



NEWSLETTER



February 2025

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



On “The Long Run”

President Steve’s mighty 1929 Sports proves it’s worth on what is the third of these annual runs Steve has undertaken. Steve relates his big solo adventure inside on page 11.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

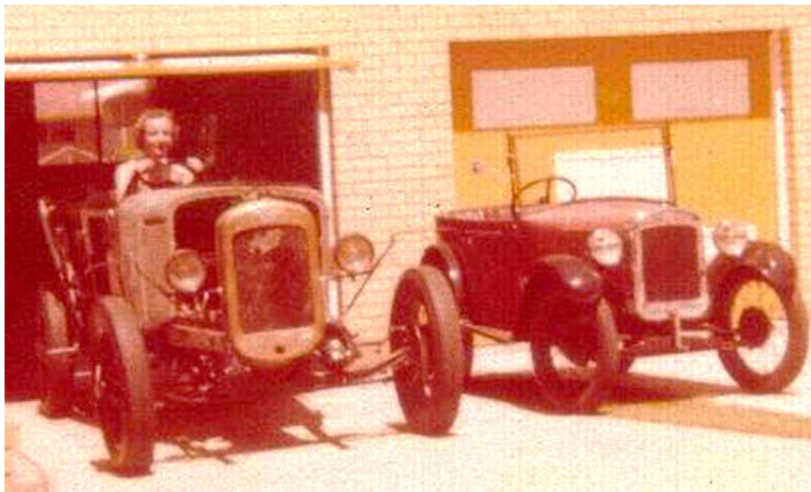
General Meeting - Friday 14th February

Monthly Run Valentines Day Welcome to the West Run 2.

Sunday the 16th of February!

Editorial Comments - 50 years of Austineering

Our first day out for the year was to Doug and Robyn's lovely property at Boronia Heights. I had thought there was something that the rest of the committee were planning as I was asked if I was coming to the day. Well what a surprise I got! Every year the club has been presenting members with a certificate for a notable period of membership. So it was a lovely surprise when I got called out for my own 50 year certificate. I honestly thought that I joined the club in 1976, but I see by my diary that I bought my first vintage Austin in July 1975. Sorry it was not a Seven, but a 1928 Austin 6 cylinder Sixteen/Six. I was only 19 going on 20 but knew that membership of a vintage car



club was essential. First I went to a meeting of one club and they told me that they would "need to consider my request for membership (i.e. did it have the right pedigree?)". One well known "Vintagent" even said to me, "what did I want to buy one of those 'blimmin' cars for?" (I think he thought I meant a later model from the 1940s!). Luckily I sat down next to a friendly tall gray haired gentleman and black framed glasses. He told me I would find the Austin 7 Register much more accepting for the owner of a uncommon model of Austin! The gentleman introduced himself as Pym Hills and told me he actually owned a Austin 12/4 himself! The rest is history as they say. The photo above of the Sixteen and its little play mate was taken in 1978 three years later when I bought my first Seven, the famous "Porkchop", which turned out to be a much better proposition to get on the road. My progress on the old Sixteen was slow, so I sold it to another club member not long after. Finally I must give a big shout out to all those who have contributed to this newsletter, in particular, Robyn for the meeting minutes, Neil for the Events, and Neil, Karyn and Steve for their articles and photos.

Editor Tim Braby

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

We have a website which you can view at. 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.

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.

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.

Friday 14th February: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm in the Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th February : A7 Register February Event: Valentine Welcome to the West Run 2. This Run is organised by Colin & Gay Jacobson Ph. 0407 627 206. The Run will depart from the Brisbane Planetarium Carpark (bottom of Mt Coot-tha Road) at 9am. Morning Tea will be at the Botanical Gardens Cafe where coffee and morning Tea can be purchased or BYO. The Run will then proceed through Pullenvale to Moggill arriving at Lake Manchester for a BYO lunch.

Friday 14th February: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm in the Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th March : A7 Register March Event: Inner City North-Side Run. This run will be organised by John Que 0409 893 305 and will commence from the Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. We will visit historic Newstead House where we will have a chance of a conducted tour.

