



NEWSLETTER

June 2026



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



“Club Cars seen in Bundaberg”

L-R the McDowells 1937 A7 Van, the Moore’s 1927 A7 Chummy and the Brindley’s 1928 A7 Chummy at rest.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

Friday 12th June - A7 General Meeting - 7:30 pm start

**Thursday 10th to Monday 15th June - Austins Over Australia.
Maryborough**

Sunday 14th June: A7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest

Friday 10th July: A7 General Meeting - 7:30 pm start

Editorial Comments

Parting is such sweet sorrow! So ends 51 years of ownership of vintage Austins as I see Tam-Tam heading south to join its new mates in Melbourne. But I am not stepping down from the helm of the newsletter yet, it is something I enjoy keeping in touch with all my friends over the years and will be at the Stanthorpe run next year!. Also it is important to keep active as people keep telling me!! Why sell it I hear you ask? Basically it is due to my chronic back problems which makes any maintenance a problem for me these days! On a finally note the Austins over Australia Rally is taking place in Maryborough as this newsletter goes out, for those who are taking part, I hope that you enjoy yourselves and your Austins stay "Dependable" the whole time! There will be a report with photos of the Austin over Australia event in Maryborough next issue!

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

Sunday 14th June 2026: A7 Register June Event: **RACQ Motorfest**. Static display for public from 10am to 3pm at Brisbane RNA Showgrounds. Members will independently travel to the venue and make their own arrangements re. Registration. Contact Robyn Clark (ph. 0412 276 313) or Neil (0431 067 909) if you are attending. Registration online closed on Friday 15th May 2026.

Sunday 28th June 2026: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our A7 Club has again been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concours d'Elegance** to be held at Sherwood Arboretum from 10am to 1pm on 28 June 2025. For details contact Barry Morris, VCCQ, ph. 0431 812 173. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event.

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

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the **20th Annual Old Wheels In Motion Rally** organised by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club inc. who are also celebrating their 30th anniversary. The event will be held at Queensland Heritage Park, 11 Exhibition Avenue, Biloela, Central Queensland. For more information email: cdmpc@bigpond.com or phone Cindy Cooper 07 4992 2400 during business hours or 0429 383 296 after hours. A7 members attending are to make their own arrangements for registration, travel and accommodation.

Friday 14th August: A7 Register Club Weekend – General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 15th August: A7 Register August Event: **A7 Club Weekend – SATURDAY LUNCH & A7 STATIC DISPLAY** commencing at 11am at the Club Rooms, Carindale. BYO Morning Tea. A lunch will be provided at around noon to members present. Food (BBQ Meats, Salads & Desert) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery, plates, cups etc. are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. It is essential for catering that you RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 0412 276 313) by 1 August 2026

Sunday 16th August: TO BE CONFIRMED A7 Register August Event: A possible short Run.

Friday 11th September 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 9th October 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

NOTE: A VERY SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL MEMBERS!



60th Anniversary Rally *Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc.*



15th – 19th April 2027 - Stanthorpe Qld

With regards to all the activities happening in the world these days. The committee is still planning on holding this very special event. You have not paid any money to the club as yet – the plan is to continue.

As the saying goes “So onwards and upwards – we shall go...”.

2027 is going to be a very special year for our club, we will be celebrating 60 years, that is nearly a lifetime.

As I have viewed the club register, I can see lots of names of club members who have been members for many, many years. We would love for you to attend our special event, out and around Stanthorpe.

I can also see a number of names that I know but haven't met you because you have been very lucky to inherit from your parents or grandparents an Austin 7. The committee would very much like to meet you and get to know you and your family. As the Austin 7 Reg of Qld is a family, very special family.

So why not put the dates in your calendar and come and have a few days away with us in Stanthorpe.

The committee has just enjoyed a week touring the area, found some interesting places to visit. Some great coffee shops to enjoy. All our plans are coming together very nicely.

The Entry form will be out later in the year; we are just checking on a few more details.

Our plan is to visit lots of interesting places, enjoy morning tea together, lunch most days will be BYO or pay for what you order.

We will gather each afternoon at the Top of the Town Caravan Park camp kitchen for happy hour, where we will enjoy reminiscing on days gone by and get to know the club members who have joined the club in recent years. It will a BYO drinks and nibbles each afternoon, but we do have some special gifts to give away – well it is our birthday.

