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John Fisher was raised in a Ford family... and the mark's appeal stayed with him

The Fishers' fondness for Fords



FORD FAMILY: John Fisher with his 1962 XL Falcon. John says his family's cars were always Fords, which is why he has a fondness for them. PHOTOS: ALLAN REINIKA

WHAT are your names?
John and Brenda Fisher

How many vehicles do you own and why did you choose them?

We have a 1962 XL Falcon and a 1967 MGB. I (John) like most old cars, I chose the Falcon because I was brought up in a Ford family. My father was a Ford dealer in Biloela in the 70s.

What is your restoration/mechanical speciality?

I will have a go at fixing anything. But mechanical would be my speciality.

How many hours/week/years of work have gone into your vehicle?

I bought both cars registered, so I maintain them and enjoy driving them.

Why choose a classic vehicle?

I love the style of the old

cars and their simplicity.

Is it an obsession or a passion?

More a passion, by the time I was in high school.

What was your first car?

A 1967 XT Fairmont V8.

What is the most frustrating/funniest thing that's happened with your classic car?

I broke a spring in one car, a 1935 Ford, coming back from Gladstone in a rally.

And I had to tie it back together with wire to get home.

Where do you like to go when you are in your car?

I drive my old cars to work and on weekends, we drive to Biloela and Gladstone. Or anywhere we feel like going.

What car/s are on your wish list?

Nothing in particular, maybe a GT falcon.

John Fisher

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CQ NRL Bid Update

THE CQ TEAM IS A MUST

As I go about my various duties in Central Queensland, I field almost constant queries about the state of the CQ NRL Bid. This is understandable because Central Queenslanders are some of the most passionate Rugby League fans in the world and for over 100 years we have supported someone else's football team. We know that Rugby League dominates our CQ sporting scene and Rugby League is central to the very core of our culture. Central Queensland is truly the heartland of our great game so it stands to reason that if we are to be identified and promoted by any single entity it should really be our own National Rugby League team.

A good friend and colleague who has called CQ his home for all of his 60 odd years is as passionate a person as you would like to meet. He loves his League and proudly identifies himself as a Central Queensland. He rightly claims that no entity or organization has ever

from the C.E.O.

positioned itself to unite us as a region or community. He declares that we cannot rightly claim a region of this wonderful state to be "ours" until we have established this sense of unity. I think I agree with this wise man. I believe that we all have a need to "belong" and to share a passion with our associates, neighbours, friends, family, etc. and I know nothing binds a community together more than the support of a team of sportspeople who take pride in representing their region and their people.

On top of this sense of unity I believe we owe it to our young people to provide them with a sense of betterment. By betterment I mean a noticeable increase in the standards of liveability, an increase in the number of choices of entertainment, an increase of opportunities of employment, and incentives to stay in their homelands for work, study, employment and life itself.

I have chosen to live and work in Central Queensland and I am satisfied with this choice. No one forced me but I struggle with the inequality in what is available to me as a regional Queensland compared to what is available to my fellow Queenslanders in the metro markets. Most

people realise and reluctantly accept regional residency decreases our standards of living with respect to communication, transport, and most entertainment options.

I find it annoying and somewhat frustrating that simple activities and facilities that exist in metropolitan Australia are in fact taken for granted by the people of our capital cities but are so lacking where the real wealth of our state and country is generated.

A CQ based team is therefore important for our identity as Central Queenslanders and necessary if we are to raise the standard of our public assets and liveability. A sense of PRIDE in our community is vital for the wellbeing of our region, our citizens and in particular our youth. Whether you are Rugby League or not, I hope you understand the importance of community wellbeing and this necessary sense of belonging and unity that our own national team will deliver in bucket loads.

From the desk of the CEO Denis Keeffe

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