

AUSTRALIAN ARIEL REGISTER – BIKE DATA BASE

The Secretary maintains a data base of bikes owned by current and former A.A.R. members as well as those Ariel bikes known to exist in Australia but not owned by A.A.R. members. Over time it has become difficult to maintain the data base as members pass their bikes onto other member, change engines or sell bikes to non-members. The only way to keep the data base up-to-date is for members to provide the details of bikes they own and this can be done when they renew their membership. Many members simply state 'no change', which is not much use for refining the data base when that member's details in the data base may not be current, and of little value when there is no record of their bikes' engine/frame numbers. The information needed to purify and maintain the data base is **Model, Year, Engine No, and Frame No** of Ariel bikes owned. Do not include details of other makes owned as the data base is only for recording details of Ariel bikes and major parts, but please do list any spare engines and frames as the information is useful for A.A.R. members looking for parts and helps 'keep Ariels on the road'.

There are currently 1062 bikes listed the data base, plus 15 frames and 28 engines. The list has been developed from information provided on renewal forms and gained from non-members (such as enquiries and for sale advertisements of complete bikes and spares). Of these complete bikes, 600 have engine and frame numbers listed. A number of bikes appear on the data base only either engine number (1040 bikes) or frame (606 bikes) listed. It is not always clear from the data provided by members if these numbers relate to complete bikes or parts (i.e. engine only or frame only). Entries that could not be substantiated (i.e. no engine or frame number) have now been removed from the main list. So if an A.A.R. member does not see a listing of the bike model they own, it is because bike details have not been provided.

To ensure that the data base provides an accurate snapshot of members' bikes, **members are requested to complete details of all bikes they own when renewing their membership** or, if having already renewed and not completed the bike details on the form, members can download the bike details form [here](#) and submit it to the Secretary anytime. The concept that road traffic authorities generally follow for year model is VIN (frame number) as engines and crankcases seem to be interchanged more than frames. However, some bikes might be best dated by the type of hardware as well as engine/frame (e.g. forks and steering head, tank and panels from a particular period may be more representative of a model), so when a bike is a hybrid of different year model parts, an explanatory note can be added with the form to support the claim to year-model. If you have recently sold a bike, please let the Secretary know (if possible also list name of purchaser).

The current list of bikes (by model and year only) can be viewed [here](#). This list is continually being updated as more information is received with membership renewals. A listing of bikes by models only can be viewed [here](#).

A.A.R. Secretary.