



NEWSLETTER

August 2025

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



“THE LONG DRIVE - 2025”

Parked at Lake Moogerah, Merv and Margaret (1935 Tourer), Col and Gaye (1929 Sports), Trevor and Elaine (1935 Tourer), Steve (1929 Sports) and John who was the backup man, travelled modern.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

Annual General Meeting - Friday 8th August - 7:30 pm START!

Saturday 9th August - A7 Club Weekend - Saturday Lunch & A7 Static Display

Sunday 10th August - A7 Club Weekend Short Sunday Run.

Editorial Comments

Here we are in the Sunshine state where out west the temperatures have been touching freezing point, and overnights have been decidedly a bit cooler than usual for this time of year as we dig out the fleecies and beanies. But that didn't stop our intrepid club members who headed west on the recent "Long Drive". And as I write this we are about to have our AGM and Annual A7 Club Weekend activities, which makes for a busy weekend!

I am still playing with my 1929 Saloon; I wish to have it in running order before advertising so I will hold over to next newsletter. I was going to get a new battery, but the local battery shops do not have the square 6 volt batteries, the existing one seems to keep a charge and can turn the motor over but for some odd reason we have no spark, so I could be picking brains over the A7 Club weekend!

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 Thayer (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 8th August: A7 Register Club Weekend – General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 9th August: 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 (Chicken, Salads & Dessert) 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 2025.

Sunday 10th August: A7 Club Weekend Short Sunday Run. This will be a short run to a Morning Tea stop. Participants will find their own way from home into New Farm Park, off Brunswick Street, New Farm, where we will meet under the trees beside the river for a BYO Morning Tea. Cafe & toilets are located nearby. Contact Neil (0431 067909) if you need any clarification.

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th October 2025: External A7 Register October Event: LAMA Annual Invitational Run 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. Entries close 12 September 2025.

Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025: A7 Register Event: A7 National Rally to be held at Murray Bridge, South Australia **Available information about the 2025 National A7 Rally is now posted on our A7 Website in Section: "A7 October 2025 National Rally S.A."** Please contact our Secretary Robyn (ph. 0412 276 313) if you are attending. **DETAILS TO FOLLOW** The National A7 Rally is now only around 2 months away. If you are a Queensland A7 member who has booked to attend, could you please notify our Secretary Robyn (ph. 0412 276 313) as she is keeping a list of participants. If individual members wish to travel to the S.A. Rally venue in the company of other A7 members (e.g. a convoy), please also inform Robyn, so arrangements can be made to link these members well in advance of the October 2025 event. **Entries have now closed.**

Sunday 26th to Thursday 30th October 2025: A7

Register Event: "Temora Adventure". This is a rally for those looking for an adventure on the way back from the National Rally in S.A. in October 2025. This Rally is kindly being organised by Rhonda and Ross Guthrie (ph. 0427 175 099) and it will be an excellent opportunity to have a few days of A7 driving around the Temora area in NSW before we work our way back north after attending the A7 National Rally in S.A.

So far twenty-five A7 Qld members have signed up for the Temora rally with most spending the night of 25 October at the Balranald caravan park on the drive between Murray Bridge and

Temora. This Rally will visit places of interest in and around Temora. Please register your interest in attending with



Rhonda. Information about the Run including the daily program, accommodation options and more, can be accessed on our A7 Website in the “A7 October 2025 National Rally” link.

OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS

Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th August 2025: External Event: Members of our Club have been invited to attend the Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club’s 65th Annual Rally. The Rally is based in Lismore and will also visit areas in north-eastern NSW including Casino and Evans Head. For an Expression of Interest Form and more details of this event, please contact Narelle Middleton ph. 0412 299 393, email nrvccrallysecretary@gmail.com or our Club member, Rhonda.

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September 2025: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to participate in the **VCCQ 70th Year Anniversary Hub Rally** to be based in Armidale. Details are as follows:

VCCQ 70TH Year Anniversary Expression of Interest

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September 2025:

External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to participate in the **VCCQ 70th Year Anniversary Hub Rally** to be based in Armidale. Details are as follows:

We need you to let us know if you want to join in for what should be a great week. Reply to vccq.events@gmail.com (there will be a \$50 entry fee to cover costs)

Please reply with your

NAME Partner / Other Attendants.....

Car details Email.....

Meet us in Brisbane or Armidale.....Have booked at the Country Comfort Yes...No

We are staying at the Country Comfort Motor inn 02-67728511.

