



NEWSLETTER

February 2019



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



TOWNSVILLE TO CAIRNS BY AUSTIN 7 IN 1962

In January President Steve was rung by Dan Graham, a Canadian living in Coorparoo, after getting Steve's number from the club's website. Dan's father, Gavin Graham is out here visiting from Canada but he was previously in Australia in 1962 and he drove a 1927 A7 from Townsville with his mate Peter Wardle, up to Cairns and then maybe around the area for a while in August thru September 1962 (it only 55 years ago!). The attached photo shows the great little rig he had. It is an interesting photo of a sports two seater that had been very neatly converted into a little buckboard utility. There are two more photos at the back of the newsletter

One question, does anyone recall seeing such a unique little car and know if it still around. Hopefully it did as people were starting to save cars like this by then. For more photos see page 18 and what happened when Gavin came for a trip down Memory Lane see page 14.

Editor Tim

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The A7RQ Inc. On Line

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.or.au/events

& Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.



AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS **FOR 2019 & BEYOND!!**

Run Cancellation: Please note that if there is any doubt that a Run may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or any other reason, please ring the particular Rally Organiser or the Run Coordinator, Neil, phone:0431 067 909, early on the morning of the Run and prior to proceeding to the Run start point.

Friday 8th February - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th February - A7 Register February Event: A7 Valentine's Day Run. Run to be organized by Justin McKeering (ph. 0439 712 731) and to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 8th March - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th March 2019 - A7 Register March Event: Librarian's Run to be organized by Alan Couser (ph. 3349 9628). Run to commence from Clubroom, Carindale at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.



Friday 12th April 2019 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th April 2019 - A7 Register April Event: A7 President's Run organized by Steve Davidson (ph. 0418 814 501). Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 10th May 2019 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

15th -21ST May 2019 - The Austin 7 Bundy Bash - details this newsletter! Note: Updates are regularly posted on the Club website at <http://austin7.org.au/a7-bundy-bash-2019/>

Friday 14th June 2019: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th June 2019:A7 Winter Run. Run to be organized by Ian & Valda McDowell (ph. 0439 677 397) and to commence from Club Grounds, Carindale at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 12th July 2019: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th July 2019 RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse.

Friday 9th thru to the 11th August - A7 Register Club Weekend

Friday 9th August - A7 Register Club Weekend – General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 10th August - A7 Club Weekend Saturday BBQ Lunch. A BBQ Lunch will be provided to members at the Club Rooms, Carindale commencing at 11am. BYO drinks only – hot or cold. As this is an A7 Register Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark (ph 3800 1965) by 10 July 2019.

Sunday 11th August - 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. 3800 1965). Members are to 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.

Sunday 15th September - (Date to be confirmed) A7 Register September Event: All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (3800 1965) 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.

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October 2019 - (Date to be confirmed) A7 Register October Event: **LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend** organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact Elise Pakeman, Secretary, Ph. (07) 4697 6462 for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, registration, accommodation etc.

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

Friday 8th November - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th November - A7 November Run. Run to be organized by Peter & Sue Waller (Ph 0410 456 616) (to be confirmed) and will commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

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.

Sunday 15th December - A7 Club Christmas Lunch

13th, 14th, 15th June 2020 - A7 Register May event: Country Run (S.W. of Brisbane?). Run to be organized by Jo & Margaret McCormack (ph 0438 192 788). No details of venue/runs or accommodation are yet available.

Neil Thyer - A7 Qld Runs & Events Coordinator. ph 0431 067 909

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS **(AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST)**

Saturday 2nd March 2019- Veteran Car Club Hall 25 Anniversary - An Invitation to join the VCCA (Q) for the Clubhouses 25th Anniversary Celebration.

On the 5th March this year it will be 25 years since the opening of the club rooms by our



Patron the then Governor of Queensland Her Excellency Mrs Leneen Forde AC.

To mark this occasion the Committee and members of all of our resident clubs are invited to join us on Saturday 2nd March for a luncheon and display of club vehicles. It is 25 years since we have had a display of all vehicles representative of the clubs that call our Carindale property home. On that occasion we had over 150 vehicles on display.

