



# NEWSLETTER

## December 2025

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



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**



### **“Goodbye Buddha”**

*Doug and Robyn in “Albert” parked next to the now late Alan Couser on a run in 2017.*

### **Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events**

**A7 General Meeting - Friday 12th Dec. - 7:30 pm start**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. - A7 Club Christmas lunch - 11:30 am start**

**A7 General Meeting - Friday 9th Jan. - 7:30 pm start**

**Monster 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand A7 Parts New Year Sale 7 Sunday Funday  
Morning Tea - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

## Editorial Comments

Another successful National Austin 7 Rally has come and gone, but you can relive the event with John Que's excellent report and photos taken by Lindsay and Rhonda Guthrie, plus a couple I found via Google as there are a couple of pages on Facebook that have photos. Of course, Neil has also posted lots of great photos on our website.

Also a very big THANK YOU to Ross and Rhonda for organising an excellent rally around Temora. It all went very well by all accounts!!!!

**This is the time when we are in a season of Goodwill and Joy to all, and some travel distances to bring families and friends together. So Merry Xmas and a Happy Year to all our dears Members and Families!**

**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](http://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](mailto:temoore@live.com.au).**

**A7 2025 Christmas Hamper Raffles:**

Similar to past years, members are invited to contribute non-perishable food items towards our Club's 2025 Christmas Raffle Hampers. Contributions can be brought to the October and November Friday night meetings and to the November Sunday Run. Tickets in the Raffle will be sold at the December Friday night meeting (12th) and at our Annual Christmas Lunch on 14th December, with the draw happening at the Christmas Lunch.

Thank you for your support!

Karyn (Acting Raffle Coordinator)

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025: A7 Register December Event: A7 Club Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Ham, Chicken, Salads and desert will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. **For catering it is essential that you should have RSVP Robyn Clark by 1st December – Ph. 0412 276 313.**



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026: A7 Register January Event: MONSTER 2<sup>ND</sup> HAND A7 PARTS NEW YEAR SALE & SUNDAY**

**FUNDAY MORNING TEA.** Come one, come all to Doug & Robyn's Monster 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand A7 Parts Sale to be held at 195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 9am to 1pm. Heaps of A7 parts at unbelievably cheap prices including engines, wheels, cylinder heads, gear boxes, springs, carbys, axles and heaps more. Hurry in while stocks last. BYO Morning Tea, your A7 or modern (Register Event) & Lunch if you intend being there until then and beyond – or just come for a jolly good time! For more information or to beat the 11 January A7 parts rush, contact Doug/Robyn Ph. 0412 276 313.

**Monday (Australia Day) 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Redlands Coast Australia Day Event** organized by BVRC commencing with vehicle entry from 6am and Complimentary Breakfast, tea & coffee from 7am to 9am at Ormiston State School. BYO chairs & cups. Raffles are drawn at around 10am. Runs commence around 10.30am through the Redlands Coast – finishing with a BYO Lunch in a park at completion of your chosen run. For more details or contact Steve on 0411 516 122. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel etc. No dogs, vaping or smoking allowed on school grounds.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.



## OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026: 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th June 2026: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Austins Over Australia.**



## AOA Maryborough QLD

10/6/26 TO 15/6/26

### Newsletter #3



Registrations for the 2026 AOA in Maryborough have been open since early September and already 35 vehicles (69 people) have registered and paid their Registration Fee and Final Meal Fees. **Thank you.** This makes the job of planning a large event such as the AOA much easier. We would still love more to jump online and register.

As the organising club, our goal has been to make this AOA as light on the pocket as possible and have left mealtimes as a personal choice and an opportunity to mingle with other Austin Owners from your club and other clubs. At the same time, supporting the local business communities in Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Fraser Coast areas. We have received tremendous support already from the Fraser Coast Council.

#### REGISTRATION (for those not yet registered)

Click here to enter the registration page on our web site; <https://austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org/maryborough-2026-eio>

Registration is online via our web site as is the payment system. As you register and pay you will be allocated a registration/receipt number. This is your number for your vehicle and all things associated with the AOA.

