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Sol claims car runs on water

Replacing petrol with water to power his car has occupied self-titled cosmic water mechanic Sol Millin in recent weeks. Using a glass jar of water and three bits of stainless steel tubing connected to the carburettor, Sol and his Daihatsu Charade have been trundling between Myocum and Mullumbimby with only the occasional hiccup.

Several months ago Sol and a group of like minded friends formed Byron New Energy dedicated to researching and developing devices that use clean renewable energy sources. Based on an existing design known as Joe's Cell, Sol put together his primitive fuel cell in a workshop in Myocum.

With the help of some of the boys at Farm Care Sol fixed up a tap on his Daihatsu to switch off the petrol and switch on the water cell. An elated Sol continued his

series of water powered sorties reaching as far afield as Brunswick with only a few backfires.

Sol says Byron New Energy's aim is to publicise these kind of simple power sources to the general public saying that even the technically challenged could manufacture a Joe's Cell.

'We want to find useful power sources for the planet and are hoping to find one

that enables people to power vehicles for free. I'd like to see a little black box in the corner of every house which provides power and costs nothing.'

Sol's work on perfecting the cosmic water cell is still continuing but he is confident of success, so keep an eye out in the Myocum area for a 1983 Daihatsu Charade driven by a man with a big smile on his face.



Sol Millin with his Joe's Cell. Photo Jeff Dawson