

OpelAus.com Official Privacy Statement

Your privacy is important to us.

OpelAus.com (together and separately known as “we”, “us”, “our” “the Forums”) will not give, sell, trade or rent your private information to others under any circumstances. We do not supply your private information to other except where we:

- May be required to do so under Australian law (e.g. by Court Order, Subpoena or law enforcement agencies under statutory or other powers);
- Are trying to prevent abuse of the Forums or our systems (e.g. denial of service attack, network intrusion or where a user is abusing or threatening users or staff);
- Are of the reasonable view that there may be an actual or potential breach of the law (e.g. where the Forums are being used for the furtherance of crimes or illegal activities).

Extreme care is taken to ensure the security of your private information. The term “information” includes your registration details (such as your working email address) as well as statistics, preferential settings and Private Message correspondence. It is our policy to allow our users to provide as much – or as little – personal information to us as they feel comfortable doing.

It is important to be aware that when you voluntarily provide personal information in an article reply or in the forums, that information will not be protected by this privacy statement (reasonable requests for deletion will usually be honoured however). For this reason, we strongly discourage the offering of personal details in any post you make.

What information do we gather?

We use a feature of your browser called a “cookie” to assign a “User ID”. Cookies, by themselves, cannot be used to find out your identity or the identities of any of our users. Cookies only identify your computer to our servers. A noticeable benefit of using a cookie is not having to log in every time you visit.

Why do we gather the information?

We aim to provide you with better services and more compelling reasons to come back and visit us. The information you provide us will personalise your experience, and provide just the information you are interested in receiving. We analyse what our users like and don't like, so that we can constantly improve them for your use.

Who can see information about me?

Only Forum Owners (Administrators) and Senior Moderators can see your private information (such as your working email address (your registration email address) and IP addresses). Forum Owners (Administrators) can intercept Private Message correspondence for investigative purposes only.

A user has insulted or upset me. Can I have their private information?

No.

However, public contact details for each user are listed on the user's profile page, if they have chosen to supply them. They can be viewed simply by clicking on a user's name in the Forums.

I suspect that a user is posting from multiple accounts. How can I check?

If you suspect that a user is using multiple accounts to try and win an argument, or to spam the Forums, please contact us immediately. We will then check for duplicate accounts.

Please note that we will never reveal details (such as email addresses, IP addresses etc...) of a user's account to anyone.

Can you tell me if another user has been penalised?

No.

With the exception of being "In the Penalty Box", all moderation actions will be discussed only with the user that is the subject of those actions.

Analytics Services

We employ the use of analytics services which helps us analyse the trends of our users using their use of the Forums. These trends include browser types and versions, dates and times, IP addresses, referrers, keywords, Meta information, entry and exit pages, country locations and commonly viewed pages etc...

Such trends cannot individually identify a person.