When? Saturday 2nd March 2019 - Vehicles assemble between 9.00 and 10.30

Parking details will be sent out to clubs closer to the day.

Program Morning tea available on arrival. Inspect the vehicles and catch up with old friends
Light Lunch from 12.00 followed at 1:30 Welcome from President VCCA(Q)

Sunday 31st March- Bayside Restorers Club Ormiston Swap - Ormiston State School, Ormiston. Gates open 5am

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May- Gold Coast Autorama 2019 - held in conjunction with the Qld. Historic Motoring Council annual Event details to be confirmed 19th May. National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Booval

Friday 17th May - Sunday 19th May - 14th HISTORIC WINTON

Sunday 19th May - National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Booval



Sunday 23th June (Date to be confirmed) Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the VCCQ Annual Concourse to be held at Ormiston House from 10am on 24 June 2019. For details contact VCCQ President, Ronnie Brown, phone 3202 7462 or 0419 702 329. Members are to arrange their own travel etc.

Sunday 21st July - Gold Coast Swap Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

Friday 19th to Sunday 21st July: (Date to be confirmed) 8th Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally. Rally is to be held in Biloela, Central Queensland. Members are to make own arrangements for Travel, Registration & Accommodation.

For information contact Cindy Cooper, Rally Coordinator. Phone (07)4992 2400 or 0429 383 296.

Monday 23rd September - Friday 27th September - Austins over Australia- Barossa Valley. - see details December Newsletter

Sunday 29th September 2019: (Date to be confirmed) Noosa Beach Classic Car Show 2019. This static display event is to be held at Noosa Heads Lions Park. This is an all models car show and features British vehicles this year. For more information log onto www.noosacarclub.com.au or contact Duncan Logan. Members who wish to attend are to make their own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation etc.

2020 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020 - AHMF Motoring Festival - Albury Wodonga, open to all vehicles over 25 years old - see flyer in December newsletter

2022 - Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April 2022- Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally - see details below



Have a whale of a time in Warrnambool.

The 2022 National Rally is slowly moving closer (9th to 14th April 2022).

I thought it would be good to take some time to learn a little bit more about this wonderful seaside town

The word Warrnambool originates from the local Indigenous Australian name for a nearby volcanic cone. It is interpreted to mean many things including land between two rivers, two swamps or ample water.

A popular legend is that the first Europeans to discover Warrnambool were Cristóvão de Mendonça and his crew who surveyed the coastline nearby and were marooned near the site of the present town as early as the 16th century, based on the unverified reports of local whalers' discovery of the wreck of a mahogany ship.

The first documented European discovery of Warrnambool occurred under Lieutenant James Grant, a Scottish explorer who sailed the Lady Nelson along the coast in December 1800 and named several features. This exploration was followed by that of the English navigator Matthew Flinders in the Investigator, and the French explorer Nicholas Baudin, who recorded coastal landmarks, in 1802. The area was frequented by whalers early in the 19th century. The first settlers arrived in the 1840s in the Lady Bay area, which was a natural harbour. The town was surveyed in 1846 and established soon after, the Post Office opening on 1 January 1849.

During the Victorian Gold Rush, Warrnambool became an important port and grew quickly in the 1850s, benefiting from the private ownership of nearby Port Fairy. It was gazetted as a municipality in 1855, and became a borough in 1863. Warrnambool was declared a town in 1883, and a city in 1918.

Till next time – Andrea Casabene

Any queries Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com

From "THE LIGHT SHAFT", the Club journal of the Austin 7 Club Inc (Vic.)

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 578, 14th December 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.



The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a Merry Christmas and welcome to all. Special welcome to Trevor & Bev McCulloch and Amanda Wilson, who we have not seen at a meeting for a long time and Trevor & Donna Hebblewhite who are past members.

Apologies: Brett Wilson, Karyn Matthews, Ted Bale & Peter & Gail Cahalane

Attendance: 28 members signed the Book, & along with visitors Trevor & Donna Hebblewhite.