May I suggest you book your accommodation. It's always better to book, then if you can't attend you can always cancel the booking. If you leave it too close to the rally you may not be able to book where you really want.

If you haven't sent in your Expression of Interest Form please do, so we can add you to our list of special people.

If you can't find it, check the club website or if it is easier contact me and I'll email out to you. The same with the accommodation listing - it is not a problem to send it to you.

Any questions please don't hesitate to contact one of the rally committee: **Rhonda**

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OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS

Saturday 27 June Caboolture Regional Car Club, Show, Shine & Swap at Caboolture Show Grounds organised by the Caboolture Regional Car Club. Gates open at 6.00am. Swap Sites \$35, Display vehicle \$10, Walk ins \$5pp. More information: Debbie 0448 434 724.

Sunday 12th July: 2025 McLeans Bridge Classic Car and Aircraft Festival. THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED (due to a lack of availability of volunteers to run the event).

Sunday 19th July: External Event: **The Original Gold Coast Swap Meet** to be held by the Gold Coast Antique and Classic Auto Club at the Mudgeeraba Showgrounds. Gates open from 6 to 12noon. Free parking. Adult admission \$5, Outdoor sites \$10. For more details contact David 0428 279 291.

Saturday 25th July: External Event: Annual Nambour Swap Meet organised by the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club to be held at Nambour Showgrounds, Coronation Avenue, Nambour, commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Catering & paid parking. Information & Bookings ring 0427 596 973 or google www.SCACC.org.au



Thursday 20th – Sunday 23rd August: External A7 Register Invitation Event: The Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc. “Driving the past into the future” - Annual Rally

Calling all vintage, veteran, classic, and historic vehicle enthusiasts!

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate the beauty, history, and craftsmanship of motoring heritage at the Northern Rivers Vintage &

Veteran Car Club Inc. Annual Rally.

Date: Location: Lismore, NSW 2480

Based in the Lismore area, this rally will feature scenic destinations throughout the Richmond Valley, showcasing the region’s charm and countryside. Participants will enjoy quiet country roads, thoughtfully selected and well suited to Veteran and Vintage vehicles, providing relaxed and enjoyable motoring conditions. We warmly invite you to join us for a relaxed and enjoyable weekend of motoring and fellowship. The rally will follow the successful format of our 2024 and 2025 rallies.

Thursday 20th - Check-in and registration at Lismore Showground, from 1 pm.

Friday 21st - Early check-in, followed by a run to the Northern Rivers Military Museum and lunch in Casino.

Saturday 22nd - Rally run and BBQ lunch, with dinner at Lismore Heights Bowling Club.

Sunday 23rd - A short morning run followed by a farewell lunch at Lismore Showground. We look forward to sharing a wonderful weekend of driving, friendship, and classic motoring with you. If you will require accommodation, please start organising it early to avoid disappointment, as availability in the area can be limited during busy periods. Whether you own a historic vehicle, are restoring one, or simply enjoy the sights and stories of motoring’s past, this event promises to be a memorable and enjoyable weekend. More information coming soon — for now, SAVE THE DATE!

Hosted by: Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc.

Contact: Rally Directors - Graeme Gill 0428 100 374 Email: Rally Secretary Sharin Gill nrvvccsecretary@gmail.com

or contact our Club member, Rhonda Guthrie on 0427 175 099.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th August The Antique Machinery Restoration Society Queensland Inc.

48th Vintage Machinery Rally: At the Woodford Showgrounds, 38 Neurum Road, Woodford 4514.

For an entry form or inquiries : THE ANTIQUE MACHINERY RESTORATION SOCIETY QUEENSLAND INC., 280 BEERBURRUM ROAD, CABOOLTURE, QLD. 4510

Phone Chris Armitstead 0419 489 816, Ken Smith 0418 793 625, or Ross Edhouse 0417 604 853

Or Email: amrsq1979@gmail.com. The Closing Date for Entries is the 14th of August 2026 .

Saturday 29th August OHMC Swap Meet for English, European, Military, Tractor, Machinery & Automotive Collectables at Veteran Car Clubrooms, Carindale. Gates open from 6.30am. Entry via Wright Street, Carindale. \$10/site, Display Vehicles \$5, Walk ins \$2, CASH ONLY. Food available. Contact 0413 553 173

Sunday 13th September 2026:

External A7 Register Invitation Event: The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld have invited our A7 Club to participate in the 36th annual Chrysler Expo at the Rocklea Showgrounds on Sunday 13th September 2026 from 7am. The Expo will include a Swap meet, Trade Sites and a diverse range of Vintage and Historic themed exhibits. For more information email: secretary@cryslerownersclubqld.com. Members are to make their own arrangements re registration & travel.

Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th September 2025:

External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the Annual Rally hosted by the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club to be held at 2 Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy. \$10 entry. For more details phone 0493 785 637 or email: info@kdvmc.com.au Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc.

Sunday 27 September All British Day St Joseph Oval, at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm for public. Gates open at 7am for exhibitors. Display vehicles \$20, spectators \$3, visitor car parking (inc. all occupants) \$10. Cash only. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (0412 276 313) for more details. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re.travel etc.

Sunday 27th September 2026: TO BE CONFIRMED External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to participate in the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive to take place in Brisbane on 28th September. This annual classic car drive in dapper attire, is to raise funds and awareness for men's health issues. For more information visit the Web site: www.gentlemansdrive.com

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th October LAMA Annual Invitational Rally, External A7 Register Invitation Event: organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact The Secretary, email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th October The 11th Queensland Heritage Rally 2026 External A7 Register Invitation Event: presented by the Stanthorpe Historical Vehicle and Machinery Group at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds. Contact Garry on 0418 832 175, or on Facebook. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc.

Meeting No 659, 10th April 2026

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: At 7.31 pm the President declared the meeting opened with a welcome to all.

Present: 27 members signed the Attendance Book

Apologies: Trevor & Bev MCC, Sharon J, Fiona R

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the March 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

Bank of Queensland is NOT accepting personal cheques

Pinelands Hall Centenary Thank You

MYOB invoice \$120

Membership application Bruce & Bridget Macintyre, Gundah. 1938 Sports Tourer
RACQ Motorfest re no room in Pavilion to park our cars.

Flyer re National Motoring Heritage Day, 16th May, Veteran Car Club Halt, gates open 7am Entry \$10 per vehicle

QHMC Swap, 29th August, Veteran Car Club Hall. Gates open 6.30 am Walk in \$2, display vehicles \$5, Swap sites \$10 Cash only

OUT: nil

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read. Seconded by Tim. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay gave the report on Sharon's behalf. Informed members the rent has increased. Then moved the report be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor. Carried

QHMC Report: John told QHMC want volunteers for NMHD, also everyone to check Insurance Policies

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some good sales & will order more parts from Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug has sold parts to Ewen & Bruce Mc

Editors Report: Newsletters ready for printing. Tim has heard from Yorkshire A7 Club England

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: All up to date.

Club Events:

11-12th April Presidents Long Run (Postponed until October)

11th April Merv organized a run from Beaudesert to Kooralbyn (5 cars)

16th May National Motoring Heritage Day, VCCA Clubrooms

10-19 June AOA, Maryborough

Other Events:

3rd May Lockyer Swap, Laidley Showgrounds

16th May 2026 Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show, Bundaberg. (2 going)

17th May Run to celebrate NMHD, 9.30 am Ormiston State School

23rd May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea, Ormiston State School

28th June Concourse, Sherwood

Past Events:

19 March Pinelands Centenary Festival. Hugh won 1st & 3rd prize in the raffle

29th March Bayside Swap

Library Report: Murray has borrowed books

General Business: Tim has sold his A7 "Tim Tam"

Item omitted from the last months minutes. Thank you to Kingsley Neal for donating most of the parts from his A7 1929 Sports. Thank you to Doug, Trevor & Ian for going to the Gold Coast to bring the parts back for the club. They have since been sold.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in April wished Many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery

Raffle: the winners were Peter B, Doug & Steve. Thank you, Valda for organizing the raffle

Supper: Thank you to David N for donating tonight's supper

May = Trevor & Elaine

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 8th May 2026

Meeting Closed: Steve reminded all, we will be opening our AGM to discuss the financial statement of the club before supper. Closed 8.09 pm.

AGM opened at 8.09 pm, as all agreed with the financial statement, Lindsay moved it be accepted, seconded by Trevor. Carried

AGM closed at 8.11 pm.

Austin 7 Register of Old. Inc.

