



NEWSLETTER

June 2024

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



Tasmanian Travellers

Lindsay and Sharon at "the Launceston Store" at Launceston Airport, Tasmania, about to fly home to the warmth of Brisbane after a wonderful holiday in the Apple Isle.

The vehicle behind them, of course, is an Austin, a good old sturdy Austin A40 Utility!

Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

General Meeting - Friday 14th June

RACQ MotorFest Sunday - 16th June

VCCQ Concours De Elegance - 23rd June

General Meeting - Friday 12th July

Editorial Comments

My fellow committee member, Robyn Clark, sends me all manner of online newsletters from other clubs. One that recently took my interest was "The Good Oil", aka the Official journal of the Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club who are holding a special invitation event for their club's 50th Anniversary. By the time you receive this newsletter it is probably too late for you to register for this event as entries had to be in by the Sunday the 14th of June.

Also in the "Good Oil" is a story about the origins of the Ipswich Club which I have added below.



The First IVVCC Rally September 1974

" Early in 1974, the Veteran Car Club of Australia (Qld) held an invitation rally for the Fernvale State school centenary and several Brisbane clubs attended with a good gathering of both veteran and vintage vehicles. Nev Grice attended in his 1928 Dodge and during the day, he noticed that most of the cars attending all came from the Ipswich area. Nev then arranged for all Ipswich people to meet at the Shell service station on Fernvale Road on their way home. At the gathering John Griffiths suggested a further meeting to be held at Ron Griffith's sawmill at Raceview. On Wednesday 22nd May 1974, 37 people attended the gathering at Raceview. A further meeting was held on Friday 7th June and 34 people attended. A third meeting was advertised in the Queensland Times to be held in the Scout Hall at Cameron Park Booval on 11th July 1974 where 35 people joined and the Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club was formed. 29 people lined up to pay for membership for the 35 foundation members on the night." Amongst the members were Bill Jones Snr. and May Jones, John Hoerlein, Clarrie Hoffman, Nev Grice and Darryl Stark, individuals whose vehicles were well known regular rally attendees throughout SE Qld and several of our longer serving A7 members would remember and have been on runs with.

(Thank you to Greg Hill and the IVVCC Journal)

Finally, I must thank Karyn and Neil for writing the Run Reports and supplying the photos of the events this newsletter! Also a big thanks also to Neil for the updated events for your diary and Robyn for the minutes, typing on a computer is not her favourite finger exercise!

Tim

PS please do not forget to pay your club memberships in case you have not already done so far.

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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 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 14th June - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th June - RACQ MotorFest Static display from 10am to 3pm at Brisbane Showgrounds. Members will independently travel to the "British" entry of the venue. Members to make own arrangements re. Registration. Contact Robyn Clark (ph. 0412 276 313) if you are attending. Vehicle registration (online) closes Friday 10th May 2024 or earlier should the event capacity be reached.

PLEASE NOTE: The Vintage Car Club has invited our Club to display our A7s in their Motorfest Display this year on 16 June 2024 at the RNA. Vehicle registration closed in May.

Sunday 23rd of June - 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 23 June 2024. For details contact Barry Morris, VCCQ, ph. 0431 812 173. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. The Vintage Car Club has invited our Club to display our A7s in their Motorfest Display this year on 16 June 2024 at the RNA. If you are interested in participating, please advise Neil or Robyn on or before the next A7 General Meeting on Friday night 10 May 2024.

Friday 12th July - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th July: DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED: **A7 Register July Event:** Our July event will be an A7 Northside Run to the areas of the north-side of Brisbane. The run will be organised by John Que (ph. 0409 893 305) and details of the run will be announced closer to the time. The run will commence from the Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. BYO morning tea & lunch or food may be purchased at the morning tea and lunch stops.

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July: It has been suggested by our member, Rhonda Guthrie, that an option for an A7 "Away" event for 2024 may be the **Ipswich Veteran and Vintage car Club's 50th Anniversary Rally** in July (see under **Outside Events**). If any member wishes to attend this interesting close-by event, please contact either Rhonda or Neil.

Friday 9th August: General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 10th August 2024: A7 Register 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 (Chicken, 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 11th August - A7 Register 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. 3800 1965). 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.

