



NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Official Newsletter of the Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc. (formed 1967)



“Goodbye Kenny”

We say goodbye to Ken Folliot, a member for 50 years and a true friend. Above he is pictured (right) with his 1927 A7 Roadster with some family friends, possibly taken at the time he joined the club.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

A7 General Meeting - Friday 13th February - 7:30 pm start

Sunday 15th Feb. - A7 Valentine Welcome to the West Run

Details inside of the start time and location

A7 General Meeting - Friday 13th March - 7:30 pm start

Editorial Comments

Here we already well into 2026, with a stack of events already planned by our committee for club members to attend and enjoy with local runs and invitation rallies for the more adventurous! We also have a wonderful inflow of new members, which shows there is still a very healthy interest in Lord Austin's little, long lived "Baby" and the Austin Seven still proves itself a marvel of Motoring, while other clubs seem to be turning to driving more modern cars, many of which did not exist when our club was formed in 1967! You will see by our cover and the story in this issue that we have lost yet another wonderful older member who needs no introduction to our longer serving members, namely the late and incomparable Ken Folliott, a man who lived a most interesting life.

Editor Tim Braby

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

We have a website at which you can view. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.

All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.

austin7.org.au/events& Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2025

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. EVENTS

I will endeavour to keep you regularly informed of A7 Reg. Qld updates as they occur by updating our website. Please let me know if you hear about any of the "External Events" that I have listed on the A7



Website that have been cancelled or postponed.

Also Very Important: Make sure you have cancelled any accommodation bookings you may have had for any cancelled or postponed A7 Event.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions/comments etc. about our A7 Websites.

Always check our A7 Register Qld Web site for possible recent

updates/cancellations/postponements prior to attending any event. And IF IN ANY

DOUBT - contact the event organisers to find out what the situation is. Happy Motoring

and stay safe & well.

A list of all the 2025 A7 Events is now posted on our A7 Website & our A7 Facebook site.

Neil Thyer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master.

Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.

Please check for updates on the A7 Register Website: <http://austin7.org.au/>

Do not forget it is always recommended that while on all Events and Runs, you carry your current Membership Card along with any information about the event you are attending. It will be necessary to produce this information if you are confronted, for any reason, by a member of the Police Force or a Transport and Main Roads Inspector while participating in an Event.

An addition to our A7 Website is the inclusion of a list of new A7 spare parts available to members. The Catalogue of parts can be viewed in the "A7 Spare Parts" section of our A7 Website. For spare parts enquiries, phone our Spares Technical Officer, Trevor, on 3848 5575 or email temoore@live.com.au.

Friday 13th February 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th February 2026: A7 Valentine Welcome to the West Run 3. This Run is organised by Colin & Gay Jacobson Ph. 0407 627 206. Run participants are to meet from 9am at the Mt Coot-Tha Botanical Gardens Café, bottom of Mt Coot-Tha, where Morning Tea can be purchased or BYO. The Run will then commence at around 10am to 10.30am following Morning Tea at the Café and proceed to Fig Tree Pocket Riverside Reserve for a BYO Lunch.

Friday 13th March 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th March 2026: A7 Run to Pinelands Hall Centenary Festival and Vintage Car Display. This event is organised by the Pinelands Lions and our A7 & Lions member, Hugh ph. 0412 096 186. Members attending are required to drive their cars from home to arrive at the Lions Heritage Hall, 21 Nathan Street, Runcorn (off Beenleigh Road) by 10am. At the venue will be a live band, Vintage cars, food trucks, a market and more. BYO morning tea & lunch although food & drink will be available at the venue.

Friday 10th April 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th April 2026: The President's Long Run is on again in 2026. Like last year the run will span over a weekend with members welcome to attend on both days or just one. Our overnight stop will be at Esk. The exact route is yet to be confirmed but the dates will be the 11th and 12th of April. Our current plan is to leave from Mount Coot-Tha and head to Esk via Dayboro, Woodford and Somerset Dam.

After spending the night in Esk, we'll head to the Walkabout Creek Discovery Centre that's adjacent to Enoggera Reservoir. Sunday drivers can meet us there for lunch or at Mount Glorious for morning tea. The route will be tested sometime soon but it's likely that we'll cover around 220km on day one and maybe a bit over 100km on day two.

