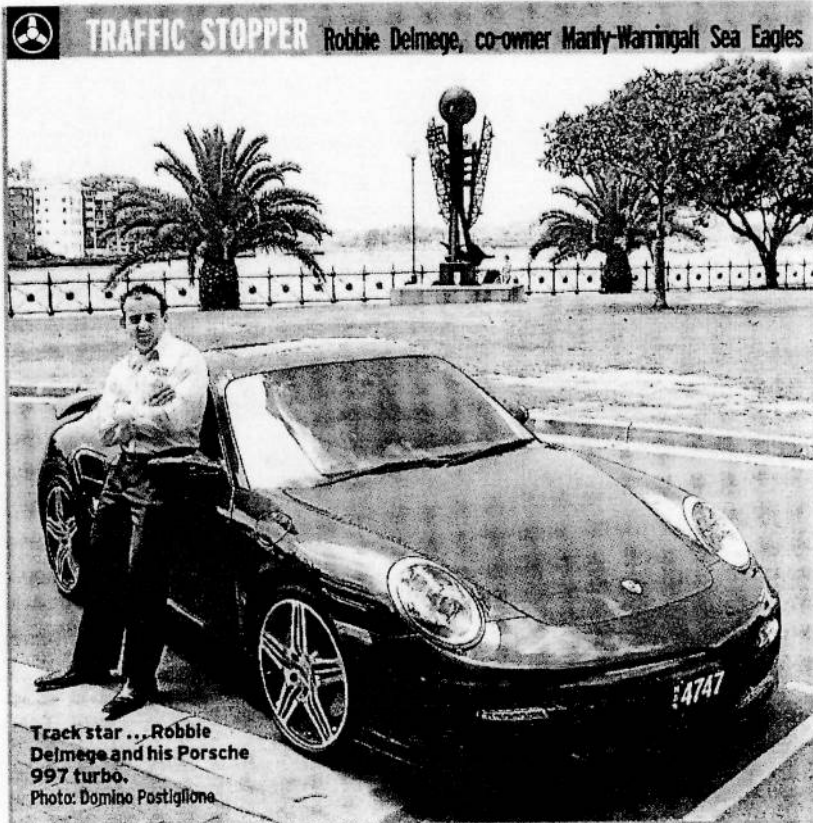


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Track star ... Robbie Delmege and his Porsche 997 turbo.
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What was your first car? It was a 1969, bright green, of all colours, Toyota Celica. It was a liftback, one of those LT 2000s. My father helped me find it. It wasn't obviously the ideal colour but at that age, a car's a car. Apart from the colour, I mostly remember the fact that it kept breaking down. It was a very old, unreliable car. But they typically are for your first.

What are you driving now? I'm pretty fortunate these days. My primary car is the new Porsche [911] 997 turbo, which is just an amazing motor car. It's fast, it's sexy and it handles. When I can, I take it to track days at Eastern Creek. I had the 996 turbo just before this one and this 997's a better car around the track. I can push up to 260-270kmh down the straight. It's just a great car. Because it's one of the only Porsches that is four-wheel-drive, it handles like a treat. It's great to let these cars do what they were built to do. The track is a perfect outlet, not only to let the car have a bit of a hammering, but also for yourself after a stressful month of business.

What's your ideal car? I'm going to buy a new Lamborghini this year but if I had the choice of anything right now I'd probably buy a Mercedes SL65 AMG. It's a beautiful car.

What's your favourite bumper sticker? Do you have one on the Porsche perhaps? Mate, I certainly don't [laughs]. But I'm a Sea Eagles supporter, so my favourite would have to be a Sea Eagles-related sticker.

If you could have a personal bumper sticker, what would it say? I think it would be something along the lines of, 'If you can read this, it won't be for long'. I've got a track record for driving fast. That's why I go out to the track.

What's your pet road peeve? Just hesitant drivers – drivers without confidence. But my pet, complete hate is people pulling out of streets and going straight into the outside lane. You see it all the time. Instead of going into the inside or the middle, they'll go straight to the outside, which is where the guys that drive quick are typically coming through.

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