



NEWSLETTER

December 2018

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



Above - Six little A7s lined up for the start on of the run to Fort Lytton and a commemoration of the Centenary of the end of hostilities in the Great War. It is interesting that even 100 years on, Australia as a country still respectfully honours those paid the supreme sacrifice and all those who took part in World War One and all subsequent conflicts since . I think we all have one or more grandfathers, fathers, brothers etc who may have been asked to serve overseas in times of conflict, and leaving the political arguments aside they should all be remembered with respect. My own father served in Greece and the Middle East in the Second World War and was the proud son of a Gallipoli veteran. Thank you one and all to our past and present "Diggers"!!!!



(small photo above - a small monument of a genuine slouch hat bearing the insignia of the 2nd/1st Regiment Royal Australian Artillery of WW and some paper wreaths made by a local "Joey" scout troop placed at the bottom of the flag pole at Fort Lytton)

EDITORS BIT

Christmas is just around the corner and the New Year is just behind. A very busy year has just gone, soon to be replaced by another one full of planned events as you will see in this newsletter.

The Editor plans to go to a slightly cooler place to celebrate the festive Season and see in the New Year but is ever so mindful that there is another A7 motor in many pieces in the garage. Turns out only the one big end failed in my 1929 Saloon, but there is white metal all through the crank case and everything has to be pulled apart and cleaned. The crankshaft is now out and does not seem to have too many scars from kissing a big end with no white metal between them.



The Committee of the Austin 7 Register would like to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and safe New Year

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 2018 & 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 14th December - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Please bring along a plate of cake, shortbread, mince pies and/or other festive nibbles!

Saturday 15th December - Annual A7 Club Christmas Lunch to be held at Greenbank RSL, 54 Anzac Avenue, Hillcrest .. UBD Map 239, R19. Members are to meet at the venue at 11.30am. Cost for the lunch is \$19pp Visitors, \$17pp Members & Seniors. Members are requested to bring along a wrapped unisex Christmas gift per person to the value of \$3 to be shared over lunch. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. Rsvp Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965.



2019 EVENTS

Friday 11th January 2019 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th January 2019 - A7 Register Event: Annual A7 Reg. Buffet Breakfast to be held at the Colmslie Hotel, Junction Road, Colmslie commencing at 8am. Event to be organized by Neil & Karyn ph. 0431 067 909. Cost for this all you can eat Buffet Breakfast is \$16.95/adult & \$10.95/child.. As this is an official A7 Reg. event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. Members to make their own way to the venue.

Saturday 26th January 2019 - A7 Register January Event: Australia Day Rally. organized by BVRC commencing with Breakfast from 7.30am at Ormiston State School. Rally around 10.30am to follow around Moreton Bay area – finishing at Redlands Sporting Club for lunch. Contact Robyn Clark (ph 3800 1965) for more details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

Friday 8th February 2019 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

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

Sunday 10th March 2019 - A7 Register March Event: March 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/>

Neil Thyer - A7 Qld Runs & Events Coordinator.

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

2019- Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th January Allora Heritage Weekend - Allora Showgrounds

2019 -Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of February 47th Toowoomba Swap Meeting - open to public 6am Saturday and Sunday - Toowoomba Showgrounds ,western end of Glenvale Road w, s/w of Toowoomba out past Clifford Gardens Shopping Centre

2019 - Sunday 31st March- Bayside Restorers Club Ormiston Swap - Ormiston State School, Ormiston.
Gates open 5am

2019 - Monday 23rd September - Friday 27th September - Austins over Australia- Barossa Valley. - see details below

2020 - Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020 - AHMF Motoring Festival - Albury Wodonga, open to all vehicles over 25 years old - see details below.

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



AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2019

BAROSSA VALLEY S.A.

Monday Sept 23 to Friday Sept 27

Hosted by: Austin 7 Club of SA
262 Tapleys Hill Road, SEATON S.A. 5023
ABN: 85 770 577 863



NEWSLETTER # 1

This event is shaping up to be very popular, therefore if you haven't already done so, you should book your accommodation now to avoid any disappointments - see page 2 below for an update on venues. It is expected that entry forms will be available by early 2019 after all associated costs have been confirmed. It will be accompanied by a comprehensive newsletter which will specify everything you should need to know.