You need to ring them and book in saying your attending the VCCQ anniversary rally, 22nd to the 26th of September 25 leaving on the 27th.

For those who can’t drive far, our events kick off in Brisbane on Saturday the 20th of September with a dinner that night.

Sunday will see our members driving from Brisbane to Tenterfield which will take about 4 hours including a stop for a cupper and morning tea with us arriving in Tenterfield by the early afternoon.

Monday we will drive from Tenterfield to Armidale which will take about 2 ½ hrs arriving in Armidale before lunch for a relaxed afternoon, with a group hello dinner at the Country Comfort Hotel.

Tuesday we head to Inverell with a loop around to Guyra and back to Armidale, along the way we will be stopping at the Wing Hing Long Museum in Tingha and the National Transport Museum in Inverell.

Wednesday we head up to Dorrigo via the Waterfall Way, stopping at the waterfalls on the left towards Dorrigo and then once in Dorrigo we will be going to the Steam and Railway Museum (not open to the general public) to take a guided tour and then a brief trip up the road to the national park and easy tree top walk. Lunching in Dorrigo we will head back, stopping at a waterfall on the other side of the road as we drive back to Armidale.

Thursday is a day off to see the local sights in Armidale or take care or do servicing.

Friday we head down below Tamworth to Nundle Woollen Mills to see how wool and yarn is made on old machinery and along the way stopping at Saumarez Homestead to tour the historic house.

Friday night we will have a group dinner at the Country Comfort Hotel to round off the week.... Saturday the 27th we head home.

Saturday 18 October QHMC swap meet for English and European vehicles only to run from 8 till 12, at the VCCA Qld. Club Rooms at Carindale. (The Gentleman's Swap, no need to get up before the sun!)



NATIONAL RALLY 2025

Newsletter Number 8/9



Entries have closed but if you have forgotten to send it or thought, you had, and we have not received it do not panic.

There is still time

Entry forms along with accommodation details and Newsletters are available on our website.

<https://austin7clubsa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/2025-Nat-A7-Entry-form.docx>

If you are going to attend for one or two days only, please let us know.

If you have sent your entry and have not received a confirmation either by email or Australia Post please contact Ralph Drage on 0418 846 082 or membership@austin7clubsa.com.au

Your Rally Committee members

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Entry Director Ralph Drage 0418 846 082

Treasurer Laurie Sutton. 0418 831 974

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Wednesday 10th to Monday 15th June 2026: External A7

Register Invitation 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 6-day event consists of organised drives, car displays and visits to local places of interest. To register your interest, Email: info@austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org or Google "Austins over Australia 2026"

MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 649, 13th June 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting opened: The President Steve welcomed all to the meeting at 7.30 pm. With a special welcome to our new member Ewen

Present: 28 members signed the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC, Tim B, Brett R, Mat P, Sharon J, Fiona R

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

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Message from Ann B re thank you for card & about Brians health

QHMC Newsletter & Affiliation fees

Request from Ewen C for letter to Transport Dept

OUT: Get-well card to Brian B

Newsletters emailed to members

Club Letter Head to Ewen C for Transport Dept

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed.

Seconded Murray. Carried

Business arising from correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay read Sharons Report then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment> Seconded David. Carried

QHMC Report: Justin McK gave this report & reminded everyone about the Robert Shannon's Foundation

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some sales in the last month. Stock Take will happen for the end of the Financial Year.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Inquiry from Peter D but no rings in stock

Editors Report: Hope you enjoyed the latest newsletter. I enjoy researching the Film Stars & their (American) Austins. Would people like more features about Vintage motoring in general, or prefer to have some technical articles, just that I am not keen on copying stuff from recent newsletters or online forums. Just drop me a line. Tim

Dating Officers Report: No news, all quiet on the Northern side of the river.

Web Masters Report: All well

Club Events:

15th June RACQ Motorfest (only 3 members going)

12-13th July Steve's Long Drive No. 4

8th Aug A7 Meeting & AGM

9th Aug A7 Lunch & Static Display, Clubrooms

10th Aug A7 Run

Other Events:

29th June VCCQ Concours, Sherwood Arboretum, 10an to 1 pm

6th July McLeans Bridge Classic Car & Aircraft Festival, Caboolture Airfield

18-20th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

20th July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgerabah Showgrounds

26th July Nambour Swap

14-17th August Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 65th Annual Rally

Past Events:

17th May Bundaberg VVC, Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show

17-18th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

17-18th May National Motoring Heritage Day

24th May Biggest Morning Tea

24-25th May Gold Coast Autorama

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Ray Foreman looking for a Veteran to buy

Lang Kidby has the Bean for sale in Just Cars.

