



# NEWSLETTER

## August 2024

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



### **Sat 27th & Sun. 28th July -- the Ipswich Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club 50th Anniversary Rally**

*Mia Guthrie and friend Karly driving Ross and Rhonda's 1936 Ruby. This was once the Editor's car! We will have a Rally report NEXT newsletter.*

### **Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events**

**General Meeting and AGM - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

**A7 Register Weekend Saturday Lunch - 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**A7 Register Weekend Sunday Static Display - 11<sup>th</sup> August**

## Editorial Comments

Here we are at another Static display Weekend, an event our Club has been holding since 1973, which seems incredible when you think about it as a lot has happened since those days.



We have seen floods, an epidemic, and unfortunately lots of cars and their owners and families come and go. Also the committee wish to thank those who have renewed their membership. (about 94 have rejoined with only about 21 left to pay and a small handful have resigned due to selling their cars or changing circumstances). For those who have not paid this will their last newsletter unless payment is received in the next few weeks.

**Tim**

*(the photo above was taken in 1974 at the Sherwood Arboretum)*

### **A7 Register of Qld. Committee 2023 - 2024**

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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](http://austin7.org.au/events) & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.**

# AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2023-2024

## 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.

***Neil Thyer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master.***

**Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.**

**Please check for updates on the A7 Register Website: <http://austin7.org.au/>**

**Do not forget it is always recommended that while on all Events and Runs, you carry your current Membership Card along with any information about the event you are attending. It will be necessary to produce this information if you are confronted, for any reason, by a member of the Police Force while participating in an Event.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August: A7 Register Club Weekend – General Meeting & AGM** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August : A7 Club Weekend – SATURDAY LUNCH** commencing at 9am at the Club Rooms, Carindale. BYO Morning Tea. A lunch will be provided at around noon to members present. Food (Steak, Sausages, Patties, Salads & Desert) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery, plates, cups etc. are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. It is essential for catering that you RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 0412 276 313) by 1 August 2024.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024: A7 Club Weekend – STATIC DISPLAY.** Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts hall & grounds, corner Wynnum & Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping village precinct – UBD p24 Q1) Entry off Wynnum Road. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 0412 276 313). Members are to wear their name tags and make their own way to the venue. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch but there are many food shops & cafes adjoining the venue.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August : External Event:** Members of our Club have been invited to attend the Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club's "Come to Lismore in 2024". For an Expression of Interest Form and more details of this event, please contact Narelle Middleton ph. 0412 299 393 or our Club member, Rhonda.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August :External Event: VCCA(Q) Swap Meet** at Clubrooms, Carindale. Details to follow.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August : TO BE CONFIRMED External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Roma Historical Motor Club Rally in August. For details of the event, ring Karen Dawes 0429 442 286 or Ken Dawes 0429 452 286 or log onto the RHMC Website: 41st Anniversary Rally (romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au) Entry Forms, Accommodation options & tourist packages are on the above website. A7 members are to make own arrangements re. travel, registration, accommodation etc.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September: External A7 Register Invitation Event:** The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld have invited our A7 Club to participate in the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Chrysler Expo 2024 at the Rocklea Showgrounds on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from 6am to 1pm. The Expo will include a Swap meet, Trade Sites and a diverse range of Vintage and Historic themed exhibits. For more information email: [secretary@cryslerownersclubqld.com](mailto:secretary@cryslerownersclubqld.com) Members are to make their own arrangements re registration & travel.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September: TO BE CONFIRMED External A7 Register Invitation Event:** Our Club has been invited to attend the **Queensland Heritage Rally** hosted by the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club to be held at 2 Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy. For more details contact Charmaine Osbourne ph. 0434 074 340 or email: [kdvmc2022@gmail.com](mailto:kdvmc2022@gmail.com) Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September: External A7 Register September Event: All British Day** at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm – gates open at 7.30am for exhibitors. Display vehicles \$20, spectators \$2, parking \$5. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (0412 276 313) for more details and if you are attending. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re.travel, registration on arrival etc.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024: External A7 Register Invitation Event:** Our Club has been invited to participate in the **Distinguished Gentleman's Drive** to take place in Brisbane on 29<sup>th</sup> September. This annual classic car drive in dapper attire, is to raise funds and awareness for men's health issues. For more information visit the Web site: <https://www.preciousmetal.au/dgd2023>

