

Members Story - Richard Beck 1986 XJ6 (S3) Sovereign

I am excited to be part of the Jaguar Drivers Club of SA.

Many years ago, I purchased a 1966 Triumph TR4A. And spent two years doing a ground-up restoration on the car with a friend who had a great understanding of mechanics, unlike me LOL.

I just had the attention to detail mindset. When I eventually sold the car, I promised myself I would replace it one day. That day has come with the purchase of my 1986 Jaguar XJ6 Sovereign Series 3.

I decided on a Jag as a nod to my late Father, who worked at Jaguar Cars in Coventry for many years before the family migrated to Australia in 1973.

After studying Jaguar's History and viewing many Jaguar cars, I came to understand that under John Egan's management, the last of the Series 3 were potentially the best Jaguars produced.

I then set about finding the best 1986 Sovereign on the market at the time. After searching Australia, the UK, Singapore, and Hong Kong. I finally found the right car for me in Christchurch, New Zealand.

A 1986 Sovereign runner-up Concours winner in 2017. The car started its life as a company car for an MD in Auckland. A Jaguar specialist maintained the car until it was traded in.

The second and third owners had the car before the fourth owner, who purchased it from Walmak Classic Cars in Christchurch.

A Jaguar collector purchased it. He spent a lot of time bringing the car up to speed before selling it back to Walmak some years later.

A new owner purchased the car from Walmak and had work done before taking possession of it. Sadly, the car only travelled 300 Kilometres before being sold back to Walmak as the owner passed away.

I was lucky enough to purchase the car in July this year and hope to have the car shipped to Australia soon. I look forward to showing the car at the car club shows when I have it.

Regards
Richard Beck

Editor: Thank you very much for the great story. Certainly a lovely looking car.