Ewen spoke about his car.

Raffle: John Q was the winner tonight

Report on cars/or car Troubles: NIL

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery (Russell C doing well & will move to Woodford sometime)

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Ian McD for tonight's supper

JULY = John Q

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 11th July 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.12 pm

Austin 7 Register of Old Inc

Meeting No 650, 11th July 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm with a welcome to all by the President.

Present: 27 members signed the Attendance Book

Apologies: Matt P, Tim B, Margaret & Merv T, Ian & Valda McD, Ewan C, Murray & Fiona R

Minutes: Robyn read the Minutes of the June meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record

Seconded by Trevor M. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other Clubs.

Resignation from David & Karen Ure

Bay to Birdwood entries now open

Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela. CANCELLED

Ipswich V & V Vehicle car club 26-27th July in our newsletter was an error. It was last year

Membership application from Garry Hilcke

23rd August Chinchilla Auto Show

Apology from Murray & Fiona R for meeting

OUT: Newsletters & Membership reminders

Register & Parts books to Garry H

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by David N, Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon read her report, asked for questions. Then moved her report be accepted.

Seconded by Colin J. Carried

QHMC Report: Justin said that it was a quite meeting. Next meeting 16 July.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has sold \$1,000 in parts & done the Stock take. Avon Tyrus unavailable.

2nd Hand Parts Report: had a enquire from Ross G but unable to help.

Editors Report: Nothing to report.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Masters Report: 2025 events up to date. AOA in June next year.

Club Events:

12-13th July Presidents Long Drive 4 (4 cars going)

8th Aug A7 Meeting & AGM

9th Aug A7 Lunch & Static Display

10th Aug A7 Run to New Farm Park for morning tea 9am

Other Events:

18-20 July Biloela CANCELLED

200h July Gold Coast Swap

26th July Nambour Swap

14-17th Aug Northern Rivers V&V car Club 65th Annual Rally

Past Events:

15th June RACQ Motorfest 3 club cars

29th June VCCQ Concourse

6th July McLeans Bridge Car & Aircraft Festival. John Q reported.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: AGM Nomination forms available

Robyn wants numbers for Lunch, also number of A7 for Static Display

Meeting to be held on Saturday for Murray Bridge & Temora

Raffle: NIL

Report on cars &/ car troubles: Trevor McC thanked Peter B for work on his A7 motor.

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in July wished Many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery

Supper Organizer: Thank you to John Q for tonight's Supper

August = Sharon & Lindsay

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 8th August followed by our AGM

Meeting Closed: 8.17 pm

The President & members doing the Long Drive wished safe travelling.



Robyn

News of Members and their Cars



New

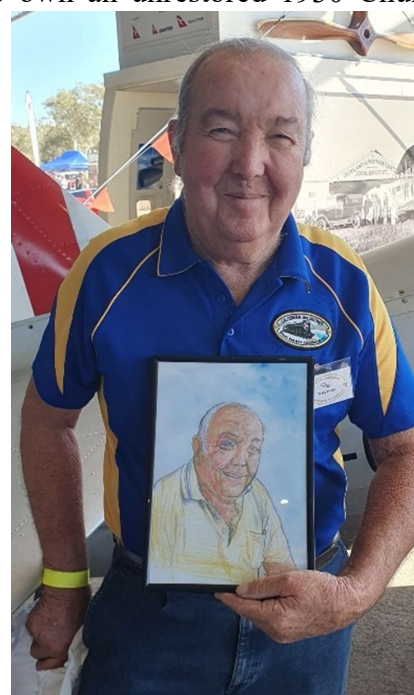
members include Garry and Fiona Hilcke of Gilgai (just south of Inverell in NSW) who own an unrestored 1930 Chummy tourer. Interesting the chassis number of this car is only 12 more than the Editors old car,

Porkchop, which dates to May 1930!

Ewen Coates from Coorparoo sent these photos of his 1929 Sports that belonged to Rodney Burton of the Vintage Car Club of Qld.

We also received a message from David and Karen Ure of Warwick to say that they are leaving the club, having sold their Austins. The reason David tells me is that these days it was getting harder to get in and out of the Ulster! Now they can luxuriate in the spaciousness of their Morris Minor "Woody" Traveler and speed of their Triumph Stag!