#### Look after it.

The process to register online is to complete all your details on the form and click on **SUBMIT**. *This will record your details in our records.* Should you wish to change any details at any time after you press SUBMIT you won't be able to amend online. Please send an email to [info@austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org](mailto:info@austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org) and advise. We will adjust for you. e.g. You may wish to bring a different vehicle.

#### Payment

Once you click **SUBMIT on the Registration page** you will be taken to the **Payment Page**. As this is separate software and it will ask you for your personal details again. Complete that as you would for any online payment. You will be able to use Credit /Debit cards. No American Express. A **Receipt** will be emailed to your email address that you provided. **This is also your VEHICLE NUMBER.**

Registration Fee is \$120 per car + Closing Dinner (\$60 per adult, \$20.00 per child under 12)  
e.g. 1 car + 2 adults + 2 children under 12 = (\$120 + \$120 + \$40 = \$280).

#### Car photo for the Rally Book

If at Registration you did not upload a vehicle photo, not to worry, all that remains now is to email one to Nairn Hindhaugh at [freeway@eis.net.au](mailto:freeway@eis.net.au) with a photo of your vehicle (jpeg preferred) and brief details of the vehicle for

inclusion in the Rally Book. War and Peace stories may be edited. If no photo is sent, Nairn may use an album photo of your car.

**REGALIA for purchase is coming soon.**

Your prompt registration will help us in the ordering process. We will send another Newsletter with details of the regalia available for purchase. Again, purchase orders and payment will be online via our website and linked to your email address you provided and your registration number.

## **AOA 2026 Programme**

**Wednesday 10/6/2026: Meet and Greet (Payment included in your registration fee)**

Registration is from 2pm to 3pm at the Tinana Football Club (62 Gympie Road Maryborough). Come and say G/day, collect your AOA 2026 Rally Bag, and once you are registered, stay for the Meet and Greet (at the same location). Finger food will be available from 3pm to 6pm with tea and coffee. Alcohol is BYO. This will be a great chance to catch up with fellow Austin owners and friends.

**Football Club Parking:** Enter the club grounds via Gympie Road through the small car park to the sports grounds in front of the club house. Park your car facing the clubhouse. There will be marshals to assist.

**Thursday 11/6/2026: Maryborough Street Markets and Port Area.**

This is a free day to let you explore the historic City of Maryborough.

**Friday 12/6/2026: Run 1** Starting from the Tinana Football Club.

Assemble vehicles in front of the club house. Departure for the run will be at 9am. This run will be to Hervey Bay.

**Saturday 13/6/2026: Run 2** starting from the Tinana Football Club.

Again, assemble vehicles in front of the club house. Departure for the run will be at 9am.

This run will be to Tin Can Bay.

Both runs are easy driving with no mountain ranges. There will be more details later.

**Sunday 14/6/2026: Display Day and Closing Dinner**

**Display** - This will be at The Brolga Theatre Car Park. The theatre is located on the banks of the Mary River and close to the City Heart.

**Rocker Cover Races** - Dust off your racer, check the wheel bearings and be ready for racing at the Display Day.

**Closing Dinner** – This will be in the Maryborough Town Hall in the City. More to follow in later newsletters.

**Monday 15/6/2026:** Head home or stay a little longer.

**ACCOMMODATION (I can't stress this enough)**

Both Maryborough and Hervey Bay are popular tourist destinations in Queensland, and it is advisable to book your accommodation ASAP. June/July is Queensland's peak holiday season. If you are planning on coming, *book now*.

There are many web sites that can help you with this task. I find [Tripadvisor](#) handy. Hervey Bay is also only a half hour drive (30kms) from Maryborough, if you prefer a sea breeze, and there is a large mix of accommodation.

Feel free to contact Kev or myself if you have any questions.

[info@austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org](mailto:info@austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org).

C U in Maryborough Qld in 2026

Ken Parker

Secretary AMVCQ(Inc)

**Major Sponsor**

*Thank you to the Fraser Coast Regional Council for proudly supporting Austins Over Australia car rally - Maryborough, Qld - June 2026.*

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS**

**Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc**

**Meeting No, 654, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.**

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

**Present:** 22 members signed the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Trevor & Bev MCC, Tim B, Hugh C, Merv & Margaret T, Colin & Gay J

**Minutes:** Robyn read the Minutes of the September Meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by David. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** NIL

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs

MYOB Invoice

QHMC Newsletters & minutes etc. for September

3 New membership applications

Email from Tim re apology & Editors & dating Officers reports.

