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Australia's first 911 reimagined by Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur

Fifty five years since the first 911 was sold Down Under, two Porsche Exclusive models have been created in homage.



The story of the original Australian 911 has inspired a pair of matching Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur 911 Carrera S models. Created jointly by Porsche Centre Melbourne and Porsche Centre Sydney South, the two special editions will go on show over the coming months alongside the first 911 to turn heads Down Under, back in 1965.

"The idea was to take the 1965 911 and reimagine that car and all its wonderful details for 2020," explains Dean Williams, New Vehicle Sales Manager, Porsche Centre Melbourne.

The original 911 was delivered by the Australian Porsche distributor at the time, Norman Hamilton, to Adelaide farmer Ron Angas in 1964. Even back then, long before the launch of the Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur programme, the car's specification was something the proud new owner carefully considered.

"It's incredible that 55 years after the original 911 was delivered to Mr Angas, we can replicate some of the same features in the modern equivalent. It shows just how timeless the 911 is," says Lee Hallett, General Sales Manager, Porsche Centre Sydney South. It also reflects the almost endless possibilities for customisation offered by Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur, which combines the highest quality materials with modern production methods and painstaking attention to detail.

Although Ron Angas's foray into Porsche ownership saw him drive a five-speed manual while the 2020 iterations feature an eight-speed automatic gearbox, the visual details show clearly where the special edition cars descend from.

While the 1965 911 was finished in Stone Grey, the 2020 equivalent from the 992-series colour palette is Crayon, and the two Carrera S models feature matching paintwork on the rear engine cover slats and 20/21 inch Carrera Exclusive Design wheels, which have contrasting black calipers just like the car of 55 years past. Porsche Exclusive Manufaktur SportDesign side skirts, painted exterior

mirrors and high-gloss trim strips are among the finishing touches of the present-day colour scheme.

Inside, the early model 911 is swathed in green leather, in beautiful contrast with the car's standard maple yellow timber dashboard trim and matching wood-rimmed steering wheel, which framed its 'English' instrumentation perfectly.

The interiors of the reimagined coupés are finished in Agave Green Club leather with contrasting Crayon stitching and matching Agave Green seat belts. Unlike the original, they benefit from 14-way electric sports seats with memory package and the Porsche crest is embossed on the headrests. Brushed aluminium door sill guards in dark silver are illuminated and personalised with '1965 Reimagined' text. Both of the type 992 cars have been fitted with an interior package in environmentally-responsible Paldao Dark.

Combining elements of the original heritage with the high-tech capabilities of today, the project set out to capture the spirit of the 992's ancestor. It has done so with a thoroughly modern twist.

The car's current owner, Adelaide Porsche enthusiast Stewart Kay, first saw it when he interviewed Wilson for a university paper in the late 1980s. Secreted in the shadows of Wilson's garage, Kay noticed it bore a stark similarity to a car he had read about in an English magazine. On display at the Porsche Museum, he recalled that the car had been cited as the "oldest known 911".

When he checked the article later, he was surprised to discover that the Museum car's chassis number was 302 503: exactly 1,000 cars later than the one he had just seen. Calls to the factory via Porsche Cars Australia soon confirmed that the 911 in Wilson's garage was one of the first right hand drive examples ever built.

He pleaded with Wilson – initially without success – to buy the car, but it wasn't until 1992 that he received a phone call asking: "Do you still want it?". A price was negotiated immediately and the car – complete with original keys, original owners' manual, service books and more than 136,000 km on the clock – found itself its third delighted owner.

In exceptional original condition to this day, Kay still owns the early 911, and while it is usually housed in a museum at The Bend Motorsport Park in Tailem Bend, South Australia, it will go on show alongside its new descendants at Porsche Australia's two Exclusive Manufaktur partners: Porsche Centre Sydney South and Porsche Centre Melbourne.



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