

# Australian Morris 8 Visitor for Vero Rally 2016



I am planning to attend the Vero VCC Rally in Dunedin in 2016. I am just obtaining a quote to freight my “rig” to and from N.Z. My “rig” is a Morris 8/40 and a small caravan – see photos.

My intentions at this stage are to attend the rally and then do some touring for the next 4 or 5 weeks so any contacts that the club may be able to offer me would be really appreciated. Contact me at

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My late wife and I had a big holiday in N.Z in 2009 and toured both islands in 28 days followed by a month in a hired motorhome in the South Island.



In the Morris, I would like to travel slowly, not too far and just absorb some of the local atmosphere. At this stage I have made no plans and so would be open to any suggestions your members may have.

I live in Jimboomba, south of Brisbane, in a semi-rural area, having moved there in 2012 after my wife passed away. For 40 years I ran a small business called Heritage Engineering and specialised in veteran, vintage and classic car overhauls, mainly engines.

In my shed I have a 1910 Standard Model J (featured in the Restored Cars mag. Sept/Oct this year -- but they got the name wrong) a 1910 Maxwell Model AA two cyl runabout, a 1924 Fiat 501C Tourer, an unknown year Morris Z ute, yet to be restored, and the Morris 8/40 that I will bring your way. There is also a fire damaged 1902 English Mechanic single cyl buggy that I built in 2009 but was damaged in 2013. The future of this car is uncertain.





I bought my Morris in Adelaide in 1976 and it was restored by 1988. I have the history of the car, Melbourne built, which spent its early years in South Africa.

Last Christmas I drove the Morris from Brisbane to Hobart, towing the caravan that I built in the 2 months before, and after the success of this run I decided that the challenge of a rally in N.Z. was on the agenda. I will have to rebuild the engine and gearbox before then so this will keep busy next year.

I am really looking forward to my trip over your way in 2016, and I may even have a navigator with me by then.

Regards

*Syd Norman*