There are multiple accommodation options including the Esk Caravan Park and Hotel. I've made some inquiries already and it seems that the single night stays fill up pretty fast so bookings will be essential. I'll book a room at the Caravan Park or their nearby Valley



Trail Motel, but most places are within walking distance. For further information, or to register your interest, contact President Steve 0418 814 501.

Friday 8th May 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Thursday 10th to Monday 15th June 2026: A7 Register June Event: Austins Over Australia. This event is hosted by the Austin Motor Vehicle Club of Qld and is to be held in Maryborough, Qld. The weekend consists of organised drives, car displays and visits to local places of interest. To register your interest, email AOA2024@amvcnsw.com.au or contact Tony Groom 0412 036 774. Information about this event can be found in the "2026 Austins over Australia" section of our A7 Website.

Friday 12th June 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th January 2026: Allora Heritage Weekend & Swap Meet, hosted by Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, to be held at the Allora Show Grounds. \$10/person/day. For more information phone Graham: 0428 717 623.

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February 2026: 50th annual DDVVMC Toowoomba Swap Meet to take place at the Toowoomba Show Grounds. Open to public from 6am both days. The Swap Meet closes at 6pm Saturday & 12pm Sunday. Admission is \$15/person on Saturday & \$5/person on Sunday. Parking is free. For further details contact Swap Co-ordinator, Bill Shepherd, ph. 0499 990 622. The NSW A7 Club will have a stall there and will be selling second hand A7 parts at the Meet.

Sunday 29th March 2026: 39th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am (Public entry at 6.30am) and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian & display car's passengers' entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122. No dogs, smoking or vaping allowed on school grounds.

Sunday 3rd May 2026: Lockyer Swap Meet organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds beginning at 6.30am. Vendor sites are free. Vendor and public entry \$5. Contact The Secretary email: sec.lama@hotmail.com or phone Paul Matthei 0434 161 434 for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, etc.

Saturday 16th May: External A7 Register Invitation Event: The Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club are holding the **2026 Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show** at the Recreation Precinct, Bundaberg. Public Entry \$5pp. Public Entry: 9am to 2.30pm. Entrants Entry: 6am to 8.30am. For more information, contact Reuben ph. 0456 647 280. Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel, etc.

Saturday 16th May: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited by the QHMC to attend the **National Motoring Heritage Day** at Ormiston State School enter via Wellington Street, Ormiston. Gates open from 7am. Entry: Display Car \$10. Spectators \$2. Activities, stalls, food & drink available. Proceeds of day to Robert Shannon Foundation and Farm Angels. RSVP and Enquiries: president@qhmc.net.au or phone 0413 553 173.

Sunday 17th May: External A7 Register Invitation Event: The President of the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club (Albert Budworth) has invited our Club to join their Club on a **Run to Celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day** on Sunday 17th May. The run will commence from Ormiston State School, Dundas Street, Ormiston at 9.30am.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May: TO BE CONFIRMED External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to the **Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show** at Rocklea Showgrounds. Gates for public open 8.30am to 4pm on Saturday and 8.30am to 2.30pm Sunday. Exhibitor entry from 1pm Friday 16th May. Visitor Adults \$10 entry. Trucks, Tractors,

Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th June 2026: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Austins Over Australia. (YES, IT IS ONLY A FEW SHORT MONTHS AWAY!)



AOA Maryborough QLD

10/6/26 TO 15/6/26

Newsletter #4



Registrations for the 2026 AOA in June 2026 in Maryborough Qld have doubled since newsletter #3 was issued. **Thank you.** If you are coming to Maryborough now is the time to register. There are 5 months before we gather in this beautiful part of Queensland. You don't have 5 months to register though as registrations will close before then. (Date to be decided). We will issue another newsletter in February detailing this date and include

our AOA Regalia items for sale. Again, the ordering and payment process will be via our web site. Items purchased will be available for collection with your rally bag at the Meet and Greet. Let your Austin friends and other club members know.

FOR DETAILS OF REGISTRATION, PAYMENT & PROGRAMME, ETC. PLEASE Refer to details printed in the last Austin 7 Register Newsletter, sent back in December 2025.

