



NEWSLETTER

June 2025

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



“THE DAY AROUND THE BAY RUN” Sunday 13 April 2025”

Under Starters orders, three little Sevens belonging to Lindsay and Sharon, Trevor and Elaine, Colin and Gay, then Doug and Robyn’s Mini part hidden behind and Ian and Valda’s Austin Lancer!

President Steve’s car must be hiding as well!

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

General Meeting - Friday 13th June – Note New Time 7:30pm

RACQ Motorfest - Sunday 15th June!

VCCQ Concours at Sherwood – 29th June

General Meeting - Friday 11th July – Start 7:30pm

A7RQ Long Drive Number 4 – Sat.12th & Sun. 13th July

A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW DUE:

A friendly reminder to those who not yet paid, that that Fees are now due as of mid-June. Thanks to everyone who have paid their 2025-2026 financial year membership fees already.

We also are happy to report we have several new members.

Editorial Comments



Winter has arrived but luckily for we Queenslanders the weather has been quite enjoyable, only now when we reached the end of May, the nights cooled down a bit. But this will not keep us all from getting about to runs in our Austins (or as support crew in our moderns if your car is not ready), with plenty of events on in and around Brisbane and further away as we get towards October.

This year I have been thinking on my own circumstances, especially after my operation last year, I have come to the realisation that I am not driving my little Austins anymore after 50 years. In fact my saloon has not been on the road since 2022 and even then only infrequently. But rather than having it sit in the garage, if you know of someone who is after a vintage 1929 A7, perhaps they would like a saloon with wind up windows, I just may have what they want. (I will do an advert next

time.)

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 13th June 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at NEW TIME 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale. **(BYO Dinner on the Clubroom Veranda before meeting from 6.30pm if interested)**

Sunday 15th June 2025: A7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest. Static display 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. **Vehicle registration (online) closed Friday 16 May 2025. Members will be attending.**

Sunday 29th June 2025: 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. For details contact Barry Morris, VCCQ, ph. 0431 812 173. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. **Members will be attending.**

Friday 11th July 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July 2025: Long Drive Number 4

A7 Register Event: For a few years now, our President Steve heroically embarked on a long drive in his A7. To follow on from his past "enthusiastic" drives, President Steve is proposing to do another Long Drive Number 4 on Saturday 12th July from Brisbane south-west to Gatton, for an overnight stop, via Grandchester (approx. 400k.). Sunday morning 13th July will be a drive from Gatton back to Brisbane (approx. 100k.). From Brisbane there is an option for members who have done the long drive or who wish to only do a shorter drive on Sunday, to head to Dayboro for lunch and return to Brisbane. President Steve is inviting other A7 members, in their A7s, to join him on one or both these weekend drives. If you are interested in the long or shorter run, contact President Steve (0418 814 501) for more details. Further discussions will take place at A7 meetings and as the Long Drive, July 2025, departure time draws closer.

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th July 2025: Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the 11th Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally organised by the Callide Dawson Machinery preservation Club inc. The event will be held at Queensland Heritage Park, 11 Exhibition Avenue, Biloela, Central Queensland. For more information email: cdmpc@bigpond.com or phone 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.

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th July 2025: Invitation Event: The Ipswich Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club is organising a 50th Anniversary Rally in Ipswich. There will be runs on both days with a drive through Ipswich CBD on Saturday afternoon and a Formal Dinner on Saturday night. For further information, registration and accommodation options, contact Secretary Carol on 0402 154 943 or email ivvvc@hotmail.com.au. Registration is \$20 and a Meal & Entry Package is \$100. Registration closes on 14th June 2025.

Friday 8th August 2025: A7 Register Club Weekend – General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 9th August 2025: 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 (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 2025: A7 Register August Event: A possible Run – to be determined.

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 4 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.



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

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd June - The Antique Machinery Restoration Society Queensland Vintage Machinery Rally at the Caboolture Historical Village 280 Beerburrum Road, Caboolture 4510 For information Email: tuidog3@gmail.com (closing date for entries is Monday 10 June)

Sunday 6th July 2025: External Invitation Event: 2025

McLeans Bridge Classic Car and Aircraft Festival.

