



NEWSLETTER

April 2025

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



On “The Welcome to the West run”

It is great to see Ian Waring and his son Jared, come on our February run out to College's Crossing pictured here with their 1935 Tourer. Jared is now almost the same age as Ian was when he joined the club many years ago.

Jared drives the Austin and will be following an Electrician's trade when he leaves school.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

General Meeting - Friday 11th April

Monthly Run - Day around the Bay - Sunday the 13th of April!

Editorial Comments

Well I hope everyone survived the effects of Cyclone Alfred. I know we were all a bit anxious, I also had two sisters ringing me each day to see if I had prepared in case of blackouts and at least had a supply of food for a few days along with bottled water and a battery radio. I even queued up at Boondall to get a boot full of sandbags (they must be rare, people had them listed for sale on Facebook!) But luckily the emergency passed and aside was a bit of water thru the garage wall and a couple of dark marks on a ceiling I think I was pretty lucky. Of course many of our members do not live within the greater Brisbane area and some would have their own personal dramas. Then a month later the wet weather returned, and our western country cousins were inundated, for instance the small but vibrant community of Thargomindah had their highest flood peak in 50 years and thousands of stock was been drowned. My heart goes out to these people and their animals, and we all wish them the best for their recovery which may take years for some.

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.

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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.

Friday 9th May 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 13th June 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

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) opens on Monday 10 March 2025. **Members will be attending.**

Sunday 22nd 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 on 22 June 2025. 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 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th July 2025: A7 Register July Event: TO BE CONFIRMED

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 on 26th & 27th July 2025. 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 7.45pm 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 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 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 26th April 2025: The VCCAQ has invited our A7 Club to a Bookfest for the sale of their excess library books at the Carindale Clubrooms. The books on sale range from manuals, handbooks, commercial vehicles etc. The Bookfest commences at 1.30pm.

Sunday 4th May 2025– Lockyer Swap – Laidley Showgrounds organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds from 6.30am. Swap sites \$5, public entry \$5. Contact The Secretary email: sec.lama@hotmail.com or phone Ken Grigsby 0418 158 160 for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, etc.

Saturday 17th May 2025: The Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club are planning to hold the 2025 Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show at the Recreation Precinct, Bundaberg on 16th May 2025. For more information, contact Peter Ashby ph. 0741 960 415. Members are to make their own arrangements re. travel, etc.

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May 2025: Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to the Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show at Rocklea Showgrounds. Gates for public open 9am to 4pm on Saturday & 9am to 2.30pm Sunday. Exhibitor entry 6am to 8.30am Saturday & Sunday. Visitor Adults \$5 entry. Trucks, Tractors, Cars, Trade Stalls, Food & Refreshment Vans. For more information contact our A7 Secretary, Robyn ph. 0412 276 313. **Members will be attending.**

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May 2025: Invitation Event: SATURDAY: Our Club has been invited by the QHMC to attend the National Motoring Heritage Day at Ormiston State School enter via Wellington Street, Ormiston. Gates open from 7am. Entry: Display Car \$10. Spectators \$2. Activities, stalls, food & drink available. Proceeds of day to Robert Shannon Foundation and Farm Angels. RSVP and Enquiries: president@qhmc.net.au or phone 0413 553 173. SUNDAY: All affiliated clubs are asked to participate with a car club run of their own.

Saturday 24th May 2025: Invitation Event: Cancer Council Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and Vehicle Display at Ormiston State School, Dundas Street, Ormiston. Entry at 9.30am for a 10am Morning Tea. \$5pp entry for the Morning Tea. RSVP for catering purposes by 20 April 2025 to secretary@baysideclub.org.au **Members will be attending.**

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2025: Our Club has been invited to attend the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club 54th Motorkana to be held at their Clubhouse, Heritage Terrace, Nambour Showgrounds. For details, registration and accommodation options, email scaccsecretary@gmail.com

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2025: The Gold Coast Antique & Classic Auto Club is organising the 2025 Gold Coast Autorama to be held on the Gold Coast. For more details email: thegcaasecretary@gmail.com Members should make their own arrangements re. travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Sunday 25th May Dayboro Moto Festival Brisbane Vintage Auto Club Dayboro Showgrounds