Rocker Cover races will be held on the hall stage each morning Tuesday to Friday, so either dust off your old rocker covers or prepare a new one for this prestigious event. If you plan to be a participant in this event, please mark the appropriate box on the attached Entry Form. The rules are on page 3 below.

We will be having a Funkana on the Wednesday which should be lots of fun for those who are involved and even more fun for the remaining entrants who will be watching on. 2 participants per State or Territory will be a required for this activity. The entry form will have a box which you can mark to indicate that you are prepared to be a participant in this event, if selected by the event organiser. We will be having a Funkana on the Wednesday which should be lots of fun for those who are involved and even more fun for the remaining entrants who will be watching on. 2 participants per State or Territory will be a required for this activity. The entry form will have a box which you can mark to indicate that you are prepared to be a participant in this event, if selected by the event organiser.

In keeping with our venue, the Farewell Dinner will have an "Aussie Outback theme", so start putting your thinking caps on so you come prepared and appropriately attired.

RECAP ON WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED & ISSUED

Expression of Interest Letter specifying

it where & when the event will be held and why it is being held when it is.

ii the proposed Itinerary (see page 4 below for the latest version)

iii suggested Accommodation venues

iv Expression of Interest Form

If you would like any of the above sent to you, please let Ralph know

If you have any further questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact either;

Position: Event Chairperson Event Secretary

Name: David Gear or Ralph Drage

Phone: 08 8296 1689 Ph: 0418 846 082

Email: David Gear at dgear@optusnet.com.au or Ralph Drage at rdrage@bigpond.net.au

Saturday 28th March to **2020** *Friday 3rd April 2020*



AHMF
NATIONAL MOTORING FESTIVAL
ALBURY - WODONGA
28 MARCH - 3 APRIL

Australian Historic Motoring Federation Inc.
This event is open to:
- Veteran, Vintage and historic vehicles more than 25 years old.
- Cars, caravans, motorcycles and commercial vehicles.
- Enter by 30/06/2019 for Early Entry Draw - accommodation for the entire event.
All information and entries on AHMF website

Visit: ahmf.org.au/2020Tour ✉: 2020Tour@ahmf.org.au



Expression of Interest forms will be distributed from December 2018
Rally Registration on Saturday, 9 April 2022,
Farewell Dinner on Thursday, 14 April 2022.
Any queries Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 576 12th October 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.55 pm with a welcome to all and introduced Steve Went a new member.

Apologies: I & V McDowell, A Couser, J & M McCormack, R & R Guthrie, L & S Jordan, P Baker

Attendance: 14 members signed the attendance book.

Previous Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the September meeting and moved that 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
M/S application from Keith Mardon, Owens Creek, 1937 Ruby
& Gordon Schmierer, Ingham, 1929 Chummy

Emails from Christine Stevens re QHMC & AHMF National Tour, 28th March to 4th April 2020 Albury-Wodonga

OUT: 2 phone calls re Morningside School of Arts Hall

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Also membership applications are accepted. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried



Treasurer's Report: John gave his report on the club finances and moved it be accepted and all bills be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

QHMC Report: on web site

Spare Parts Report: Trevor reported sales going well and a order to be sent to Melbourne.

Second Hand Parts Report: Doug reported he has had inquires and made one sale.

Webmaster Report: Neil has everything up to date & will keep everyone informed about the Bundy Bash.

Editors Report: Tim reported the newsletter had been emailed out and the paper copies were ready to be posted. Thank you Tim.

Club Events:

11th Nov Club run organised by Peter & Sue Waller.

15th Dec Saturday A7 Christmas Party, Greenbank RSL

Other Events:

27th Oct Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Decoration Day, 150 Years

4th Nov Veteran Car Club London to Brighton run. (Entry forms available)

Past Events:

23rd Sept All British Day

6th-7th Oct Lama Rally, Gatton

Reports of these events are in the newsletter, also on the club website

Library Report: Alan away but some books have been donated to the club library by Peter Baker.