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: External A7 Register Invitation Event: LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend** organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact The Secretary, email: [sec.lama@hotmail.com](mailto:sec.lama@hotmail.com) for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc. for one or both days. Entries close 20 September 2024.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: DETAILS TO FOLLOW External A7 Register Invitation Event: Truck Show – Beaudesert**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November: A7 Register November Event: A7 Club President's Run.** This event, organised by President Steve (ph. 0418 814 501), will commence at 9am from Centenary Pool Carpark. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Further details to be announced.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024: A7 Register December Event: A7 Club Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Ham, Chicken, Salads and desert will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. For catering it is essential that you RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 0412 276 313.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December :A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

**Saturday 28 December: A7 Register Event:** For a few years now, our President Steve heroically embarked on a long drive in his A7 in the period between Christmas and the New Year. To follow on from his past "enthusiastic" drives, President Steve is proposing to do another Long Drive 2024 from Brisbane south-west toward Stanthorpe commencing on Saturday 28 December 2024. President Steve is inviting other A7 members, in their A7s, to join him on this drive. If you are interested, contact President Steve (0418 814 501). Further discussions will take place at A7 meetings and as the Long Drive 2024 departure time draws closer.

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS**

**Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc**

**Meeting No. 637, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.**

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

**Present:** 19 members signed the attendance Book.

**Apologies:** Ian w, Ian & Valda McD, Ted B, Ross & Rhonda G, Joe & Margaret McC, Peter & Gail C, Karyn M, Karen T, Molly & David N.



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

**Business arising from Minutes:** NIL

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other Clubs

Membership application from Peter Leach, Goodna.

Email from Rhonda re booking Clubrooms for Static Display W/end & Christmas.

McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Car & Aircraft, 14<sup>th</sup> July, Caboolture.

A7 Club of South Australia re National Rally, October 2025, Murray Bridge.

QHMC re vehicle write off scheme.

RACQ Motorfest re cars for display in John Reid Hall.

**OUT:** Letter to Ian W re financial member for registration of his A7

Membership card, receipt, Parts Book & /Register to Peter L

Email to Veteran Car Club re booking Hall (10<sup>th</sup> August & 8<sup>th</sup> December)

Various Phone calls re Motorfest.

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

**Business arising from correspondence:** John suggested a letter to A7 SA thanking them for the next National Rally in 2025.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon gave her report on the club's finances, then moved her report be accepted & all accounts be passed for Payment. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried. Petty Cash will be banked & the books taken to the auditor on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

**QHMC Report:** Justin McK spoke about the Insurance write-off of vehicles. Encourages everyone to fill in the survey.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has had the stock take done & also made some sales.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** NIL

**Editor's Report:** Tim has the newsletters ready to post & list on the website. Received a good comment from England about our newsletter.

**Dating Officers Report:** NIL

**Web Master Report:** Neil has our website up to date & events listed to December.

**Club Events:**

16 <sup>th</sup> June	RACQ Motorfest
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood
14 <sup>th</sup> July	A7 run organized by John Q, Northside. Meet Centenary Pool 9am
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Club Lunch at Clubrooms
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Static Display, Morningside School of Arts Hall

**Other Events:**

14 <sup>th</sup> July	McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Cars & Aircraft festival, Caboolture.
18 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> July	10 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Heritage Rally, Biloela
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> July	Ipswich 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Nambour Swap

**Past Events:**

18 <sup>th</sup> May	BVVA Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Display, Bundaberg
18t-19 <sup>th</sup> May	HTA Truck Show, Rocklea
19 <sup>th</sup> May	National Heritage Day

**Library Report:** New book for library. Historic Winton

**General Business:** Sharon spoke about the constitution update. Members to vote on it next month.

**Raffle:** Winners Lyn s & Justin McK.

**Report on cars &/or car troubles:** Lyn S has new wire in bushes.

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery. (Russell C, Ted B, Hugh C)

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

JULY = Steve D

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Meeting Closed:** 8.42pm.

