



NEWSLETTER



December 2024

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



Little Miss is a Star!!!!

Stacy Curtis stands proudly in front of her Austin 7 Sports "Little Miss" which her dear late father Ted Bale built over 25 years ago. Alongside is the Curtis family 1937 Ruby Saloon which Stacy's husband Jamie and Ted restored together, with much of the hard yakka by Jamie. Both were on display for us to see at the Brisbane Motor Museum.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

A7 Club Christmas Lunch - Sunday 8th December

General Meeting - Friday 13th December

A7 Club Long Drive 2024 - Sunday 28th December

Editorial Comments

Here we are, at the end of another eventful year! I must say that everyone on the Committee has done a



sterling job again and they all deserve a big thank you, not only what you see at the meeting and events, but all the hundreds of extra hours spent behind the scenes. In particular I wish to mention our Treasurer Sharon, who keeps our books up to date, particularly in the last few months as she has worked thru the membership renewals as they have slowly come in. Alos another mighty member is Neil who not only is he our Rally organiser, but he also maintains our website regularly keeping it up to date and just recently with the help of Karyn, compiled the latest membership book, chasing changes in addresses,

emails, and car ownership. Then we have Robyn who keeps our correspondence up to date and notes the minutes at each meeting, not something that comes easy to everyone. Then we have our parts man Trevor, maintaining out fantastic supply of spare parts to keep our cars running. There are of course many others who do their bit for the club, I could go on (yes, I do sometimes!) but I must get this newsletter out sometime!

One final note, keep a lookout in your mailbox soon for the 2024/25 Membership Book and Spare Parts Booklet which will be posted before Christmas. Please take time to look through as your Committee have spent a lot of time and effort compiling these for you.

All that is left is for me to wish each and every one of you all a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. I will be in New Zealand over the holidays with my sister's family.

Tim

PS it was nice to come first in Steve's quiz on our November Rally. The prize (a packet of Ovomaltine biscuits) was much appreciated as I ate it all that night after dinner!

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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.

A list of all the 2024 A7 Events is now posted on our A7 Website & our A7 Facebook site. 2025 A7 Events up until 30 March are now also 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 while participating in an Event.

Sunday 8th December: 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 please 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. On the day of the party, our Raffle Organiser Valda will be conducting raffles. Valda has asked if members could donate non-perishable Christmas type items (food, gifts, vouchers etc.) to her for these raffles. Members can donate items at either the 11 October or the 8 November evening General Meetings at the Carindale Club Rooms. Members not attending these meetings can contact Valda (ph. 0439 677 379) to arrange delivery by an alternative means.

Friday 13th 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 28th 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.



2025

Friday 10th January 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at the Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th January 2025: A7 Register January Event: MONSTER 2ND HAND A7 PARTS NEW YEAR SALE & SUNDAY FUNDAY MORNING TEA. Come one, come all to Doug & Robyn's Monster 2nd Hand A7 Parts Sale to be held at 195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights on Sunday 12th January from 9am to 1pm. Heaps of A7 parts at unbelievably cheap prices including engines, wheels, cylinder heads, gear boxes, springs, carbies, axles and heaps more. Hurry in while stocks last. BYO Morning Tea, your A7 or modern (Register Event) & Lunch if you intend being there until then and beyond – or just come for a jolly good time! For more information or to beat the 12 January A7 parts rush, contact Doug/Robyn Ph. 0412 276 313.

Saturday 25th to Sunday 26th January 2025: External Event: Allora Heritage Weekend & Swap Meet, hosted by Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, to be held at the Allora Show Grounds. \$10/person/day. For more information phone Graham: 0428 717 623.

Sunday (Australia Day) 26th January 2025: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Redlands Coast Australia Day Event organized by BVRC commencing with vehicle entry from 6am and Complimentary Breakfast, tea & coffee from 7am to 9am at Ormiston State School. BYO chairs & cups. Raffles are drawn at around 10am. Runs commence around 10.30am through the Redlands Coast – finishing with a BYO Lunch in a park at completion of your chosen run. For more details or contact Steve on 0411 516 122. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel etc. No dogs, vaping or smoking allowed on school grounds.

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd February 2025: External Event: 50th annual DDVVMC Toowoomba Swap Meet to take place at the Toowoomba Show Grounds. Open to public from 6am both days. The Swap Meet closes at 6pm Saturday & 12pm Sunday. Admission is \$15/person on Saturday & \$5/person on Sunday. Parking is free. For further details contact Swap Co-ordinator, Bill Shepherd, ph. 0499 990 622.