Previous Minutes: The November Minutes were read & Robyn moved they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Doug Clark. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Veteran Car Club Invoice re rent 1/1/2019 to 31/3/2019

Victoria A7 Club re membership renewal \$60-00 1/1/19

QHMC Affiliation Renewal

QHMC re Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (Impromptu Events)

Townsville Motor Club re Log Books

M/s application - Alan & Margaret Blair, Innisfail, 1930 Sports

OUT= Nil

Robyn moved the inward correspondence be accepted as read & A & M Blair be accepted as members. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.

Business Arising from Correspondence: In General Business

Treasurer's Report: John gave his report on the last 2 months, asked if there were any questions then moved his reports be accepted and all bills passed for payment. Seconded by Amanda Wilson. Carried.

QHMC: No report.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor reported a good month for sales of around \$3400 - 00

Second Hand Parts Report: Thank you to Rodney Sims for parts donated to the club.

Webmaster Report: Neil reported everything up to date & 2019 events added.

Editors Report: Tim has emailed the newsletter out & others ready to post.

Club Events:

15th Dec Club Xmas Party, Greenbank RSL

13th Jan A7 Buffet Breakfast, Colmslie. \$ 16- 95 pp 8 am

26th Jan Australia Day Run, organised by Bayside Club

10th Feb Justin McKeering to organise

10th March Alan Couser to organise

14th April Presidents Run

15th - 21st May Bundy Bash

Other Events:

26th-27th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

2nd - 3rd Feb Toowoomba Swap

Past Events:

11th Nov. Fort Lytton, on web site

Library Report: Nil

Racing Report: Justin McCarthy will be entering the Warwick Historic Time trials in February.

General Business: QHMC Special Interest Scheme & Townsville Car Club Log Book Survey to be discussed at a committee meeting before coming back to a general meeting.

Steve moved that the A7 Club approach other clubs that meet in the Club room to help purchase a defibrillator for the clubrooms. Seconded by Duncan Logan. Carried. (Steve is willing to do this.)

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Nil

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

Raffle: Valda had tickets in tonight's raffle for sale.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to everyone for tonight's Christmas Supper.

January supper organiser: Ian McDowell

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 11th January 2019

Meeting closed: As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8:25pm. .
Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and safe motoring in the New Year.

Robyn

Austin Seven Register of Queensland inc

Meeting No. 579, 11th January 2019

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

The President Steve Davidson opened the meeting with a Happy New Year to All at 7.45 pm.

Apologies: J & M McCormack, & Sharon Jordan

Attendance: 23 members signed the attendance book

Previous Minutes: The December Minutes were read & Robyn moved they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes: In General Business.

Correspondence IN: Membership renewals

Membership Card from Victorian A7 Club

OUT: M/S application form to Ray Foreman , Beaconsfield, Mackay, 1929 Chummy

M/S renewal form to Phil Beesey

Phone calls to 5 members re membership renewal

Robyn moved the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed.

Seconded by Duncan Logan. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: John gave his report asked if there were any questions then moved his reports be accepted. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor reported a quiet month .

Second Hand Parts Report: Doug reported Ted Bale & Trevor McCulloch have to pick up parts.

Bob Collett has sold parts to the club for \$500 . Doug then moved the club pay Bob for these parts.

Seconded by Trevor Moore . Carried

Editors Report: Tim has asked for any articles for the Newsletter .

Web Master Report: Neil has the 2019 Events on the website .

Club Events;

13th Jan A7 Buffet Breakfast, Colmslie. \$ 16- 95 pp 8 am

26th Jan Australia Day Run, organised by Bayside Club

Breakfast 7am Ormiston State School

10th Feb Justin McKeering to organise

10th March Alan Couser to organise

14th April Presidents Run

15th - 21st May Bundy Bash (Have you booked your accommodation?)

Other Events:

26th-27th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

2nd - 3rd Feb Toowoomba Swap

31st March Bayside Swap

11th - 12th May Dalby Invitation Rally

19th May . National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Booval

Past Events:

15th Dec Club Xmas Party, Greenbank RSL

Library Report: NIL

General Business:

Townsville Car Club re log books - no further action to be taken.