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st May 2025: Our Club has been invited to the Annual Boonah Show organised by the Boonah Show Society and to attend a Static Display & cavalcade on Saturday at the Boonah Show. On display on Saturday only from 8am to 4pm will be vintage machinery, tractors, cars, trucks & motorbikes. Free entry to show for display car driver only. A cavalcade of all vintage machinery etc. will take place from 4pm. For more information contact Vince Herrmann 0409 075 919.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd 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 at 7am for exhibitors (\$20/car) and at 9am for visitors (\$15/car). To get there, use exit 152A towards Bribie Island, first turn left over the M1 overpass to Aerodrome Road and follow the signs. For more details contact Murray Clark murrayclark1@bigpond.com



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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 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

The Vintage Car Club of Qld is pleased invite you to our 70th year anniversary hub rally based in Armidale from the 22nd & 26th of September 2025, leaving on the 27th.

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 Club Rooms at Carindale. (The Gentleman's Swap, no need to get up before the sun!)

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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"

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No. 645, 14th February 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened with a welcome to all at 7.50 pm.

Present: 20 members signed the Attendance book & 1 Visitor

Apologies: Murray & Fiona R, Tim B, Gay J

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

Business arising from Minutes: to be discussed in General Business.

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other Clubs

Email from Murray re apology

QHMC Minutes

Mac's Bridge Classic Car & Aircraft Festival, 6th July

Email from Sharon re apology, bank statement & General account & Petty Cash Reconciliations

Email from Gerald Saunders re purchasing a A7 Swallow or Ruby

Email; from Steve re VCCQ invitation 70th Anniv. Run to Armidale 22-26th Sept. Also 100th Anniv. at the Sherwood Arboretum 23rd March between 2&5 pm

Email from Tim re Editors & Dating Officers Reports.

OUT: Email to Gerald re purchasing A7, told to go to website or come to meeting.

Phone call to Ian W re number of plaques left & our Honor Board. (30)

Email to Tim re Editors & Dating Officers Report.

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

Business arising from Correspondence: to be discussed in General Business.

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

QHMC Report: as per minutes in correspondence.

Spare Parts Report: \$795 sales & one special parts order to Melbourne

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug reported some sales & Thanked Trevor for his help pricing items.

Editors Report: Tims report read- newsletter posted on the website last week. Have been thinking it would be nice to give our newsletter a name. WA club have used Baby Torque: I am thinking of something humorous, the Baby Nappy News, Cane Toad Express etc. I would like to hear your thoughts & ideas, but nothing too serious please.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: all up to date until May.

Club Events:

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

16th March Club run organized by John. Meet Centenary pool, tour of Newstead House 10 am

13th April Club Run organized by Lindsay & Sharon

Other Events:

15th March Tambourine Mountain Showgrounds Show & Shine

30th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

4th May Lockyer Antique Motoring Assoc. Swap, Laidley Showgrounds

10-11th May Dalby Invitational Event

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

24th May Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea, Ormiston State School

2026

10-15th June Austins OVER Australia, Maryborough

Past Events:

12th Jan 2nd Hand Parts Sale

25-26th Jan Allorah Heritage Weekend John reported

26th Jan Australia Day organized by the Bayside Club

1-2nd Feb Toowoomba Swap

Information on all events on website

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Members informed what the Committee have discussed.

Membership to remain at \$50-00.

Constitution = Members should be given a copy on joining. Printing costs expensive, to be put online. Parts Books = same each year. New books to be printed & sent to members ONLY if prices change.

Club to subsidise club members entry fee on runs, if not for profit organization.

Uniforms for Club = maroon Tee-shirt & Blue ironed shirt for formal. Purchase club badge to sew on

Donations = \$250 to Motor Neuron Disease Association. Moved by Steve Seconded by Trevor. Carried

QHMC prize for NMHD, 17th May. 2x \$50 gift cards from Supercheap Moved by Steve. Seconded by Merv. Carried.

Clubrooms booked for the 9-10th August & Sunday 14th December.