Friday 11th April 2025:A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th April 2025:A7 Register April Event: A Day Around the Bay. This Run will be organised by Lindsay & Sharon (ph. 0408 876 559) and is to commence from the Carindale Clubrooms at 9.00am. Morning Tea will be at a park following a museum tour. After Morning Tea we will enjoy a run around Wynnum/Manly to a Lunch Stop to be determined. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch

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 9 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 Rally. 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 as 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

Sunday 30th March: External Event: 38th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122. No dogs, smoking or vaping allowed on school grounds.

Sunday 4th May – Lockyer Swap – Laidley Showgrounds Entry for public via Cooper Street from 6:30am Contact Ken Grigsby 0418 158 160. Email sec.lama@hotmail.com
Saturday set up for sellers from 2pm. Sites \$5, Person in vehicle \$5 each. Buyers \$5 each.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June - The Antique Machinery Restoration Society Queensland Vintage Machinery Rally at the Caboolture Historical Village 280 Beerburum Road, Caboolture 4510 For information Email: tuidog3@gmail.com (closing date for entries is Monday 10 June)

Sunday 20th July : Gold Coast Swap Mudgerabah Showgrounds. Trading from 6am to noon. Stallholders can set up Saturday 2pm to 5pm or Sunday from 5am. Contact David on 0428 279 291 or Colin on 0409 825 913 or email secretary.gcacac@gmail.com

2026

Thursday 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 weekend 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" (please note your Editor had the wrong contact info in the last newsletter)

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc
Meeting No. 643, 13th December 2024

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: The Vice President declared the meeting opened at 7,45 pm with a welcome to all, including Carl Gregory from QHMC who will speak to us later.

President: 21 members signed the Attendance Book & 1 Visitor

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC, Peter D, Steve D, Tim B, Ross & Rhonda G, Murray & Fiona R

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

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other Clubs
QHMC November minutes, using mobile phones &
Driver's seatbelts obligations.

Email from QHMC requesting a delegate to attend
our meeting.

Apology from Murray & Fiona R

Phone calls re Christmas Party

Email from Tim re his Editors & Dating Officers
Report.

OUT: Sympathy Card to Hugh & Judy C

Email inviting the QHMC delegate to attend the
meeting.

Newsletters, A7 Register & Parts Books

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported on the club's finances. Asked for questions, then moved her report &
all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by David. Carried. Then thanked Steve & Helen for
providing our Xmas dessert for free.

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Part Report: Trevor has made some sales.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Not much to report except to Thank the members who have kindly supplied me with
photos & stories of our club events, especially while I was out of action in July & August.

Dating Officers Report: I have attended to 2 Austins 7s, I was able to supply a Dating Form to Alan O for
his new 1927 Chummy which has now been transferred over from Alan C previous guardianship of the car,
Also thanks to Neil & Robyn who helped me provide dating information about the late Barry A car for the
Dating Officer of Cairns & District Historic Vehicle Club Inc. This car has moved from Cooroy up to
Barry's daughter in Gordonvale.

Web Master Report: Neil has our website up to date until March 2025. If you know of any events, please
let him know, also looking for someone to organize one of our monthly runs.

Club Events:

28th Dec Steve's Drive to Stanthorpe.

2025

12th Jan 2nd Hand Parts Sale & get together. 9am to 1 pm Boronia Heights

16th Feb Valentines Day Run to Samsonvale organized by Colin & Gay J

Other Events:

25th-26th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

1st-2nd Feb Toowoomba Swap

30th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

South Australia National Rally, Murrays Bridge, October

Austins Over Australia will be in Maryborough June 2026

Past Events:

10th Nov Presidents Run

8th Dec A7 Xmas Party

Library Report: NIL

General Business:

40- & 50-year Membership Certificates to be done.

The Vice President then asked Carl to address the members. Carl asked for volunteers to help QHMC with
parking on National Motoring Heritage Day 17th May 2025 at Ormiston State School. John Q was the only



person to put his hand up. If you can help, please let them know. Also asked if the club could please donate a raffle prize. (to be discussed at the next meeting) Carl also spoke about mobile phone & seat belt usage in vehicles.

The European & British Swap organized by QHMC will be 18th October 2025 at the Club rooms. Site & buyer's prices have yet to be fixed.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in December wished many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

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

January = Gail C

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 10th January 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.32 pm.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone & Safe traveling.

Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 644, 10th January 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened with a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all at 7.35 pm.