Meeting No. 660, 8th May 2026

Held at the Veteran Car Club HLL, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.33 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 17 members signed the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Peter & Gail C, Trevor & Bev MCC, Lindsay & Sharon J, Tim B, Colin & Gay J, Peter B

Minutes: Robyn read the Minutes of the April Meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by John Q. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence In: Newsletters from other Clubs

QHMC Newsletter No. 27

48th Vintage Machinery Rally, Woodford Showgrounds, 29th-30th August

OUT: Thank you to John for posting the newsletters

Office of Fair Trading

Phone calls to various members re RACQ Motorfest

Email to Barry about RACQ Motorfest cars for the John Reid Pavilion

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Trevor gave the report on Sharons behalf, then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Elaine M. Carried

QHMC Report: Newsletter No 27 was discussed. It has been posted on our website for all to read.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some good sales & another order to be sent to Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Even Doug has made some sales.

Editors Report: Tim would like more stories & run reports.

Dating Officer's: Report: NIL

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

Club Events:

18th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Clubrooms

10-15th June AOA, Maryborough

14^{0T} June RACQ Motorfest, 7 vehicles in the John Reid Pavilion

28^a June VCCQ Concours, Sherwood

Other Events:

16th May 2026 Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & MACHINERY Show, Bundaberg

16 May National Motoring Heritage Day, Clubrooms

17th May Run organized by Bayside Club for NMHD, 9.30 am Ormiston SS

23rd May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea, Ormiston SS

30th May Static Display & Cavalcade, Boonah Showgrounds

18-19th July 29th Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela.

19th July Gold Coast Swap

25th July Nambour Swap

Past Events

12th April Beaudesert to Kooralbyn

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Clubroom BBQ cannot be used at present

Everyone told to check their insurance.

Merv spoke about the Boonah Show

Merv then told members about the Stanhope Run on Rhonda's behalf

Car or car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in May wished many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Raffle: Thank you to Hugh C for donating tonight's raffle prizes. 1st Ewen, 2nd Alan

Supper: Thank you to Trevor & Elaine for tonight's supper.

June - Steve

Committee Meeting: TBA **Next Meeting:** June 2026

Meeting Closed: 8.20 pm

Robyn



News of Members

We say goodbye to 2 cars this time. Firstly Blair and Jan Martin of Yandina are leaving the club having sold their 1931 Boat Tail two seater, I hope it found a good home. Then I found out that Steve and Judith Morey have sold their Meteor project Steve tells me it has gone to Caloundra to a chap who is also connected to the Qld. Air Museum. Hopefully I will find out who that is through a contact I have with another QAM member who is also an MG owner!

PAST CLUB EVENT REPORTS

RUN TO BEAUDESERT & KOORALBYN – Saturday 11 April 2026



It was agreed at Friday night's meeting to meet at Jubilee Park, Beaudesert, at 10am Saturday for a run.

Ian and Valda were the first to arrive in their Austin Lancer and, not knowing which entrance at Jubilee Park to take, they waited. Next were Karen Thompson and William in the Austin Freeway and parked near them. Next Doug and Robyn arrived in their Mini, followed by Trevor & Elaine in their modern car. However, Merv and Margaret in their Austin 7 had already parked inside the park out of sight, waiting to wave us in. We eventually all got together, but Ian and William had trouble getting

their cars to where the rest of us were parked as Valda and Karen had walked across the park to the others, so they had no navigators to guide them. We then had morning tea in the park.

Afterwards we headed to Kooralbyn, which was very scenic drive. As Doug was in the lead, he headed to the hotel and golf course just to ease Ian's mind (keen golfer). The Blue Tree Café was the destination for lunch. Sandwiches, coffee, drinks, toasties and chips were ordered and consumed on the veranda. There was more chatting, and then about 1pm we left to return to our homes.

A well-planned, quickly arranged Club run, thanks to Merv and Margaret.



Photo of the gang including Karen and William's whippets.

Trevor & Elaine



Bundaberg Heritage Car, Truck, Tractor & Machinery Show

**Saturday 16
May 2026.**

The McDowells and the Moores met at Shell Roadhouse, Nudgee about 8.30am on 14 May to travel to Bundaberg for the Bundaberg Heritage Car, Truck, Tractor & Machinery Show, as well as to visit Glen and Rosemary Bryce (Club Members) as Rosemary was celebrating her 80th birthday.

Saturday 16th May in Bundaberg was an early start and a fine sunny day, with cars having to be in the showground by 8am. The Moores drove their 1927 A7 Chummy, the





McDowell's their 1937 A7 Van, and Brindley's drove their 1928 A7 Chummy for the 10-kilometre drive.