Robyn moved the Correspondence be approved as read. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon gave a report on the Clubs finances & moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Murray R. Carried. (117 members)

**QHMC Report:** Attached to Minutes.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has made some good sales in the last month.

**2nd Hand Parts Report:** NIL

**Editors Report:** October A7 Newsletter has been posted online & posted to members. Pleased to receive replies from the Hereford A7 club & Clive Ball who usually can be found in West Australia but is currently in Scotland.

**Dating Officers Report:** No requests.

**Web Master Report:** Neil has our website up to date.

**Club Events:**

10-14<sup>th</sup> Oct A7 National Rally, Murray Bridge SA

26-30<sup>th</sup> Oct Temora Run organised by Rhonda and Ross

16<sup>th</sup> Nov A7 Run organised by John Q. Meet Centenary Pool 9am, Heading Samford way.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec A7 Xmas party Clubrooms (numbers required)

**Other Events:**

11-12<sup>th</sup> Oct Lama Rally, Gatton

18<sup>th</sup> Oct British & European Swap Clubrooms

**2026**

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

10-15<sup>th</sup> June AOA, Maryborough

**Past Events:**

21<sup>st</sup> Sept All British Day. 7 A7 attended

**Library Report:** NIL

**General Business:** Members reminded to bring goodies for our Xmas Hamper Raffle.

Rhonda G would like to have the next National Rally in 2027 at Bargara, Bundaberg. Also, our club A7 QId will be 60 years old.

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday in October wished many Happy Returns.

Sick Members wished a speedy recovery. Thought with Ann Brindley

Raffle: Winners Peter B & Murray R

**Supper Organizer:** Thank you to Karyn for tonight's supper & Happy Birthday to Neil

November: Colin & Gay J

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Meeting Closed:** As there was no further business to discuss the President declared the meeting closed, wishing safe traveling for everyone especially those going to SA.

### Austin 7 Register of QId Inc

#### Meeting No, 655, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

#### Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

**Meeting Opened:** The President declared the meeting opened at 7.32 pm with a welcome to all.

**Present:** 18 members signed the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Sharon & Lindsay J, Peter & Gail C, Trevor & Bev McC, Tim B, Elaine M

**Minutes:** Robyn read the Minutes of the October Meeting & moved it to be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by David N. Carried.

**Business arising from Minutes:** Xmas Party details.

**Correspondence IN & OUT:** Newsletters from other Clubs & forwarded to various members.

Chingzhous Auto Parts Co Ltd re where to get hard to find parts, forwarded to Trevor M

QHMC October Meeting minutes forwarded to various members.

MYOB Invoice

AOA Maryborough 10-15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Newsletter No 3

Phone call from Kevin Heart re Toowoomba Swap. Will have A7 parts for sale. Sites S27 & F28

Email from Greg Keller re club Rego, Forwarded to Tim

Phone call from Ewen re Xmas party & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts

Email from Tim re apology & Editors & Dating Officer's Reports

15th March Pinelands Centenary Festival

Membership application from Colin Vaughan

**OUT:** Molly's Email address. Forwarded to Tim & Neil

Sympathy Cards to Karyn & Geoff C, Get-well Card to Sharon

Register, receipts & Membership cards to the new members.

Robyn moved the Correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded

by John Q. Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** Trevor M gave this report on Sharons behalf, then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for Payment. Seconded by Colin J. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Attached

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor reported a slow month & is waiting for an order from Melbourne.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Doug could only help Ewen with a 3-speed gearshift. No 16-inch wheels

**Editors Report:** Mike Hawthorne has sold his Nippy to Russell Dickason in Victoria. Also, it would be nice to get a brief summary of Murray Bridge & Tamora Rallies for the newsletter. He already has photos.

**Dating Officer Report:** No news.

**Web Masters Report:** Neil has our website up to date with a few 2026 dates to mark on your Calendar.

**Club Events:**

16<sup>th</sup> Nov Club run organized by John Q (CANCELLED due to wet and stormy weather forecast))

14<sup>th</sup> Dec Club Xmas Party at clubrooms. Please tell us if you are coming!!