General Business: Please let Robyn know if you are coming to the Christmas Party on Saturday 15th December and start looking for your Secret Santa Gift \$3-00 pp

Members asked for their thoughts for our Saturday Annual Weekend Tour. Do we have NO Run and a BBQ Lunch or early evening meal with a guest speaker at the clubrooms. To be decided at a later date.

Tim would like to have a register put together of suppliers and names of places you could have work done on our car/parts. If you know of any please ring the President Steve who will start to keep a record

Report on Cars&/or Car Troubles: Tim Braby has had trouble with a Big End (*on my Austin!*)

Merv Briggs has his 1928 Utility for sale.

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

Raffle: Elaine sold tickets on Valda's behalf.

Supper Organiser: John Que thanked for tonight's supper.

Tim Braby to organise November's supper.

Members reminded if they provide supper they are entitled to claim expenses as long as they have receipts for the Treasurer.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 9th November 2018

Meeting Closed: As there was no further business the meeting was closed at 8.40 pm

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 577, 9th November 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The meeting was opened at 7.50 pm by the President Steve Davidson with a welcome to all.

Apologies: I & V McDowell, M Potts, S Jordan, K Matthews, J Que

Attendance: 18 members signed the attendance book.

Previous Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes of the October meeting and moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by T Moore. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN Newsletters from other clubs as tabled
Membership Renewals

Receipt from VCCA re Hall Rent

OUT: Newsletters to members

M/s welcome to K Mardon, Owens Creek & Gordon Schmierer, Ingham.

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had an invoice which has to be paid to Melbourne.

Second Hand Parts Report: Doug has a possible sale coming up.

Web Master Report: Neil has updated the website. (6 months of 2019 Events)

Editors Report: Tim would like reports on the Tingalpa Chapel 150 year, & London to Brighton Run for the newsletter. Also a letter from John Smith.

Club Events:

11th Nov Organised by Peter & Sue Waller. Meet Centenary Pool 9am BYO M/T & Lunch.

Going to Fort Lytton.

15th Dec SATURDAY A7 Xmas Party, Greenbank RSL, 11.30 am \$17-00 pp. Secret Santa gift \$3-00.

Need numbers by 1st December to Robyn

13th Jan A7 Buffet Breakfast

26th Jan Australia Day Run organised by Bayside Club.

Other Events: Nil

Past Events:

27th Oct Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel

4th Nov Veteran Car Club, London to Brighton (35 cars)

Reports of these events are in the newsletter, also on the club website.

Library Report: Nil

General Business:

Approx 21 members unfinancial

Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles

Justin McKeering : car has been repaired by Trevor & Doug.

Steve Davidson working on his car after LAMA.

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

Raffle: Elaine Moore to sell tickets on Valda's behalf.

Supper Organiser: Tim thanked for tonight's supper.

DECEMBER everyone to bring a plate of Christmas goodies.

Committee Meeting : TBA

Next Meeting: 14th December 2018

Meeting Closed: As there was no further business to bring before the meeting it was declared closed at 8.25 pm by the President

Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new member #349 Gordon Schmierer of Ingham, North Queensland. Gordon has a 1929 Chummy Engine No M01305 Chassis No 90832.

#350 Allan and Margaret Blair of Innisfail. They have a restored 1930 "Boat Tail" Engine Number is M11365. I think we have seen this car before, very similar to Doug Clark's Sports but painted all white. The Blair's attended the Toowoomba National Tour in 2017.

#351 Bob Griffiths of Balgowlah, Sydney has an original 1932 RN Box Saloon, painted brown. Engine number M162182, Chassis No. 161190

On the sick list for a few days was our club treasurer John Que. On the week before the November meeting John wasn't feeling too good and went to visit his local GP. After doing some tests the doctor told John that he should go to Emergency at a hospital. John was diagnosed with pneumonia and spent 4 nights in hospital. John says he now feels ok but will need a while to fully recover.

Other members have had their share of ills and pains due to the hot weather and chronic ailments and the Committee wish that that you all get better soon.

Also our thoughts are with anyone who may have been affected by the recent bushfires around Queensland

The Bundy Bash November 2018 Update . Last update for 2018

Thursday 16th May to Monday 20th May 2019 inclusive

Well it won't be long now until Brian and I are welcoming you to our beautiful city of Bundaberg. Take out Christmas and Easter and it will be May 2019. We can't wait.