Next month apologies Murray R. August & Sept Colin J

**Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc**

**Meeting No. 638, 12<sup>th</sup> July 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.

**Present:** 21 members signed the Attendance book

**Apologies:** Murray R, Hugh C, Tim B, Ted B, Steve D, Russell & Vanda C.

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

**Business arising from Minutes:** Sharon spoke about the changes made in the Constitution & moved they be accepted. Seconded by Trevor. Carried

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other Clubs

Resignation from Ken Bossom. Sold car due to ill health. Car gone to Cairns.

Membership application from Kriss Henry, Bowen

QHMC June minutes, June Newsletter, Affiliation renewal/invoice form

South Coast Restoration Society Inc re Annual Rally last W/e each July

All British Day, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept, Tennyson. Gates open 8.30 am to 2 pm.

Lockyer Antique Motor Assoc, Annual Invitation Run, 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October.

Phone call from Kriss H re M/s proof for roadworthy & registration

Email from Tim re apology for tonight & Editors report & Dating Officers Report.

**OUT:** Letter to SA A7 re National Rally

Membership receipt, card, register & parts book to Kriss H

Email to Kriss H re proof of membership.

QHMC affiliation form

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

**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon has the Clubs books at the Auditor for next month's AGM. Gavr a report on the Clubs finances, then, moved her report be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by John Carried.

**QHMC Report:** Justin & John spoke about the vehicle write off & valuation scheme. Please read about this on the website & do your best to stop it.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has made some sales this month. Had a phone call from Cairns.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** NIL

**Editor's Report:** Has the Newsletter partly finished. He is including a small article on the Austin 7 Ute.

**Dating Officers Report:** NIL

**Web Master Report:** Neil has everything in hand & up to date.

**Club Events:**

14<sup>th</sup> July A7 run organized by John, Meet Centenary Pool. Depart 9am Northside

10<sup>th</sup> Aug Club Lunch at clubrooms (Numbers Please)

12<sup>th</sup> Aug Static Display, Morningside School of Arts Hall (Numbers Please)

15<sup>th</sup> Sept All British Day, Tennyson

8<sup>th</sup> Dec A7 Christmas Lunch, Clubrooms

28<sup>th</sup> Dec Steve D driving his A7 to Stanthorpe (Would you like to join him?)

**Other Events:**

14<sup>th</sup> July McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Cars & Aircraft Festival, Caboolture Airfield

18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Heritage Rally, Biloela

27<sup>th</sup> July Nambour Swap

27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July Ipswich 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally

27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July South Coast Restoration Soc Inc Annual Rally, Heritage Park

**Past Events:**

16<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest well attended.

23<sup>rd</sup> June VCCQ Concourse. Steve won the best under 700 cc trophy.

**Library Report:** NIL

**General Business:** Please fill in the AGM Nomination forms.

Peter B told us how we acquired the A7 sign hanging in the clubrooms.

**Raffle:** Steve was our winner.

**Report on Cars &/or Car troubles:** Lindsay had distributor trouble on his way to RACQ Motorfest Doug was playing with the timing on the Chummy when smoke appeared & the starter burnt out.

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday in July wished Many Happy Returns.  
Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Lindsay & Sharon for tonight's supper.

August = Steve

**Next Meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> August followed by the AGM.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.40 pm.



*Robyn*

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

### Welcome to new Members

The committee would like to welcome Bill McVinish of Cairns to our club. Bill has the very nice red 1937 Ruby Roadster that belonged to Ken Bosson of Bowen. Ken was wondering if anyone knew of the car's history. It has the registration "RUBY37". Kris & Leanne Henry of Bowen has a nice Ruby Tourer as well. And just to hand we have another new member Robert and Cheryl Mauger of Alstonville (near Lismore) who have a late 1930 Roadster in blue (which I think belonged to Brett and Amanda Wilson.)