QHMC re Impromptu events: Steve read out the Impromptu Application procedure the committee has come up with for our club. (Copy attached- see below) After a discussion with members , Neil Thyer moved it be accepted, seconded by Ted Bale. Carried. To be printed in the newsletter, also on the website .

Defibrillator : Steve has spoken to the President of the Veteran Car Club, and it will be discussed at the Tenants meeting in February.

A7 Annual Weekend in August : On Saturday 10th August 2019 we will not be having a run, instead there will be a BBQ Lunch provided by the club, 11 am. at the Clubrooms . More details later as we will need numbers

Don't forget to give Steve any information on places you can purchase or get things repaired on your Austin. This list will be placed on our website to help other members .

Report on cars &/or car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in January were wished all the best.

Raffle: Valda sold tickets in tonight's raffle.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Ian M c Dowell for supper.

Margaret & Joe McCormack to do February meeting .

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 8th February 2019

Meeting closed: The meeting was closed at 8:25 pm . Lindsay & Sharon were wished all the best as they leave on Monday for 2 years in Indonesia.



Robyn



A7RQ Inc. Impromptu Event

Application Procedure

The club has voted to implement the new "Impromptu Event" Scheme, that is also being adopted by other clubs in Queensland

An Impromptu Event (IE) is one in which a financial individual Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc. (A7RQ Inc.) member, with SIVS Registration, makes a formal request to the A7RQ Inc. to initiate a Club Event, at short notice, using their A7. This IE is not an event presently authorised by the A7RQ Inc. or listed in "Events" on the A7RQ Inc. website.

A member requesting approval from A7RQ Inc. for an IE must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Make a formal request by email or written application to the President, A7RQ Inc. at least 7 days prior to the event.
2. Must supply details of the event the vehicle is being used for.
3. Must supply member's name, A7RQ Inc. membership number, address, phone contact, email address and member's A7 model & SIVS registration number.
4. Must supply details (as above) of any other financial A7RQ Inc. members attending the event using their A7 with SIVS.

Following the application being considered by the A7RQ Inc. President, the member making the application will be notified by email or in writing by the President of the approval or otherwise of the IE.

Once the IE Application is approved:

1. The IE information will be kept by the Secretary, A7RQ, Inc. in the club files in case of any future inquiry by the Police, TMR or Insurance Company.
2. The IE information will be forwarded to the A7RQ Inc. Webmaster and posted onto the A7RQ Inc. website under "Events" prior to the IE event date.

The IE Applicant and other A7RQ Inc. and SIVS members attending the IE should carry a copy of the approval with them on the IE event. As always, it is advisable for all A7RQ Inc. members to carry their Club Membership Card with them on all Club events as proof that they are a member of a recognised club, which is a requirement of retaining your SIVS registration.

Failure to carry out the above procedure in applying for an IE may not only void a member's vehicle insurance and registration entitlements, but also prevent consideration by A7RQ Inc. of future IE applications from that member.

12 January 2019

A7RQ Inc. Executive Committee

Please note this procedure can be found now on our website at austin7.org.au under Events

This article in the January Vintage Car Club Magazine may help explain the workings in a plainer manner NEW VINTAGE REGO PLAN

The newly introduced "Impromptu Event" to Queensland's existing vintage rego scheme, SIVS, is a very welcome change.

There has been little support for the log book scheme in Queensland and this change gives us the best of both worlds. For most members it will be carry on as usual but any member who wants to do something special can register their event.

Now, for example, if I have an overseas visiting vintage member arriving I can pick them up in my vintage car at the airport. At this stage Face book looks to be our preferred method of registering such an event.

As well as the Vintage Car Club Queensland face book page current financial members can access the VCCQ Private Members Page which is a closed group for registering Impromptu Events. You will just be required to add details of your event here to make it a recognised Impromptu Event.

All the planned club runs will go ahead as normal.

I expect that clubs that don't avail themselves of this scheme may find their members moving to clubs that do. I think it is a better scheme than a log book scheme and cuts the work load of everyone except those who wish to use it.

It has worked well in WA for two years and has not shown up any problems or misuse.

Many thanks to Doug Young who has been the driving force behind the change.