**2026**

11<sup>th</sup> Jan Monster A7 2<sup>nd</sup> hand parts Sale, Boronia Heights

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day6, Ormiston State School

19-15<sup>th</sup> June AOA, Maryborough.

Past Events: Murray Bridge & Tamora. John Q will write reports for Tim. (Done, thank you!)

**Library Report:** NIL

**General Business:** The passing of Alan Couser.

The next National Rally is discussed.

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday in November wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Raffle:** Members reminded to bring some goodies for our Xmas Hamper

Raffle, Tonight's winners were John Q & Steve D.

**Supper Organizer:** Thank you to Colin & Gay for supper.

DECEMBER Everyone to bring a plate of goodies to share.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Meeting Closed:** 8.10 pm wishing everyone a safe trip home. *Robyn*



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## **News of Members**

I am happy to say Valma McDowell is back on deck again.

But then Sharon our Treasurer went in for a hip replacement just after coming back from the South Australia adventure, but she is now back on duty!

Anne Brindley must also be doing well, I saw a post of hers on Facebook!

Good news, Mike Hawthornes Nippy and van project have both gone south to Victoria, now residing under the car of Russell Dickson.



One late afternoon in November, your editor saw a certain blue Chummy heady down Murphy Road in Zillmere followed by a gaggle of 1930s and 40s cars. Turns out it was Matt Potts taking his son Trent to a high school graduation at the Kedron-Wavell RSL! Congratulations Trent for finishing your senior year!!



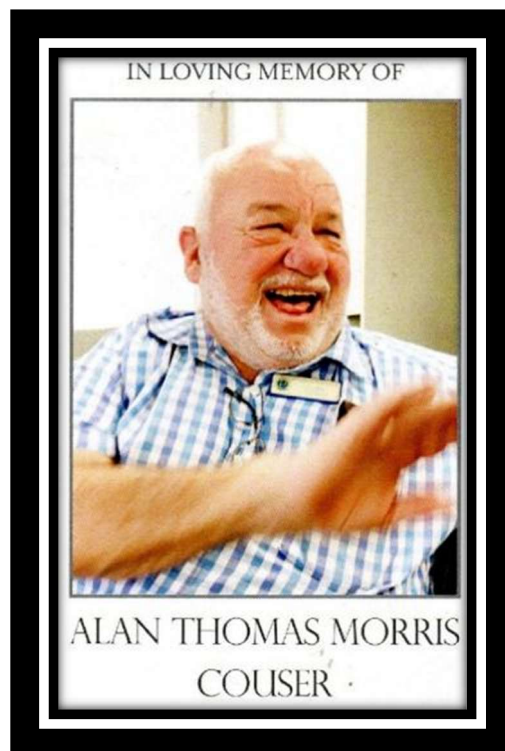
I also had a note from Dave and Dianne Young, they managed to pop in on the NSW A7 club as they were having their Christmas Rally and Lunch in Centennial Park, Sydney.

## **Goodbye to Alan Couser**

Several members of both the Austin 7 Register and the Bayside Restorer's Club gathered to celebrate the life of one of our long time members, Alan Couser. Alan was 85 years young and joined the Register back in 1975, along with his life partner Lola who passed away in 2010. Alan always looked on the bright side of life and had an infectious laugh. In fact he could be described as a bit of a jovial rascal. Alan joined us with his 1933 Tourer, which he had owned since he was a young chap. Driving down the road in his Austin in the early 1960s, his mates would yell out "Bodgie!", to which Alan would instantly reply "Fancy Pants!"

In our club Alan was given the nickname of "Buddha," I am not sure who called him that first (a little Robyn maybe?), but he was called that due to his rotund stature and always happy face. Alan's send-off went very well, and it was nice to meet his son Geoff and family. Alan's 1933 Tourer is staying with his family and heading down to Tasmania.

Farewell Mate!!!



## **EVENT REPORTS**

### **Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club's 65th Annual Rally. Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August 2025:**



Trevor and Bev McCulloch attended the Northern Rivers V & V Car Club 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally at Lismore and places of interest in their 1937 4 seat Tourer. They told us it was a wonderful 3 day event. Their car won the Rally Committee's Choice Trophy, pictured to the left. *Left we have Trevor and Bev with their car along with two of the rally Committee beside them.*



# Austin 7 National Rally 2025 Murray Bridge South Australia – 20 to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

The Austin 7 National Rally was held at Murray Bridge, South Australia from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025.