Friday 13th September - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 11th October - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 4th August 2024 External Event - The annual **Rotary Multicultural Festival & Car Show & Shine** is being held this year at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Food & drinks available. Free car entry and parking. For more info email: chris.ellissbhrotary@gmail.com. Members attending are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event.

Wednesday 14th to Sunday 18th August -

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 17th August 2024 - VCCA(Q) Swap Meet at Clubrooms, Carindale. Details to follow.





Austin 7 National Rally

Newsletter No.1. May 2024

Dear Austin, 7 Enthusiast

The Austin 7 Club of South Australia has volunteered to host the next Austin 7 National Rally.

Due to the advancing age of both the cars and their drivers the decision has been made to hold the next Austin 7 National Rally in October 2025.

The Austin 7 Rally will be held from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025 at Murray Bridge.



Murray Bridge is a bustling rural town sitting in prime position on the banks of the Murray River less than an hour from Adelaide. The Murray Bridge area has a population of 20,000 large enough for all facilities to be available but small enough to be a country town with only 3 sets of traffic lights. Murray Bridge is centrally located to a number smaller regional destinations with quiet bitumen roads ideally suited to motoring in your Austin 7.

There is a good selection of accommodation available from Caravan parks, Cabins, Motels and Hotels within a short drive of our daily starting point. The committee will be sending out regular updates and information will be available on our website.

austin7clubsa.com.au

Enjoy Vintage Motoring

Andrew Dawes & David Grear.

spares@austin7clubsa.com.au

OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd June - External Invitation Event 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 was Monday 10 June)

Sunday 14th July - External Invitation Event **McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Car and Aircraft Festival 2024.** This event will be hosted by the Caboolture Aero Club and will be held at the Caboolture Airport on 14 July. The event will showcase classic vehicles & aircraft. Catering will be provided by a range of food and beverage vendors.

This year the Triumph Sports Owners Association Queensland have been joined by the Mazda MX5 club and Caboolture Aero Club to host of the event.

The event is to be held on the grass cross strip (closed for the day) at Caboolture Airport, which is at the end of Aerodrome Road, Caboolture

Gates open at 7am for exhibitors (\$20) and at 9am for visitors (\$15/car). To get there from Brisbane, use exit 152A towards Bribe Island, take first turn left over the M1 overpass to Aerodrome Road and follow the signs. For more details contact Murray Clark murrayclark1@bigpond.com

Friday 19th to Sunday 21st July - - External Invitation Event Our Club has been invited to attend the **10th 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 27th & Sunday 28th July - - External Invitation Event **the Ipswich Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club is organising a 50th Anniversary Rally** in Ipswich on 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 2024.

Saturday 27th July - 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

Sunday 28th July - 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. For more details contact David 0428 279 291

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th August - - External Invitation Event to attend the **41st 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 8th September - External Invitation Event: The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld have invited our Club to participate in the **34th annual Chrysler Expo 2024** at the Rocklea Showgrounds 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

Members are to make their own arrangements re registration & travel.

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th September - External Invitation Event 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. Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc.

Sunday 15th September 2024 - External Invitation Event: All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm – gates open at 7am. Display vehicles \$20, spectators \$2, parking \$5. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (0412 276 313) for more details. 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 22nd September - External Invitation Event: The Logan City Historical Museum Society has invited our Club to attend a **Heritage and Cultural Fair** to be held at the Kingston Butter Factory Cultural Precinct, 270 Jacaranda Avenue, Kingston, on 22 September from 8am to 2.30pm. Vintage and Classic cars & motorcycles, Craft & Food stalls, Museum access and Parade & Dancers. Contact Ian ph. 0412 775 781 for any enquiries.

Sunday 29th September 2024 - External Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to participate in the **Distinguished Gentleman's Drive** to take place in Brisbane on 29th 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>

Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th October 2024 - External 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 for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Saturday 12th October 2024 - External Invitation Event: **Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group** have invited our club to their **Decoration Day** – 156th Anniversary at 1341 Wynnum Road Tingalpa commencing at 9am and completing around 12 noon. Morning Tea & Lunch will be available for purchase or BYO. A musical and Historical program will be presented. Bring your A7 and park in the grounds or come modern and park in Smith's Chips Carpark next door. For further info contact Neil ph. 0431 067 909

MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 **MEETINGS**

Austin Seven Register of Old Inc

Meeting No. 635, 13th April 2024

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.48pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 25 members signed the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Lyn S, Trevor & Bev McC, Peter D, Russell & Vanda C, Joe & Margaret McC, Ted B, Matt P

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

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Resignation from Trevor & Dawn May

Apologies from Joe & Margaret McCormack & offering to do supper for the May meeting.