GRAHAM JOHN GLEADHILL

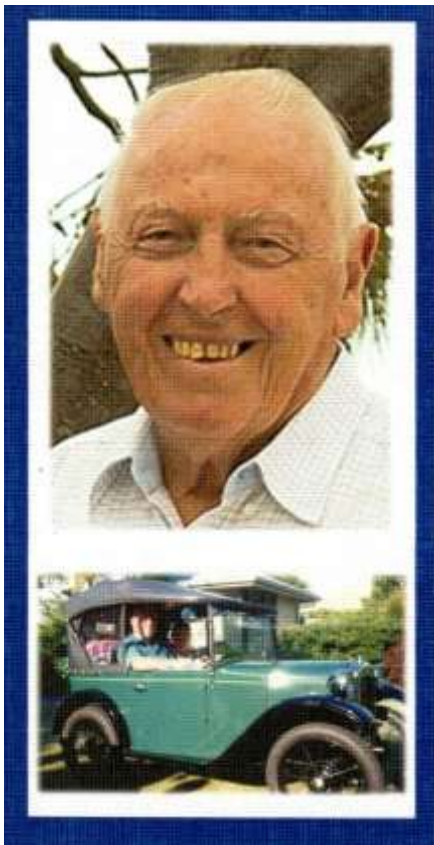
It is my sad task to tell you that former A7 Register member Graham Gleadhill passed away on the 20th of February. Kindest condolences and thoughts to his wife June, sons Murray & Scott and family. A celebration of life for Graham and his family was held at the Baptist Church, Victoria Point, on Friday 25th January 2019. About 14 members of the Register attended a wonderful celebration of Life Service for Graham

conducted by Pastor Paul Curtis. many of Graham's many relatives and friends attended. Over 200 people nearly filled the ample auditorium of the Victoria Point Baptist Church .

Graham was 78 years young, and he and June have been members of the Register since 1976. Initially they owned a 1937 Roadster, but later bought a nice red 1930 Chummy, which had been painted all over with spray cans. About 20 years ago Graham decided the car needed a spruce up and it was repainted in a lovely mid green with black mudguards, I believe the work was carried out by Guthries, so it would be ready for the 75th Anniversary national Rally at Maroochydhore?

In later years Graham had been battling some pretty dramatic health issues, but his faith and family support carried him thru the worst of this. Graham was never one to rush into things, he always carried around a serene inner calm. Many members of the Bayside Restorers Club and the Austin 7 Register attended, and out front there was a Chummy, Morris Minor and a larger vintage tourer.

Graham has a wonderful family and they all battled thru the ceremony with a grace and charm. Our very own Peter Cahalane had some nice stories to tell of Graham's career in the PMG 60 year ago, including later adventures in Graham's Mini on lunch time runs from Albion into Brisbane in the days when you could park in the city.



A MATTER OF WORDING

One of our eagle eyed readers spotted a small but potentially troubling sentence in our 2018 and 2019 Spare Parts Booklets.

On the inside of the cover is a section headed **ADVICE**. It states "Any Technical or other advice or information give, verbal or written, will be expresses as a personal opinion only, and must not be taken as a statement of fact. Information will be given in good faith, to the best of our knowledge and ability, but neither The Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc. nor members will **not** be held accountable for any consequences arising from such advice, freely given."

This has now been amended to read:-

"Any Technical or other advice or information give, verbal or written, will be expresses as a personal opinion only, and must not be taken as a statement of fact. Information will be given in good faith, to the best of our knowledge and ability, but neither The Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc. nor members will be held accountable for any consequences arising from such advice, freely given."

Committee of the A7RQ Inc.

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Happy 50th Ruby Wedding Anniversary to **Bev and Trevor McCulloch**. Bev and Trevor have been members for a long time, owning a lovely little buttercup yellow 1929 Chummy called **Gus**. The editor went on many rallies with Gus in **Porkchop**, a 1930 Chummy, including a tour in 1980 up to Maryborough, Bundaberg and back thru Biggenden and Gayndah. Oh happy days!

We celebrated Bev and Trevor's anniversary with a cake at our December Meeting. These days the McCullochs now live up the Sunny Coast and participate fully in activities of the Sunshine Coast Club in between family duties.

