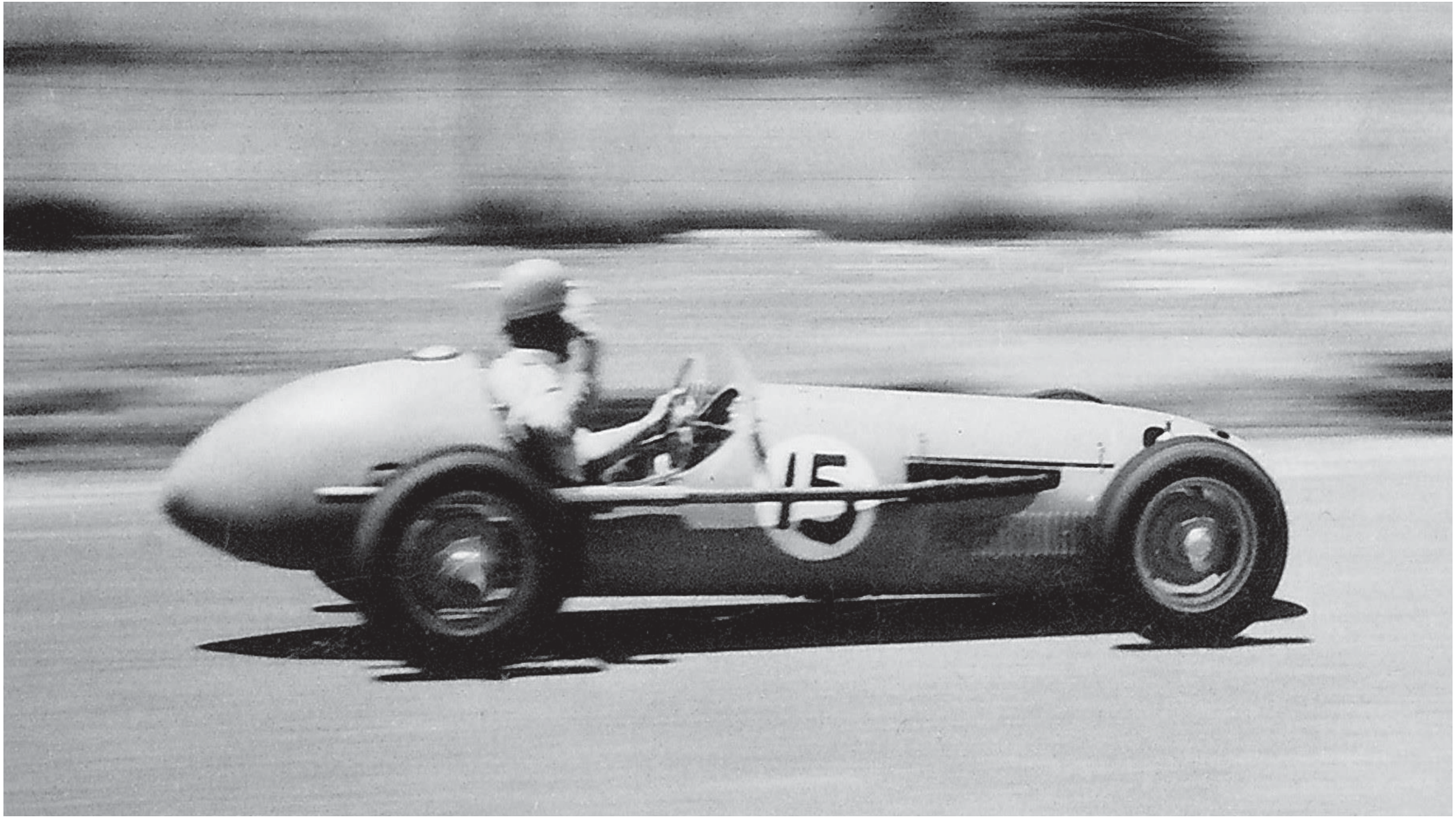
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1954 IAN MOUNTAIN PEUGEOT SPECIAL