Email re Boonah Show 1st July.

OUT: Emails to Tim, Sharon & Neil re information received.

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave a report on the club's finances, asked for questions, then moved her report & asked for all accounts to be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor. Carried.

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has sold \$300 worth of parts & received more new parts from Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug has made a sale to Russell C.

Editor's Report: Tim has emailed the newsletter to members & others ready to post.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has everything up to date.

Club Events:

14th April: Day at the Bay 3, organized by Hugh & Judy. Meet at clubrooms 9am

Other Events:

4th May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea, Ormiston State School

5th May LAMA Swap

11th May National Transport Museum Inverell Car Show
18th-19th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds
19th May National Motoring Heritage Day
19th May Forestdale Neighbor Watch, Motor Show, Lincon Green Park
16th June RACQ Motorfest (Entries close 10th May)
14th July McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Cars & Aircraft Festival, Caboolture
18th-21st July 10th Biennial Qld Heritage Rally, Biloela

Past Events:

12th March Wamuran Day Out

24th March Bayside Swap

All information on Events, present. Past & future are listed on the club website.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: The Committee had an impromptu meeting & decided to keep the membership at the same price, \$50-00, but increase postage of newsletters to \$20-00 due to the increase in postage & printing.

Raffle: The winner of tonight's raffle was Peter Baker.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Murray & Colin spoke about the trouble they were having with their cars.

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Trevor & Elaine for tonight's supper.

MAY Joe & Margaret

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 10th May 2024

Meeting closed: 8.23 pm.

Apologies for next month: Hugh C, Lindsay & Sharon J, Peter & Gail C.

Austin Seven Register of Old Inc

Meeting No, 636, 10th May 2024

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: 18 members signed the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Lindsay & Sharon J, Hugh c, Peter & Gail C, Molly & David N, Peter b, Ted B

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

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other Clubs

Phone call re cars for Motorfest.

Phone call re apologies for tonight from Molly & David N & Peter B.

Email from Sharon re committee meeting.

Austins over Australia, 10th-15th June 2026 Maryborough

15th Sept All British Day, Tennyson.

OUT: Newsletters, Membership Cards & Receipts

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

Business arising from correspondence: NIL

Treasurers Report: Trevor read Sharons report then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by John. Carried.

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had made some sales, Order to be sent to Melbourne. Visit from a fellow from Taupo NZ

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editor's Report: Tim has had feedback about the "Comet" article in the April newsletter.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has events listed to September. Also has Facebook is up to date.

Club Events:

18th-19th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

19th May National Motoring Heritage Day

16th June RACQ Motorfest

23rd June VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood.

Other Events:

18th May BVVA Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Display, Bundaberg

14th July McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Cars & Aircraft Festival, Caboolture

18th-21st July 10th Biennial Heritag4 Rally, Biloela

Past Events:

28th April Wheels of the World Car & Bike Show, Tennyson

14th April Day at the Bay 3

4th May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea

5th May LAMA Swap

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Brett & Amanda W have sold their car.

Trevor & Bev McC may organize a tour of Stanthorpe for us next September 2025

Raffle: Tonight's winner was Murray

Report on Cars &/or car troubles: Murray is rewiring his A7 dash.

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery (Ted B)

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Joe & Margaret for supper.

June = John Q

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 8th June 2024

Meeting closed: 8.24 pm

Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS

Welcome to a new Member

The club would like to welcome Peter Leach to our club. Peter has a 1929 Austin 7 Meteor which was passed down to him by his dad, Gil Leach, who has been a member of our club for many years. Peter tells me that Gil is now living comfortably in a home on Bibie Island after having a couple of health concerns. (Read more about Gil on page 15.)

Recently I had a nice chat on the phone with Joyce Dannenberg, who is still going strong in her 90s. Luckily, she does not need to help push "Chocolate Monty", the family Austin 7 Roadster up hills these days. Joyce tells me that her grandson had bought her and Rex's former home in Weston Avenue in Zillmere and has completely renovated it. Rex and Joyce were seen on lots of runs in their little cream and chocolate car, including the first Longreach Leap.