Lunch & Static Display on the 9th at clubrooms. Members wishing to go on a run on Sunday start at clubrooms, a run will be organized.

Still to be decided+ Static Display Plagues on Saturday or Sunday. (30 left). Do we have more made?

Members Handbook suggested we try & get it up to date & give to members instead of Parts Book.

Honor Board = Robyn to ask Ian W if it is up to date. Then will apply to the Veteran Car Club to see if we can have it up in the clubrooms.

Sharon & Robyn would like members going to Murray Bridge to have a get together. (Date to be fixed)

Tim has been asked to value Ted Bales 1933 Austin 10 Tourer (update the car is staying with family)

John spoke about 5/16 & 1/4 inch nuts.

Russell & Vanda will be moving to Woodford.

Raffle: Thank you to Colin J for the donation of wine. The winner was Karyn.

Report on cars &/ car troubles: NIL

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

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

March = Neil & Karyn

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 14th March 2025

Meeting closed: 8.45 pm.

Austin 7 Register of Old Inc

Meeting No 646, 14th March 2025

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 20 Members signed the Attendance Book

Apologies: Tim B, Trevor & Bev McC, David & Molly N, David Y, Gay J

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

Business arising from Minutes: Newsletter Name. No suggestions

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

QHMC February Minutes

Form to be filled in for Veteran Car Club re President, Secretary & Treasurer's names & contact details, also key holders.

Email from Peter Leach & Tim re the passing of Gill Leach

Email from Tim re apology & Editors & Dating Officers reports

OUT: A7 newsletters posted

Form to the Veteran Car Club

Phone call to Justin McC re Please represent the Club at Gil's funeral.

Sympathy Card to Peter Leach.

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported on the Clubs finances. Asked for questions, then moved her report be accepted. & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Margaret T. Carried

QHMC Report: as per minutes.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had sold around \$500 of parts.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug had a phone call from a fellow in Nambour wishing to give the Club some parts. They will be dropped off at Trevor McC to be collected later.

Editors Report: April Newsletter coming together nicely, thanks to the regular contributions from Karyn & Neil.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Website up to date till August & the National Rally details included. Justin McC on the front page of the Bribie Island local paper

Club Events:

16th March Club run organized by John Q. Meet Centenary Pool 9am. BYO M/T & Lunch

13th April Club run organized by Sharon & Lindsay. Meet Clubrooms 9 am.

Other Events:

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17-18th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

24th May Biggest Morning Tea, Ormiston State School

31st May Boonah Show

Past Events:

16th Feb Valentines Day Run organized by Colin & Gay

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Tim visited Stacy & Jamie at Burpengary & has some Books & magazines to give to the club.

Steve suggested we meet 1 hour early next month & have tea at the clubrooms. (Details to follow)

He then spoke about his recent trip to Africa & climbing Mt Kilimanjaro

Raffle: 1st prize Wine won by Trevor M, 2nd Ian McD

Report on cars &/or Car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in March wish Many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Neil & Karen

April David & Molly

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 11th April 2025

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm

Robyn



Construction of Anzac Square in Brisbane before its opening on Armistice Day 1930. On ANZAC Day Let us not forget all the Men and Women who volunteered to serve their Country in the times of conflict.

News of Members and their Cars



Congratulations to Alan Couser who also was awarded with his 50-year certificate of Membership. Alan has owned his red 1934 A7 Tourer since the 1950s I believe. Later he bought the 1927 Chummy from the Gliddon's and he and his lovely wife Lola were frequently seen in one or other of their cars. Unfortunately, Lola passed away 15 years ago. Alan sold the 1927 to Alan Orme last year but still has his original 1934 model which is to be kept by his son's family. The photo left shows Alan with his certificate.

Alfred causes a stir everywhere he goes!!!! Unlike his namesake, the Ex Tropical Cyclone Alfred, Alfred the racing car is not slow and does not linger for days in one spot! One of our spies while on Bribie Island found a copy of the local Community Magazine "Bribie's Weekly Guide to What's On" which features Justin McCarthy and his car Alfred. (Photo right)



Local Justin McCarthy with his racing vintage Austin 7 reading "What's On" while waiting for the call up for the Start Line at the Leyburn Sprints in August. Justin won a trophy for coming first.