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Old Inc

Meeting No. 656, 12th December 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President Steve declared the meeting opened at 7.35 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 23 members signed the Attendance Book

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC, Matt P, Colin & Gay J, Peter D, Fiona R

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the November meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Neil. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Thank you to John Q for the reports on the National Rally & Temora

Correspondence IN & OUT: Newsletters from other clubs

QHMC newsletter No. 26 & November Minutes.

Membership inquires & Membership application from Geoff Olh

A7 Register printing Invoice

Phone call & messages re Xmas Lunch

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Trevor. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: 45 coming to A7 Xmas Lunch

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave her report on the Clubs finances. Still waiting for our Auditors Report. Then moved her report be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by David N. Carried

QHMC Report: as attached

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some good sales this month.

2nd Hand Parts Report: No Sales

Editors Report: Tim has had news from overseas about our newsletter

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Masters Report: Neil has the website up to date.

Club Events:

14th Dec A7 Xmas Party at Clubrooms
2026
11th Jan Monster A7 2nd Hand Parts Sale, Boronia Heights
26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School
15th Feb Valentines Day Run organized by Colin & Gay J
10-15th June AOA, Maryborough

Other Events:

24-25th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend
7-8th Feb Toowoomba Swap
7th March Dalby Swap
15th March Pinelands Centenary Festival
3rd May Lockyer Swap, Laidley Showgrounds

Check out the website for further details.

Past Reports:

16th Nov A7 Club run Cancelled due to weather reports.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Please see Robyn if you do not have your new A7 Register

Thank you to everyone for their donations towards our Xmas Hamper Raffle

Committee members please arrive on Sunday at 10am to help setup for lunch

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in December, wished Many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery. (Alan W from Golden Beach in & out of hospital)

Raffle: Not drawn tonight but you can still buy tickets for the draws on Sunday

Supper Organizer: Thank you everyone for tonight's supper.

JANUARY will be Murray & Fiona R

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 9th January 2026

Meeting Closed: As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was declared closed & everyone enjoyed supper. See you on Sunday for Xmas Lunch.

Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc.

Meeting No. 657, 9th January 2026

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting opened: The President Steve declared the meeting opened at 7.32 pm with a Happy New Year to everyone.

Also welcomed Noel Clarke, a past member, now has moved from the Sunshine State

Present: 19 members signed the Attendance Book & 2 visitors

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC, Peter B, Gay J, Molly N, & Fiona R

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the December Meeting & move it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Doug C. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence In & Out: Newsletters from other Clubs

Change of address for Peter Leach. Forwarded

All British Day 27th Sept. Forwarded

VCCAQ Swap 8th August, Clubrooms, Forwarded

McClean's Bridge 12th July CANCELLED. Forwarded

MYOB Invoice

Phone call from Trevor & Bev McC re apologies for tonight & Sunday.

Ken Folliot's passing & details of service. Forwarded

Geoff Singleton in palliative care. Forwarded

Contact from Nigel Streat re not in Register & passing of father, Jeff. Forwarded. (not joined A7 but AMVC) *e.g., wrong club!*

OUT: Clubrooms booked for 15-16th Aug & 13th Dec for club events.

Letter sent to Derek L re club rego

Register & Newsletters posted (\$3-40 & \$5-20 each)

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Murry. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon read her report then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by David N. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Editors Report: Newsletters ready for posting

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some good sales

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug hopes everyone buys up big on Sunday

Web Master Report: Neil has it up to date until May

Club Events:

11th Jan Monster 2nd Hand Parts Sale, 9am, Boronia Heights

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

15th Feb Valentines Day Run organized by Colin & Gay J

10-15th June AOA, Maryborough

Other Events:

24-25th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

7-8th Feb Toowoomba Swap

7th March Dalby Swap

15th March Pinelands Centenary Festival

3rd May Lockyer Swap, Laidley Showgrounds

Check out the website for further details

Past Reports:

14th Dec A7 Xmas Party 39 members

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Ken Folliott service discussed.

Other visitor welcomed. Norman Wilson with a 1927 Chummy

Birthdays: If you are having a Birthday in January, Many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery

Raffle: Winners= Ian & Valda , & Ewen

Supper Organizer: Thanks to Murray for tonight's supper

February= Rhonda



Robyn

News of Members

This time we have a bumper intake of new members. They include James and Nina Stretch and family of Beerwah who own a 1928 Austin 7 Roadster.