On the Sick List

Ted Bale had a fall at home early in May and spent about a month in hospital after they found a couple of chronic problems and now will need to go into residential care. He was allowed a few days to sort out things at home but soon ran out of breath and as I write he is back in hospital but looking

well and in good spirits. His family have been incredibly supportive, his daughters Stacy and Sharon visiting him regularly. Ted is in good spirits, your editor and Peter Baker have both been in to see him at Prince Charles Hospital. He is now in a private room with a TV, phone and iPad all to hand. One or two members have also been undergoing procedures, we wish you all the best for a swift and painless recovery!

Next month your newsletter scribe and editor will also go into hospital to have a procedure to relieve pressure on his spine which should be fun! (technically a Laminectomy on L4 and L5). A few days in hospital and then two or three weeks recovering?

EVENT REPORTS

Day at the Bay 3 – Sunday 14 April 2024



It was a fantastic Autumn morning – blue skies, sunshine and a comfortable temperature. Even more fantastic was the large turnout of A7s at the Clubhouse for the start of the Day at the Bay 3 run. Word had definitely spread that Hugh & Judy's Day at the Bay runs were always interesting events. In the ten A7s present were Trev & Elaine, Robyn & Doug, Ian & Valda, Librarian Lindsay with special passenger Col, Merv & Margaret, Colin & Gay, Joe & Margaret, President Steve, Brett, and Russell & Vanda with Tilly, the dog. In their modern vehicles

were John, Sharon, Neil & Karyn, and run organisers, Hugh & Judy.

At about 9.30am the group set off, heading eastwards down Old Cleveland Road. We passed through the



STARTING UP THE STEAM TRACTOR

suburbs of Belmont and Capalaba, before arriving at the home of Wayne & Tracey in Alexandra Hills. Here we were met by our host, Wayne, and were able to view his museum of old memorabilia, equipment and vehicles located at the rear of the residence. Of particular interest were the old wedding dresses of family members, an old 1927/28 Dodge tourer and a stationary steam engine, which Wayne kindly started up for us.

At the conclusion of the visit, President Steve thanked Wayne on behalf of the Club for allowing us



to visit. Steve then presented Wayne with an A7 Certificate of Appreciation and a donation from those present. The cars then departed for a short drive to our morning tea spot in a lovely park that was clearly popular with the locals. Here there was the usual convivial conversation over cups of tea and coffee.

Eventually it was time to move on, and we continued our drive eastwards through Ormiston and Cleveland. Our lunch destination was by the Bay at

Oyster Point Park, which surprisingly was not very busy. Here we were joined for lunch by Peter &

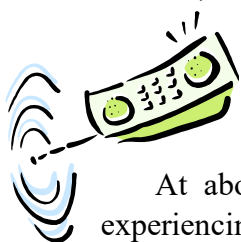
Jo in their modern car. There was a quick tyre change made to President Steve's A7, the puncture requiring the attention of at least five helpers.

Everyone consumed their BYO lunches, with the chatter coming to a halt when Hugh handed around his usual quiz papers.



For the next 10 minutes there was the whispered sharing of possible answers amongst team members, before Quiz Master Hugh revealed the correct answers. Boxes of chocolates were presented to the teams with the highest and lowest scores. One box was won by Doug & Robyn and the other by President Steve. It remains a secret to those in attendance as to who had the highest score and who had the lowest score.

President Steve, on behalf of those in attendance, then thanked Hugh & Judy for organising yet



another enjoyable Day at the Bay run, commenting in particular on the interesting visit to Wayne & Tracey's Museum. In fact, Neil had found the place so interesting that he decided to leave his mobile phone there, so that he had the opportunity to return for a second visit later in the day!!

At about 1.30pm, it was time for us all to return home. The Moore A7, while experiencing some minor coughs and splutters on the way, did reach its home in Fairfield.

Once again, thank you to Hugh & Judy for your excellent organisation of the day's run. We all await with anticipation a Day at the Bay 4 run in the future!

Karyn & Neil

Wheels of the World Variety Car & Bike Show

28 April 2024.



Some "relations" of the Austin 7, the Mini is the A7s grandson, and the MGBGT related "by marriage".

