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# **New look for Tait motors**

IT has been 50 years since Toyota was established in Moree.

With the construction of the new Tait Toyota building, the three owners over the 50 years got together to share their stories.

Doug and Di Fleming started the business in 1968 under Motorama Moree.

It was then owned by the Matthews family in 1983 where it became Moree Toyota.

Current owner David Tait bought the business in 2000 and is now known as Tait Toyota.

Mr Tait said he was excited to see the finishing product of the new buildings for Holden, Nissan and Toyota.

"I have a lot of faith in Moree and I also have very good staff that are always helping out," he said.

Mr Tait is hoping to have an official opening for the dealerships before Christmas this year.

"One of the new services we have is a drive-through servicing station where the girls meet you at the drive-in, take your car and show you to a bus that will take you into town. We will also pick you up when the service is finished or when you're ready," Mr Tait said.

Construction has finished at the Frome Street dealerships and Mr Tait is inviting everyone to check it out

"If you contact the branch manager, Simon Louis, he will be able to give you a time to go on a tour around the new dealership to see the changes," he said.

Doug and Di donated two frames to the Toyota and Nissan showrooms that highlighted the changes through the years.

In the frames were old newspaper clippings of advertisements along with old photos and stories done about the dealerships.

There were also photos of the showroom, workshop and building prior to the construction.



# The history of Toyota in Moree

By Doug Fleming

DOUG and Di Fleming were offered the Toyota Passenger Car Dealership in December 1967 by York Toyota Distributers.

At that time Motorama Moree had the Nissan Datsun dealership having starting it off back in October 1963.

The change over to the Toyota passenger car dealership took place in February 1968.

Previously it was held by Les Bryant, Lloyd's Garage who started the Toyota passenger cars in Moree from February 1964.

Doug saw a great future for the Toyota range especially the Crown cars and utilities winning trips to Japan in 1969 and 1970 for over sales targets in the State for those vehicles.

Crowns became a popular

vehicle in Moree

We thought that moving the business into town would help sales so in 1973 we purchased 119 Heber St from the Coppock Estate demolishing the house and land filling the block.

It seemed a good position as across the Street was FH Smith & Son the Chrysler Dodge Dealers and just down the street were NG Booths, the GMH Holden Dealers.

Plans were drawn up and submitted to the Moree council where we ran into problems having it approved.

It was not until 1977 when we were given the okay to build, but by this time sales had grown and Frome Street was well established.

The Heber Street block was now going to be too small and expansion there would have been difficult, so we sold it. In December 1978 the new extentions to the showroom were opened by the Mayor of Moree Alderman Perry James.

Looking for future expansion 430/432 Frome St was purchased from John Bray in June 1982 and the house was sold and moved down to a property on the Watercourse Road.

It would have been about September 1983 Toyota wanted all their range under the same roof.

All separate dealerships in Australia were advised of this.

Both or either one of us could have lost our dealership.

Robert and Phillip Matthews of WJ Matthews and Co who had the Toyota commercial vehicles and ourselves got together with us deciding to sell our business to them.

Sir Leslie Thiess started

importing Toyota Land Cruisers in 1958 for their Snowy Mountain Scheme.

Thiess (Sales) Pty Ltd were granted sole importers for Toyota in February 1961. Jack Matthews of WJ Matthews

and Co obtained the commercial dealership for Moree on August 15, 1963 which complemented his thriving machinery Business.

The Toyota Land Cruiser became a very popular vehicles as did other Toyota commercial models all with outstanding durability.

As from 28th November, 1983 the Matthews family took over the Toyota dealership on Frome St naming it "Moree Toyota" with Phillip Matthews Managing Director.

In 1984 they built an additional workshop and more area for new

and used vehicles to accommodate the commercial Toyota range at Frome Street.

It was after this that the commercial range was moved from Balo Street to Frome Street carrying on Toyota sales until they sold out on 1st October, 2000 to the Tait Auto Group who traded as Tait Toyota.