We have also been contacted by Derek and Linda Lobwein from Charters Towers who sent this photo of a very smartly turned out 1928 Roadster pictured left. Previously the car belonged to Bill and Del Parker of Townsville., who were also Register members Derek has experience working on vintage cars and is intrigued that this car has an all



brass distributor with a disc shaped rotor, push in plug leads, big square condenser, and points like a Model A Ford!

Another new member with a past members car is Greg and Robyn Ohl of Tinana, near Maryborough. Their car is the late Bill Ohls car, lovely to see the car is staying in the family. Below is a photo of their car printed in the Sunday Mail in 1978 when the car was on the International Veteran and Vintage Rally that travelled from Sydney up to the Gold Coast.



Then we also welcome Norman Wilson who introduced himself at the meeting in January. Norman has bought a 1927 Chummy which was for sale in Melbourne.

And to round out a bumper crop of new members, please welcome Christine Kidd and Pauline Gaven of Manly who have a 1937 Big Seven Saloon. They approached club members at the Australia Rally gathering at Ormiston and joined up straight away! The editor having owned a Big Seven nearly 40 years ago would love to see this one!

It was very nice to have a visit from Noel Clarke at our January General

Meeting. Noel was a regular member but moved down to Victoria where Noel is a member of our sister club. Nice to see you mate!

We have also heard that our past President Geoff Singleton is under palliative care at the Canossa Hospital at Oxley. I know you will all join the Committee wishing all the best to Geoff and his family,

Goodbye to Ken Folliott **1936 – 2025**

THE EARLY YEARS

On the 13th of February family and friends gathered to celebrate Ken's life at his former home in Coorparoo. Coincidentally it was also his birthday as Ken was born in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia on 13th of January 1936. The 13th of January 2026, would have been his 90th birthday, a milestone as his Ken's early years were shaped by constant relocation, as his father served as a senior commissioner in the British Colonial Police across Malaysia and Singapore during the Empire's final years. His childhood was marked by changing cultures and temporary homes. Ken, raised by Malay nannies who spoke only Bahasa, later joked that he didn't learn proper English until age four or five, having first picked up local language rhythms. In 1941, as war overtook Europe, Ken's family left Singapore for Australia since travel to Britain was unsafe. Ken, age five, his sisters and their parents



undertook a five-day journey by Sunderland Flying Boat. While their parents tried to make it an adventure, Ken and his sisters felt anxious, leaving behind their toys and keepsakes and expecting to return, only to find that wasn't possible.

By early 1942 Ken's father was called back to duty in Singapore, leaving his family in Mount Barker, South Australia, a safer place for them at the time.

Ken's father was interred in Changi Prison after the fall of Singapore, leaving his mother to support the family. Ken and Pat attended a local convent school while their mother worked tirelessly to provide for them and baby Sally. Despite uncertainty, Ken admired his mother's resourcefulness and drew strength from her example.

Graduating from Roseworthy Agricultural College, Ken worked as a truck driver for a jam factory in Adelaide before seeking jobs in Queensland. He first worked at a Jondaryan property, living modestly in a small room under the house and enduring cold conditions. When the property sold, he moved to Currumbin with his parents, then joined ICI.

He worked 35 years at ICI, excelling in both agricultural chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

The family say that during hospital stays, Ken often quizzed nurses and doctors on treatments, infection control, and medications to test their knowledge!

After 35 years at ICI, he was made redundant and briefly worked in real estate before spending seven years at Pfizer. Later, he became a contractor for Australia Post, earning respect for his reliability and care.

Known for his honesty, he received gifts from clients and continued working until age 81, only giving up when his body started to give up on him.

Ken's passion for cars led him to briefly work as a chauffeur, driving luxury vehicles like Cadillacs, Rolls Royce's, and Mercedes. Spotting a market need for vintage cars, Ken bought and restored a 1936 Rolls Royce Limousine over four years. The beautiful car you see today,

CARS AND CLUBS

Ken owned three different types of cars that each defined a period of his life: the Fiat 503, Austin 7s, and a Rolls Royce.