Dvr Dick Willis
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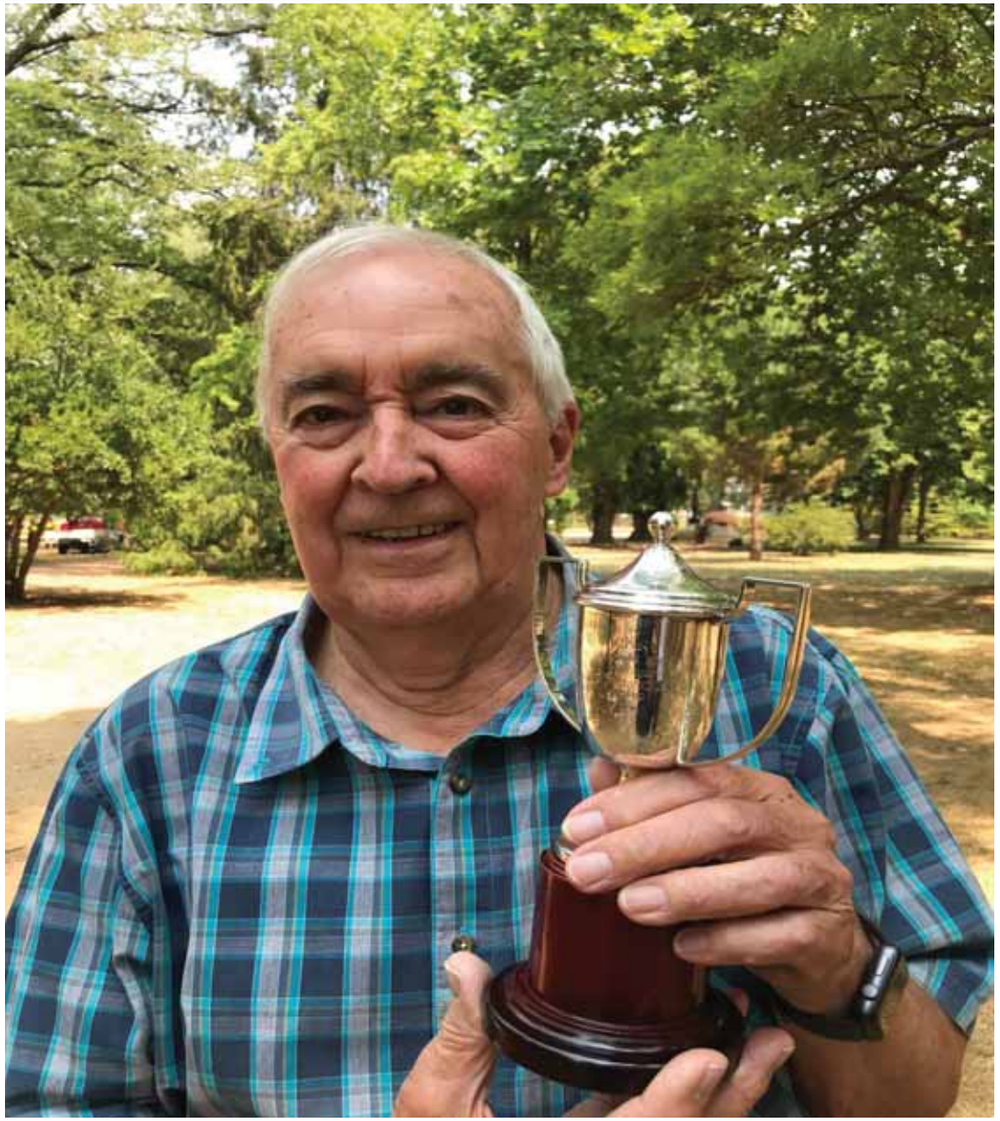