*A photo of the Queensland Austin 7 members and baby Austins down on the Murray River*

It is a long way from the South East Queensland area to Murray Bridge, over 2000 kms one way. Members who attended from this area were Lindsay and Sharon Jordan, Doug and Robyn Clark, Trevor and Elaine Moore, Merv and Margaret Thompson, Col and Gay Jacobson, Joe and Margaret Mc Cormack, Trevor and Bev Mc Culloch. Members who attended in modems were Russell and Vanda Curtis and John Que.

John and Robyn Ikin travelled from Sydney. Further away were Greg and Kay Shuker from central Queensland but the longest distance travelled was by Barry and Yvonne Young from North Queensland, a total of 10 Austins from the Queensland Club!

## Day 1 Registration and Welcome Dinner

Registration was on Monday at the Adelaide Road Motor Inn, and the welcome dinner was at the 1924 Riverfront Steakhouse beside the river and close to the starting point.



*Above we have Russell and Vanda with their dog "Louie" at the Murray River.*



*Photo left in front we have Elaine, Col, with Doug looking on and Gay to the right. The ladies behind are shown in the next photo!*





*At the dinner, left to right Margaret McCormack, Kay Shuker, Margaret Thompson and Bev Mc Culloch, and at right we have our NSW members John and Robin Ikin who brought their Ruby saloon.*

## Day 2 Strathalbyn



*It was rather wet on Day 2 as the Babies assembled at the Sturt reserve*

The first motoring day was to the picturesque town of Strathalbyn but unfortunately the weather wasn't the best with rain at times and a strong wind.

At Strathalbyn one of the attractions was the Gilberts Motor Museum which had a large range of motoring vehicles and items to view, it is a credit to the volunteers who run it.

At Collectible Classics there was also a range of cars for sale. The most interesting vehicle was an Austin 7 tow truck with a towbar (*seen next page*). Other vehicles included a 1938 Austin 7 Roadster, 1934 Triumph Southern Cross Sports saloon, 1949 Simca 8 Berline sedan and a 1953 Bond Minicar.

Just up the road we found a big antique shop with a large variety of items. Nearby are another 2 antique shops and around the corner is another one with more old automotive items. Strathalbyn is unofficially known as the antique capital of South Australia, and you can see why.



Further on by the river is a scenic park with an ANZAC memorial and a historic church.

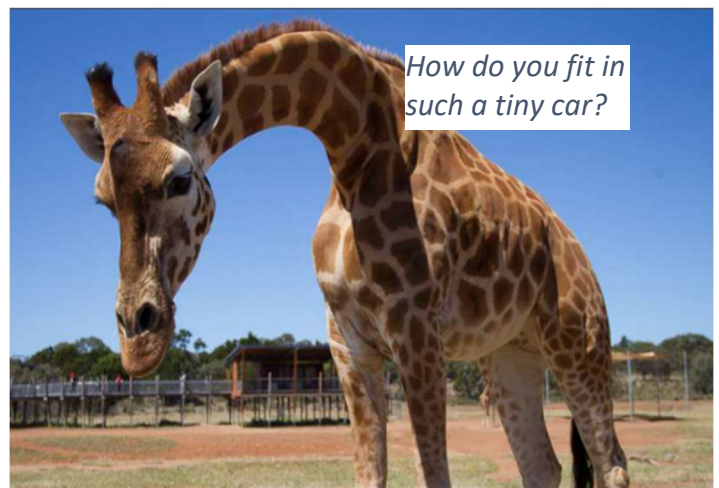


*Interesting A7 Tow Truck seen at collectible Classics*

### **Day 3 Monarto Safari Park**

This day's run was to Monarto Safari Park which has over 1500 hectares, with more than 500 animals and 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles.

Members travelled around the zoo in buses and were able to see were Lions, Cheetahs, Elephants, Giraffes, Rhinoceros, Hyenas, Meerkats, Zebras, Antelope, Ostrich, African Painted Dogs, American Bison, Chimpanzee, Przewalski Horse, Deer, Lemurs, Tasmanian Devils and Scimitars – horned Oryx. No animals or Austin Sevens were harmed on this day's outing.