The fate of the 1929 Fiat 503 is unknown, but considering his habit of rough use, it was probably worn out. Ken's father bought him the Fiat 503 for driving to the Roseworthy Agricultural College, near the Barossa Valley in 1953, sparking his passion for vintage cars. Driving it full throttle at 50 mph, he earned the nickname "The King of the Road".

After moving to Qld and starting work, he bought a 1927 Austin 7, in poor condition but managed to keep it running for several years, even during his courtship with Bev. Their outings were memorable—he only had one side curtain, which he moved depending on the seat, and Bev sometimes had to help push the car uphill. Not sure if that was really the way to a girl's heart!

After their marriage, the Austin 7 was replaced by a family car and left to rust at Bev's parents' Sunnybank property. When the land was sold, Ken retrieved what remained of the car, and he still has those parts in his shed.

While traveling for work, he spent hours searching for Austin 7 cars and parts throughout the State. He restored a 1929 utility, which he got on the road; and bought a converted mini-Austin 7 ride-on mower from a North Queensland farmer, which was used for years at Coorparoo and now sits under a tarp in the garden.

Ken was a member of the Austin 7 Club for over 50 years – one of the longest serving members. He enjoyed club events even without a working car.

Recently, his family took him to All British Day in his Rolls Royce, where he reconnected with old friends

Family tribute to Ken with his 1936 Rolls Royce as a backdrop at the Celebration of his Life



Above Ken and his famous Austin 7 Mower

at the Austin 7 Club area. The family also met a neighbour with a baby Austin 7, and Ken enjoyed showing him his shed of “treasures”.

Ken's 1936 Rolls Royce, his pride and joy, has taken part in numerous National Rallies and won several awards. Notable events include Melbourne (2004), Canberra (2011), Adelaide (2018, to which he drove solo), and Toowoomba (2019). And whilst he never managed to get the car licensed as a commercial limousine, it was used countless times over the years to transport friends and family to weddings, balls and school formals – and the silly bugger never charged anyone! He belonged to the Rolls Royce Owners Club of Qld and attended gatherings whenever possible. When Ken could no longer drive, his children drove him so he could continue participating.

As we say farewell, let's celebrate the legacy he leaves behind. Let us continue to live as he did—with integrity, generosity, and love. Through us, his spirit will endure, and his memory will remain alive in our hearts.

Kindly supplied by Ken's daughter Sue and Family

PAST CLUB EVENT REPORTS



CHRISTMAS LUNCH **— Sunday 14 December 2025**

There was action at the Carindale Clubrooms early on Sunday morning, as Committee members and helpers arrived to set up for the A7 Register of Queensland's Annual 2025 Christmas lunch. Tables were decorated, raffle prizes set up, and food prepared.

By 11.30am, everything was ready to welcome Club members. In total, 39 members were in attendance. While most members enjoyed the air conditioning of their modern cars to travel to and from the lunch, Justin McK braved the heat and humidity of a typical Brisbane summer's day and drove his A7. Ewen trailered his A7, which is currently a work-in-progress; it generated a lot of interest, with members gathering around the vehicle to inspect, admire and undoubtedly to offer advice.

Before lunch was served, members mingled and chatted, as well as bought raffle tickets in the Monster Christmas Raffle from Raffle Queen Valda and Assistant Raffle Queen Karyn. Many had their eyes on winning one of the two large Christmas hampers, while others had identified one of the many minor prizes that they would choose if they were lucky enough for their ticket to be drawn out. All raffle prizes were generously donated by our Club members over the last few months.



At around midday, members took their chosen seats and were welcomed by President Steve. Following the strict instructions on the route to be taken to collect one's lunch and return to one's seat, members filed outside and queued up, plate in hand, to be served a delicious lunch of bread rolls, chicken, ham, coleslaw, cheese, pineapple and salad items. It was all so tasty, that some members returned for seconds.

Following the main course, President Steve made a special presentation of a framed certificate to Rhonda & Ross, thanking them for their organisation of the Temora Rally in October. The Temora Rally was enjoyed by its attendees, many of whom had also been to the A7 National Rally at Murray Bridge. While dessert was being prepared, Robyn distributed her annual wordsearch. This year the words were even more impossible than usual, including many yoga terms in Sanskrit. The task this year was a little different, with participants having to complete the wordsearch and then use the remaining letters to work out a secret message. The winner of this challenging task was Julie M, who was presented with a cute owl ornament for her efforts.

