

## THOMMO HIT FOR SIX BY MILLION DOLLAR AUSSIE FORD

*The car sold by Australian cricketer Jeff Thomson over 30 years ago, an original GTHO Phase III dubbed "Big Red", is set to fetch \$1 Million at Lloyds Classic Car Auction.*

"This car broke a record for being the fastest 4 door car in the World. Since Australian car manufacturing has ceased, it seems to me that prices have kicked on and Lloyds Auctions are set to break another record" said Jeff Thomson.

Saturday June 16 marks a very special day in Bathurst, NSW as the home of Australian Motorsport becomes the new headquarters of Lloyds Classic Car Auctions. Lloyds have a huge event planned with an impressive lineup of classics, including this GTHO Phase III which is expected to be the most expensive Australian muscle car ever to be sold when it goes under the hammer.

Australian cricketer Jeff Thomson who holds the record of the World's fastest bowler believes his old 'Big Red' - the World's fastest production car of its time – could fetch over \$1 Million when it goes under the hammer. Back in 1971 this car could be bought brand new for just over \$5K. This GTHO Phase III, a very original car right down to the seat belts, spare tyre and carpets was bought by Jeff for \$23K just over 30 years ago and is now expected to fetch over \$1 Million at auction.

The current owner of this 1971 GTHO PHASE III, says "This car has a soul. Everybody knows where it has been". You won't find a car like 'Big Red', with such an undisputed history and strong chain of ownership. The new custodian will inherit all original log books of its immaculate journey, along with photos of Jeff in his prized possession. "A car like this is not easy to find; it has a great history being housed with other GT's, never taken out in the wet and had a famous Australian owner. A Phase III is one thing, but a high quality one is most certainly another."

The GTHO PHASE III 'Big Red' is in great company. Alongside it at auction is a massive lineup including the 'Red Rocket', an undisputed A9X Torana 4 door prototype in Mandarin Red.

Additionally, there is a Ford delivered race car tow Ute for Allan Moffat's Mustang. This Ute is one of the most highly optioned vehicles delivered by Ford.

Auction day is set to be a massive event for the town of Bathurst, with Sydneysiders gearing up for the road trip. There will be a lineup of collector cars on display alongside Lloyds Classic Car Auction with local radio stations bringing live entertainment to the event. Free magazines, sausage sizzle, coffees and drinks will also be available as the motoring community meet the mountain for a historic event.

Lloyds invite you to join in this incredible trip down memory lane and witness history right in the heart of motor sport racing, Bathurst. With one of their greatest historic car line ups yet, you're sure to enjoy a great show on June 16.

Bids can be made in person on the day, or view and bid online at: [www.lloydsauctions.com.au/classiccars](http://www.lloydsauctions.com.au/classiccars)

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