Present: 23 members signed the attendance book

Apologies: Murray & Fiona R, Tim B

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

Business arising from Minutes: Prize for QHMC to be discussed in General Business,

Correspondence: IN Newsletters from other clubs

Email from Murray re apology for tonight & Sunday

Email re booking clubrooms for August.

QHMC re insurance for seatbelts & mobile phone usage

Email re Tims Editors & Dating Officers Report

Phone call from Albert re European & British Swap, 18th October. \$ 10 per site, \$ 2 entry, 8am to 1 pm

OUT: Email to VCCAQ re booking hall for August & December. (9th-10th Aug & Sunday 14th Dec)

QHMC re insurance on seatbelts & mobile phones forwarded to Neil & Tim

Phone call to Albert re European & British Swap

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

Business arising from Correspondence NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported on the club's finances, asked for any questions, then moved her report to be accepted & all accounts were passed on for payment. Seconded by David. Carried,

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Parts dept only sold \$330 in the last month, another order to be sent to Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim has some good news items for the February Newsletter including Steve's Long drive No.3, Sims's have had no inquiries about their A10 for sale. Also asked if anyone could help him with his computer's new program.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Editors Report: Neil has everything up to date including Facebook.

Club Events.

12th Jan 2nd Hand parts Sale, Boronia Hts, 9am to 1 pm

16th Feb Valentine Days Run organized by Colin & Gay, meet Botanical Gardens

Other Events:

25th – 26th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

1st-2nd Feb Toowoomba Swap

30th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

Past Events: Presidents Run to Stanthorpe on web & Facebook.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Prize for QHMC 17th May, National Motoring Heritage Day as discussed.

John spoke about stopping at Temora on the way home from Murrays Bridge in October

Peter B is having trouble buying Whitworth bolts & screws (suggested Classic Fasteners online or Newcastle High Tensile Bolts)

Raffle: Peter B & Lindsay were the lucky winners.

Report on cars &/ car troubles: NIL

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

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

February = Trevor M

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 14th February 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm.



Robyn

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Rhonda wins the Montague Trophy

Congratulations Rhonda Guthrie on being awarded the Montagu Trophy for 2024 for services to the veteran car community! Rhonda has been a member of the Queensland club all her adult life after her courtship and



marriage to husband, Ross Guthrie. The Guthrie family were well known in the Veteran Car Club almost since its inception, having owned and restored numerous vehicles in their panel beating business. It wasn't until the late 1990's that Rhonda started to take a more active role in the Club when she took on the role of Member Liaison, a position she holds to this very day. In her own words she says, "I love the Veteran Car Club, and I just want to make sure our members can make the most of their association with it".

Photo above shows VCCAQ President Graham Donges presents Rhonda with a surrogate Montagu Trophy at a Surprise function to hear the announcement during the Final Dinner in Tasmania

Rhonda continues: "By now, you will have read or heard the news. I'm just so honoured to have been awarded the Montagu Trophy for 2024.

The Qld Veteran Car Club is part of our (Ross and My) lives, and we wouldn't have it any other way, we love it. But, you know, it's you, the Club Members who have made the Qld Veteran Car Club such a great club that others want to be part of. If you folks didn't participate in rallies, or get dressed up in costumes, or make the effort to travel long distances to attend National Rallies, the Club would not be as strong as it is.

But also the credit goes to Ross, with his support and willingness to attend rallies, drive to Brisbane so often. He is my biggest supporter [Though, he does tell me when I've got it all wrong]. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Rhonda Guthrie"

50 years of Membership

Alan Couser, David Barnett and Tim Braby celebrate milestones of club membership this year. At left is a photo of our President Steve congratulating Tim on his achievement of 50 years membership at the Monster Parts Sale!

Alan also is a 50-year man, having been in the club since 1976. But in fact Alan has been an Austin 7 owner for quite a few more years, buying his 1933 Tourer back in the 1950s as his first car which is a remarkable record.

Also celebrating 40 years is David Barnett. David in his little Roadster went on a lot of car club runs around Brisbane and surrounding areas back in the 1960s.

Congratulations on your achievements Alan, David and Tim.