Trevor & Elaine Moore left home at about 8am to head to the show at the Pat Rafter Tennis

Centre, Tennyson in their Austin 7 Six Wheel Light Lorry. 10 minutes later we arrived at the venue and drove onto the surrounds of the Tennis Centre (*the traffic was a bit heavy*). There were several makes of cars and bikes on display including Packard, Mercedes Benz, Jaguar, Honda, Volvo, Alfa, Mini, MG, BMW, VW & Toyota alongside other makes.

Having to buy raffle tickets, Elaine was lucky to win 2 bottles of wine.

John Que arrived on the day also.

Home by 12.30pm, an early day!

Trevor & Elaine.

*"6 wheels on my wagon!"
Trevor and Elaine with "Little Mack", the Austin 7 Truck*



A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY A STEAM POWERED A7!!

For several years Peter and Nell Dorman have been in contact with Harold and Glenice Cislowski who live up in Ayr.

We did a feature on Harold's remarkable car and the background story behind the steam conversion which was based on a steam engine kit purchased from a supplier in the UK by Harold's friend John Tait who first thought of using it in a Morris Minor van.

John then got cancer and lost momentum on the project and the van rusted away. Harold worked a deal with John to source some Austin 7 parts and build a utility with a square tail like the cars used for scout cars and wireless vehicles by the British Army in the early 1930s. You can read the whole article in our February 2022 newsletter which is on our website.





Harold got the vehicle up to a running state as can be seen in the photos, using a propane cylinder in the tail to supply fuel to heat up the boiler to work the vee twin engine. But Peter now tells me that unfortunately Harold now has Parkinson's disease, which is quite debilitating.

So, the project is up for sale for a fair price for someone who may wish to give it a good home and finish the project off. If you are at all interested, please contact Glenice and Harold Cislowski
2 Mirrigan Road,
Ayr QLD 4807
07 4783 3398

The Conoulty "Comet" Postscript

The story of the Conoulty "Comet" in the last newsletter attracted some attentive readers in Victoria who have provided the additional detail on this fascinating Australian part of the story of our favourite little car, The Austin 7. Firstly I received this letter from Trevor Westlake

"I am sitting at my desk in Central Victoria and have just read the article on the Comet.

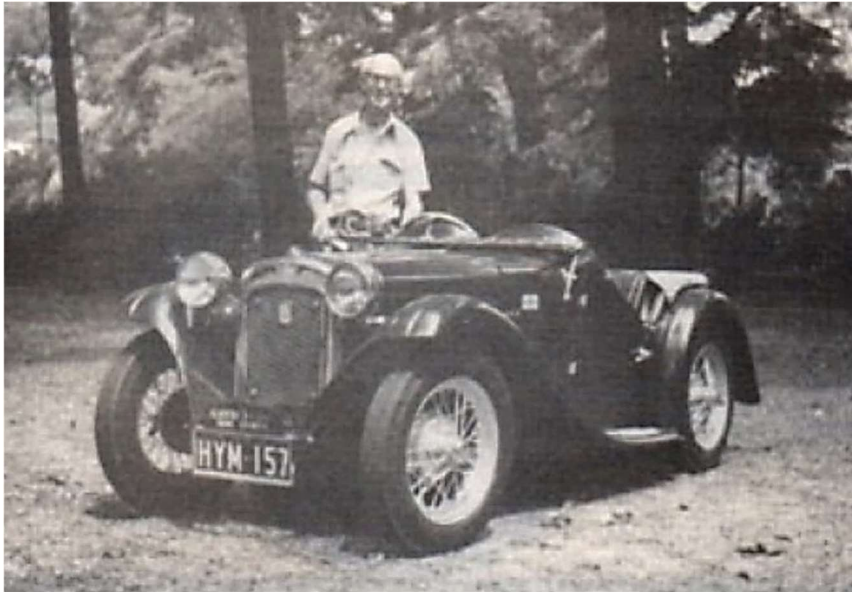
You mention in the article that you only know of one serving Comet.

From the info that is in the article I can tell you that there are two survivors. I am a member of the Victorian Austin 7 club that has rejoined after 40 years.

Now back in 1980 the Vic Club had a long-term member Roy Thomson, who owned a Comet HYM-157 (Vic Rego).

He had told me that he had purchased his Comet from what seemed to be a deceased estate in the late 1950's.