Friday 14th February 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at the Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th February 2025: DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED –A7 Register February Event: Valentine Welcome to the West Run 2. This Run is organised by Colin & Gay Jacobson Ph. 0407 627 206. The Run will depart from the Brisbane Planetarium Carpark (bottom of Mt Coot-tha Road) at 9am. The Run will travel through the Western Brisbane suburbs of Kenmore and Brookfield and visit the Gold Creek Reservoir. Morning Tea stop will be at the Wild Canary Bistro where coffee and morning Tea can be purchased or BYO. The Run will then proceed through Pullenvale to Moggill arriving at Lake Manchester for a BYO lunch.

Friday 14th March 2025: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale

Sunday 30th March 2025: External Event: 38th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122. No dogs, smoking or vaping allowed on school grounds.

Sunday 20th July 2025: Gold Coast Swap Mudgerabah Showgrounds. Trading from 6am to noon. Stallholders can set up Saturday 2pm to 5pm or Sunday from 5am. Contact David on 0428 279 291 or Colin on 0409 825 913 or email secretary.gcacac@gmail.com

Monday 20th to Friday 24th October 2025: A7 Register Event: A7 National Rally to be held at Murray Bridge, South Australia. Up to date details are available on our A7 Website in "A7 October 2025 National Rally S.A.". Contact our Secretary Robyn (ph. 0412 276 313) if you are attending. DETAILS TO FOLLOW

"Temora Adventure" - this is a proposed rally for those looking for an adventure on the way to or on the way back from the National Rally in S.A. in October 2025. Temora Rally was organised by Rhonda & Ross Guthrie in 2019. For more information, refer to the National Rally site on our A7 Website.

The National A7 Rally is now only around 12 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.

2026

Thursday 10th to Monday 15th June 2026: External A7 Register Invitation Event: Austins Over Australia. This event is hosted by the Austin Motor Vehicle Club NSW 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 AOA2024@amvcnsw.com.au or contact Tony Groom 0412 036 774.

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 641, 11th October 2024

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

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

Present: 28 members signed the Attendance Book, & 1 Visitor

Apologies: Steve Davidson, Sharon Jordan, Tim Braby.

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

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN & OUT: Newsletters from other clubs

3 phone calls to Gallaghers re Conformation of cover Certificate

Phone call to Vanda Curtis re Russell's health.

Email from Rhonda re club rent overdue. Forwarded to Sharon. Reply from Sharon, all fixed.

Phone call from Bev McCulloch re Christmas Haper & expression of interest for SA. Both forwarded.

Phone calls from Rhonda Guthrie, Sylvia C, Colin J, Barry Young, re attending SA.

Morningside School of Arts Hall re changes to hall rent.

Office of Fair Trading re changes to constitution

QHMC September Minutes

Email from Tim re apologies for meeting & Editors & Dating officers Reports.

OUT: Council of Motoring Clubs renewal Declaration form

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay gave this report on Sharons behalf. Moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by John. Carried

QHMC Report: Justin McK gave this report.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor stated sales had slowed down. David C & Sharon C Austins are in the Brisbane Motor Museum for the next 2 months.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug has been busy selling Dick S 6 screws.

Editors Report: Another newsletter ready to post & a thank you to everyone for their help.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Masters Report: Neil has everything up to date but if you know anything please let him know.

Club Events:

10th Nov Presidents Run, 9.30 am Centenary Pool
 8th Dec A7 Christmas Party, Clubrooms. (NUMBERS PLEASE)
 28th Dec Steve D drives to Stanthorpe. (would you like to join him?)
 12th January Spare Parts Sale, Boronia Heights.
 26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School.

Other Events:

12-13th Oct LAMA Gatton
 19-20th Oct HTA Truck Show, Beaudesert

Past Events:

15th Sept All British Day, Tennyson. 9 cars
 & Steve D won a trophy.

General Business: Welcome to Allan Ormes who
 is thinking of buying an Austin 7.

Nice to see Russell Curtis at a meeting after his
 operation. He also had a tail shaft he spoke about.
 Robyn spoke about the coolers. No decision yet.

Raffle: Valda was selling tickets in tonight's raffle
 & the winner was Russell C.

Members reminded to bring donations for our Christmas Hamper

Report on cars &/ car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: members having a Birthday in October wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Murray & Fiona for tonight's supper.