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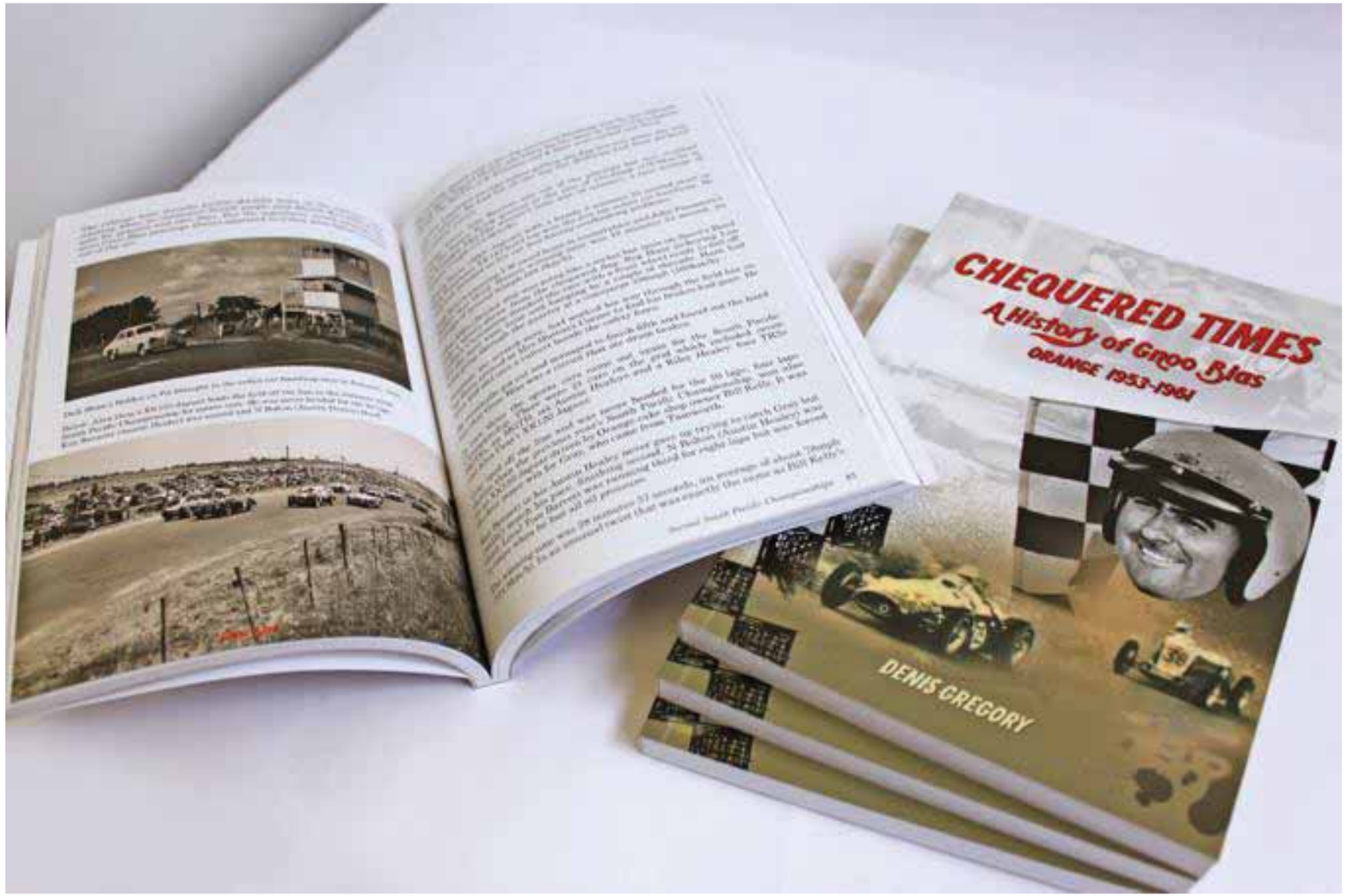
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