Joe Wilson's Brescia Bugatti styled Austin 7 Sports is



nearing completion evidently looking at this photo from a recent Vintage Car Club of Queensland magazine.

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

Ray Foreman from Beaconsfield, Mackay, owns a 1929 Chummy . Welcome Ray to our club

DOUGIES PROGRESS

last year the club received a large pile of parts from Don Macintyre who decided it was time to move on his collection of Austin 7 parts, your club thought it was a good opportunity to get some fresh used parts.



Amongst it was the sad and broken remains of a 1931 saloon with a broken back. As you recall President Steve took on the challenge to restore what was a very complete but very tired project, on the proviso that our Dougie do the hard yards with rebuilding the body timber, whilst Steve attended to the mechanicals. Well on a very recent New Year visit Doug and Robyn's at Boronia Heights, Tim'nTed were proudly shown the progress so far on the frame, and I can tell you, we were mightily impressed! These photos speak for themselves. Well done Dougie!



PAST RALLY REPORTS

A7 CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 15 DECEMBER

Under the threat of Cyclone Owen approaching down the Queensland coastline, 31 cheerful A7 members arrived at the Greenbank RSL to enjoy a buffet Christmas Lunch organised by our Secretary, Robyn.

Members present (all in modern cars) were: Doug & Robyn, Ian & Valda, Trevor & Elaine, Alan, Lindsay & Sharon, Steve & Helen & Davo, Neil & Karyn, Peter & Gail, Amanda, Bev & Trevor, Jo & Margaret, John, Ron & Daphne, Peter & Nell, Russell & Vanda, Duncan & Crystal, and Justin.

At around 11.45am, we all entered the Buffet restaurant and were seated around three tables strategically located adjacent to the food bars.

Members enjoyed a sumptuous feast of hot and cold seafood, salads, meats and Asian & Italian dishes.

Following on from the variety of main dishes, members enjoyed the splendid variety of desserts on offer. For those of us requiring it, a cup of tea or coffee was also available.

Once our feasting was complete, Robyn, with the help of President Steve, activated the Secret Santa gifting.

As usual, there was an interesting variety of gifts submitted by and subsequently chosen by members.

The Christmas Lunch concluded around 2pm when members departed, under a cloudy sky, for their respective places of residence.

Thank you to Robyn for your efforts (with a little help from Doug) in the delivery of yet another successful A7 Reg. Qld Christmas Lunch.

Neil



A7 NEW YEAR BREAKFAST COLMSLIE HOTEL – 13 JANUARY

On a sunny warm summer's morning, a A7 members gathered in the carpark of the Colmslie Hotel in readiness for the Annual A7 New Year Breakfast



. Those in attendance for the buffet breakfast extravaganza in their A7s were Steve & Davo, Steve W., and Duncan & Crystal, in their Freeway were Merv & Margaret with their daughter Karen, and in their moderns were Doug & Robyn, Ian & Valda, Lindsay & Sharon, John, Alan, Justin with his mum Ines & Uncle John, Tim, Joe & Margaret, Trevor & Elaine, Steve, and Neil & Karyn. The turnout was fantastic with a record 26 people in attendance.

At about 8am, everyone entered the hotel and, after finding a seat at the long table, began to reduce the amount of food on the buffet. On offer was crispy bacon, fried eggs, hash browns, herbed mushrooms, grilled tomatoes, toast, pancakes with maple syrup and whipped cream, fresh fruit, cereal, yoghurt, fruit juice, tea and coffee. In air-conditioned comfort, members ate their fill while participating in congenial conversation.

The occasion was tinged with sadness as members farewelled our past President, Lindsay, and Sharon, who are heading overseas to live for a couple of years. President Steve gave a farewell speech and presented them with a humorous card, signed by Club members. Fortunately, we will still see both Lindsay and Sharon from time to time when they return on occasion to Brisbane.

At about 10am, everyone headed home or to other commitments for the day with full stomachs, having spent an enjoyable few hours in each other's company.