### Goodbye Ted

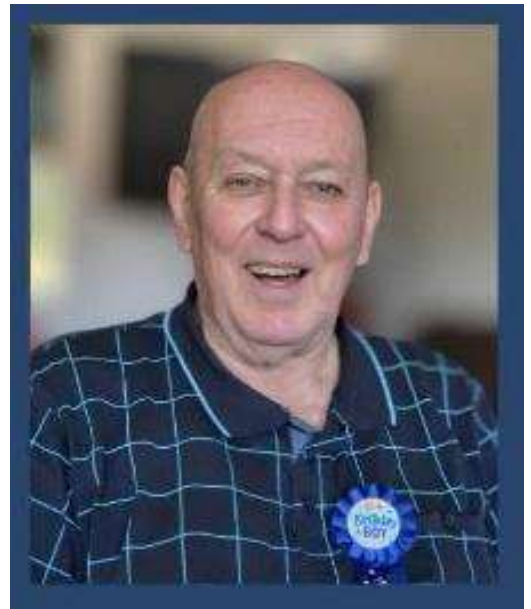
It is sad when we lose another member, in this case, "Ted" Bale. I visited him several times in the previous two months and despite his dependence on a high-volume oxygen set he loved to have visitors and have a chat like always so it a was a shock to find out he had passed away a few days after I last saw him while I was myself recovering in another hospital only a few buildings away. After about two months in and out of hospital Ted finally passed



away peacefully in his sleep just after midnight in the early hours of Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July.

Many members will remember Ted as a great friend and a very hard-working parts officer for the club. Ted and his family joined the club over 35 years ago. Ted first restored his lovely 1933 Austin Ten Sports tourer and then created "Little Miss": his daughter's lovely 1936 Austin 7 Sports. Both cars turned heads and were examples of Ted's

skills to make a proper job of any work he did. *(Ted's send-off took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, with several club members attending.)*



### The Editor is laid low!

I too have had my own fill of hospitals, having spent 6 nights in St. Vincents Northside Hospital after a planned back operation. The operation was a straightforward one, just that it will take three months before I am back to anything like full capability to do household chores, and a few weeks before I can drive again, let own think about the little Austin 7 Saloon downstairs. I had a "decompression laminectomy" in the lumbar region of my spine, a procedure where the spur like laminae bone at the back of the spine is removed to ease pressure on the nerve bundle from the legs and lower back. I was not sick, just uncomfortable. As I write this I am out walking again and can tie my shoelaces!

*Tim* (photo of me in hospital and my mate called "George")

# ***Austin 7 National Rally Expression of Interest***



The National Rally Crew have sent us a letter about the 2025 National Rally at Murray Bridge and would like to ask our club members to send to the email address below with their Expression of interest and the number of people per car.

## ***Dear Austin 7 Enthusiast***

Planning for the 2025 Austin 7 National Rally is well under way.

As our Crystal Ball has gone a little cloudy since Covid threw a spanner in everything that we do, we are trying to work out how many entrants may enter the rally.

This is so we can give our caterers and venues a number to expect and supply us with a more realistic price.

If you are coming or thinking about coming to the 2025 Austin 7 National Rally, please return this email.

Currently we are looking at the following format.

**Monday 20.10.25** Pickup rally bags and Welcome dinner.

**Tuesday 21.10.25** Travel to Strathalbyn to visit Gilberts Motor Museum, Collectable Classics and of the Strathalbyn Antiques shops.

**Wednesday 22.10.25** Lunch at The Bend. Australia's newest car racetrack with Parade laps and photo opportunity on the start finish line.

**Thursday 23.10.25** Visit Monarto Safari Park.

**Friday 24.10.25** final Luncheon.

### **All locations subject to change.**

A list of accommodation will follow in the next few weeks.

Please reply with a YES and the number of people that are coming with you if you are planning to join us.  
Eg. Yes 1, Yes 2, Yes 3.

If you do not want to continue receiving newsletters or updates, please let us know.

Regards

The 2025 National Rally Crew.

***Enjoy Vintage Motoring  
Andrew Dawes & David Gear.***

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[austin7clubsa.com.au](http://austin7clubsa.com.au)



## EVENT REPORTS

### RACQ Motorfest – Sunday 16 June 2024

Sunday 16 June was a perfect Brisbane winter's day, when hundreds of veteran, vintage, classic, modern, and futuristic vehicles converged on the RNA for the very successful annual RACQ Motorfest event. The RNA oval, after the 10am opening to the public, was soon teeming with visitors admiring the vast array of splendidly prepared vehicles on display.

