

“Matilda” by David & Angela Rogers

We purchased her back in August 2017. We refer to her as “Matilda”. Most popular girls name in 1950. She is now 70 years old.

History and Trip Home

We spoke to the previous owners in Sydney after seeing her advertised. They said it may have been sold but had not heard anymore from the buyer. We were travelling to Brisbane to pick up a new camper trailer and called in through Sydney on way home. We saw the car and agreed on a price. We told the owner that we were intending on driving her back to Adelaide. “Bloody crazy” were his words. Well, he was right. We broke down just out of Canberra.

RAA to the rescue and her arrived back in Adelaide on a truck. After removing the head, we found number 2 piston had let go. A quick hone and a new piston and we were back on the road. We drove her for 2 years and then started the restoration.

The previous owner purchased the car in Cairns. She was a wedding car with a matching twin Mk V. Two tone paint, air conditioning and some other extras to cope with the Queensland heat. We had no more history on the car until we started pulling her apart. This revealed her original colour. Green.



I pulled the leaper off of the radiator cap and noticed that someone had engraved there name on the base of it. “R Chuck”. I spoke to Richard Chuck, a current JDCSA member who had lived in Melbourne and Tasmania.

Richard had a wedding car business using Mark V's. After a bit more digging, we worked out that it was indeed one of his cars. CHC-281. *(Second from the right in the picture of the 4 Mk V's).*

Richard purchased her from a couple who lived in South Yarra in 1980. She was

green and he had her painted to match his wedding car fleet. She wasn't the best behaved as he had the engine changed shortly after her purchase. Richard had the car in fleet until 1989.

We are restoring “Matilda” back to her glory days with a few little extra to make her more reliable and hope to have back on the streets of Adelaide in early 2022.

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Mark V's are still one of the most sought-after Wedding cars. Richard Chuck, a current JDCSA member owned an interstate wedding car business and “Matilda” was one of his cars. CHC-281, second from the right. The car was then sold.

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“Matilda” ended up in Cairns, again as a wedding car, this time with a twin, both in a two tone-paint colour, air conditioning and some other extras to cope with the Queensland heat. “Matilda” then dodd to a Sydney owner where it was purchased by David & Angela.



After three years of Adelaide driving “Matilda” is now undergoing a full body restoration and will be back on the road in 2022.