Roy had no next of kin apart from a nephew who was not at the time going to let the Comet out his sight, but I have been told by current members of the Vic Club that the car has now gone to Sydney NSW. Sorry, I don't know the current owner. (This would appear to be the car owned by Merv and Maureen Boatwright now in Sydney -Ed) So, I think there are at least two survivors, and it makes you wonder when there were 600 produced.



I am planning to build a 1929 Coupe at the moment, but always wanted to build a Comet. It is basically a Nippy chassis and an Australian body. Love the Article !!

(Scanned from a Vic Club magazine printed about Late 1979/1980 of Roy Thompson and his Comet, photo was taken at Kalorama Victoria.)

Trevor Westlake. From Castlemaine Vic. 👍

In return I also received this follow up email from David Isom about his own Comet

"I'm the owner of Bill Conoulty's original Comet and whilst I'm yet to read the recent article

I'd just like to respectfully correct Trevor's comment about 600 Comets being produced.

The information I have from the "Automotive Quarterly" article is that only 9 were built and 3 reportedly exported to England and only 2 are known to have survived in Australia.

Mine and that owned by the Boatwrights. I look forward to reading the article and thank you for both for your interest.



*Regards,
David Isom,
Williamstown,
Melbourne."*

(Photos above and at left show David and his 1934 Comet on the Warrnambool Rally in 2022.)

Gil Leach's Gift to the Hinkler Museum

Gil Leach is a respected former member of the Austin 7 Register and while doing some research on Google I found this interesting news snippet online.

NEW TREASURES:

Photo right shows the Hinkler House Memorial Museum and Research Association Inc. acting chairman Paul Neville (right) accepting some treasured historical artifacts from Gilbert Leach at a ceremony held at Hinkler Hall of Aviation on Tuesday, 12 May 2015.



The collection of Bert

Hinkler memorabilia at the Hinkler House Museum has expanded with rare treasures thanks to a donation from Gil Leach of Bribie Island.

Vice-President of the Hinkler House Memorial and Research Association Paul Neville said he was honored and excited to welcome the goods.



Photo of the Armstrong Siddeley tourer that was presented to Bert Hinkler in recognition of his epic flight and the sign Gil donated.

The gifts include a sign, a film, colour photos and an ammeter, all of which Mr. Neville said were vital in the history of Bert Hinkler.

"The film is very rare and may contain unique stuff in it," Mr. Neville said.

"We hope the film will contain some footage that has not been seen before.

"Mr. Leach donated the original Armstrong Siddeley and these are all very important parts to go with it."

Mr. Neville said the pieces of puzzle were coming together.

"This is all a lot of interesting coincidences," he said.

"The film is quite old and brittle, and the committee will investigate having it copied and restored." The 16mm film will be restored by professionals and Mr. Neville is eager to view what history it might contain.

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FOR SALE - AUSTIN SEVEN PARTS CLEAN OUT

1. 1929 differential 9 /44 (Date 11/4/29), complete except for half shafts. Teeth damaged on pinion with wear on crown wheel. This model has the bolt on torque Tube. \$75 (photo) Spare pinion also
2. Brand new 1928 to 1929 9 /44 crown wheel and pinion to suit above differential. Genuine new old stock. \$400 (or \$450 for both 1929 differential and new C/P set) (photo)
3. New deep finned cast aluminium sump \$80 (photo)
4. Vintage dashboard with pockets and patent plate, no instruments. will needs work, \$50 (photo)
5. Ruby side draft manifold. Painted in heat proof paint and ready to fit. \$25 (photo)
6. One interior window winder handle to fit 1928 to 1930 factory bodied saloon \$5 (photo)
7. Two rusty 17" Austin 7 rims \$15 the pair
8. Two narrow aluminium cycle guards \$30 the pair (photo)
9. Later model brass tourer or roadster windscreen 37" wide with one upright. \$20

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



1. 1929 Diff



8. Aluminium Cycle Guards



2. New old stock c/w & pinion



4. Dashboard panel



5. Ruby manifold



3. Aluminium Sump

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A7 starting handle to suit 29/30 model.

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Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412. (Melbourne).