This event will be hosted by the Caboolture Aero Club and will be held at the Caboolture Airport, end of Aerodrome Road, Caboolture. The event will showcase classic vehicles & aircraft. Catering will be provided by a range of food and beverage vendors. Gates open at 7am for exhibitors (\$20/car) and at 9am for visitors (\$15/car). To get there, use exit 152A towards Bribie Island, take first turn left over the M1 overpass to Aerodrome Road and follow the signs. For more details contact Murray Clark murrayclark1@bigpond.com



Sunday 20th July 2025: 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.or Colin on 0409 825 913 or email secretary.gcacac@gmail.com

Saturday 26th July 2025: 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 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 nrvvccrallysecretary@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!)

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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"



NATIONAL RALLY 2025

Newsletter Number 7

June 2025.

One Month to go before entries close.

Accommodation update.

There are still a few rooms available at the **Adelaide Rd Motor Inn**

Murray Bridge Tourist Park only has two-bedroom cabins available one-bedroom cabins all booked.

Avoca Dell Caravan Park only has budget cabins left .

Monarto Safari Park.

Please check their website to see if you would like to book other experiences with the animals. www.monartosafari.com.au

**The Current list of events for the rally are.
Monday 20th October 2025**

Afternoon sign in at the Adelaide Rd Motor Inn.

Welcome Dinner at 1924 the restaurant on the riverbank.



Tuesday 21st October 2025

Travel to Strathalbyn and visit the Gilbert Motor Museum, Collectable Classics, a large number of Antique shops where the Strathalbyn Collectables fair is held each year.

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Drive to The Bend Raceway where we will have lunch, cruise the track and assemble on the starting grid for our group photo. Judging for trophies can be done here.

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Visit Monarto Safari Park home to more than 500 exotic and Australian native animals, including many of Africa's most impressive animals such as rhinos, lions and Elephants.

Friday 24th October 2025

Swap Meet at the morning meeting point. Presentation Dinner is at Lunchtime 12 noon. We have made this decision, so no entrants have to drive back to their accommodation on unfamiliar roads in the dark. The Dinner will be held at the Bridgeport Hotel with exceptional dining while indulging in Murray River Views.

Bay to Birdwood Run.

Entries will be available early June. National Rally Entrants will receive a link when they are available.

Confirmation of Entry.

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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MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Old Inc

Meeting No. 647, 11th April 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: After some of the members enjoyed their evening meal on the back veranda, the meeting was declared opened at 7.45pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 25 members signed the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Murray & Fiona R, John Q

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

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other Clubs. Emailed & Baby Torque

Chrysler's Expo 14th Sept., Rocklea Showgrounds

RACQ Motorfest 15th June. Does anyone wish to have their car in the John Reid P., Lyle Cooper to be told next week.

Bookfest 26th April 1.30 pm at Clubrooms

Membership form from Phil Pauling

Email re apologies from Murray & Fiona R & John Q.

QHMC Minutes

English & European Swap, 18th Oct, 8am to noon. Site \$10, walk in \$2.

Phone call from Stacy C re registering car. (give Tim a ring)

Invitation from Bayside Club for a run on Sunday 18th May (NMHD) Depart 9.30 am Dundee St., M/T Cascade Gardens, Luch Bailey Park.

OUT: Membership form to Phil P

Phone call to Ian W re size of Honour Board. 940 x 790 cm

Phone calls & emails to Steve, Neil & Tim re forwarding emails & asking questions.

Robyn moved the correspondence be approved as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Tim. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: RACQ Motorfest 7 cars & Honour Board write to Veteran Car Club.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon informed the members of the Clubs finances, asked for questions then moved her report be accepted. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried.

QHMC Report: as per QHMC Minutes.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has sold \$590 of spare parts this month.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Newsletters emailed to members & ready to post to others.