Former A7 Register Member and President (1978-1980) Terry Hicks and his life partner Gwenda Hicks live up at Caloundra these days but are in regular contact with the Editor through a shared interest in model cars and model railways. Terry has turned 80 in May, and I did



a pencil portrait of Terry which I presented to him as a belated present last month at the Planes, Trains and Automobiles display at the Qld. Air Museum situated Golden Beach, Caloundra. Both Terry and Gwenda have held positions on our committee over the years and owned several Austin 7s, including a green Ruby sedan and a 1929 Wasp Sports that the Editor bought from them in 1987!

In Memorial

We have also received the sad news that Geoff Rodgers from Mount Morgan has lost his dear wife Marion. The committee is sure that all members will join them in wishing all the best to Geoff and his family in this difficult time.

And One last item



Former member Phil Hay's Yorkshire Tea Van has moved to the Parkes Car Museum. Many of you will remember this van was at the 2012 National A7 Rally in the Barossa dispensing Yorkshire every morning at the Rally start. *Photo courtesy of the Parkes Antique Motor Club Inc. Crankhandle Newsletter*

EVENT REPORTS



National Motoring Heritage Day Report 17 May

National Motoring Heritage Day is held on the third Sunday of May every year with the aim of promoting and displaying to the community and Government "the strength of the Australian historic motoring movement". Historic Vehicle Clubs and members are encouraged to use their vehicles on this day and since its inception the event has become a recognised event on Historic Vehicle Clubs calendar of events.

Many motoring clubs throughout the state held events over the course of the weekend. The Q.H.M.C. this year joined with the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to mark the occasion with a Display Day for vehicles at the Ormiston State School on Saturday 17 May.

The day dawned cold and very damp following six days of rain and our hopes for clear skies were dashed. Bayside Club members and volunteers from other Clubs manned the entry gates from 7.00a.m. but the weather conditions deterred many enthusiasts from venturing out, although attendance was down on previous years the vehicles on display generated considerable interest.

There were many highlights throughout the morning and a good variety of interesting vehicles. Vehicles attending dated from 1910 and included tourers, convertibles, sedans, motorcycles, R.A.C.Q.'s 1938 Chevrolet tow-truck, and Werner Kroll's former DC 3 wingless plane now converted to a camper. Also on display was a replica 1925 No.1 M.G. Roadster.

Sid and wife Pauline braved the elements and dressed in Edwardian attire to complement the lines of their 1910 Maxwell.

Bayside member John Gross brought along one of the more unusual vehicles, a ¾ scale Grumman Panther jet. The jet took John over eight years to construct and is always a drawcard when displayed at Club events. Despite the cloudy skies the day failed to put a dampener on the spirit of motoring enthusiasts such as Justin who drove his 1929 Austin 7 from Wavell Heights to participate and display his beloved tourer. The Austin has been in his family for 52 years and Justin as a youngster attended rallies with his father in the tourer. The enjoyment Justin gains from driving the Austin is clearly evident.

The Robert Shannon Foundation stand was on the oval with Bayside member Lachlan Jones' red Toyota Corolla on display. Lachlan is a recent winner of a Robert Shannon Foundation Grant. Farm Angels also had a stand and provided stubby holders for attendees along with a Coffee van and Mr. Yummy Ice cream.

Displays in the Hall included the Cancer Foundation's stall and two Model Car displays. The event was opened by President Carle at 10.00a.m. with an official welcome and thank you for attendance.

Carle then announced the winner of the Best vehicle, the 1965 Buick Riviera while the President's award for the quirkiest car of the day went to the pink Kit-car. Drawing of the Raffle followed with a total of 15 prizes on offer including a huge Meat tray donated by the Buick Club, two \$50.00 vouchers donated by the Austin 7

This picture shows the variety of entrants at the Ormiston State school grounds



Club, a double yearly entry pass to the Motor Museum at Banyo, and a Gas heater along with regalia from the Studebaker Club to mention just a few.

The generosity of member Clubs and sponsors go a long way to making this

event a success. Thank you also to Shannon's Insurance and Jones I.G.A. who provided sponsorship in the form of cash.

Congratulations to Q.H.M.C. for hosting the event and a huge thank-you to the volunteers from member Clubs along with Bayside members who manned displays and gates, supervised parking and served morning tea to volunteers.

Most of all, a BIG THANK YOU to the hardy folk who travelled to Ormiston to help celebrate the day.