Karyn

GAVIN'S TRIP DOWN MEMORY **LANE - 66 YEARS LATER**



Early in January I received a call from a gentleman called Dan Graham who lives over in Coorparoo. Dan's a Canadian, and his wife and four-year-old son are Australian. They both work for Shell. He'd found our contact details on the website and called on the off chance that we could reunite his father Gavin with the Austin Seven that he'd driven from Townsville to Cairns in 1962. Dan explained that his dad was currently visiting Australia for a month and had often spoken about the memorable time he and his mate Peter Wardle had in

their Austin. Dan provided a few photos of the car, see below, and when you look at them it's easy to see why Gavin had such fond memories. She's a 1927 with a unique BCM livery.

I put the call out to a number of the long-standing members, Tim, Peter, Rhonda, etc. but alas, no one had any memory of the car. It seemed a pity to leave it at that as Gavin obviously had a great time with the car so we arranged for me to pick him up in the sports and head over for a morning tea with the Moore's and Clark's.

Come the day of the drive I headed over to pick Gavin up and while driving the Austin through peak hour traffic is a bit of a challenge the thought of meeting Gavin and hearing his story made any worry fade away. I picked Gavin up and with Dan following we headed over to the Moore's for fleet inspection and coffee. The smile on Gavin's face as we drove along confirmed the fact that he'd not lost his affection for these little cars even after the best part of 60 years apart.

Over morning tea (thanks Elaine and Robyn) Gavin explained that he and his mate had purchased the car in Townsville for £10 with the intention of driving it to Cairns and making a fortune cutting sugar cane. The car made it ok but after a day and a half Gavin decided that his future lay somewhere outside of a cane paddock. The car did a few trips around Cairns, even up as far as Mission Beach, but when his mate suggested they drive it over to Perth for the Empire Games (now the Commonwealth Games) Gavin made what seems like a wise decision to call a halt to that adventure. A quick visit out to Mt Isa followed but as a Northern Ireland lad he found the heat a bit too much and retired to more temperate climates to continue his Australia adventure.

Gavin has headed back to his home north of Toronto but I'm pretty sure our quick drive and morning tea will be one of the fond memories he's taken home. My thanks go out to the Moore's for hosting a wonderful morning and the Clark's for being great company. Personally, I had a great time and it just reinforced to me that once you've caught the Austin bug the thought of that great little car will always bring a smile to your face.

Steve Davidson (more photos page 1 and 18.)

SPOTTED BY MATT POTTS



<https://www.weekendnotes.com/austin-house-restaurant/>

Once a showroom for Austin cars, Austin House is now home to a fine dining restaurant. Tucked away on Boonah's High Street, the Austin House Restaurant is a feast for the senses.

The food is sensational, the

restaurant is inviting and the atmosphere is divine.

The Austin House Restaurant is definitely worth the drive from Brisbane. With its rich blue and stone walls, timber tables and mood lighting, the atmosphere is elegant and comfortable. A large print

of an Austin hangs on the back wall, reminiscent of the building's heritage.



HOW MUCH IS THAT AUSTIN IN THE WINDOW?



The editors like to collect advertisements and photos of Austin Sevens in their heyday, especially in Australia.

One fact that is easy to establish is the cost of our little Austin Sevens when they were new. First only the Chummy was available, this was available in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane for 199 pounds in 1927, and 1928. £50 pounds deposit was the going rate with a rate of £7/12/5d pennies paid off per month over 2 years. Some dealers offered a reduction of £1/10/- in the total cost in 1928, but the price went back to £199 in Brisbane in 1929 and £197 in Sydney. The Sydney Special Chummy from Larke Hoskins in Sydney cost £205 pounds and came with two tone bodies with a full waist line and roll down side curtains. The roadster varied in prices from £199 in 1927

and £195 in December 1929.

The Austrian coach built 2 seater Sports cost a bit more, the Charles Hope model was described as "ideal for the young man" at a total cost of £225, or £75 down and 18 monthly payments of £9/6/8d.

The Sydney Standard sports was £235 and the Wasp built by William Greene and sold by Larke Hoskins cost a not imponderable £267/10/- shillings.