November+ Margaret T

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 8th November 2024

Meeting Closed: 8.25 pm.



Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 642, 8th November 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: 29 members signed the Attendance Book

Apologies: Sharon J, Colin & Gay J, Trevor & Bev McC

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the October 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

Email from Rhonda re Ross Jnr

QHMC European & British Swap at clubrooms on a Saturday in May

Dunmore newsletter returned. Phone call made. It is Road not Street.

QHMC November Newsletter

OUT: Newsletters posted

Office of Fair Trading

Sympathy Card to the Guthrie Family

Dunmore newsletter posted.

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay gave this report on Sharons behalf. Then moved it be accepted & all
 accounts be passed for payment. Also, our Term Deposit is up for renewal. He then moved for the interest
 plus money from the General account to make up to \$25,000 & reinvested. Seconded by Molly N Carried.

QHMC Report: Justin McK gave this report.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some sales & is waiting for an order to arrive from Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug has sold a starter to Colin J.

Editors Report: Tim has started the next newsletter.

Dating Officer Report: Tim has traced Bill McVinish from Cairns “new” car, (one of our new members) his car used to belong to the McCorkindales at Eaton’s Hill.

Web Master Report: Everything up to date but asked if members would please check the “Car Service & Repairs” section on the website & tell him if these businesses are still operating.

Club Events:

10th Nov Presidents Run, meet 9.30am at Centenary Pool, lunch at Progress Park.

8th Dec A7 Christmas Party

28th Dec Steve’s Run to Stanthorpe. (Would you like to join him?)

2025

12th Jan Spare Parts Sale, Boronia Heights

A7 Feb run will be to Samsonvale.

Other Events:

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School.

Austins Over Australia will be in Maryborough.

South Australia National Rally October 2025

Past Events: Reports in newsletter.

Library Report: Brett reported he is starting to sort out the library & has read a couple of books which he recommends members read.

General Business: Welcome to Allan O who has joined the club. He has bought Alan C yellow A7.

New Register & Parts Book being prepared.

Raffle: Please remember to bring a donation for our Xmas Hamper. Thank you to Lyn S for the mystery prize in tonight’s raffle.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in Novembers wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery & our thought with Bev McC for her knee replacement op.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Margaret T for tonight’s supper.

December: Everyone to bring a plate of goodies for supper.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th December 2024 but remember our Xmas Party on the 8th of Dec.

Meeting closed: 8.30 pm.

Robyn

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Welcome to new Members

Sent in by Bill McVinish up in Cairns is this picture of Bill in the lovely 1937 Ruby Tourer he bought from Ken Bossom. With a bit of research into engine numbers we have confirmed this is the car that belonged to the McCorkindale family of Eaton’s Hill. Previously it was registered 37 RUBY!





Also, at the time of writing I can tell you that new member Allan Ormes of Bridgeman Downs has bought Alan "Buddha" Couser's 1927 Chummy Tourer. Welcome to the club Allan!! This car previously belonged to Lynnette Johnston, then Ron and Joan Gliddon. It is still in running order as Alan Couser's son Geoff was able to take the new owner for a run around the block. The car is now at Allan's home at Bridgeman Downs where he hopes to do some little tidy up jobs to his new Chummy. "Buddha" is still a member of the club as he likes to know about we get up to and he still owns his first car, the 1933 A7 Tourer.

VALE

Former member Barry Akers passed away in late July. Barry only joined the club in 2023 with his 1928 Chummy Tourer and lived at Cooroy. (The car has gone to his daughter and family up in Gordonvale.) The Committee would like to pass their best wishes and sympathy onto his wife Shirley and their family.



AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2025

Newsletter Number 3

One year to go.

Dear Austin 7 Enthusiast

Have you booked your accommodation? Time to start thinking about your Austin 7 the roads are quite flat, and we are picking routes that have very little traffic.

Preliminary events Schedule for Austin 7 National Rally 2025.

Monday 20th October 2025 - Sign on 2pm-4pm Welcome Dinner 6pm.

Tuesday 21st of October 2025 - Visit Strathalbyn including Gilberts Motor Museum, Collectable Classics and Antique shops.

Wednesday 22nd of October 2025 - Visit The Bend with Lunch and laps of the track.

Thursday 23rd of October - Monarto Safari Park.