From the Queensland historic Motoring Council Inc. Newsletter with the kind permission of the writer Sharon Auld and QHMC President Carle Gregory.

Photos courtesy of John Que

A Postscript from John Que

"Hi Tim

I went to the National Motoring Heritage Day at Ormiston.

Carle Gregory, QHMC President attended one of our club meetings and asked for a volunteer to help on the day which I agreed to.

I arrived about 7am and I ended up as a reserve.

It started to rain lightly as I went through Wellington Point. We had rain on the previous 6 days and rain was forecast for the morning as well which undoubtedly stopped a lot of people from going.

There was light rain and about 10.30am it was a bit brighter. By the time we had packed up at 1pm there was blue sky and the rain had gone.

John "

RACQ Motorfest Sunday 15 June



A beautiful, crisp Brisbane winter's morning welcomed the annual RACQ Motorfest event, held once again at the RNA Showgrounds in Bowen Hills. As usual, arriving prior to the public opening time of 10am, there was a wonderful variety of vehicles, ranging through the most modern to classic to vintage to veteran.

In the John Reid Pavilion this year was a display of the older roadside assistance RACQ vehicles, along with vintage and veteran vehicles belonging to vintage and veteran car club members. Our A7 Club was represented in this display by the 1929 Chummy belonging to Justin.



On the RNA Main Arena and surrounds were several hundred other vehicles on static display. Our A7 Club was also represented here, with the A7s of Doug & Robyn and President Steve being proudly displayed. Another of our members, Peter, also displayed his classic MG nearby.



At around 10.30am, the RACQ President, Leona Murphy, opened the event from the Main Arena Stage. From the stage and following the opening,



there were presentations, awards and live music to keep visitors entertained.

Throughout the day, thousands of visitors arrived at the venue to admire the effort put in by participants in displaying their pride & joys. Of the many visitors, some of our Club members also arrived, not only to view the

array of vehicles, but also to support our Club's Austineers. In addition, a group of young Japanese girls were attracted by Doug's magnetic personality, taking lots of photos with Doug & Robyn and sitting in President Steve's car.



Above left: A nice touch in the RACQ vehicle display was this young patrolman on a AJS motorbike and sidecar who gave a smart salute to each person stopped to look at him and take a photo.

Above right: This 1938 Austin 10 hp Utility took the eye of your editor who found the incomplete remains of an identical car 40 years ago in the old Nudgee Vineyard.

At around 3pm, after a lovely day in the warm winter sunshine, the vehicles began to depart for their home bases. Our sincere thanks go to the RACQ for their splendid effort in providing this terrific annual event – a highlight for many motor enthusiasts and their families.

Neil

VCCQ Concours d'Elegance Sunday 29 June



Despite the overcast sky and forecast of rain, there was a good display of vintage and classic cars at the Vintage Car Club of Queensland's annual Concours d'Elegance at the Sherwood Arboretum. Many of the cars' owners had also made the effort to dress in period costume. This year marks both the 70th anniversary of the Vintage Car Club of Queensland and the 100th anniversary of the Sherwood Arboretum, and so it was an extra special event this year.

The Austin 7s of Doug & Robyn, Colin & Gay, and Young Justin from our Club were on display, and a number of other Club members also attended the event – Molly, David, Kirsty and their dog Goose; Greg R; Dick & Patricia; John; and Neil & Karyn.



Musical entertainment was provided by the “Brass Roots” Live jazz band, and attendees were able to purchase coffee from a coffee van and food from a Lions Club stall. There were also activities for children and, of course, the beautiful Arboretum to explore.



While the public and other car enthusiasts admired our A7s on display, our members were happy to chat with them. One attendee of interest

was Peter Jones, who was apparently a member of our Club 40 years ago. (With a 1929 A7 utility.)

Awards were presented just after lunchtime, with an A7 owned by David Fletcher winning a trophy for the ‘Best Car Under 1000cc’. Although David is not a member of our Club, we were pleased to see that an Austin 7 won this category. (*see photo left*)

Following the award presentations and speeches, attendees and cars headed home, pleased that the forecast rain had held off for the duration of the event.

Thank you to the Vintage Car Club of Queensland for organising this event, which was very much enjoyed by our members in attendance.