As usual, First Lady Helen had done an amazing job creating individual mini- cheesecakes, with layers of biscuit, spiced rum-soaked fruit cake, cheesecake, cream and blueberries. Alternatively (or as well!), there



was delicious fresh fruit salad and ice-cream on offer. It certainly took members much less time to consume dessert than it did for Helen to make them.

President Steve, with the assistance of Raffle Queen Valda, then conducted the Monster Christmas Raffle draws after dessert. Peter D was invited to draw the first ticket, with

one of the two Christmas hampers being won by Bev & Trev; the winner of the second Christmas hamper was the Potts family, represented at the lunch by Aileen. The lucky winners of the minor prizes were Ewen, Elaine, Lindsay, Greg R, Ian & Valda, Peter D, David & Kirsty, Molly, Doug (Honey), Yuriko, Ann B, and Karyn & Neil. A big thank you to all Club members who donated to the raffles, enabling a fabulous array of prizes to be offered.

A big thank you to Secretary Robyn for her tireless organisation of this successful event, as well as the Committee members and others who organised and prepared the food. Thank you also to all the members who contributed to setting up and cleaning up. With so many members pitching in with the cleaning up, we were all soon able to head to our respective homes.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members and their families! We look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Karyn

ANNUAL MONSTER SECOND-HAND SPARE PARTS SALE – Sunday 11 January 2026



By 9.30am on the morning of the annual Monster Second-Hand Parts Sale, the driveway of Doug & Robyn's home was packed with vehicles belonging to members eager to partake of the sale bargains when the doors opened. In total, there were 26 Club members in attendance, with most arriving in their modern cars, but Lyn arrived in his Austin 10, Ian & Valda in their Austin Lancer, Merv & Margaret in their A7 and Karen & Bill in the Austin Freeway.

In the backyard, members could be found in one of two places – either searching through the shed to find that elusive spare part they needed for their A7 or sitting under the outdoor gazebo in Doug & Robyn's lovely garden.

In the shed, Spare Parts Manager Trevor and Second-Hand Spare Parts Manager Doug assisted members to find what they needed and to price items, with parts being carried away and loaded into cars. Meanwhile, the coffee and conversation flowed in the gazebo area, where Robyn and others had provided a lovely spread of cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee for morning tea.

By about 10.30am, sales had finished and everyone enjoyed morning tea together. At the conclusion of morning tea, President Steve thanked everyone for attending and gave a special thank you to Doug & Robyn for hosting the event. At around 11am, members gradually started to take their leave.

Once again, thank you to attendees and especially to those who made purchases, and to Doug & Robyn for hosting yet another most enjoyable A7 event.

Karyn

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club & RACQ Australia Day event – Monday 26th January 2026

Australia Day at Ormiston State School was another huge annual success with around 730 cars of all "vintages" on display from 7am. The day was hot and sunny as many participants and visitors partook of the free breakfast and pleasant atmosphere of the school grounds.

There was one A7 on display – that of Justin. Other A7 Members driving their Classic cars were Doug & Robyn in their Mini, Ian & Valda in their Austin Lancer and Lindsay & Sharon in their Holden Ute. Other A7 members arriving in their modern vehicles to participate in the event and enjoy the day were Trevor & Elaine and John Q.



At the cooking location was Chef Lindsay, assisted by Doug. Some interesting food statistics of the event: 30K Onions, 80 kg Sausages, 40 kg Bacon, 80 dozen Rolls and 5 loaves of Bread!

Busy selling raffle tickets were Secretary Robyn and Treasurer Sharon assisted by Valda.



**Ian & Valda's
Austin Lancer**



Justin, Elaine & John

At around 10am the raffles were drawn and of the eighteen raffle prizes on offer, none of our A7 members were fortunate to score any. Following the raffle draws and at around 10.30am, the optional navigation runs



Doug & Robyn's Mini



Raffle Ticket Sellers

through the Redlands Coast commenced for some, while for others, it was time to head home and out of the heat.

Our thanks go to the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club for yet another successful annual Australia Day event.