### **Day 4 Taillem Bend**

The Bend Motor Sport Park at Taillem Bend was the main attraction for this day's run. The Austins were lined up in two rows. You could see a widespread range of models and colours- tourers, sedans, coupes, sports, vans, utilities and specials.

On the ground floor was a display of interesting vehicles. Entrants judged vehicles in different classes, a photo session was conducted, and lunch was held in the complex.





Next was a visit to a shop which has a wide variety of steel and aluminium figures and custom made designs.

From there we went to a home with a collection of horse drawn vehicles, kitchenware, newspaper pages, car parts, garage items, clothing, signs and automotive items.

On the return home the Austins passed a Rhino figure on the road and then had a ride on a ferry.

### **Day 5 Swap Meet and Farewell Dinner.**

A swap meet was held at the rally starting point. Parts available included headlights, wheel spanners, distributor caps, gauges, ignition coils, cutouts, brochures, mudguards and carbies.



*The Queensland club outside the Caravan Park at Murray Bridge*

Twenty three Queensland members attended the farewell dinner at the Bridgeport Hotel in Murray Bridge. A great choice as the food was delicious and there were views over the river. Trophies were given out for the different classes of vehicles but none of our members won any of these, however some did win lucky entry prizes. Entrants were given a Logbook to enter their vehicle's details and history.



## Next National Austin Seven Rally

Following the dinner, representatives from each state attended a meeting and discussed where the next Austin 7 national rally will be held. The result was that the New South Wales Club will investigate whether they will hold the next meeting and advise all state clubs of the result.



*Colin and Joy Jacobson score this nice all metal model of an Ulster Sports & Dougy and a tiny A7 chummy model in silver.*

### In conclusion

The Austin 7 Club of South Australia put on a fabulous week. Their organisational skills were to be admired. Philosophies of: "Keeping it simple" and: "Less is More" was very evident. There were around 90 cars of all descriptions that took over Murray Bridge, Strathalbyn, Tailem Bend and visited Monarto Safari Park. It was a gathering from all parts of Australia and demonstrated that our hobby is alive and well.

## The Temora Adventure – 26 to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025



It is a long way from Queensland to Murray Bridge for only 3 days of Austin 7 runs and thankfully Rhonda and Ross Guthrie organised a rally in the Temora area. The distance from Murray Bridge to Temora is almost 900 kms and many members stopped about halfway at Balranald.

In Austin 7 cars were Jenny and Mia Guthrie, Lindsay and Sharon Jordan, Doug and Robyn Clark, Trevor and Elaine Moore, Merv and Margaret Thompson, Col and Gay Jacobson, Joe and Margaret Mc Cormack, Trevor and Bev Mc Culloch and John and Robyn Ikin. In moderns were Ross and Rhonda Guthrie and John Que. It was great that Jenni and Mia Guthrie

could also join us with the family red 1936 Ruby.





*Jenni and Mia are in front below with the rest of the Qld, Club Crew*

### **Day 1 Monday Coolamon**

The run today was to Coolamon and a visit to the cheese factory. Lots of cheese samples to taste inside the historical building.

### **Day 2 Tuesday Cootamundra**

This day it is off to Cootamundra and a history lesson about Sir Donald Bradman at the cricket museum with many exhibits including his original home.

Morning tea is in a park where there is the Australian Cricket Captains' Walk with busts of all the captains accompanied by plaques.

### **Day 3 Wednesday Junee**





Highlights today are the Junee liquorice and chocolate factory and the round train station museum. At the factory we able to view sections of the making of liquorice and chocolate and have morning tea or early lunch.

A short distance away is the car museum. Of particular interest is an Austin 7 sports possibly about 1928. Cars start from veteran and vintage Model T Fords through to later cars including fifties Zephyrs, sixties Falcons and Fairlanes. There are also motorbikes a range of old mowers and garage items.

Next on to the Roundhouse Train Station Museum. It was built in 1947 and is one of the few working round houses in the southern hemisphere. Half is a museum and the other for servicing and reconditioning of locomotives and rolling stock. The

turntable was the largest built in NSW at the time. Great information about railway history is available throughout the complex. There is a wide range of railway vehicles including steam, diesels, wooden passenger carriages, a breakdown van and a rail motor.