Dating Officers Report: Stacy C now has her dad's, Ted Bale, car registered in her name.

Webmaster Report: All up to Date & the Constitution now added.

Club Events:

13th April Club run organized by Lindsay & Sharon. Meet clubrooms 9am BYO M/T & Lunch

13th July Presidents Run

Other Events:

26th April Bookfest, 1.30 pm Clubrooms

4th May Lockyer Antique Assoc, Swap, Laidley Showgrounds

10-11th May Dalby Invitational Event

17-18th May QHMC National Motoring Heritage Day, Ormiston State School

17-18th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

23rd May Biggest Moring tea, Ormiston State School

31st May Boonah Show

Past Events:

16th March Club Run organized by John Q

23rd March Vintage Car Club, Sherwood Arboretum (4 A7 Attended)

30th March Bayside Swap

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Gatton Truck Museum moved to Winton.

Phone Call from David Barnett

David N asked if anyone could take spare Morris parts to Murrays Bridge. YES

Tim has books, posters etc. for the club library from Ted Bale's family.

Raffle: Valda had the raffle drawn. Allan O 1st, Colin J 2nd

Report on cars &/or Car troubles: Steve spoke about radius rods.

Birthdays: Many Happy Returns to members having a birthday in April.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

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

MAY Steve D

Committee Meeting: TBA Next Meeting: 9th May 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.40 pm. Happy Easter to All.

Austin 7 Register of Old Inc

Meeting No 648, 9th May 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the Meeting opened at 7.42 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 21 members signed the Attendance book

Apologies: Karyn M, Tim B, Murray & Fiona R, David Y, Peter B

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the April 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

Phone call from Jeff Streat re son joining club.

Phone call from David Young re registering a car bought at Yatala.

Antique Machinery Restoration Soc, Qld Inc, 18-19th Oct, Woodford Showgrounds.

Tims Editors & Dating Officers report

Rod & Janette Sims resignation

OUT: Newsletters posted & Parts & Register Books to Phil Pauling

Phone call to Lyle Cooper re RACQ Motorfest

Robyn moved the Correspondence be accepted as read & the Outward endorsed. Seconded by Neil, Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Only Justin McK car in John Reid P., RACQ 100 yrs going in half of the hall. Motorfest entries close 16th May

Treasurer's Report: Sharon read her report, asked for questions, then moved it be accepted. Seconded by Molly. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made 3 sales in the last month,

2nd Hand Part Report: No Sales.

Editors Report: All going well, just asking people to remind me of cars or parts that have been sold so they can be removed from the next newsletter which is due in June.

Dating Officers Report: Only item is to report that I have been asked to date David Young's car a 1929 Chummy which once belonged to John Davies of Dalby.

Webmaster Report: Neil has the website up to date.to September.

Club Events:

17-18th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Ormiston State School

15th June RACQ Motorfest

22nd June VCCQ Concours, Sherwood Arboretum. 10am to 1pm

Other Events:

17th May Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club, Heritage Car Trucks Bike & Machinery Show

17-18th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

24th May Biggest Morning Tea, Ormiston State School

24-25th May Gold Coast Autorama

Past Events:

13th April Club run organized by Lindsay & Sharon

26th April VCCAQ Bookfest John Q gave this report.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: A discussion was held about starting our meetings earlier. Meeting to start at 7.30 pm & the President asked for members to have dinner at 6.30-6.45 pm at the clubrooms before the next meeting. It will be BYO.

Raffle: Steve won the Mother's Day raffle organized by Valda

Report on cars &/ or car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in May wished Many Happy returns.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health. (Brian B has had an operation on his back)

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Steve for tonight's Supper.

JUNE Ian McD

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th June 2025

Meeting closed: As no further business was to be discussed, the President declared the meeting closed at 8.24 pm. Wishing Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Robyn



News of Members and their Cars

Last month it was my pleasure to provide a dating form for David and Dianne Young of Eaton's Hill, who now own this nice 1929 Chummy, formerly it was owned by John Davies out at Dalby.



