

1962 Morris Minor 1000 Traveller Deluxe Estate

Purchased: 1st March 1962 by Mr William T. Jackson of the Overseas Visitors Club, 180 Earls Court Road, London SW4

London delivery with Registration plates: 567 DGF

Engine No: 9MUH/561795

Chassis No: M/AW3D/950858

Colour: Smoke Grey

Purchase Price: 491 pounds sterling, about \$614 Australian dollars at the time

In 1962, Australian couple William and Carol Jackson drove their new Morris Traveller from London, UK to Colombo, Sri Lanka, the journey taking from the 1st March to the 31st December 1962. Covering 30,000 miles in nine months and using 335 gallons of petrol, costing eighty two pounds fifteen shillings (Australian Pounds) and averaging 37.4 miles per gallon, they visited thirty three countries including France, where they were married in Paris.

Arriving in Sri Lanka the Traveller was handed over to the Automotive Association of Ceylon, who arranged loading the Traveller aboard the ship *Chakdina* bound for Port Adelaide, South Australia.

The Jacksons continued to drive their Morris in South Australia until around 1977 when the Traveller was sold to Mr Michael B. Brownell of Watervale, SA. Mr Brownell used the car daily until around 1990 when some mechanical problem caused him to place the Morris in his garden shed on blocks where it laid at rest until 2000.

After Michael Brownell passed away, the vehicle was sold to a dealer in South Australia, though first had to be removed from the shed. This involved cutting down several large gum trees that had grown in front of the shed door over the ten years.

The Traveller passed into the hands of Mr John Fisk of Parafield Gardens, who purchased the Morris on 25th February 2000, after the Traveller had been given a thorough cleaning and mechanical service

by the dealer and was re-registered with its original South Australian plates: SA 336 250. John used the vehicle as his everyday driver until placing it on historic car registration around 2014.

On 29th March 2019, I purchased the Morris when it was offered for sale, trailing the little Traveller back home to New South Wales where it now resides. The Morris is original and shall remain so; some preservation is planned for the timber work and minor rust repair to one front guard. The Morris is surprisingly rust free other than the two small spots on the guard's rear.

I am lucky to be the custodian of such an historic vehicle that has now covered over 185,000 genuine miles on its original engine and crossed the world with its adventurous Australian owners.



The Traveller and the Jackson's adventures are well documented in the couples *A Traveller's Journal*, a personal 185-page document that covers the tale from the car's purchase to its delivery in South Australia. The journal, complete with original Morris delivery papers and shipping documents as well as other Traveller information, is now a part of the Morris Traveller and all in one place for the first time.

It is indeed one of life's rare privileges to now be the Traveller's current custodian.

John Rigby
Eden, NSW