The Tait Auto Group was founded by Bob Tait and his wife as Tait Machinery at Inglewood in 1958 and is now operated by their son David with a Toyota dealership in Goondiwindi.

They have won a number of awards including Toyota Supreme Sales and Toyota Service and Parts Excellence Awards.

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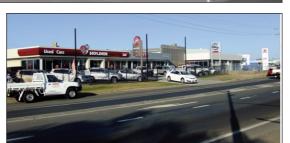














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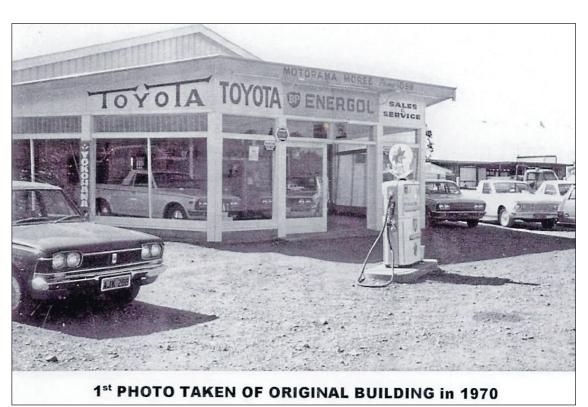


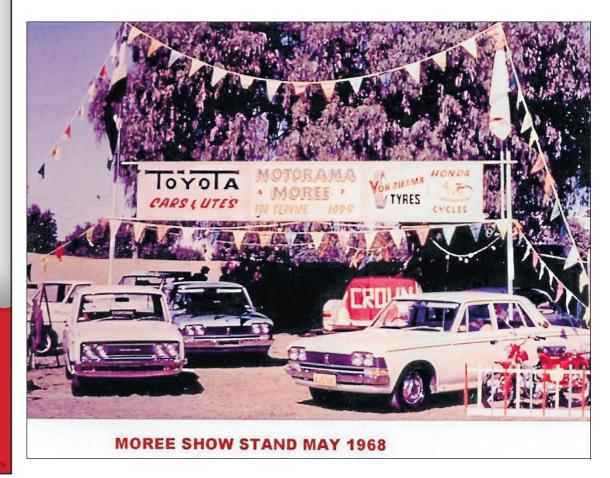
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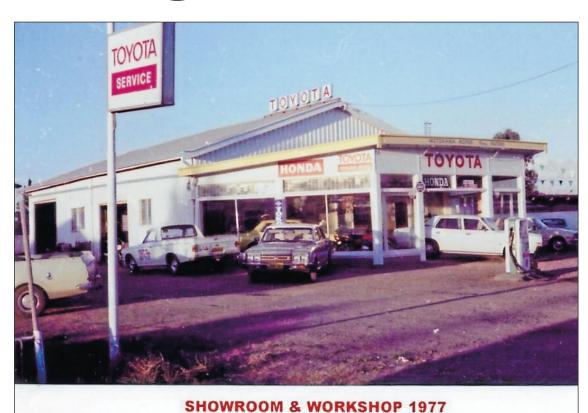
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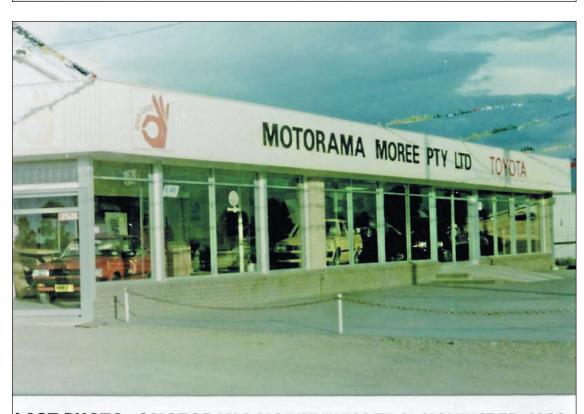
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