I also hear that Luke Schuster of Everton Park who owns a black 1930 Fabric Saloon has rejoined the fold after about an 18-year absence. We saw his car on display at the All British Day several years ago now, he is working on the car as he bought a sizeable assortment of parts from Trevor.

Welcome also to new member Phil Pauling of Pittsworth who has a blue 1927 Chummy.

Another new member is Ewen Coates who lives at Everton Hills. Ewen owns a 1928 boat-tail A7 Special. Hopefully, we may get a photo or two of these cars soon.

Unfortunately with membership renewal time we have the resignation of some members.

Brisbane members Rodney and Jeanette Sims have left us, along with Ron Anderson of Maryborough. I do hope it goes well for these lovely folk in the future.

EVENT REPORTS

DAY AROUND THE BAY RUN Sunday 13 April 2025

There are some run organisers who are just luckier than others, and April's run organisers, Lindsay and Sharon, proved without a doubt that they are part of the lucky group.

Their luck began at Friday evening's meeting, when someone mentioned that the Tour de Brisbane bicycle race was being held on Sunday morning. Sharon quickly googled on her mobile phone the race route to see if it clashed at any point with the run route. Fortunately, it did not.

And then there was the weather. Saturday afternoon and evening, the rain was pouring down in Brisbane. Members were

wondering if Sunday's run would go ahead, but in the morning everyone woke to a sunny day. There was only one shower of rain at the start of the run, but the remainder of the day was fine.



We gathered at the starting point, our Clubhouse in Carindale. Present in their A7s were President Steve, Trevor & Elaine, Colin & Gay, and Sharon & Lindsay. In their Morris Mini were Doug & Robyn, and in their Austin Lancer were Ian & Valda. In modern cars were John, Alan, and Neil & Karyn. After receiving a briefing and run instructions from Lindsay & Sharon, the group departed on time at 9am. The cars headed eastwards, travelling through the acreages of Belmont, Gumdale and Wakerley with

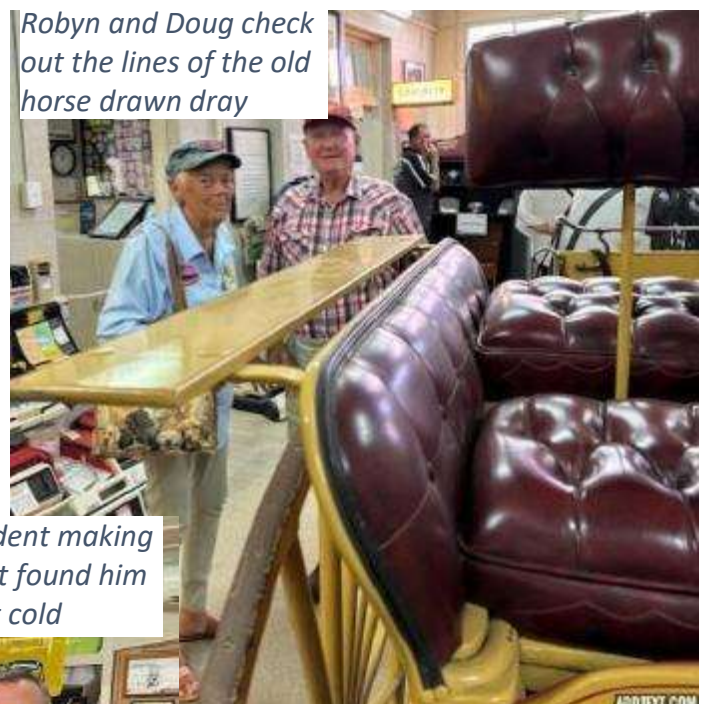


Arrol-Johnston Ambulance

their large houses. Heading into Manly and Wynnum, the instructions included details of historical buildings and landmarks, which Lindsay and Sharon had obtained from the Wynnum Manly Historical Society. These included the former Fire Station built in 1921, the former Regency-style Masonic Hall built in 1920, the former Ambulance Station founded in 1926, and the School of Arts opened in 1913. When driving by the former Ambulance Station, which is now the Queensland Ambulance Museum, Lindsay and Sharon noticed that the Museum was holding an Open Day. On arrival at George Clayton Park for morning tea, Lindsay directed us to drive back to the Museum for a look before morning tea. It