For the Youngies, there was 12 pennies in a shilling and 20 shillings in a pound (£). 1 pound was the equivalent in 1966 of 2 Aussie Dollars.

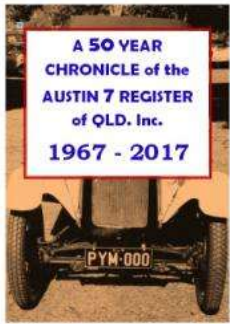
Austin 7 Classifieds

Please note: to avoid congestion, adverts will only be printed for 3 issues (6 months) depending on space. If you have also sold or found that item you wanted PLEASE tell the Editor .

FOR SALE - Austin 7 1929 'c' cab van.



A late 1929 model, wine red colour and black interior. Work carried out by professionals over the past 33 years to complete. The vehicle is in 'brand new' appearance and has never been driven. Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412. (3x)



Club Chronicles for Half Price!!!

I still have some copies of the 50 year Chronicle of the Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc. they are available for a Special Yuletide Price of \$25 each which includes postage within Australia. Copies also can be available at meetings or by arrangement for \$10 pickup yourself at a meeting or from the Editors home in Aspley . Each book is 142 A4 spiral bound pages with b&w and colour photos and a complete record of your club. Tim Braby, 43 Arcola Street, Aspley Q4034. Please make out Cheque s or Money Orders payable to "Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc". I will bring a few up to the Bundy Bash in May this YEAR. (2x)

Body 1932- 10

In 1933
used
to suit the
and Hillman
others.

includes 4

rear tub , all in reasonable condition. No firewall or floor timber included. Contact Doug Clarke on 07 3800 1965



FOR SALE - panels to sit 34 Austin tourer.

Holden body builders
standardised panels
Austin 10, Singer 9
Minx and possibly

doors with locks and

Photos from the Archives - Travelling North



1928 - With all the Floods up north I thought this montage of photos of **Hector MacQuarrie** and his mate **Dick Matthews** and the help of **Mickie** and his team of locals getting Emily I across the Jardine River, may be appropriate. Yes there were crocodiles and a rifle was usefull!



1962 - Gavin Graham and Peter Wardle on their trip from Townsville to Cairns where they hope to find work cutting cane travelling there in their £50 Austin 7 Utility Sports. More pages 1 and 14/15.

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For Sale 1929 Chummy

I bought the 29 Chummy in 2006 and completed a full restoration about 3 years later. Car has done less than 100 miles since (unregistered).

In 2007, Lyle Ross supplied a large slice of history.

- Gordon Farquhar (Gold Coast) bought from original owner in the 1950's.
- Lyle's father bought from Gordon around 1979 and completed a body off restoration in 1980 – 1981.
- A Caravan Park owner from Cairns saw the 7 at a car show at Sundale Shopping Centre, (since demolished) and handed Lyle's father his cheque book to write his own price. Sold, for 'World Record Price' at the time.
- The late Andy Darby (well known in Papua New Guinea) brought the car to Papua New Guinea and I purchased from his estate.
- Lyle's father won many trophies with the 7 which the family still possess.
 - Chassis Number 100881.
 - Engine Number 100888.
 - Diff Stamped 13.09.29.

Mechanical Work

All restoration work carried out at a friend's residence in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. He owned a Mechanical Workshop called 'Pitstop'.

Everything Mechanical was dismantled, cleaned, part's replaced as necessary. Virtually all new engine and clutch parts. Crankshaft reground and Con Rod's remetailed by 'Wilson's Vintage Engines' near Brisbane. No rust anywhere. Body painted in two pack, 5 new tyres, all new brakes, cables, etc..... engine runs well.

I flew car to Brisbane in a Boeing 767 around 2012. Hood is good, but only 2 side curtains. Upholstery good. Has original option all working oil pressure gauge. **Not registered.**

Brass Plaque States "Car competed in Q.V.V.A Kankanya Rally – March, 1959".

Price \$16,000.00.

Also have spare three bearing Engine No. 284171 and Gearbox.

Car Situated in Ipswich, but owner in PNG!

Please ring Greg Runnegar – Phone Number + 6140 711 0407.