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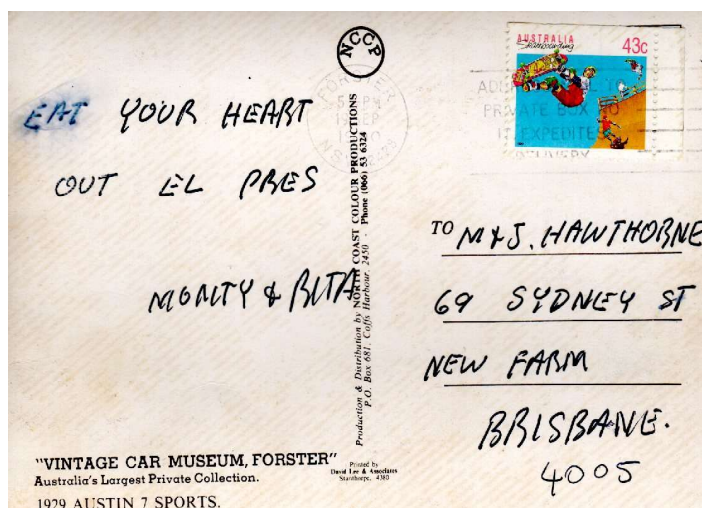
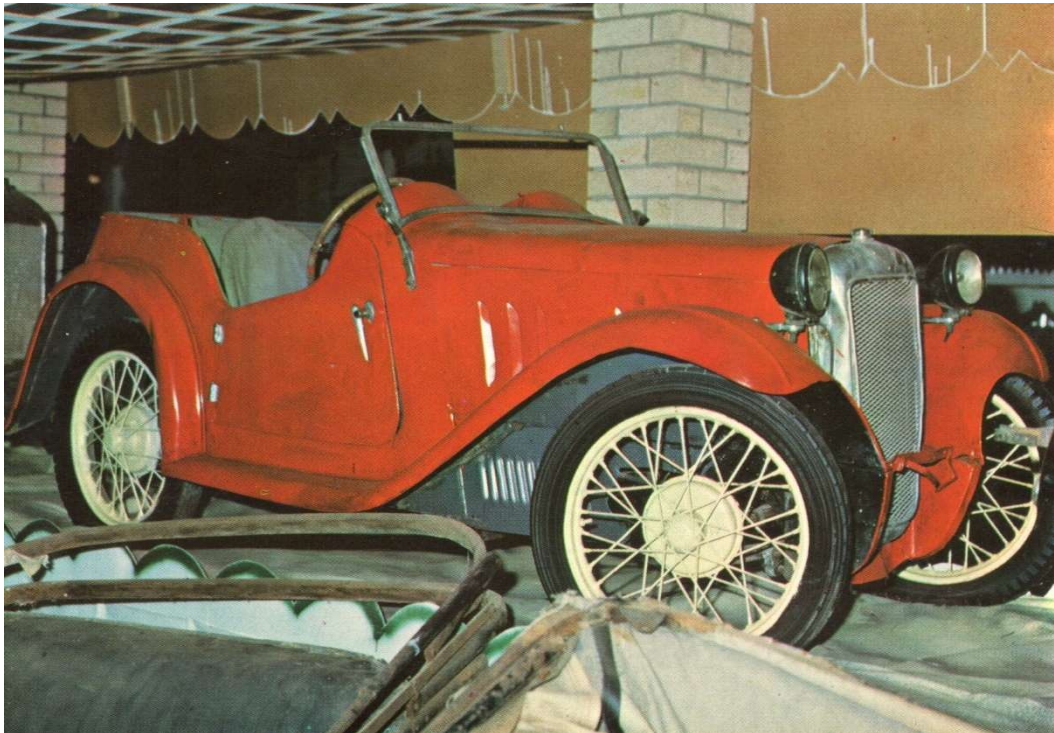
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A Mystery or the Final Word?

With the story about the Comets I went searching for this postcard. The caption at the back describes it as a 1929 Austin 7 from "Australia's Largest Private Collection" at the Vintage Car Museum, Forster. But is it a missing Comet or a marriage between a MGTC body and a Austin 7 Chassis. Does anyone know what is the true story is behind this mystery?



What is also interesting is what is written on the back of the card. I assume that at some time, the card's recipient Mike Hawthorne gave it to me. It is hard to read the date stamp (1990?) but it has been a long time since it only cost to post a letter 43c! (remember when we used to write to each other?). The sender is the late "Vintagent" Monty Schofield and his lovely wife Rita, who many now miss. Monty addresses Mike as "El

Pres", a reference to when Mike was president of the Vintage Car Club of Qld.