Karyn



First Day of the Long Drive 2025 — Saturday 12 July

After a week of last-minute car prep, the team made an early break from Brisbane. To make things a little easier, we decided to all meet up at Yamanto at 07:30. Merv and Margaret headed over in their 1935 A7, whilst Trev and Elaine drove in from Yeronga in the cream 1935 Tourer. Steve and Col (both in '29 Sports) met in Kenmore and made their way to the starting point via the Moggill car ferry. By the time we all arrived the sun was up, but it was still

pretty chilly in all the cars, especially the sports. John Que came modern, and I think we all envied his heated seats and wind-up windows.



After an event free 50km and easy roads, the first stop was Boonah. The following traffic was constant, but we managed to find plenty of places to pull over and let them pass. A quick check that all was in order and then we pushed on to Moogerah Dam. Completed in 1961, the dam is a beautiful example of a mass concrete double curvature dam. After a walk across the wall, we found the café and enjoyed coffee and cakes.

All cars were still in fine fettle, so we headed towards our lunch stop at Grandchester. There are a few risks with planning long drives off Google Maps and one of them is that you never

quite know what the roads will be like. That risk eventuated and before we knew it, the chip seal gave way to gravel roads. No matter, we dropped the pace a bit and cruised along.

Arriving at the Grandchester Hotel a bit after midday, Col heard an unfamiliar noise emanating from the offsite rear hub of his car. We ordered lunch and a few of us snuck in a quiet beer, just to be social of course! But that funny noise needed to be checked and upon jacking up the wheel, no issue could be found and so we decided to push on.



About 100m from the pub, things took a turn for the worse. Trevor and Elaine lost all power; the car would run but wouldn't rev much above a high idle. All of us quickly diagnosed it as a fuel issue and so the carby was removed, cleaned and re-installed. No change was evident - it ran, it had a strong spark, but it would not rev. We again decided that it must be fuel and that our first effort of carby cleaning was sub-par, so off it came again for cleaning. Back on again and still no improvement. Col suggested it sounded like timing, so we played with the distributor and suddenly it revved like a

beast! Problem solved, we took off.... but 200m later we stopped again. What was going on with this timing? To cut a long story short, we found that the distributor gear had lost its locking pin. The first spare dizzy was fitted but found to be faulty; not sure why but it was earthing, no matter whether the points were open or closed. We found a second spare and then we were off to the races (or more correctly, Gatton).

Colin, Gay and John headed back to Brisbane, while the rest of us made a small adjustment to our route and rolled in to the motel just as the last light was fading. We had covered a touch over 200km and seen some beautiful country.

After a quick freshen up, we all headed for the local hotel for a quiet drink and dinner. A great end to a brilliant day out. One lesson from the day is that even the best prepared cars can break down; that's life with cars that are approaching 100 years old.

A better lesson is that when you drive with the Club, you will be surrounded by people who are ready to help if the worst happens and it's your car that stops. If you are concerned that you don't know enough about your car to take it on Club long drives, then don't be. No one expects you to be the expert, just be willing to have a go and call on your fellow adventurers to lend a hand.

Day One was just brilliant, but we had another day ahead of us and so it was an early night for all!

Steve

Second Day of the Long Drive 2025 – Sunday 13 July

Saturday's intrepid Long Drive 2025 adventurers, who had overnighted in Gatton, departed their accommodation early in the morning. They were heading via Rosewood for the pre-arranged meeting place at Kenmore in Brisbane. The adventurers included President Steve, Merv & Margaret, and Trevor & Elaine.



Meanwhile, another small group of Austin 7 Club members arrived at the meeting place in Kenmore (a small shopping centre with a café called D&D Espresso) from their respective homes, ready to welcome the adventurers on their arrival. This group included John and Neil & Karyn in their modern cars, as well as Colin & Gay who had participated in yesterday's leg of the Long Drive and returned home to Brisbane for the night. While Colin & Gay drove their Austin 7 yesterday, today they arrived in their classic Triumph.

The arrival of the three A7s into the shopping centre carpark drew the attention of the

Western suburbs' coffee drinkers at the café. The barista also warmly welcomed Steve, as D&D Espresso is Steve's regular coffee shop. Coffee was ordered, stories were told, and bathroom visits were made.

After the coffee break, Trev & Elaine decided not to continue and instead to head home due to their A7 slipping clutch, while Colin & Gay headed off on a spin around Mt Nebo. The remainder of the group decided to change the original plan of driving to Dayboro, heading for Walkabout Creek at The Gap instead. This involved a lovely drive through the leafy suburb of Kenmore Hills and through Mt Coot-tha Forest, on the western side of Mt Coot-tha.