Saturday Once parked, it was a free day to check the cars, trucks, tractors and stationary engines on display.

Due to the petrol and diesel shortages and the cost of diesel, many trucks could not attend. Veteran cars to modern cars, tractors of all models, motor bikes and stationary engines

were available for viewing.

A great day overall with no car problems.

Our thanks go to the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club for the invitation to us to attend.

*Trevor & Elaine,
Ian & Valda*



Enjoying the Sun at Tingalpa – Saturday 9th May 2026

Not a club event, but some of the Committee enjoyed a day out at the Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel and Cemetery. The occasion was the Friends Of The TPC&C AGM. These folk are members of both A7 and TPC&C. left to right we have Neil and Karyn, Doug and Robyn and John *Cheers Neil*

DOUG HEAD — a Postscript

More on the Head brothers

As a result of the writings of Peter Baker and myself in the last A7RQ newsletter, I received a great email from William Sellers who is from the Austin 7 group in Yorkshire. He says
“The Yorkshire A7 group sent me your April ‘26 newsletter and I saw the Doug Head article. I interviewed Doug at home in 2000 and have a video which I’ll try to send you. Tony Johns has a copy. I was working at Coff’s Harbour, knew Rob Harcourt Meadows/Lambda and heard of Doug via Grant Cowie who had the Rubber Duck.”
William Sellers<wfssellers@icloud.com

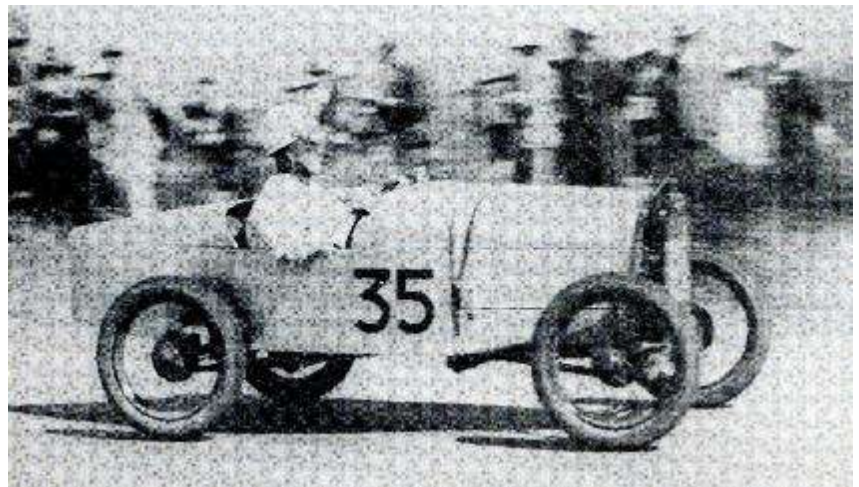


With the above information I soon found the Video on Facebook as Google Interview with Doug Head Grand Prix racer Facebook VSCC 13 Jan 2022. It runs for 37 fascinating minutes. Try this link [\(20+\) Video | Facebook](#) for those who get the email version of the newsletter.

It starts with a brief introduction by Charlotte who is William Sellers daughter. 26 years later she is now at Research Nurse at the Gold Coast Hospital!

In the main footage Doug sets the record straight on a few issues regarding the prewar WW2 Austin 7 race cars. Doug says before the Second World War all the race cars were taken away from Austin Distributors in Melbourne and sold

off . One that survived was the Rubber Duck which was given to George Smith in Auckland, New Zealand. It was used in the 1936 AGP with the number 12 but retired in the 8th lap, the body had to be modified to allow the wheels better clearance when steering. It was originally set up for the Brooklands Racetrack in Surrey. Another Austin 7, No. 35 driven by Ron Uffindell.in the same race came 7th overall proving to be reliable and consistent..



After the War the head Brothers were still involved with motor racing, both Austin 7s and Rileys going by Doug's video.



Doug's blue car we saw was originally a 1930 Austin 7 sports originally fitted with a Gordon England body and a Cozette supercharger and apparently not one of the prewar race cars.