Neil

From the BVRC Website Thank you to RACQ Batteries for sponsoring our 2026 Australia Day Event. RACQ Batteries representative Jim Butler opened the event and spent a lot of time walking around speaking with everyone. Thank you too for the RACQ patrol who attended to offer anyone a free battery check and was later needed when one of the old cars on the field refused to start.

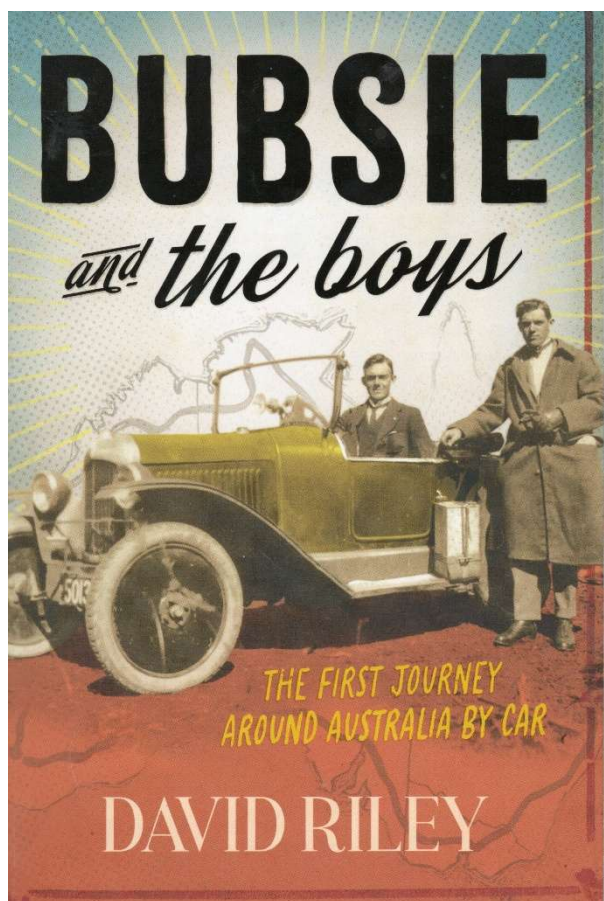
What I saw on my Holidays



Whilst on my Christmas break over the ditch in New Zealand, we were driving thru Masterton in the lovely green farming lands of the Wairarapa, we spotted this little “be-ute” utility. Turns out it belongs to a young local car enthusiast called Tim (NO relation). Tim says he will either sell it on or if he can, swap the chassis for that of a much later vehicle so he can get some serious performance out the little vehicle. It appears that this vehicle started off life as a Ruby sedan before the body was cut and shut into a cab utility. The timber pick up bed is made from grooved decking timber. There is a healthy interest in Austins in the NZ so hopefully someone may take pity on the little vehicle and keep it in its original state. The number plate is the normal all aluminium silver on black NZ issue which was introduced in 1965 when they did away with the system of a new number plate each year.

Tim

“Bubsie and the Boys” — A book review



I discovered this very interesting book whilst walking through Dymock’s bookstore. It was a story I knew so well ever since I discovered Bubsie II sitting in the Citroen Dealers showroom in Breakfast Creek in the late 1970s after Jim Reddiex and Bubsie II did a reenactment of the 1925 trip of a tiny little 5hp Citroen and two very young Seventh Day Adventists Missionaries.

Setting off on a “big lap” of Australia is an adventure today, but 100 years ago it was truly pioneering—especially when it wasn’t what you’d originally set out to do.

In 1925, there were no serviced roads in the great outback. No petrol stations. Nobody had ever driven the northern route from Perth to Darwin. So when 21-year-old Nevill Westwood approached his employer with a plan to explore the possibilities of outback Western Australia and the Northern Territory, there was some trepidation. But no-one else was volunteering to go except his friend Greg Davies. The journey that began with two young missionaries setting out on an errand for their church soon became an epic adventure through rugged landscapes and vast cattle stations. Travelling in a tiny second-hand Citroën nicknamed “Bubsie”—a car with less power than a modern ride-on lawnmower—the boys glimpsed the triumphs and tragedies of life in early 20th-century Australia, met memorable characters and ultimately found themselves in a race to be the first to lap the continent with two larger cars.

This is the true story of Bubsie and the boys.