The focus of the event was obviously the John Reid Pavilion, where several veteran and vintage VCCQ vehicles were on show. Our



Club had been invited to join the VCCQ display in the Pavilion, with our wonderful A7s. In a prominent location within the Pavilion were six of our best A7s, supporting our Club and attracting the majority of visitors. With their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Murray, President Steve, Young Justin, and Ian with his son. Several of our other Club members visited Motorfest, and specifically the A7 display, during the day. The news of one of our A7s not quite making it to the event was disappointing. Lindsay & Sharon in Ernie experienced a mechanical mishap close to the venue, which precluded their participation at Motorfest and resulted in "Ernie" catching an RACQ lift back home to Wynnum.

The day for our A7s with much interest shown by the general vehicles. As the day members with their present to answer the queries by an At around 3.30pm, presentations that Centre stage on the Showground was array of proudly their garaged



was very successful, and enthusiasm public in our unique progressed, A7 displayed cars were many questions and interested public.

following were made from the RNA Oval, the vacated by the vast owned vehicles to venues.



Our thanks go to the RACQ for organising the event and more importantly, for contributing the proceeds of the gate takings to the RACQ Foundation to enable their ongoing support of Queensland communities.

**Neil**

*The editor also attended on foot. Lovely to see all the Veteran and Vintage cars on display in the John Reid Pavilion. The owners are more than happy to tell us about their cars.*



## Concours d'Elegance – Sunday 23 June 2024



The Vintage Car Club of Queensland's annual Concours d'Elegance is a much-anticipated event on the Austin 7 Club's calendar. Held at the beautiful Sherwood Arboretum, surrounded by old trees and green grass, old cars and motorcycles from Brisbane and

surrounds converge for a morning of comradery, food and coffee, and entertainment.

The 2024 event saw nine of our A7s on display to the public. In their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine, President Steve, Ian & Valda, Colin &



Gay, Matthew & Trent, Brett, Murray & Fiona, and Young Justin. Other members showed their support for the event, attending in their modern cars: Greg, Molly, Aileen, John, Keith & Nola, and Neil & Karyn. Peter & Jo were also present in their Wolseley.

The weather was a magnificent winter's day, perfect for viewing the array of veteran, vintage, and classic vehicles on display, chatting with other attendees, and enjoying the jazz music provided by the Mango Jam



Big Band. Many of us also partook of the Lion's sausage sizzle and fruit cake slices, washed down by coffee from the coffee van.

At about 12.15pm, the winners of a multitude of awards were announced, with a prize presented by Councilor Nicole Johnston, Member for Tennyson. Congratulations to President Steve, whose A7 won the award for Best Vehicle Under 1000cc.

Following the awards, everyone said their goodbyes and headed home.

Thank you to the Vintage Car Club of Queensland for a most enjoyable day.

