



## History

The Micro Car and Scooter clubs origins came from Eric Vargas, a keen Messerschmitt owner and university student in 1982. Eric formed the 'Messerschmitt Owners Club' (Australia) in April 1983. In June 1985 Eric unfortunately died as a result of a motoring accident and Fred Diwell then presided over the club and news-letter production.

With the small number of Messerschmitt's that had been marketed in Australia, (around 230), a static membership could really only be anticipated with the club in it's current form, and in the early 1990's the club name was changed to the 'Microcar Club', allowing expansion and future growth. This move was very successful incorporating, as it did, all brands of Microcar that had been made locally and imported.

Membership grew exponentially and introduced manufactures who had produced scooters and mopeds, so another name change was undertaken to incorporate these brands, becoming the 'Microcar & Scooter Club' in June 2001. Incorporation to protect members and their assets came at a later date.

The club participated in many shows, displays and events right from the start, even holding mechanical and technical workshops. We have continued participating in events during the years mostly within the Sydney area and neighbouring districts. Interstate members have hosted informal get-togethers and attend events in Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

With the micro car and scooter boom in the fifties and sixties many of our vehicles have now celebrated significant anniversaries, such as Messerschmitts and Goggomobils 50th, then 60 years of Vespa and Lambretta to name a few.

The club has a strong base membership of enthusiasts including some in New Zealand; encompassing a data base listing in excess of 350 vehicles of the 2, 3 & 4 wheeled variety and 500+ people who have or had an interest in these type of vehicles both here and overseas.

Over the years we have compiled registers covering Australian distributed and built the Messerschmitt, Lightburn Zeta, Vespa 400 cars, Lloyd Goggomobils etc. with an extensive list covering other makes.

Others in Queensland have strong affinity and interests in BMW Isettas they keep tabs on all the known ones. A club member D. Nobbs, runs the Australian Goggomobil register.