The Author David Riley is a history and vintage car enthusiast with a love of travel and adventure. David is a father, husband and pastor living and working in Newcastle, but with roots in inner-west Sydney and a love for the South Sydney rugby league club.

If you like true adventure stories then this is the book for you, especially as one of the main characters is a Vintage Car. The book is 197 pages long and has lots of interesting photos of the actual journey.

Tim (with input from the Simon and Schuster website)

A FINAL PHOTO FROM THE 'OLD COUNTRY'



STOP PRESS Our friend Roly Alcock from the Hereford A7 Club found where our last newsletter's photo was taken. It is Bitton Railway Station, which was painstakingly restored by volunteers and now the centre of operations for the Avon Valley Railway just a few miles east of Bristol, and Roly reckons the cars pictured are members of the Bristol Austin 7 Club which I met on my travels thru Devon in 1997. *Tim*

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d Longreach Leap Badge 2009 \$8 (60mm wide)

e Brass Car Badge \$50 (85mm tall)

f A7 baseball Cap with adjustable strap \$25 - one size fits all!

Additionally official A7 Register Name Badges can also be obtained from Rhonda Guthrie for \$10 each email Rhonda at

guthrie45@bigpond.com. Pricing MAY vary with future availability.



Austin 7 Classifieds



For Sale 1929 Austin 7 RK Saloon.

Genuine Austin factory wide door aluminium body saloon built late 1929 with wind up and sliding windows. One of possibly only two of the type in Australia. Car came from New Zealand in the 1980s and I bought it as a rolling restoration project in 1989. Restored for the 1997 A7 Rally at Maroochydore. Driven to Canberra and back in 2001. Car has not been driven on the road for 3 years, but still in running order. Has new 6 volt battery. Body professionally painted by Guthrie Crash Repairs in Ford Bahama beige with russet brown top and black mudguards and wheels. Has cloth

interior, has black vinyl covered roof, twin tail lamps and luggage rack. Running on a SU carburettor. Asking \$18,000 as is. Heaps of spare parts and tools if needed. Contact Tim Braby 0405 740 418 or email timbraby108@gmail.com. Car at Aspley. Brisbane.

For Sale 1930 Austin 7, "Egan" bodied saloon



Older restoration, current owner 40 years and believed to be the only surviving example in Oz. \$26,950. December 1930 build. Please contact Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412. Car in Melbourne.

(The Egan Motor Body Works were situated in Geelong Victoria, besides building bespoke bodies, in 1935 they introduced the Egan "Six", a short lived locally built Australian car, only two were built.)

For Sale 1931 Austin 7 Two-Seater

The car was imported from England in 2013 Boat tail models are extremely rare in the UK. It has a full history of ownership certificate and authenticated by the Wiltshire Council The motor was completely rebuilt in 2013 by Peter Barker He overhauled the diff and the gearbox the distributor starter motor and generator The car was rewired Brakes updated to take cast iron brake drums I have the complete reports from Peter Baker with regard to all of what he did . He basically had an open chequebook with the instructions to finish up with a tune key ready car as a result everything that he found it was necessary to be done was done. I have all the reports from Peter and can mail email them to people if you're interested. It comes with a pile of spare parts and interesting memorabilia. Asking \$15000. Blair and Jan Martin, at Yandina. Please Call 0407 120 337 or email bjslmartin@hotmail.com



For Sale 1929 Austin 7 Meteor Project

All parts are there. The motor, gearbox, differential and chassis have been restored. Have all the lights and instruments. Good bonnet and proper Meteor type mudguard and vee windscreen. Main body needs a lot of work as the tail section is badly damaged. Has good wheels and tires. Owner unable to work on the car due to health issues. Asking \$5000. Car situated just north of Toowoomba.

Please contact Steven Morey on 046308356 for details.

For Sale Hydraulic engine hoist

Sturdy engine hoist which has only been used a few times on Austin 7s. Proven ideal to remove engine from a vintage A7 or a Ruby. Rated to lift to 1000kg, so could lift the whole car (but best to stick to an engine!). Cost over \$300 when new, sell for \$150 ono. Contact Tim Braby 0405 740 418 or email timbraby108@gmail.com. Hoist located at Aspley. Brisbane.



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