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MARGIE BEST & JIM COLLINGTON, KINGSGROVE NSW

+ GREAT old Val, Margie. Can you tell us a little about her?
It's a 1962 S Series with three on the tree. It's a completely stock-standard Valiant. We've done no modifications and we don't plan to. I won't even let my husband Jim install a CD player.

+ How long has she been in your hands?
We started looking eight years ago and settled pretty quickly on getting a '62. We found it on-line, drove down to the south coast to have a look and just fell in love the moment we saw it.

+ What was it about the S Series that stole your heart?
It's always been a favourite. It's classic, timeless and just a really cool car. I love the classic shapes and lines and even with the original engine, it's still a really reliable daily drive.

+ What other beauties have you had?
I had a '69 Beetle and a string of other girly cars but I always wanted an older car.

+ We hear your love for vintage styling goes far beyond the old Val.
We live a very retro and vintage lifestyle, and our house is decked out that way. We collect everything from music to furniture and bric-a-brac. We teach rockabilly dance and about nine years ago we started to DJ under the name Limpin' Jimmy and the Swingin' Kitten for all kinds of events.

+ What is rockabilly dancing?
It's a little like rock'n'roll, but a lot faster, a lot cooler and a lot more fun. The steps are quite simple. We have people come to one lesson and can go away and dance that night. 