Later I looked at the National Archive for War Records where I found Doug and his brother Ron lived at Murumbeena, Victoria, where they both trained as motor Mechanics, possibly with their father. Doug was born in 1917 in Yarraman, Victoria, (so he would be a bit young to be a mechanic at the 1928 100 Mile Race on Phillip Island)! He joined the Australian Army in 1940,

his mechanical skills being of value. Doug served in both Palestine and Morotai as a mechanic, later reaching the rank of Corporal. When he joined he was judged to be fit for Class 1 duties, so his eye must have been still ok then. (my own father had eye problems but still was considered fit enough to join up and be posted overseas!) After the war Doug married his lovely wife Nancy and later they retired to the Gold Coast. Doug died at the age of 89 in 2007, Nancy was 99 when she departed in 2017. Their remains are at the Teed Heads Lawn Cemetery.



Ron was born in 1913 in Prahan, Victoria, later he was working at Eveready Engineering in Murumbeena, Victoria with his father from 1931.

Left Doug Head in 2000 aged 83 from William's Video

Later before the war, Ron was married to Stella Francis Head and living in in Ashgrove, Brisbane.

Ron was also working at Cossey Motors, the Ford Dealer from 1938 to 1940.

Ron joined the Airforce as a mechanic/and a fitter, spent a lot of time on different RAAF bases in Australia, including Amberley and Point Cook. He spent time on Morotai Island, a scene of much frenzied fighting between the Japanese and the Allies right to the end of WW2 in Indonesia as a Corporal. In his records it says he was interested in football and had been motor racing for 7 years. Unfortunately I could not readily find any later information about Ron or Stella.



Ron Head in 1940 aged 27 from his service records

From the archives!

Peter Goldsworthy has been busy and found these two wonderful old Photos and cartoons featuring Austin 7s for me on Face book. The first post says:-

“While exploring the subject of early fuel pumps, and with the help of a fellow enthusiast, this wonderful image was discovered. It's 1928 and shows a Chummy being refuelled in Russell, New Zealand. Look carefully, and one can see that the NZ registration plate has been put over one from the UK.” (From 1900 to 1966 NZ number plates were upgraded every 2-4 years .The one on the car is the 1927 – 1928 series orange on black with a star in the middle.)



You will also see the movie poster for “Stella Maris”. This was a 1925 American silent drama film directed by Charles Brabin starring Mary Philbin, written by Mary Alice Scully and based on a William J. Locke's 1913 novel. The film is a remake of the 1918 version, starring Mary Pickford.[1] The same year Mary starred in the silent horror classic the Phantom of the Opera opposite Lon Chaney. *Tony Griffiths of the Prewar Austin Club website*



The second post is this picture from “The Light Car and Cyclecar” magazine with a comment by Neil Curson

“Filling up in 1928 from hand-operated pumps called "Bowser Red Sentry". I may be wrong, but I think this Chummy had been fitted with a bar-mounting accessory that allowed the headlamps to be moved from the scuttle to the wings and, by swivelling the bar, to be dipped. They look very much the same as these at our garage (uncle, grandad far end Dad near end,) taken 1927 when my dad was a 16 year old apprentice. The same pumps I used in 1954

age 6 with a box to reach the handle and 1d per gallon I served. These are the same as the original photo