Friday 24th October 2025 - Final Luncheon and trophy presentation. We are finishing with a luncheon so everyone can bring their Austin 7 and not need to go home in the dark. All runs are subject to change.

Hope to see you in 2025!

Andrew Dawes & David Gear
spares@austin7clubsa.com.au

**For Accommodation options our last A7RQ
Newsletter for October 2024**

EVENT REPORTS

LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th October



The

annual LAMA (Lockyer Antique Motor Association) weekend was held on 12 and 13 October this year. Trevor and Elaine drove son Darren's rarely seen blue 1935 ute (above left), Ian and Valda ditched their van for the luxury and power of their Austin Lancer (right) and the Jordans arrived in good old Ernie (centre).



After a delicious morning tea and registration on Saturday morning, the 46 registered cars set off on the scenic drive to lunch at Scotty's Garage at Flagstone Creek. The Austins stuck together in the procession out of Gatton for the first part of the run until the leaders realised nobody was actually bothering to read the instructions and we were all going the wrong way. This resulted in immediate U-turns with

the more powerful cars (read every other car but the Austin Sevens) speeding off into the distance leaving the Austins to find our own way. Ian and Valda decided to show off their Lancer's superiority by returning to the starting point way back at Gatton and starting again, this time following the instructions. Trevor and Elaine set new records in the ute as they raced along the narrow country roads at 72kph on the flats but slowing to 5kph on the hills. It was actually a stunning performance as their car was only running on 3 cylinders thanks to a loose wire on the dizzy. Trevor soon fixed that and before long we were arriving at Scotty's Garage, Flagstone





Creek, for lunch. Even more remarkable was how the Austin Sevens managed to beat most of the other cars but then again they were probably following the instructions. Last but not least through the gates came Ian and Valda.

After lunch, the more direct drive into Gatton was taken. Dinner that night was held in the Civic Centre and the theme was 50's and 60's. Ian and Valda were stunning in their casual attire of rolled up jeans and t-shirts under flannel shirts. Trevor's

white business shirt was set off with a pencil thin tie looking like a Detective straight out of Cop Shop. He accessorised it with a gold Massey Ferguson tie clip and a cigarette packet tucked under his sleeve while Elaine wore a more elegant black top and spotted skirt. (photo below) The winning outfit was chosen by applause.



Next day after breakfast we set off on another drive around the Lockyer Valley along country roads that were mostly sealed. All the cars stuck together as we travelled through farmlands and forestry. Our first stop was The Garden of Eden at Grantham which we thought was a nursery but was actually a private garden



(Photo courtesy of the LAMA Club)

where hundreds of butterflies fly amongst the flowers and shrubs in a greenhouse type enclosure. Every butterfly has been bred there along with stick insects and tiny quail running around the ground. Here we learnt about the metamorphosis of the butterflies and the research and care taken in restoring endangered species of butterflies.

The last chapter of the weekend was the drive to MaMa Creek for the Farewell Lunch. The only mishap for the weekend occurred on this section when a Morris's rear wheel fell off along the way but with so many knowledgeable mechanics on hand they were soon fixed and arrived at lunch

only 20 minutes after everyone else. Another hearty lunch was had by all, we said our farewells and the weekend was over. It was another well organised weekend by LAMA and a big thank you goes to them for organising everything for us.

Linz and Sharon

A7 Club President's Run Sunday 10th November



Parking was tight in the Centenary Pool carpark as members arrived in their A7s and modern cars for the annual 2024 President's Run. Fortunately, the small size of our A7s meant it was possible to park two cars per parking bay. In their A7s were President Steve, Murray, Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine, Ian & Valda, and Merv & Margaret. In their modern cars were John, Neil & Karyn, and UK visitors Roger & Bibi Dunn with their son William from Buderim. Also at the starting point were Matt & Trent to wave the cars off. Brett was expected to arrive at the starting point, but phoned to say his A7 had a battery problem.

After the A7s being admired by members of the public in the carpark and a run briefing by President Steve, the cars headed out of the Centenary Pool carpark. The skies were cloudy grey, which kept down the heat but unfortunately not the humidity. Visitor Roger joined Murray in his A7 as navigator; despite Roger being

from the UK, his navigational skills proved to be better than those of some of the locals!

The run route took us past the EKKA



grounds and then turned northwards. It was at this early point in the run that the usual error that occurs in the instructions for an A7 run came to light. Everyone looked for the 'I love Brownies' sign as per the instructions to know to turn right; the problem was that the 'I love Brownies' sign had disappeared since the run instructions had been written. While some members knew the roads and made the correct turn, others continued straight ahead.