Our latest count sees us with 20 entrants which is fantastic. We have heard that there are a couple of other entrants coming so we would appreciate it if they could let us know if and were they have made a booking. Latest entrants are.....

Tim Braby from Aspley

Robyn and Doug Clark from Boronia Heights

Keith Mardon from Mackay

Greg and Kaye Shuker from Mt Morgan

Ken and Merle Bradford from Agnes Water

John and Suvapa Smith from Cooran

Steve and Tait Davidson from Fig Tree Pocket

We are trying to collate a local map for the ladies to look and explore all of our Op Shops, which are plenty. I have been informed that this is a great pastime for a lot of the ladies. When you will get time for this we are not sure. Maybe you need a longer stay. A great idea to make your stay longer as there is so much more to see and explore.



Lady Elliott Island has day trips along with a lovely cruise on our great Burnett River.

Lots more to be found on website:

www.bundaberg.qld.gov.au

We have added to our list of places to visit.

A new Distilling and Brewing Company called "Kalki Moon". This is just one of many little Brewery Companies popping up in our region. A delightful way to end one of our daily runs by calling in for a tasting and look around. We can vouch for another very tasty drop. Classic Liqueurs either Choc Mint or Choc Hazelnut Vanilla. They also make and have won awards for their own Gin.

Maybe something to take home as a reminder of your visit.

Well as you can imagine we are still working out the daily runs so as we can fit everything in.

Remember we start our first outing on Thursday 16th May and our Farewell dinner is on Monday evening 20th May.

Have an amazing, happy and safe Christmas, and celebrate what 2019 has in store for us all.

Cheers from Ann and Brian Brindley

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EDITORS POST SCRIPT as of mid November the Big 4 still had some cabins and van sites left

Contact them at the BIG 4 Cane Village Holiday Park.

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Please note there are regular updates and past information

on our website at <http://austin7.org.au/a7-bundy-bash-2019/>

PAST RALLY REPORTS

7TH 8TH OCTOBER, 2018, INVITATION LAMA (GATTON) RALLY

Saturday morning with weather predictions showers and possible thunder storms Trevor & Elaine, President Steve, Doug & Robyn and Lindsay Sharon arrived at Room Motel for the weekend. No rain at this stage.

After unloading it was off to the HQ, Gatton Historical Village for morning tea and registration.

10am we were waved off by the local member with the older cars going first. Then a pleasure trip travelling the back roads to Esk and then down the Brisbane Valley Highway to Fernvale for hot alternate drop menu, chicken or steak, lunch at the Brisbane Valley Tavern.



After lunch back on the Brisbane Valley Highway passing through Lowood then into Plainlands and the Highway back to Gatton, 112 miles or 180km total for the day. Whilst following Doug, Steve noticed something fall off his A7. Stopping he located the tail light lens and presented it to him at Happy Hour, poor maintenance on Doug's part. Happy hour which was to be at 5.30pm but Doug & Robyn got time mixed up so it was at 4.30pm.

We all got into Lindsay & Sharon's vehicle and to the bowls club for buffet Dinner which was very enjoyable. Sunday morning, our jogger Steve was up early and did his 10 km run, washed his Austin 7 in the mud and put more mud in the car with his runner. Lindsay & Sharon had to leave early and did not join us on the Sunday Run.

7.30am it was pack up and down to the Bowls club for buffet breakfast, excellent food. 8.45am off for a country drive slower cars first, at 10am arrived at Grantham State School for morning tea, another great spread, fresh made sandwiches, cakes, slices and tea & coffee.

After a belly full of food it was the return trip via Helidon crossing under the highway along country roads to Gatton, 60 miles or 100km, for a BBQ lunch at HQ. Well done LAMA.

Trevor

TINGALPA PIONEER CHAPEL & CEMETERY 150TH ANNIVERSARY - 27TH OCTOBER 2018

Saturday 27th October 2018 marked "Decoration Day", the 150th Anniversary of the Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel & Cemetery (TPCC) on Wynnum Road, Tingalpa. Members of the Austin 7 Register at this occasion were Doug & Robyn and Neil & Karyn. Doug & Robyn proudly brought and displayed their A7 at the venue.