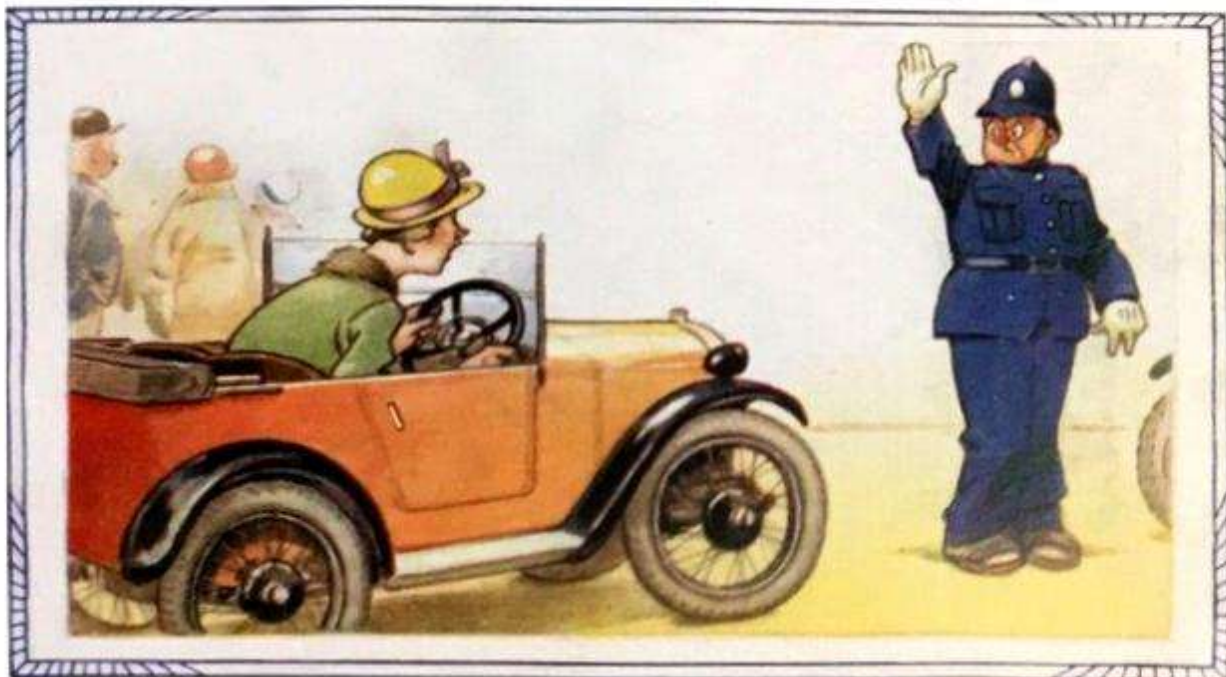
with a hand cranked rack and pinion pump (rack having a collar at 1/2 gallon with a swinging lever to stop it) clock dial to show number of gallons. At top of hose was a glass window with a vane inside to prove the fuel was flowing and marked "this window to be full at start and end of delivery". The designs in the video are older (think I've sent 1 in "Memories of Shropshire". We later had Avery Hardol pumps, square shape with long brass handle on front which swung 45° either way, much faster, I could do 5 gallon a minute if the tank would take it. These also had a valve in the nozzle to keep the hose full of fuel, but people still insisted on raising the hose to drain it."

(The number plate on the car was issued in Maidstone, Kent.)



Peter also sent these two lovely cartoons

SCHOOL TEACHER (ABSENT-MINDEDLY):
"IT'S ALRIGHT, CONSTABLE, YOU MAY GO!"





“ Yes, that’s his wife -- he’s driving with both hands !”

Tim

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF OLD MERCHANDISE

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Austin 7 Classifieds

For Sale 1934 Austin 7 Race Car Special



This vehicle was owned and driven by my late father, Roger Gaunt, and was actively campaigned at Historic Winton 2024, where it appears in official race field documentation.

Vehicle Summary

- 1934 Austin 7 Special (Austin Ruby chassis)
- CAMS / Motorsport Australia Certificate of Description
- Recognised Historic Vehicle
- Pre-war style open wheel race car configuration

Historic Motorsport Background

The car was driven by Roger

Gaunt at Historic Winton, one of Australia's leading historic motorsport events, confirming its place within the historic racing community and its suitability for ongoing club and event participation.

Condition & Presentation
The vehicle is running and operational, presenting as a complete and functional historic special.

It has been stored indoors, maintained as part of a private collection, and preserved rather than heavily used.

Additional Inclusion

Included in the sale is a purpose-built custom trailer, designed specifically for transporting the vehicle.

Price Guidance

The vehicle is being offered at \$49,000, including the trailer. I am happy to provide CAMS documentation, additional photos and video, and arrange inspection by appointment.

Kind regards,

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE FOR THE JULY 26 - JUNE 27 FINANCIAL YEAR

In the past few weeks you should have all received your invoices for the next financial years annual membership of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc. The membership fee is now \$55 annually with those wanting to receive a printed copy of the newsletter to pay an additional \$25. These payments are due by 30 June 2026. For those members without email addresses your invoices will arrive by post. It is preferable that payment is via direct debit with your Surname and/or your invoice number as the bank reference. If for some reason your payment goes through without a reference, please let me know so I can match your payment in the accounting system. Looking forward to another year of enjoyment with you and your Austin 7's.

Sharon (admin@austin7.org.au)

COMING NEXT ISSUE

A photo taken the day I inspected a dismantled but almost complete 1929 Saloon in the back of a petrol station in Beenleigh in 1989.

It was advertised incorrectly as a tourer and when I saw it was an Austin Factory bodied car with aluminium body and doors I knew I had to buy it! You can read the story of its 8 year path from a rolling wreck to a lovely, restored Austin in our next Newsletter

Tim

