

# MyCarRules

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MOTORING

## Passion for Ford began as a boy

**What is your name?**

Andrew Gibson

**What is your vehicle and why did you choose it?**

Ford Falcon 1965 XP Coupe. My dad gave me his worn out XP Station Wagon for me to drive to college, between Gladstone and Rockhampton, I got to know XP Falcons inside out as I had to continually work on it to keep it running, saw a Coupe one day and decided I wanted one.

**What is your restoration/mechanical specialty?**

No real speciality, I help my older brothers and their mates to restore their old cars resulting in gaining a passion for older cars.

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

10 years from purchase to roadworthy, I kept running out of money being young and adventurous. Car has been on the street 22 years. Generally I have always got some sort of job to do to it.



**CLASSIC CHARACTER:** Andrew Gibson behind the wheel of his 1965 Ford Falcon XP 2 door Coupe. PHOTOS: CHRIS ISON

**Why choose a classic vehicle?**

They have character, are different, you can do the majority of the work yourself and you feel part of the car when you are driving it.

**Is it an obsession or a passion? When did your 'passion' for cars start?**

Definitely a PASSION,

started from working with my brother's cars, being there when the engine first starts after having it in a hundred pieces, going for the first drive are achieving the Roadworthy. I just love driving it knowing I built it from the ground up plus the heads turning as you drive down the road.

**What is the most**

**frustrating/funniest thing that's happened with you classic car?**

Frustrating: waiting for parts to become available as I was building it, waited up to two years for some parts. Funniest: revving it up at the lights and watching other drivers racing off thinking you want to race. Happiest: getting it on the



road just in time for our wedding, had four XP's as wedding cars, three Coupes and one Sedan.

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

Anywhere, anytime and any place particularly with my family. Our children used to always fall asleep in the back when they were younger, they are always

keen to go for a drive. I just love driving it.

**What car/s are on your wish list?**

Have always dreamed of a 1960's Mustang convertible but they are becoming more common. Have recently seen the US convertible version of my Falcon and I reckon I would not mind owning one of them.



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