On arrival at Walkabout Creek, Twink was there to meet us and to direct us to parking bays within the busy carpark. Walkabout Creek is located within the rainforest of the D'Aguilar National Park. There is a small wildlife park located here, as well as an open-air café with a fabulous view over the trees. We settled at a table in the café and enjoyed a delicious lunch.



It was then time for everyone to head home. A big thank you to President Steve for organising the enjoyable Long Drive 2025.

Karyn

Some fast facts Our intrepid club members headed 90 kms southwest to Boonah, then another 20 km south to Moogerah Dam, then drove northwest 70 km to lunch at Grandchester and then another 30 km to Gatton for dinner and their overnight accommodation. Returning 75 km back in a westerly direction next morning to catch up at morning tea at Kenmore and then onto Walkabout Creek at The Gap. That's dedication!

Our Rally Man Neil Returns to the Queensland Ambulance Museum



Neil writes

Attached is a photo of me presenting an A7 Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Wynnum Ambulance Museum on Sunday 29 June in thanks for their hospitality on their Open Day on Sunday 13 April 2025. We visited the Museum on our A7 April Run organised by Lindsay & Sharon.

The fellow accepting the Certificate is Mick Davis who is the Volunteer Manager, Queensland Ambulance Heritage & History, Queensland Ambulance Service.

Thought you could use it in your Newsletter.

Cheers Neil

From the archives – The Austin Ambulance

Pictured right we have the now heritage listed **Crown Road Ambulance Station** in Gympie sometime in the mid to late 1920s. Left to right we have an **Austin 20/4**, two Dodge Fours and a Studebaker Six, all fitted with ambulance bodies. Although now in a quiet part of Gympie, early last century the local Ambulance crews were kept busy attending accidents and injuries to the





many men who worked the gold mines in the area nearby. A special stretcher and harness had to be made to help extract patients up the many deep vertical mine shafts in the area.

Left Photo inside a Goldmine, Gympie c. 1890s

A replica of the larger sized Austin can still be found in Gympie.

This surviving Austin was

first acquired by the **Gympie Mining & Historical Museum** as a rusting wreck. It supposedly was first purchased in 1925 as a touring car for the Queensland Governor (1920-25) Sir Matthew Nathan (who was also Chancellor of UQ and founded the great Barrier Reef Committee with Henry Richards). During WW2 it was converted to a mail truck and ended up as a farm truck in Mundubbera until the 1960s. It was then rescued in 2009 by the late **Edgar Bowen**, who was associated with the museum as well as the Gympie Historic Auto Club. Additional parts were found by Edgar and **Peter Goldsworthy** at Tamworth while returning from a southern interstate swap trek. The team at the



museum restored the vehicle to represent the original Austin ambulance in 2010. The Austin now can be seen at the museum in its own shed (left and above). Coincidentally Edgar also owned the detached house which was the Ambulance Superintendent's home at 17 Crown Road where the original ambulance station still stands. Edgar's cars included his pride and joy, a veteran 2 seater **1910 Hupmobile** that was restored in the original workshop behind the Ambulance Station. This building is now heritage listed and was built in 1903. For a very comprehensive story about this building and its part in the history of Gympie look up "Gympie Ambulance Station" in Wikipedia.