Annual gathering at Beaulieu, which was open to owners of Austin Sevens maintained in original condition. Unfortunately we cannot see Peter himself, he is hidden by the man in the patterned shirt, and you can only see his back.

Recently the Editor was kindly given a stack of books, magazines and model cars that belonged to the late Ted Bale. One book was a 50-year history of the 750 Motor Club, 1939 to 1989 and inside is a photo captioned

"Austin 7 Rally 1966. Max le Grand talks with a group of the Australians who brought over the tourer in the picture" Well the "tourer" is actually a 1930 Roadster wearing Qld. plates. It is in fact Peter Baker's car, the well-travelled "Kooka." The occasion is the 750 MC fifth

VALE 'GIL' LEACH



Members of the club for several years will be saddened to hear of the passing of John (Gil) Leach on 27th February, aged 94. Gil and his wife Patricia had been Members of the Register certainly at least since 1989 (the Editors records only go back that far) with their 1929 Meteor when the first lived at Pinjarra Hills and then retired to Banksia Beach on Bribie Island. Their son, Peter, now owns the car and is a member of the A7 Register. The following tribute to Gil was sent out by the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club (SCACC) last month.

"Gil joined the SCACC on 28th March 2000 and he held membership number 187.

Gil was instrumental, along with Trevor Shields, in the establishment of a Bribie Island Sub-Group of the SCACC. At the time there were ten members with fifteen vehicles on the Island. The Bribie Island Sub-Group was formally accepted by the SCACC at the General Meeting on 25th January 2000.

Gil was a fan of British cars and over the years he owned two Bullnose Morris Cowleys, a 1926 Austin 12, and his 'club car' was an Austin A 90 for many years, before Bob Parsons took over its' ownership. Gil still owned his very first car, an Austin 7 Speedster. Much work has been undertaken on this vehicle, but it requires further restoration.

Gil was a fortunate man; he told of his experience as a child where he survived being strafed by a WWII German fighter plane whilst walking through a field in the U.K. Later in his 50's Gil was advised by a medico that he could expect to live no more than 6 months due to his poor health at the time (and he consequently sold some of his special vehicles) but, thankfully, the years since proved that prognosis to be incorrect.

From those who knew Gil well, we are told that he was "a true gentleman." The Club extends sincere condolences to Gil's family and friends."

EVENT REPORTS

Welcome to the West Run 2 – Sunday 16th February 2025



As members arrived at the Brisbane Planetarium carpark early on Sunday 16 February, the sun was shining bright in a very blue sky. It was obvious it was going to be a hot and humid February Brisbane summer day. Despite the heat, there was a great turn up for the Welcome to the West Run 2, with seven A7 and six modern cars. In their A7 cars were President Steve, Colin & Gay, Trevor & Elaine, Doug & Robyn, Merv & Margaret, Young Justin, and Ian with his son Jared. Travelling in the airconditioned comfort of their modern cars were Allan, Tim, John, Twink, Margaret & Joe, and Karyn & Neil.

Shortly after 9am, the group headed into the Botanic Gardens Café, where rally organisers Colin & Gay had reserved a long table for twenty people. The view from the table onto the lake and surrounding bamboo grove was lovely. Members ordered morning tea at the counter, with some also buying their lunch for later. The food and drink orders soon arrived, with members enjoying various hot and cold drinks and a range of foods including scones with jam and cream, fudge brownies, bacon and egg burgers, and croissants. Karyn also enjoyed an unexpected cooling water bath courtesy of Trevor, as he poured glasses of water. After a relaxing morning tea with convivial conversation, the group headed back out to their cars in the carpark to begin the adventure west.



The run took us through the leafy western suburbs, including Kenmore and Pullenvale. We drove past residential acreages, some with horses and tennis courts. At the Pullenvale Hall, the group pulled over to wait for the three A7 cars that had taken a wrong turn, heading down a no through road. Following their arrival, we then continued through Mt Crosby to our lunch stop at Colleges Crossing Recreation Reserve on the Brisbane River in Chuwar.

