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Mount Isa Mines' 'Scorpion King' finds new home with local car enthusiasts

Mount Isa Mines has generously donated a valuable piece of steel fabrication equipment dubbed the 'Scorpion King' to the Mount Isa Restored Car Club.

The device, commonly known as an English Wheel, is used to shape sheet metal into smooth moulded panels perfect for restoring vintage and retro cars to their former glory. While this tried-and-true production method is labour intensive and requires a high level of skill, the effort is well worth it according to Mount Isa Restored Car Club Treasurer Urs Mueller.

"You can do so much with an English Wheel, from custom moulding special panels to fabricating mud guards for vintage models," Mr Mueller said.

"It's a very useful and valuable piece of equipment for our club, and our members are excited to have an English Wheel available for use.

"We're very grateful to Mount Isa Mines, and we thank them for the generous donation."

Mike Westerman, Chief Operating Officer Copper Assets North Queensland said he was happy to see the Scorpion King given a new life with the Mount Isa Restored Car Club.

"Through the year, we donate a range of goods and used equipment to different community groups," Mr Westerman said.

"It's satisfying to be able to contribute to the ongoing success of the local clubs and organisations that make Mount Isa such a vibrant and diverse place to live."

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