After the stray cars made U-turns to get back on the route, we passed through the suburbs of Albion, Clayfield and Nundah, before arriving at the Brisbane Motor Museum in Banyo. Here we were met in the undercover carpark by Brett who arrived in his Holden Premier HD and in their modern cars Tim, new member Allan, Twink, the Curtis family, and new members David & Diane.

The group headed upstairs to the Café from the carpark below to order morning tea. Many ordered scones on the recommendation of John and were not disappointed. Not only did everyone enjoy morning tea, but they enjoyed each other's pleasant company, the cool of the air conditioning, and the attractive interior decor. Neil mentioned to Trevor that, when following him to the Museum, he had noticed that Trevor's rear passenger wheel was wobbly; fortunately, Trevor went back to the carpark to check the issue, where he found that the wheel nuts were loose and needed to be tightened.

In the Museum Café, the Dunns are seated at the table behind Karyn and Neil



Following morning tea, we entered the Museum's exhibition area to view the current display of 'Small & Compact: Small Vehicles with Big Personalities.' This display included two Austin's belonging to Stacey & Jamie (see cover of the newsletter) and one belonging to David Cross (next page). Other vehicles exhibited included Volkswagens, Fiats, Goggomobils, Minis and Mazdas etc. The group wandered around the car display at their leisure, focusing on the exhibits that were of most interest to them.

In the Museum proper, cars everywhere!



Once everyone had had sufficient time to browse the vehicle display, the group headed back down to the carpark to depart for the short drive to lunch. Heading back towards the city and then turning westwards, we reached Progress Park in Northgate East. We had gathered under the shade of the picnic shelter and began to consume our BYO lunches, when President Steve received a phone call from Murray who had no navigator on this stretch and was lost. It was then that we noticed that John was also missing. Fortunately,

both Murray and John soon arrived.

Following lunch, it was our turn to do the work, with President Steve distributing a quiz. Heads were bowed as everyone
Heads were bowed as everyone focused on answering the eclectic mix of questions in a bid to win an equally eclectic mix of prizes from President Steve and First Lady Helen's recent European vacation. The

first-prize winner was Tim, receiving a box of Ovomaltine biscuits; second place went to Brett, who received three packets of cheese crackers; Karyn & Neil won third place and two packets of Biscoff biscuits.

Rally Coordinator Neil then thanked President Steve, on behalf of all present, for a most enjoyable run.

Members then had the opportunity to ask questions of our UK visitors, Roger & Bibi. We were interested to hear about the A7 Club they belonged to in the UK and their runs. After question time, everyone started to pack up to head off in different directions to their respective homes.



The Dunns check out Doug and Robyn's Chummy, just like they have back home in the UK?

Thank you, President Steve, for a memorable 2024 President's Run!

Karyn



Regrouping for lunch at Northgate.



G-O-G-G-O, a lovely little Goggomobil T250 Sedan

Nice two toned Karmann Ghia drew a few compliments





Yes , it is the Dart!!! Between 1957 and 1961 700 Darts were built by Buckle Motors Pty Ltd in Sydney, with fibreglass bodies

One of 3 Austin 7s on display was David Cross's racing A7. See the front page for the others!



The Editors previous visit to the Brisbane Motor Museum

Not everyone even in Brisbane yet knows of the existence of this Museum, but it can be found at 959 Nudgee Road Banyo. The building was not purpose built as a museum but has been nicely adapted with a nice and roomy cafeteria for a coffee or a meal, undercover carpark, and a conference room. The display area is upstairs, and the cars are taken up on a vehicle lift. The exhibit we saw will have changed, by the time you read this, it will be an "Icons of the 1960s" theme display until late in February. Various car Clubs are and other organisations are getting to use the Museum. (For instance the Diecast Model Car collectors Club is having its Xmas party there!)

Back in April this year I decided to visit the then newly opened Museum after hearing fellow member John Que talk about it. The exhibit then was themed "Seen on Screen" being cars that have been seen on TV and the movies.

The Museum regularly changes its exhibits once every 2 to 3 months or so., so it may be best to check out their website first to see if the exhibition will be to your taste t www.brisbanemotormuseum.com.au

At present it is "Icons of the 60s,70s & 80s" till the 23rd of February .

Following are photos and descriptions of some of the cars I saw in April.



