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World-class veteran car collection to stay in Wynyard

Wynyard's world-class Francis Ransley Veteran Car Collection has been sold to the Elphinstone Group.

The collection, which has been the cornerstone attraction at the multi-award winning Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition and Visitor Information Centre since its opening in 2005, represents a life's passion for former owner, veteran car enthusiast and restorer, Francis Ransley OAM and his wife Elayne.

Waratah-Wynyard Council Mayor Robby Walsh says the sale of the collection to local businessman and philanthropist Dale Elphinstone is a fantastic outcome for the local community, with the collection set to remain at the Wonders of Wynyard for public display and benefit under a new contract with the Elphinstone Group.

"The stunning car collection has brought many tourists to the local area. It's so special to have such a large collection of immaculately restored, privately owned veteran cars together as one collection. It's something unique in the State, and people travel from all over Australia to come to Wynyard to enjoy it over the years."

"Council is grateful to Dale and Cheryl Elphinstone and family for their generosity in wanting the collection to remain together for the benefit of the local area."

The decision to sell was a difficult one for Mr Ransley, however knowing the cars will bring joy for many years to come made the decision an easier one.

"I saw an opportunity in 2003 to use the cars as a drawcard to bring tourists in off the highway. I had no idea it would be as successful as it has been."

"I wish Dale all the best and thank him for coming on board to preserve the collection."

The Francis Ransley Veteran Car Collection can be viewed at the Wonders of Wynyard, 8 Exhibition Link Wynyard, which is currently open Monday to Saturday between 10am – 3pm.

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