**Karyn - and All Photos by Murray and Fiona Rix.**



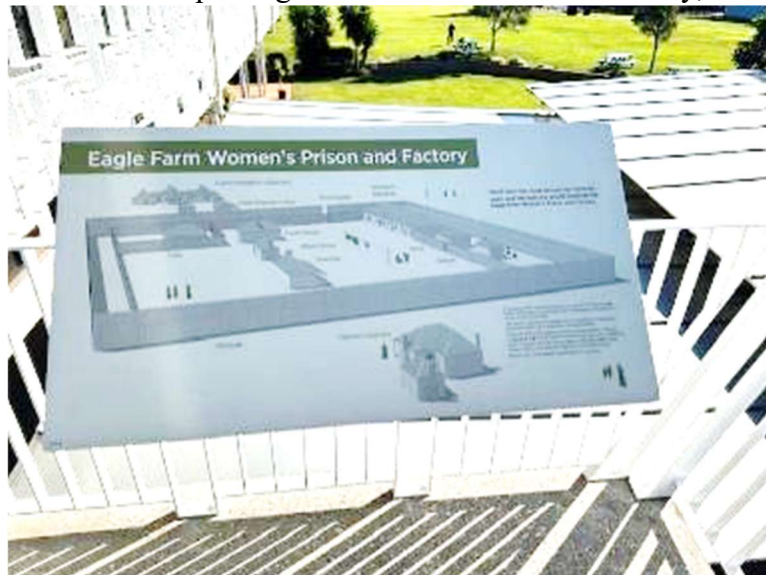
## Northside Run – Sunday 14 July 2024



A beautiful Brisbane winter's day heralded the arrival at Centenary Pool of A7 members in their A7s (Colin & Gay and Brett), classic cars (Doug & Robyn in their Mini and Ian & Valda in their Austin Lancer) and modern cars (Trevor & Elaine, Peter & Gail, John, and Neil & Karyn). Members huddled in a group in the sunshine for warmth, awaiting the 9am departure.

Following a briefing by Run Organiser, John, the cars headed past the Old Queensland Museum and through the Ekka. Passing through Bowen Hills and Breakfast Creek, we headed eastwards along Kingsford Smith

Drive. After passing under the Southern Cross Way, we turned into Schneider Road and soon arrived at the



TradeCoast Central Heritage Park, where we were joined by Twink and new member, Peter Leach, in their moderns.

The Park's Interpretative Centre had been kindly opened specially for us, and we enjoyed browsing the informative displays inside. After reading information about and watching a video on the top-secret Hangar 7, the Alison Engine Testing Stands and the Eagle Farm Women's Prison and Factory, we partook of our morning tea at tables outside in the sun.

Following morning tea, the group strolled through the parkland grounds of the Women's Prison and Factory, admiring the rusted-steel statues of the female prisoners and palisade gates, as well as reading the numerous information boards. Some of the group also walked over to look at the Alison Engine Testing Stands.





After weighing ourselves on the old set of Avery Scales, we left the TradeCoast Central Heritage Park, farewelling Peter L who was heading home. We drove past the Alison Engine Testing Stands and back to Kingsford Smith Drive, turning right into Nudgee Road. Our run route took us past landmarks such as Doomben Racecourse, Brisbane Motor Museum, the Australian Catholic University and Boondall Wetlands, before we arrived at our lunch stop on the water's edge of Nudgee Beach.

Those who had brought lunch from home settled in to eat, while those who were purchasing lunch at the nearby shop gradually arrived, their arrival time

depending on whether they ordered a burger or fish and chips, or whether their order was misplaced - poor John!

After lunch there was the opportunity to walk 1.5kms to a bird hive, but most members chose to enjoy the water views, fine weather, and each other's company.

Following a vote of thanks to John by our Rally Coordinator, Neil, for organising a relaxing, interesting, and enjoyable run, everyone headed home, with northside residents pleased that on this occasion their drive home was not far. Well done, John.

**Karyn**



## **Biloela Queensland Heritage Rally 19 to 21 July 2024**



We met Ian and Valda McDowell at the Shell Service Centre, Nudgee, at about 8.30am Tuesday 16th and travelled to Ann and Brian Brindley's at Bundaberg and stayed with them for a few nights. On Thursday



18th we travelled to Biloela. After booking into our accommodation, we registered at the Rally Office and unloaded vehicles.



*Ian and Valda win People's Choice with their Van and Greg and Kay win the Observation Run*

By Late Friday there were a multitude of tractors – Case, Fergy, Fordson, Howard, Lanz Bulldog, Renault, trucks of all sizes and makes – Mack, Kenworth, Atkinson, International to name a few. There were also vintage motor bikes, cars, steam vehicles all of which were in the daily parades. There was a lot to do like watching the tractor pull, butter making demonstration, blacksmith shop, leather working workshop, as well as market stalls to search for the special item, to fill in the day. Great meals and music as well as a fire to keep warm.

Ian and Valda won the People's Choice with their 1937 Austin 7 Van and Greg and Kay Shuker, from Mt Morgan won the Observation Rally. Other A7 members attending were Brian and Sue Clancy from Frenchville and Alan Rodda from Rockhampton.