was a fortuitous turn of events, as Webmaster Neil had inadvertently stated in the run details on the Club's website that we would be visiting a museum. All the planets had aligned! After backtracking to the Queensland Ambulance Museum and parking, Museum staff informed us that they were not open until 10am but, as Lindsay and Sharon's luck would have it, the staff invited us to have our morning tea in a room inside with lots of seating. Here there was a slide show, including a slide of an Austin 20 ambulance under restoration, and many photographs on the walls, including one of Austin ambulances.

On finishing morning tea, members joined with the



Robyn and Doug check out the lines of the old horse drawn dray



Our club treasurer and president making friends with the old horse but found him not very responsive and a bit cold

Sharon & Steve

public to view the interesting exhibits in the Museum. These exhibits depicted the history of the Queensland Ambulance Service since its inception, including a range of ambulances and equipment. Some members supported the Museum's fundraising efforts by purchasing a sausage sandwich from the sausage sizzle being held in the Museum carpark.

On leaving the Museum, members resumed the run route, viewing the Bay islands and the Wynnum Wading

Pool as they drove along the Esplanade, reading about their history in their run instructions. Crossing over Fox Street Bridge, we headed through Lytton and Murarrie on our way to Bulimba. After driving along crowded Oxford Street, where people were lunching, shopping or visiting the local community markets at

Bulimba Memorial Park, we turned into Quay Street, at the end of which was our lunch stop at Vic Lucas Park in Bulimba.

As locals, Neil & Karyn had quietly held concerns about the ability to park at Vic Lucas Park, which is usually very busy on weekends. However, Lindsay & Sharon's luck continued; not only did the cars park without difficulty, but the single large picnic shelter was free. It was here that the group settled to eat their BYO lunches, chat and watch the boats on the Brisbane River. Following President Steve thanking Lindsay and Sharon for an interesting and enjoyable run, members headed home. Thank you to Lindsay and Sharon for their 'well-planned' run which, with their good luck, had no errors in their run instructions, a rare occurrence for our Club runs!

Karyn

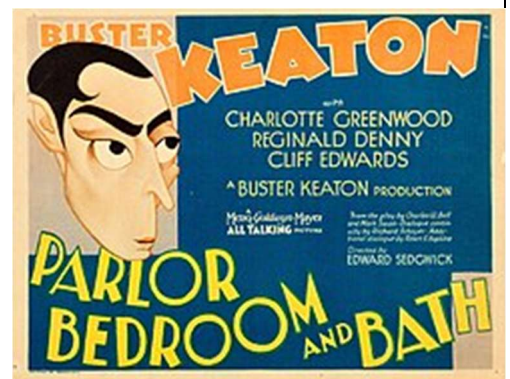


Cars of the Stars- The Baby Austin goes to Hollywood!

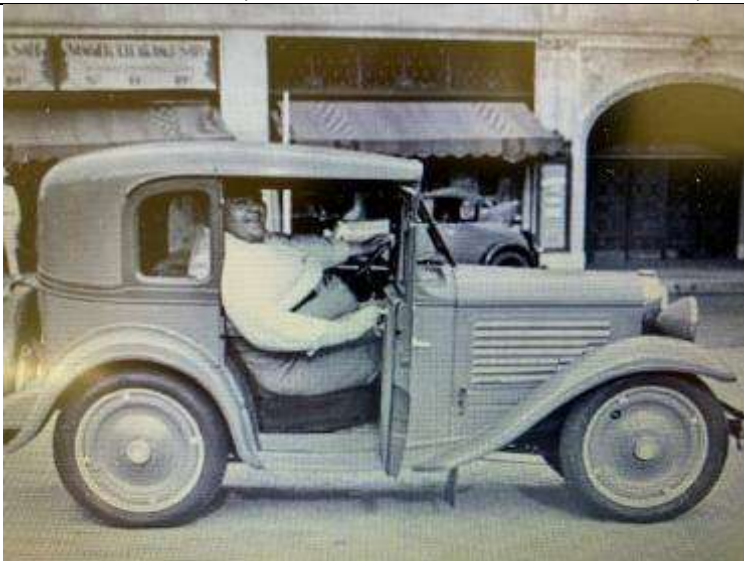
When the American Austin was made in the USA, more were sold in California than anywhere, many to entertainers. 52,000 were ordered before it debuted in June 1930!