As we alighted our cars, the blame game regarding whose fault it was that the three cars had taken a wrong turn began. Of course, it would

not be an A7 run without a hiccup on the route! Despite all the discussion, Colin & Gay's run instructions were correct.



The group gathered under a gazebo with four tables and chairs, just large enough to fit everyone. The facilities at the Reserve were new and nice, having been built high enough to not be damaged when flooding occurs. There was a lookout, toilet blocks, a children's play area, and more gazebos.

Overlooking the Brisbane River, members enjoyed their BYO lunches and conversation, with a light breeze providing some cooling relief.

Eventually, President Steve thanked rally organisers Colin and Gay for an enjoyable rural rally, and attendees for adventuring westwards into his stomping ground. Members then headed to their respective homes, either via the Ipswich Motorway or returning via Mt Crosby and Moggill Roads, depending on whether they lived north or south of the river.

Congratulations to Colin and Gay for organising a run enjoyed by all into unchartered territory. And best wishes to President Steve who soon embarks on a trip to Africa, climbing Mt Kilimanjaro.

Karyn

Newstead House Run – Sunday 16th March 2025



The weather for the run on Sunday was the usual Qld perfect one day in contrast to the previous Sunday. The week before we saw Cyclone Alfred, the first cyclone in the Brisbane area for about 50 years at its worst with heavy rain and wind. Many homes lost power in the Southeast Queensland area and there was also widespread minor flooding. Thankfully, the cyclone reduced to a category 1 down from category 2 before crossing the coast.

On the run in Sevens were Merv and Margaret, Trevor and Elaine, Colin and Gay,

Brett, Kylie Clare and Tessa, and Doug and Robyn in the Morris Mini. In moderns were Alan, Neil and Karyn, Sharon and Lindsay, Twink and John. Unfortunately, the car of Ian and Jared did not want to start and leave home.

It was a short drive from Spring Hill past the old Queensland Museum and a detour necessitated by a 4 X 4 outdoor show at the exhibition grounds and then through Bowen Hills to Newstead.

The run was from the Centenary Pool, Spring Hill to Brisbane's oldest standing European residence, Newstead House which was built in 1846 for Patrick Leslie and his wife Catherine and later became the home of Captain John Clements Wickham. It has since evolved from a simple 2 storey cottage to a grand Victorian-style residence and now operates as a house museum and has venue areas for hire.





Morning tea was held before our tour in the grounds near the driveway entrance.

We were divided into 2 groups for the guided tour of the house. The tours went for over an hour with interesting information on the history of the house, grounds and the



owners provided in addition to many information boards dispersed throughout the house. The house has some exquisite furniture and items of yesteryear



with more to be added. Our thanks to the volunteers who provided enjoyable and interesting tours and the tour management.

The newly painted blue exterior and interior colours are based on the original colours found below many coats of paint.

After the tour members had lunch in the grounds with views of the nearby Breakfast Creek and the Brisbane River towards Hamilton.

In the grounds are historical plaques relating to the widespread World War II operations in the area.



Members returned home via various routes from this central city location.

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Our starting point for the run, the Centenary Pool is to become the National Aquatics Centre in Brisbane for the Olympics in 2032.

If we do the same run in 7 years' time, we will be able to start from the Centenary Pool National Aquatics Centre car park. After a short distance we will see the Olympic Stadium and the revised seating and Athletes Village at the Exhibition Ground. Better start saving for tickets now.

John

An Electric A7 by Nick Winter



Eagle-eyed readers (in the UK?) may have noticed recent newspaper articles about a brand-new electric vehicle inspired by the venerable Austin 7.

A little history lesson first!

Back in 1994 BMW bought Rover from British Aerospace, who rather oddly acquired the company in the 1980s following privatisation after the demise of the British

Leyland Empire. The chairman at the time was Bernd Pischetsrieder, who was a cousin, once removed from Sir Alec Issigonis. This connection is considered to be one of the driving factors behind the purchase. In 2000, following a fairly turbulent few years, BMW sold off Rover and MG, but retained some of the former heritage marques, Wolseley, Riley and Morris. Indeed, previously Bernd and BMW had aspirations to relaunch some of these names.

