Clayton Hayball (Daimler XJ6)

I have never been a member of a car club before, but I am long-time member of the Glenelg Surf Life Saving and Brighton Rugby Union clubs, so I understand community clubs.

My XJ6- Daimler series 2 and is the first Jaguar I have owned. I have always liked Jags and promised myself I would own one. I do like classic cars having owned 2 HR Holdens, SAAB 95, Saab 99 and an old Renault hatchback years ago.

My car is not in perfect condition but I do drive it nearly every day, it is becoming my daily driver (I don't drive many km anymore as I live near work an accountant with AGD in the city).

I purchased the car last November from Mt Gambier. I took the day off work and a bus to Mt Gambier just in time, before the lockdown. After a few long conservations with the owner, and meeting him in person I decided to purchase it.

I drove it back to Adelaide that night but was discovering some items were not working as they should. I stopped to top up fuel 60km into trip on way home and it wouldn't start. Luckily a jump start got it going and I drove home without stopping.

The next day at home I couldn't unlock the front doors. I managed to open one, and after researching online I ended up pulling off the door panels cleaning and lubricating the lock mechanism and has been fine since.

Once I replaced the battery, cleaned and replaced a few fuses and the heater core valve, everything has been working as it should (even air con works) and not had any issues. I am really enjoying it and gaining more confidence in maintaining it.

I am a beach person and enjoy surfing. In January I decided to tackle Willunga Hill to get to Middleton, to my surprise and relief it climbed the hill no issues. Since then, I have driven it to Middleton/ Goolwa 4 times and regularly drive from Goodwood to Southport/ Moana.

Attached are some photos, including successfully going up Willunga Hill.

Kind Regards Clayton

Editor - Thank you for your story Clayton. In May's 2020 edition of Classic Marque there is a review of the XJ6 that you may find interesting. Hope to catch up at a future meeting or event.