Septimus



EVENT REPORTS

A7 Annual Christmas Lunch – Sunday, 8 December 2024



A sweltering Brisbane summer's day could not dampen the Xmas spirit of our Club members for the Club's Annual Christmas Lunch. By the scheduled start time of 11.30am, more than 50 members had arrived at our Clubrooms. The heat and humidity meant that most arrived in their modern cars, but Lindsay & Sharon and Colin & Gaye were brave enough to drive their A7s.



Following some merry Christmas mingling under the large ceiling fans, members took their chosen seats and President Steve welcomed everyone. Using calendars, Robyn then made a clever presentation to four members, Lindsay, Aileen, Dick and Ian, who all celebrated their birthdays this week. A rousing and



somewhat out of tune *Happy Birthday* was sung to them, with special birthday wishes to Aileen who was celebrating her birthday at our Christmas luncheon.

After receiving

strict instructions on the route to be taken to collect one's lunch and return to one's seat, each member filed out and lined up in an orderly manner with their plate in hand. As usual, there was a delicious spread of ham, chicken, bread rolls, coleslaw, pineapple and salad items for members to partake of. Some members returned for seconds, and even thirds!

Between courses, there was the usual entertainment of a wordsearch, containing impossible words, provided by Robyn. A hush fell over the group as heads were bowed in an effort to be crowned this year's Wordsearch King or Queen. It was not long before First Lady Helen took out the title.

The Christmas raffle was also drawn, with numerous lucky winners. The major prize of a huge Christmas hamper was won by Russell & Vanda, while other prize winners were David & Kirsty, Greg & Yuriko, Dick & Patricia, Joe & Margaret, Merv & Margaret, David & Diane, Peter & Gail, Justin & Patty, Trev & Elaine, Allan O. and Trevor Mc. Thank you to Valda for organising the raffle and to members for their donations towards the prizes.

Dessert was then served – delicious individual cheesecakes topped with berry compote, made by First Lady Helen. We were all wishing there were seconds!



A lovely gift, hand-made by Twink, was then handed out to attendees. The gift, which was beautifully wrapped to look like a Christmas bonbon, was a knitted dishcloth made in Christmas colours with red, green and white variegated cotton. It was clear that a lot of time and effort had gone into making each cloth, and I am sure that many are now adorning the kitchens of members. Thank you Twink for this thoughtful gift!

After some more socialising, President Steve thanked everyone and wished them a Merry Christmas. As members started to leave, clutching their new Members' Register and Spare Parts booklets, the clean-up began and

was completed in record time.



A big thank you to Secretary Robyn, whose organisation and tireless efforts always contribute to the success of the day. Thank you also to the Committee for organising the food, to everyone who contributed to setting up and cleaning up, and to our members for supporting the event.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! (More photos on page 8!)

Karyn

THE LONG DRIVE – The 3rd Edition – Thursday 2nd January 2025

For a few years I've taken advantage of the break between Christmas and New Year to go for a Long Drive. When I say "Long Drive" I mean far enough away from Brisbane that I have no idea how I'll get back if I suffer some sort of catastrophic breakdown.

In 2022 it was 378km to Warwick via Queen Mary Falls, returning via Ma Ma Creek and Rosewood. The 2023 edition was a touch shorter, a 245km run to Kilcoy via Mount Delaney and then along the west side of Lake Wivenhoe. This latest edition saw visit the location of Queensland's coldest temperature, Stanthorpe.

I'd planned on the 28th of December, but some work commitments and unfavourable weather forced me to instead pick the 2nd of January.

The day prior I spent time packing spares and getting ready. One task was pulling the dizzy out to check the connection to the dyno. Ever since I destroyed a dizzy to dyno gear due to lack of grease I've been a bit wary of this connection. It only takes 10 minutes to removed it, check it and retime the engine.

While the forecasted temperatures where comparatively low for summer it was still going to be a 30^o day, so I wanted to get some distance between myself and home before the sun came up. I rolled out of the driveway at 3:40am and after 5km drove into a light shower, nothing serious but enough to make me reach for my broad brimmed hat. It was at that point that I discovered it wasn't in the car. After a returning home and waking the neighbours a second time I was off, but this time with a hat.