A final dinner was held at the Temora RSL as some members were leaving the next day.



*Margaret plays trains!*



#### **Day 4 Temora**

On the last day members visited some of the local attractions.



The Temora Aviation Museum includes two of Australia's flying Spitfires, a CAC Wirraway and Boomerang (both Australian built in WW2), the only flying Lockheed Hudson and English Electric Canberra in the world and the oldest flying Tiger Moth in Australia. Other aircraft include a Sabre Jet, DH Dragonfly, Gloster Meteor and Ryan. The Hudson was run whilst members were there.

*Left are Mia & Jenni Guthrie with their lovely Red Ruby, alongside John & Robin Ikin's Ruby*





The Temora Museum has an extensive display of agricultural vehicles and implements and emergency vehicles. A large range of tractors, display of trucks, steam engines, historic fire vehicles and equipment, horse drawn carts, the Ambulance museum with vehicles and equipment, stationary engines, mowers, a wide range of historic home appliances and Bradman's Cottage.

Rhonda kindly organised a morning tea at the museum. Members were also very appreciative of Ross and Rhonda Guthrie for organising the 4 day rally in Temora. The addition of this rally helped to complement travelling the long distance to Murray Bridge for the Austin 7 national rally.

Twenty two Queensland members attended the Temora adventure.

## Bay to Birdwood Rally

Trevor and Bev Mc Culloch also entered the Bay to Birdwood rally in their Austin 7 from the West Beach, Adelaide to the National Motor Vehicle Museum at Birdwood. Media reports say that over 1500 vehicles travelled the 67 kilometre distance and 120,00 people watched the vehicles during the run. This event was timed to occur the weekend before the rally at Murray bridge so Austin 7 owners could attend both events.

## More Rally pictures in not any particular order!



A Vintage A7 Van and a group of sports, including two A7 Nippys in Front. One was formerly Peter Bakers car.



Joe, Margaret, Col, Gay, Trev, Bev, Merv, Margaret, Lindsay, Sharon, Doug and Robyn are "getting behind Temora."





*Resting at a Caravan Park in South Oz. Left to right we have Greg, Gay, Col, Robyn, Dougy in their woolly hats, Bev and Trevor, and Lindsay other side of the table, Margaret, Joe, Barry and Yvonne, Elaine and Trevor and in front, Kay.*



*The Queensland Club members who attended the National Rally Welcome Dinner at the 1924 Riverfront Steakhouse at Murray Bridge.*



*How the cars got there and back again!! (nothing wrong with the Sevens, just the drivers and navigators need longer rests!)*



## Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Grave Decorating Day



*The Austin 7 Crew at the Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Grave Decorating Day on October the 11th.  
L to R, John, Neil, Doug, Robyn and Karyn.*

## A FINAL PHOTO FROM THE 'OLD COUNTRY'



*STOP PRESS  
I just  
received this  
lovely recent  
photo of a  
group of  
Austins, one  
is a Big  
Seven and  
the other 3  
Sevens at a  
lovely 19<sup>th</sup>  
century  
Railway  
Station,  
somewhere  
down in Kent  
on the old  
South  
Eastern and  
Chatham  
Railway line.*



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All Merchandise can be purchased from the Spares/Tech. Officer, Trevor Moore.

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temoore@live.com.au

PRICES:

a Cloth Badge (sew to shirt or cap): \$10 (75mm tall)

b Lapel Badge: \$7:50 (30mm tall)

c Dash Badge, 25th Anniversary 1967 – 1992 \$5 (35mm tall)

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](mailto:guthrie45@bigpond.com). Pricing MAY vary with future availability.



## Austin 7 Classifieds

### 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 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 \$20,000 as is. Heaps of spare parts and tools if needed.

Contact Tim Braby 0405 740 418 or email [timbraby108@gmail.com](mailto:timbraby108@gmail.com). Also have custom trailer if required. Car at Aspley, Brisbane. (note I will be overseas from the 21<sup>st</sup> of December until the 4<sup>th</sup> of January).

### **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 of 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](mailto:bjslmartin@hotmail.com)



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