

Hastings [New Zealand] Blossom Festival 1956 - from Barry Paine



This wonderful picture was posted on the **New Zealand Related Street Scenes 1950s - 1980s** Facebook page by Dave Murray, who has kindly given his consent to reproduce it here. Although being adorned with many flowers the car looks pretty fuzzy, it can be identified as a Singer Hunter. It is being used as a float in the **Hastings Blossom Festival, 15 September 1956**. The float seems to have an odd sort of theme until you look at this Singer advert from 1955. What an incredible effort - look carefully and you can see the display even included the fox and hounds, which are not on the advert!

The following comments were made on the Facebook page:

[Josie Tucker](#) - Great spectacular performance. Photo recorded the work of 1000s of flowers placed by hard working artists.

[Karen McTaggart](#) - That's incredible - I'd hate to be on the horse!

[John Evans](#) - Good old Singer Hunter. The horse hood ornament was the best piece on the car.

[Lynn Day](#) - I was there, it was wonderful!

[Keith Wiggins](#) - Makes modern day parades second rate, these communities and businesses had local pride.



Barry.