There were 4 Austin 7s at the Rally. A great weekend was had by all. Our thanks go to the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club for once again organising this successful annual event.

The number one exhibit was the chainsaw wood carving of three Cockatoos on a post, approximately two metres high by 60cm thick, with the number 100 below them. It took 3 days to complete and will be displayed at the Heritage Centre celebrating Biloela 100 years.

### ***Trevor & Elaine Moore.***

*At right the wonderful carved trio of Cockatoos*





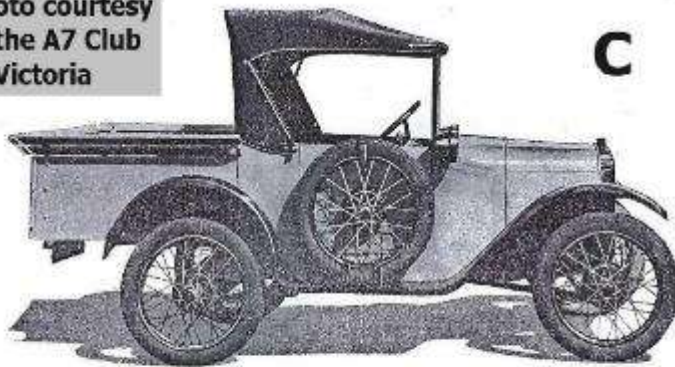
# THE HUMBLE AUSTIN 7 UTE.



For many years people have been saying that Ford Australia invented the good old Aussie Ute in 1934. This came about in 1933, a young employee called Lew Bandt, created when a utility body by cutting down a then new Ford V8 sedan. Lew said that in the early 1930s, a handwritten letter landed on the desk of Hubert French, Ford Australia's general manager. It came from a farmer's wife from Gippsland, with an idea and a plea for a new type of vehicle — something to take her to church in comfort on a Sunday, but still be able to carry the pigs to market on a Monday.

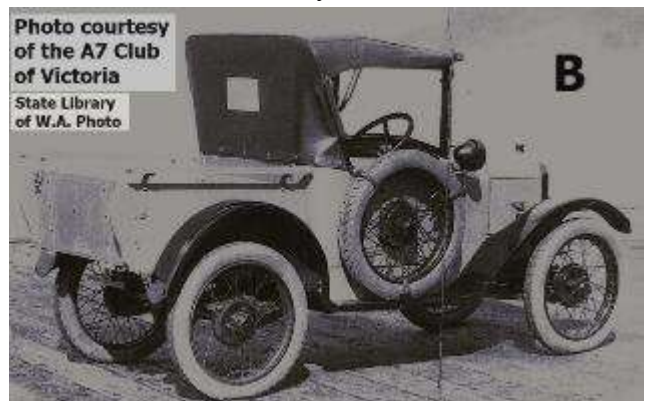
Ford liked this idea so much that they ran with the idea by building two prototypes in 1933 and swung into production in 1934. But they certainly did not invent the name 'Utility'

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of the A7 Club  
of Victoria



The "Seven" B-41 Utility Vehicle

*Of 3½ Cwt. capacity. The most economical  
Light Delivery yet produced.*



as the following photos show, history shows what they made was a "Coupe Utility" which has a solid roof and sedan doors with wind up windows.

We have all seen utility bodies on older cars, especially in Australia where old tourers and roadsters had their back sections cut off by

industrious farmers, and were replaced by a timber back section to carry everything from tools to heavy full churns of milk These could be described as roadster utilities with folding fabric roofs

So, what about the Austin 7? Well, we have seen some utilities, although they are a bit thin on the ground.



The oldest is two photos (A&B) which appear to be of the same vehicle of a neat timber backed flare sided utility from Perth which appears to be a 1927/28 model.

Possibly from the same date is this "Seven B-41 Utility Vehicle" (C) which comes from Victoria.

Next, we have one from Sydney dating from about 1929 (D), made by William Green, motor body builder of Paramatta Road, Petersham.

It is unusual in that the low sided tray and body appears to be made in one piece from under the doors to the back of the tray. Green also made the Wasp Sports model, so they were quite adept at creating compound curved panels. The scuttle in from of the doors was aluminum like the Australian Chummy body, but the rest of the body was steel over wood framing.