After traversing Colleges Crossing my first stop was at Peak Crossing, around 60km from home. A quick check showed that the car was fine, and the light rain was all but done. It was easy driving, and I wasn't pushing the 1929 A7 Meteor. I was cruising along and not really paying attention to my notes and followed the directions toward Rathdowney. A bit of a mistake. For some reason I'd mixed up Rathdowney with Killarney and thus overshot my intended turn off by 10km! I considered altering my route and continuing that way but decided it was better to back track and go the way I'd planned.



There's a nice little creek where you turn off Carneys Creek Road on to Head Road so I pulled up for some breakfast. I guess I took around 20 minutes here, by the time I was back on the road I realised I hadn't seen another car for a least an hour. It's a good haul up the range to Teviot Falls Lookout, for my car it's mostly 2nd and 3rd gear but some of the pinches forced me into 1st.

Stopping next a Carr's Lookout I was surprised by a very well-dressed Japanese lady who wanted directions to Sydney. How she had ended up there was a mystery, and it was difficult to understand if she wanted to head east and drive down the coast or west to the inland route. In the end she headed west and I'm hoping she arrived ok.

With 30km to Stanthorpe I checked the fuel and decided that I'd make it with what remained in the tank so the spare 5l stayed in the jerry can. I was right but only just! As I drove through Stanthorpe the engine spluttered and wouldn't fire so I coasted the last 200m into the service station. Sure enough the tank was dry. Luckily, I keep the tank very clean so running it dry didn't result in sludge being draw in to the carburettor.

A few km's earlier my ignition light came on and quick checked confirmed there was no power in to or from the dyno. I spent 5 minutes prodding and poking the control panel but then decided it was no big deal, and I was sure there was sufficient power left in the battery to keep me going.

The only thing that really draws much power is the lights and I was hopeful they'd not be required again on this trip.

After a coffee and vanilla slice it was time to turn around and head home. The return was warmer but uneventful. Lunch was a counter meal and cold beer at the Boonah Commercial Hotel, very satisfying. The car was back in the shed 12 hours after we'd set off and I'd had a great day out. My average speed of 60km/h was likely slower than some drivers would enjoy but I prefer not to flog the car too hard.



So, what's the next long drive? For starters I think I'm going to move it from summer to winter in '25. A destination is yet to be decided but I think 500km in a day is tough but achievable. Who knows, if others are keen to join in we could make it a two-day event? Maybe there's an option that has multiple routes all ending up at the same place for dinner? A 200km jaunt, a 350km haul and a 500km marathon. Something to consider over the next few months.

President Steve

2025 Monster Second-Hand Spare Parts Sale – Sunday 12 January 2025



The rainy weather did not deter Club members from turning up from 9am to the annual Monster Second-Hand Spare Parts Sale, hosted by Second-Hand Spare Parts Manager Doug and Secretary Robyn. Twenty-eight members & guests attended the event, from as far away as Gympie. Most drove their modern cars, perhaps influenced by the weather, although Lyn drove his Austin 10 and Ian & Valda drove their Lancer.

Attendees gathered under the covered patio and gazebo, enabling them to look out at the beautiful lawn, trees and flowering bushes, all of which attracted many different types of birds. There was

much chatter, drinking of tea and coffee, and partaking of the delicious cakes and biscuits provided by Robyn and others. Throughout the morning, members ambled down to the shed to browse the second-hand parts and see if they could find that elusive part they needed. Spare Parts Manager Trevor and Second-Hand Spare Parts Manager Doug were on hand to price the purchases made. Others were also interested in purchasing the honey or beeswax, or eating the delicious honeycomb, produced by Trevor McC's bees.



FOUR WISE MEN IN CONFERENCE

After a particularly torrential downpour, everyone came together under the gazebo for a special presentation. President Steve congratulated Tim on having been a member of the Club for 50 years and

presented him with a framed 50-Year

Membership

Certificate. There was

much applause, which was

then followed by amusing

anecdotes of how Tim

became a member of the

Club and about his past

collection of

cars. President Steve also

thanked everyone for

attending and Doug &

Robyn not only for hosting

the event, but also for all

the work they do for our

Club.

Around midday some

people started to pack up

and depart, while others

broke out their BYO

lunches and continued



chatting.

Once again, thank you to attendees and particularly to purchasers, and to Doug & Robyn for hosting yet another most enjoyable A7 event at their house.

