

## **TRIUMPH FOR BREATH**

Jack Evans of Armidale decided to turn his passion for car restoration into an awareness raising campaign for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Jack lost his dear wife Gill in June 2006 after she had battled COPD for some 16 years. Gill was on 24 hour oxygen for the last five years of her life.

Jack, father of five and grandfather of nine, has been restoring Triumph motor cars for nearly 30 years and bought the wreck of a Triumph Super Seven 35 years ago which has sat in his back shed for decades. After many hours of laborious work, the Triumph Super Seven is now completed and Jack intends to commemorate the journey taken by Percival Armstrong and his colleague George Manley. Armstrong and Manley drove from Perth across the Nullarbor to Sydney in 1929 in just eight and a half days in the same make and model car. On the 80th anniversary of the trek, Jack will be travelling with his daughter Alison and intends to make many stops along the journey to raise awareness about COPD and hopefully also raise much needed funds to assist the ongoing support and services provided by The Australian Lung Foundation.

Jack drove his Triumph from Armidale to Adelaide where the car continued its journey to Perth via Motorail on The Indian Pacific. Jack then departed from Perth at 10.30am on Sunday October 11, 2009. Jack's trek included the following locations: Perth - Kalgoorlie - Norseman - Eucla - Ceduna - Port Augusta - Peterborough - Broken Hill - Cobar - Nyngan - Narromine - Dubbo - Gilgandra - Coonabarabran - Gunnedah - Tamworth and home to Armidale. Jack hope to reach his final destination by late October.