Say hello to "Bessie", which featured in Doctor Who with Jon Pertwee and Tom Baker back in the 1970s. Bessie was a kit car based on a Ford 1954 8hp Popular chassis with a fibreglass body. This was used as a prop when Dr Who was earthbound for a while as the BBC having an economy drive and his Tardis was grounded.



"Herbie the Lovebug" featured in a series of Disney Movies starting in 1969. The car was a 1963 VW Beetle that has a mind of its own! The car in the movie changed a bit in detail as accidents happened. This is a faithful copy that turns up at displays around SE Qld.

We all remember the “Monkees” TV series in the late 1960s. In 1966 customizer* Dean Jefferies was asked to build a car for the then new show. Eventually two new Pontiac GTO convertibles were sourced and the pair of cars built in 4 weeks. This car is replica .
(* American spelling, sorry)



Another popular 1960s TV show was the Munsters, which was CBS’s way to try and beat the popular Addams family. In one episode Herman and Grandpa go drag racing and build the Drag-U-La (pronounced Dracula), built around a coffin. There have been many replicas made of the original car. The body is fibreglass



‘To catch a Thief’ starred Grace Kelly and Cary Grant who plays a jewel thief called “The Cat”. Some memorable scenes are the car driving over the Grand Corniche overlooking the Cote d’Azur and Monte Carlo. This 1953 Sunbeam Alpine is a dead ringer for the car in the movie and is owned by well-known local Vintage car couple Wolf and Leigh Grodd

This huge Cadillac Eldorado was used in the recent “Elvis” picture filmed by Baz Leuhrmann on the Gold Coast in 2022. If you have not seen the film, it is worth catching if you can. I was too late to see it at the theatre but saw it on the plane from Brisbane to New Zealand two years ago!



AUSTIN 7 SPORTS COMPONENTS



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Brown and Benns in Second Bean off on the 1927 England to Australia recreation No.2



After receiving this report we hear that two other Australians have left London in another recreation of Birtles historic drive from London to Melbourne.

Well-known *Daily Telegraph* editorial cartoonist and motoring enthusiast, Warren Brown AM, has a near-identical Bean 14, along with *Daily Telegraph* Editor-at-large Matthew Benns, plus a support vehicle and crew, are re-enacting the original journey (as far as is practically and safely possible). Warren and Matthew are doing it again

for the charity, the Royal Flying Doctor Service. They took off from London on the 20th of September (months after Lang and Bev) and their adventure will be filmed for SBS television.

There is a core group of four people: Warren and Matthew, plus a mechanic/auto electrician, and a videographer, recording this journey for later release as a media documentary and accompanying book. There are two others as part of the team, an advisor offering advice on finance and Government protocols and an administrator travelling in additional support vehicles.

The trip begins in London (after the Bean was shipped from Australia) and proceeds through Western and then Eastern Europe to Greece, where the vehicles are shipped

to Egypt and driven to the UAE. From there, they'll be shipped to India to drive through Nepal, Bhutan, China, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore. From Singapore, the Bean will be shipped to Australia and driven to outback RFDS bases promoting its role in providing vital medical help across Australia's vast outback. The team also acknowledges the considerable help from the car and engineering community of Goulburn, where the Bean is garaged.

Like many Aussies in London they hope to be home by Christmas! Sourced from the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation website and ABC TV.



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Austin 7 Classifieds

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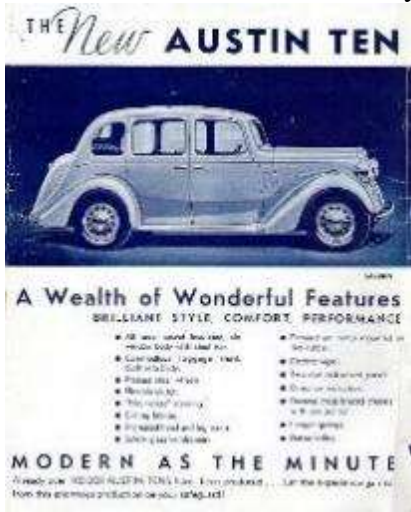


Tandem trailer to suit a short wheelbase Austin 7, internal dimensions 3.9 m. long x 1.8 m. wide by 1.74 m. high, overall length from the tow hitch to the tailgate is 5.32 m. Steel rear door doubles as loading ramp, floor all steel with built in tie points.

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



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

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

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