Karyn

Australia Day Static Display at Ormiston State School Sunday 26 January 2025



By all reports, Australia Day at Ormiston State School was another huge success with around 700 cars of all "vintages" on display from 7am. The day was bright and sunny as many participants and visitors partook of the free breakfast and pleasant atmosphere of the school grounds.

There were two A7s on display – that of Justin and the other belonging to Doug & Robyn. Ian & Valda drove their Austin Lancer. Another five of our A7 members arrived in their modern vehicles to participate in the event and enjoy the day.

At the cooking location were Lindsay, Trevor and Doug while busy selling raffle tickets were Robyn, Sharon and Valda.



At around 10am the raffles were drawn and of the eighteen raffle prizes on offer, none of our A7 members were fortunate to score any. Following the raffle draws and at around 10.30am, the optional navigation runs through the Redlands Coast commenced for some, while for others, it was time to head home.

Our thanks go to the bayside Vehicle Restorers Club for yet another successful annual Australia Day

event.

Neil



Austin 7 Models using the Ruby Style Grille

Deer Editor, I wish to point out to U a most horrendous "Fox paw" in the December Newsletter. In the Members News a car is described as a "1937 Ruby Tourer". Well any fair dinkum Austin 7 enthusiast knows there ain't no such thing, Could you possibly Please remedy this situation by printing an article on the different body styles of the later Austin 7s? I wood be most gratified.

Arthur Gumby Esq., Rubicon Street, Rubyvale, Qld.

Dear Arthur, please find attached what I hope you will find is a useful guide to the 1934 and later Austin 7s. I have heard of worse atrocities over the years, especially when it comes to actual dates of manufacture!!

Editor Tim



APE

APE 2-seater July 1936 to 1938; mechanically identical to the Ruby saloon also named the 'Opal'; 'square' rear body had good storage; exposed spare wheel; low frame; trafficators first fitted to scuttle then fitted to body behind doors, Ruby style radiator cowl and ventilators.



AAK

AAK Open Road Tourer 4-seater 1934 - Aug 1936; steel construction over ash frame; square doors; high frame; Ruby style radiator cowl and ventilators; vertical scuttle; exposed spare wheel on back panel.



AAL

AAL Open Road Tourer 4-seater Aug 1936 - Jan 1939; identical body to Ruby saloon with roof cut off; low frame; spare wheel covered; integral luggage rack; windscreen hinged on top rail. Later models had trafficators behind the doors.

head version had no bumpers, detachable starting handle.



AC

AC Cabriolet 1934 - 1936; 'Pearl'. Identical body to the Ruby; low frame; open top three position fold down hood; exposed hood irons; three cant rails to support hood - two after first 200 made



ARQ

ARQ Saloon Aug 1934 - Aug 1936; 'Ruby'. Completely restyled car; low frame; enc. radiator; toolbox under bonnet; steel construction over ash frame; enclosed spare wheel; standard sunshine roof; curved valance under front bumper; hinged rear windows



ACA

ACA Cabriolet 1936; 'Pearl' same specification as the ARR Ruby, now with fewer colour combinations; strengthened body; free of cross bars in space between cant bars; low frame. Body numbers continue to be same as chassis numbers



ARR

ARR Saloon Aug 1936 - Jan 1939; 'Ruby' 3 bearing engine; strengthened front pillars; greater slope to windscreen; waistline at rear widens and slopes down; rear quarter windows partly wind down. Cheaper, fixed



AVK

AVK Van 1937-39 - Ruby styled with front body based on ARR; trafficators flush mounted; floor pan raised to provide flat carrying area; steel body

MORE OF THE 'UMBLE A7 UTE

A wonderful older gentleman Bill Pearce approached me at my model train club early last month. He knew I was interested in old cars and wanted to share two photos of Austin 7s in his family. Both were lovely little roadster utilities. The first one is taken at Bowral and is promoting the "Jack and Jill Baby Shop" which was in the main business area in Bong Bong Street. I am not sure if Jack may have been one of the youthful drivers, but the driver is his Aunty. The second photo is of a similar ute. Both cars seem to be 1929 models. Jack kindly supplied the following story:-

The Life and Times of the Flying Tomato



The photo of Edna Wilson looking very pleased with her Austin A7 was taken in May 1944. It's in the backyard of the family home at Wiley Park, Sydney. How it acquired its name of The Flying Tomato is not remembered by the younger generation, perhaps it was red or green when purchased but the name helped give a sense of affection and ownership by all family members, especially the very young ones.