Next chronologically is a late 1930/31 high sided flush bodied metal paneled utility (E) that was in our club. It has an original Queensland Motors body built new in Montague Street South Brisbane. It was restored and belonged to Jack Gibney. Jack sold it to John Emerson in Sydney, and it has not been seen since. There was one at Bribie Island that went to Canberra that has a hard top fitted and then Gympie where it is happily sitting in a small collection.

Next, we have a ute on the longer wheelbase 1932/33 model Austin 7 (F), advertised as the “4 CWT Utility” by Austin Distributors of Melbourne. It is still the traditional timber back. Then we come to the later “Ruby” styled Utes



**NEW AUSTIN 7 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**  
“Transportation at 1d. Per Mile”

**F**



Photo Courtesy  
of the Austin 7  
Club of Victoria

The new 4 CWT. UTILITY, a general purposes model with Roadster Front, capable of handling much bigger loads with remarkable reliability and at a fraction of the cost compared with other transport vehicles.

(G), they were popular with businesses such as R. Werner & Co. P/L, Refrigeration manufacturers in Richmond, Victoria, later they used the Austin A40 utilities.

Photo (H) is another Queensland Club vehicle belonging to Darren and Kirsten Moore. It has the traditional all wood well styled tray. It was restored with the help of Darrens dad Trevor who is also our new parts man! (I mean the parts are new, Trevor’s precise age will remain a mystery, but I know he is exactly 10 years older than the writer!)

Finally, we actually have a picture of a Ruby Based Coupe Utility (I) which conforms to the Ford concept of a “Coupe Utility” with a fixed roof, wind up windows and the style sided body.



**G**



**H**

**Darren Moore's 1938 Roadster Utility**



**I**

So, no matter if you call it a Utility, Ute, or just plain “Tillie” this body style has been around almost since the first motor cars appeared in 1889.

**Tim Braby**



(the photos come from various sources, one picture of the WA ute was found on the internet, others sourced by various means from our friends at the Melbourne A7 Club (thank you Tony), the two A7 Register photos (in colour for those who can access the club website newsletter link) come from the writers collection and the black and white Ruby Pictures came from "The Good Old Aussie Ute" written by Larry O'Toole in 2000.)

## AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD MERCHANDISE

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### PRICES:

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- b Lapel Badge: \$7:50 (30mm tall)
- c Dash Badge, 25th Anniversary 1967 – 1992 \$5 (35mm tall)
- d Longreach Leap Badge 2009 \$8 (60mm wide)
- e Brass Car Badge \$50 (85mm tall)
- f A7 baseball Cap with adjustable strap \$25 - one size fits all!

Additionally official A7 Register Name Badges can also be obtained from Rhonda Guthrie for \$10 each email Rhonda at

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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! I have deleted a couple of adverts over the year as we have other members who wish to showcase their cars.**

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:simsenterprises@bigpond.com) Price is negotiable but starting at \$15,000.

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

## FOR SALE 1928/1929? Chummy



Last driven 1982 and completely dismantled for transport and storage by the previous owner's father. Assume all parts are there. Very little rust present. Suitable for project or spare parts. Will consider offers. Now in Brisbane.

Phone Trevor Moore 0407 485 575

## **FOR SALE - AUSTIN SEVEN PARTS CLEAN OUT (last time advertised)**

1. New deep finned cast aluminium sump \$75 (photo)
2. Vintage dashboard with pockets and patent plate, no instruments. will needs work, \$40 (photo)
3. Ruby side draft manifold. Painted in heat proof paint and ready to fit. \$20 (photo)
4. Two rusty 17" Austin 7 rims \$15 the pair
5. Two narrow aluminium cycle guards \$25 the pair (photo)
6. Later model brass tourer or roadster windscreen 37" wide with one upright. \$5

**Tim Braby 0405740418. Prefer purchaser to pick up or can bring to meeting. Aspley, Brisbane**



6. Aluminium Cycle Guards



2. Dashboard panel



3. Ruby manifold



1. Aluminium Sump

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