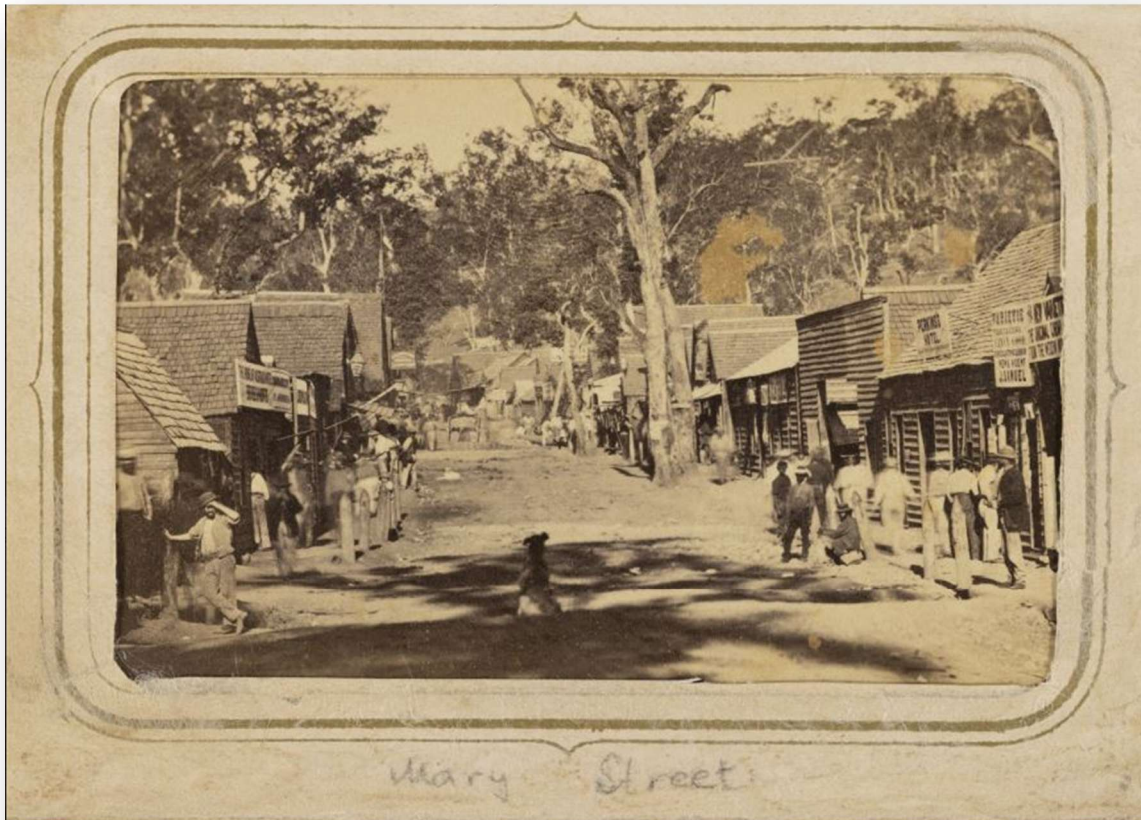
The Austin 20/4 was produced from 1919 to 1930, it

design was inspired by Sir Herbert Austin's ownership of an American made Hudson Motor Car. It is often affectionately called the "Mother Austin", particularly when one is seen with a gaggle of much smaller Austin 7 "Baby Cars".

Considered by many to be the Flagship of the Austin line, it was released after the Great War as part of a one model policy which soon saw the company struggle until the arrival of the medium sized Austin 12/4 and the even more popular Austin 7 came along offering good performance, seating and four wheel brakes at a budget price. The 20 had a 3.6 litre side valve



four motor. Top speed was 58mph and fuel consumption 18 miles per gallon, well over twice that of a Seven. Nevertheless the 20 earned a reputation for sturdiness and durability.



Above Postcard of Mary Street, Nashville (renamed Gympie in 1868), photo taken by Heinrich Miller in 1867. Historical photos courtesy of the John Oxley Library, State Library of Qld. and the Gympie Family History Society (qhfs.com.au)

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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 1932 Austin 7 Two-Seater

1931 style body with new taller radiator and short scuttle with vents and long bonnet with louvres. Car brought in from the UK in 2013 and with Peter Bakers help it has been mechanically sorted out from the new radiator core to the back axle. Body is an Austin factory



style, nicknamed as a "Boat Tail."

According to the UK A7CA register is one of only 17 left in the world. It comes with a very interesting history which includes use as transport by RAF air crew in WW2.

For details please contact Blair and Jan Martin, at Yandina. Call 0407 120 337 or email bjslmartin@hotmail.com

For Sale Box trailer to suit Austin 7



Tandem trailer to suit a short wheelbase Austin 7, internal dimensions 3.9 m. long x 1.8 m. wide by 1.74 m. high, overall length from the tow hitch to the tailgate is 5.32 m. Steel rear door doubles as loading ramp, floor all steel with built in tie points.

Fitted with over rider brakes on all 4 wheels. Has solar panels for the internal lights, and 240-volt power outlet. Asking Price \$10,000. For exact details, please contact Trevor & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), email bevandtrev7@bigpond.com Trailer located at Perwilloween, near Nambour.

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I'm looking to purchase an Austin 7 Special, ideally an Ulster or Meteor style replica, or similar. While I'd much prefer a complete car, I would also consider an unfinished project, depending on the level of work required. Happy to travel anywhere for inspections. Any assistance greatly appreciated. Please contact Mike O'Brien via email: amobrien@bigpond.net.au or mobile: 0412000829.



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