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1930 MODEL A TOWN SEDAN

OWNED BY Nita Hart

Colour: Brown

Registration: 1930 CH

ENGINE NUMBER: CAU 9746



Nita Hart had always loved old cars and wanted one of her own. She grew up with old things, on her father's soldiers block at Shotts, which is out of Collie on the way to Darkan. Her hobbies are working with old machinery, vehicles and engines, and her ex-husband was also interested in such things.

In late 2006 Nita was in Bindoon with former MARCWA member Tom Eastough who had a collection of Fords, including several Model A's. Tom did not want to sell any of his own Model A's, and they found the 1930 Town Sedan in the March 2007 issue of *Just Cars*.

Nita bought the Town Sedan in May 2007 from Bill Fromby of Drouin, Victoria. Bill had purchased it from someone in Ballarat where it had been kept in a shed. It came over on the back of a truck, delivered to the home of Tom Eastough Senior.

At first Nita was not too keen on the brown colour, but she has come to love it, and she thinks the yellow spokes are special and make it really stand out. It has a Murray body. The interior is felt, and the mudguards are dark brown. It is straight bodied, all the wood is original, as is the engine. It was licensed in Victoria - Nita kept the Victorian registration window sticker when she licensed it fully in WA with a suitable Chittering registration plate in September 2007.

Nita and Tom fixed a small split in the front mudguard, and replaced the 2 blade fan with a 6 blade fan. They noticed a bit of swaying as the car was driven, so put in shock absorbers front and back. They put in a new radiator, installed indicators, and replaced the king pins and gear box. An overdrive was installed, and a stripe painted in dark brown to match the mudguards finished off their changes. In 2009 the tyres were replaced.

Nita's nickname for the Town Sedan is *The Phantom* because when it went into the shed at Bindoon she was never sure when it would come out.

Nita's family and friends were surprised and delighted by her purchase of a Model A.

Photo above: at the back of the Bindoon Roads Board building.



Nita and grandchildren: son Tom Hart's children Jake, Aimee and Jessica

Nita enjoyed Bob Newton's Country Run in 2009 in her Town Sedan.

But she also enjoyed a sit on this incredible three wheeler - lucky Nita!



Nita took this photo of Dean and Jenni Roberts in their 1928 Pickup while on Bob Newton's country run, 2009.

Nita has good memories of the National Meets in Adelaide (2006) and Bathurst (2008), which she and Tom attended in Model A's owned by Tom, driving over and back in company with Colin Davidson and Frank Farrelly.

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