Buster Keaton takes his two sons for a tour of the MGM lot in an Austin Roadster used in the Movie "Parlour,

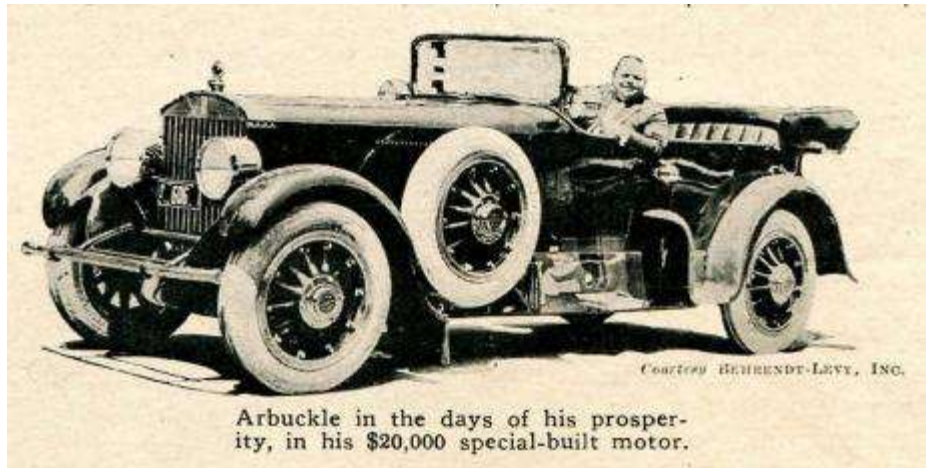


Bedroom and Bath," which was Keaton's third "talkie," released in 1931 and which he also directed.



Roscoe Conkling "Fatty" Arbuckle was a silent movie star, whose career took a dive after a scandal resulted in a series of trials in the early 1920s, he was eventually acquitted but his popularity evaporated. In 1932 his career began to take off again, and he signed up for a new movie deal after making a few comedy shorts but unfortunately he died of a fatal heart attack in 1933 at the age of 46. Here is "Fatty" trying out an Austin coupe for size. (I do think he should have tried a couple of sizes larger!)

In his earlier days “Fatty” drove around in this Pierce Arrow, a much larger luxury car.



Actress and Dancer Charlotte Greenwood adopts a zany pose by threading herself through the Coupe's window. She was known for her height and high kicks as a dancer. She appeared in movies for 40 years, one of her last appearances was as Aunt Eller in 1955's "Oklahoma".

The famous Al Jolson, star of Screen and the recording Studio, ordered his Austin months in advance of its release, and was the first private owner to receive one of the iconic little cars.



Al is more well known as the first person to speak in a movie, 1927's 'The Jazz Singer'. Jolson's "Wait a minute" line provoked shouts of pleasure and applause from the audience, who were dumbfounded by seeing and hearing someone speak on a film for the first time. Songs were only just beginning to be played in synchronisation with movies using the "Vitaphone" process, to have a real live talkie was the next step!



George "Slim" Summerville was one of the original Keystone Cops, here he shows he had his own unique way getting in and out of his coupe. Being tall and gangly Slim was popular as a comedic extra. He also directed 50 films, mostly comedy shorts. His acting work extended from 1912 to 1946, including two movies with Shirley Temple.