However, in all the turmoil, the highly paid lawyers missed the most obvious name of all, i.e. Austin!

The Austin name has been secured, and a brand-new electric car, the Austin Arrow, has appeared, taking its styling cues from the Chummy and the Ulster.

On my annual trip to the Race Retro show at Stoneleigh, I found that the new company had an example of the new Austin on display.

Very smart it looked too, and they have already sold twenty at £30k each ... perhaps it is a rich man's toy?

Most of our Sevens are at least eighty years old, will the Arrow still be around in eighty years? Unlikely!

The website (austinmotorcompany.com) quotes a 100 miles range, barely sufficient for a round trip from Hereford to say Silverstone or Mallory, let alone a tour around Wales! It is classed as a quadricycle, and so the speed is restricted to 60mph.

Nevertheless, they have found a marketing niche, so good luck to them.



Now for a few specifications

The car is 1.5m wide x 1.2m high with 2.4m wheelbase. Total weight with battery pack 605 kg

Performance is 15Kw* Power 7.8 seconds 0-100 Kms.

60 Mph / 100Kmh* Top Speed Range 100 miles/160 Kmh Range

96v 20KWh Li-ion Battery

Vehicle top speed and motor power limited to conform to UK Quadricycle (L7e) regulations and Dependent on traffic conditions and driving style.

From The Crank handle, the newsletter of the Hereford Austin Seven Club

MORE ON THE FLYING TOMATO!



Bill Pearce sent me some more photos. Here's the unearthed prints after they were found as his sister is moving house and opened a box of more photos.

Bill tells me:

“Edna later sold the baby wear shop and opened a ladies wear shop called ‘Susanne,’ named after her sister. I thought the A7 was retired before the next shop opened, but obviously no!”

Other cars included a Fiat 500C

Toppolino, a 1938 Chevrolet and a late 1920s car with a fabric covered saloon body which was hard to identify without seeing the radiator . I think the photo at the top shows the car in original condition, note the black roof and wheels, it was taken at Taree in the early 1940s.

The next photo was taken at Wiley Park in south Sydney in the in the early 1950s, The car has acquired a rear canopy.

The last photo was taken in Burradoo in the early 1950s, which is just 2 or 3 km south of Bowral. It has been



completely repainted and has a new reworked folding hood.

Interesting there still is a Sussan's shop in Bong Bong Street, Bowral, I wonder if there was a connection?

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This picture is one from Bills collection. I think it could be an American car such as a Hudson, but the cast Sankey type wheels suggest it could be British or European. If anyone has an idea, please let us know. By the way that is young Edna in the back seat and the younger gentleman is the same chap at the top of the last page!

TIM'S TRIVIA TIME



Mention of our President Steve heading off to climb the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro reminded me of the Ernest Hemingway short story "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (1936) which at the beginning mentions a leopard carcass found up near the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, at 19,341 feet the tallest mountain in Africa: *"Close to the western summit there is the dried and frozen carcass of a leopard. No one has explained what the leopard was seeking at that altitude."* The short story may be a piece of fiction, but Hemingway's reference isn't. In 1926, a Lutheran

pastor named Richard Reusch, who made multiple climbs up Kilimanjaro, did indeed discover a "freeze-dried" leopard at 18,500 feet along the crater rim of the volcano's loftiest sub-peak, Kibo. A photo of the find shows the dead animal looking about as you'd expect after chilling (so to speak) on a mountaintop snowfield for who knows how long. Reusch suspected the leopard had died in pursuit of a goat, the remains of which he also found a few hundred feet away.

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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!.

For Sale 1930 Austin 7, "Egan" bodied saloon



Older restoration, current owner 40 years and believed to be the only surviving example in Oz. \$26950. 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.

Wanted to buy - Austin 7 Special

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 via email: amobrien@bigpond.net.au or mobile: 0412000829.

For Sale 1938 Austin 10 Cambridge Saloon

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.

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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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