Around this time Edna taught sewing at Taree High School. As relatives lived on



a farm at Wingham the little car may well have made a number of trips up there. By 1949 Edna purchased an acre at Burradoo and a baby ware shop in Bowral. The other photo, dated January 1949, shows the A7 at Belmore, Sydney with the shop name and a stork on the door, "Jack and Jill Baby

Shop", Bong Bong St Bowral. Like the engines on Thomas the Tank Engine this car was a really useful engine as it picked up the parcels for the shop each morning at the railway station and post office. And it too had a name!

Many trips were made between Bowral and Sydney during the 1950's, there is a photo somewhere of a brother-in-law rugged up in the back for the trip to Bowral as there was no room in the front, from memory the trip was 3 hours. The freezing return trip after dinner was to Moss Vale station to catch an express to Sydney.

Newer cars were bought, and The Flying Tomato was retired to a shed at Colo Vale, a move from Burradoo made in the mid to late 1950's. Sadly, around 1960 the A7 was badly burned in a fire, possibly a short but it was kept in the shed. During the 1960's a chap at Yerrinbool was given the engine and gearbox and they powered a table saw.

Before Edna's death in 1974 the engine and gearbox were returned and they, along with the chassis, resided in the garage of a niece in Kiama Downs, her husband hoping to restore it. This was not to be and many years later the Flying Tomato, chassis, motor and gearbox was given to a vintage car enthusiast at Albion Park NSW. What has become of them is a mystery.

Bill Pearce

Next at the Spare parts sale Eddie Abrahams was showing us an Austin 7 advertised in the British magazine for old car owners, "The Automobile". The vehicle is advertised by the Vintage Petrol Pump Garage in Scarborough in Yorkshire



"First registered in February 1934, this intriguing little Austin Seven started life as a box saloon and was renovated and converted several years ago. The vehicle would now make an excellent and interesting show commercial, or advertising/promotional truck for many businesses. The conversion has been carried out well and retains its front cab with well-fitting doors – we think it would be an easy job to fill in the sides to make



it into a van and at the same time provide extra advertising area". Price is a very reasonable 6,950 UKPs. Well Eddie hoping to make a replica of one of these little vehicles and is chasing the remains of a 1932 -34 saloon, so if you should have the remains of one cluttering up the shed, please contact Eddie (details are in the membership book.)

Seeing Eddie's photo it reminded me of a photo I had seen of a Model A Ford. I soon found this photo. The book described it as a "Huckster" style, although it was advertised originally as an "Express Delivery". Features include the fresh fruit display and grocers' scales which are an optional extra!

Happy faces at the Xmas Party



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Austin 7 Classifieds

Please note: to avoid congestion, adverts may only be printed for 3 issues (6 months) depending on space. If you have also sold your car, PLEASE do tell the Editor, DO NOT assume I know!.

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.

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Jeanette and Rod Sims are downsizing, and they wish to sell “Anastasia” *, their Austin 10 Saloon. This car has not had a lot of use in the 10 years that the Sims have owned it, but the maintenance has been kept up



and some cosmetic restoration, such as plating, etc has been carried out.

The car was originally sold by Mackintosh Motors of Brisbane and still retains its original 1938 Q plate registration. It was repainted in British Racing Green. The motor has the original aluminium head only fitted to the 1938/39 models.

The 1938 Austin 10 has an 1100cc motor, 4 speed gearbox, Girling Brakes and top speed of 60 mph. Your editor saw the car in 2013 and took it for a test drive. It has comfortable seats, and all controls easily fall to hand. The car will pull away in 2nd gear as the motor is quite flexible. The car was happy to cruise at 35 to 45 mph. The design of the car allows easy and straightforward maintenance.



Please contact the Sims on 07 3345 4275 or 0418 758 917 or Email simsenterprises@bigpond.com Price is negotiable but starting at \$15,000.

(*Named after a former owner, not a past Queensland State Premier!)

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Rod and Jeanette tell me they have had no response to their advert, so they are now willing to negotiate a more amicable price as the car REALLY needs to find a new owner!



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