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Stingray maintains passion

Dennis Leishman had wanted a Corvette Stingray for most of his life – then his chance arrived

GOOD morning, Dennis. What car are you showing us today?

This is my '77 Corvette Stingray Coupe. It's a car I've wanted for most of my life, so I'm pretty happy to show it off when I get the chance.

What attracted you to the Corvettes?

I'm not too sure. I saw a movie once a long time ago and it featured a Stingray and ever since then I've just wanted one.

So how did you come by this one?

It was by chance, really. My daughter and I were in Brisbane for a holiday in 2008 and I just came across it and asked if I could buy it. He had another bloke in who was trying to buy it, so he grabbed my number and said if it fell through he'd get back to me.

The next day I got a phone call from him – the other bloke had fallen through and he told me it was mine and that was it, really. It looks the same today as it did when I bought it.

What is it in particular you love about this car?

I just love the way it feels. There is such a difference between driving an older car and driving a new one. The big thing for me is you can really hear and feel the engine and you know you're in a powerful machine.

But it drives beautifully, like all those Corvettes, it's made entirely of fibreglass and it's very low to the ground. It's only around a tonne but it just grips the road so well.

Is there anywhere in particular you like to take her?

Not really, no. I'm a member of the All Classic Motor Club and I go out on the runs sometimes. But to be honest, there aren't that many great places to go for a cruise these days.

Everything has changed so much and everything is over-developed or the roads aren't that good. It's just not as good as it used to be to get in your car and drive just for the sake of it.

Does that mean you've lost your passion for cars and



PRIDE AND JOY: Dennis Leishman at the wheel of his 1977 Corvette Stingray Coupe.

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there aren't any other cars on your wish-list?

No, I haven't lost my passion, I just own all the cars on my wish-list now. I have a '74 Impala wagon, which is a hearse, and a '77 Camaro, both of which I'm currently doing up.

So I haven't lost the passion. I still love my cars, no doubt about it.

“ Dennis Leishman

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