Actress and Soprano Bernice Claire is happily pictured on top of an Austin Coupe for publicity purposes. She starred in 13 films in the 1930s including “No, No, Nannette” and lived a long and happy life till she was 97.



Actor Marion Davies contemplates her dilemma is a scene from a long-forgotten comedy. She starred in 51 movies from 1917 to 1937 and was also known for her relationship with millionaire Randolph Hearst. After she inherited 170,000 shares of Hearst Corporation shares when Hearst died in 1951 in addition to another 30,000 in a trust fund previously set up for her, Marion later donated nearly 3 million dollars to charities, some of it went to setting up a children’s hospital at the University College of Los Angeles.



Miss California Ruby Smith and her friends pose publicising the new American Austin and the midget Aeroconca planne

This article came about when Elaine and Trevor sent me the photo of Fatty Arbuckle in the American Austin. This sent me down a worm hole to dig out a delightful and well-illustrated book I have called ‘What Became of the Baby Austin’ written by John Underwood in 1965 about the history of the American Austin (later called the Bantam) to find additional the additional photos of Hollywood celebrities to go with this article. (Editor Tim)

More on the American Austin

American Austin Car Company set up manufacturing operations in Butler, Pennsylvania, in premises that had belonged to the Standard Steel Car Company. Their intention was to assemble and sell in the United States a version of the Austin 7 car, called the American Austin. The Austin automobile was designed in the hopes of creating a market for small-car enthusiasts in the United States. The cars had 747 cc (45.6 cu in) inline-four engines, enabling the car to return 40 mpg-US (48 mpg-imp; 5.9 L/100 km), and travel 1,000 miles or 1,600 kilometres per 2 US qt (1.7 imp qt; 1.9 L) fill of oil. It was capable of 50 mph (80 km/h) in high gear. Styling resembled small Chevrolets, with Stutz- and Marmon-style horizontal hood louvres. The bodies were designed by Alexis de Sakhnoffsky and made by the Hayes Body Company of Detroit. The coupe was billed as a sedan, and sold for \$445, slightly less than a Ford V8 roadster. The Great Depression made the cheaper second-hand cars more appealing, so sales dropped off to the point that production was suspended. American Austin produced 8,448 cars that were sold during 1930, the company's first (and best) year of sales but only 1,279 vehicles were built in 1931. In 1934 the company filed for bankruptcy protection and in 1935 the company was liquidated.

The assets were acquired by Evans Operations, Inc. and a new company American Bantam Car Company was incorporated in June 1936 which was made until 1940 and had a part in the evolution of the Jeep. In 1938 30 % of Bantams production was exported. A contract was made to distribute the bantam in Australia and early in February 1938 the first shipment for 50 cars were sent to Melbourne.

I remember the late Roy Ducat telling me that as a young chap he worked for the company that had the job to build the bodies on the Bantam. Australian Bantams had smaller lights than their American cousins, Roy told me this was because the box containing the headlights was dropped into the harbour when they were unloading the parts.

JAGUAR - HOW THE BRAND EVOLVED (with help of the Austin Seven!)

Jaguar Cars was a British car manufacturer initially established in Blackpool by two motorcycle enthusiasts (William Lyons and William Walmsley) as the Swallow Sidecar Company.

This was in September 1922, and they originally made motorcycle sidecars prior to expanding and developing bodies for motorcars.

In 1927 the company name was changed to The Swallow Sidecar and Coach Building Company and Swallow began to produce the Austin Seven Swallow car built on a standard Austin chassis.



A change of premises, and by 1928, while still producing sidecars, production had increased to about 50 cars a week.

The name changed again to the Swallow Coachbuilding Co and several new models followed with the company starting to build complete cars in association with the

Standard Motor Company, many bearing Jaguar as a model name. In 1934 the company was renamed, becoming S.S. Cars Ltd.

Late in 1935 the S.S. Jaguar 100 was released. This was the first sports car to carry the Jaguar name. It had a



3.5 litre engine and was capable of more than 100mph. In 1945 the company changed its name to become Jaguar Cars Ltd.

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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.
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(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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