Cutting the Cake



Raffle Prize Winner, Karyn



150 Years of the Chapel Service



Doug & Robyn's A7 on display

The day began around 2pm, with the Chapel bell ringing to signify the start of the Memorial Service to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Consecration of Christ Church and Cemetery by Bishop Tufnell on 27th October 1868. For the Service, the small chapel was at capacity and seats were assembled beyond the entry doors to accommodate the volume of people attending on this fine sunny day.

The interesting Service, emceed by the TPCC President, Jackie Butler, and led by the guest Anglican Priest, included hymns and informative information about the history of the site. Of particular interest was an address by Jonathan Hulett, performing the role of Charles Coxen, the original founder of the venue.



Following the service, the many graves on the site were blessed by the guest Anglican Priest. Afternoon Tea followed at the external shelter adjacent to the Chapel. As usual, there was an extraordinary variety of delicious home-made cakes and sweets along with tea, coffee and soft drinks. While afternoon tea was served, a choir performed near the entry doors to the chapel.

The pleasant afternoon was concluded by the ceremonial cutting of a huge Anniversary cake. The TPCC President and relatives of the Chapel's early pioneers, after cutting the cake, distributed portions to all those present. Two lucky door prize raffles were also drawn, with Neil & Karyn winning a lovely food hamper donated by Steve Minnikin MP, Member for Chatsworth.

Our thanks go to Jackie Butler and her helpers for a most pleasant afternoon.

Neil

SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2018: LONDON TO BRIGHTON RUN.

Not to be confused with the original "London to Brighton" emancipation run, which has been held in England from its inception in 1896 and revival as the "old Crocks Run" in 1927, our event was held just a bit closer to home on the southside of the Brisbane River!

Start was London Road at Carindale, and Destination the temporarily renamed "Brighton carpark" at the Redlands Sporting Club. Cars first met at the Veteran car Club Rooms and then proceeded to join cars from the Queensland Branch of

Veteran Car Club of Australia, and the QVVA. Two vintage A7s were at the Start, being Lord Alan Couser in his maggy engine Chummy7 and Sir Douglas and Lady Robyn Clark in their 1929 Sports. At London Street, just two blocks from the club rooms there were cries of "Oyez, oyez" from the Town Crier Syd Norman.

The group of 35 vehicles was flagged off by the honourable Hugh Kimlin. Judging by the photos on the VCCA Q and A7RQ websites there was a good roll up of cars

that appeared to date from c1900 to 1930. There was a veteran "Good" Maxwell, a Hupmobile or two, a Humberette cycle car, a Curved Dash Oldsmobile (complete with a Lucille behind the wheel?), the Jak Guyomar Napier, a brass radiator Ford two seater, Guthries veteran Austin 10, the ex Gilltrap Fiat Truck carrying a large rearward facing Slow



Moving Vehicle sign and a gaggle of vintage Chevrolets, Buicks, Chryslers, a Lorraine-Dietrich and even a 1929, "honest Abe", Lincoln V8 .

It was a very hot day well into the 30s, but by all accounts the cars all went well and the rally sheets were faultless.

The Ferret

REMEMBRANCE DAY RUN - 11 NOVEMBER 2018

Six A7s broke the silence on Gregory Terrace as they arrived at the Centenary Pool Carpark for the commencement of our Remembrance Day Run to Fort Lytton National Park. Those arriving in A7s were Doug & Robyn, Alan, Trev & Elaine, Matt & Trent, Lindsay & Sharon and Peter & Sue. Those arriving in their modern vehicles were Neil & Karyn, Tim and Steve.



At around 9am we set off on a pleasant run from the carpark through the suburbs of South Brisbane, West End, Hawthorne and Murarrie, arriving at Fort Lytton National Park around 10am. At the Fort, A7s were ushered to a special parking area, while all other cars were directed to the rapidly filling public carpark. Adjacent to the A7s we immediately set up our “camp” for the day under a shady tree, overlooking the two large cannons. Here we enjoyed morning tea prior to proceeding to vantage points near the water’s edge to view the firing of a cannon, hear a bugler play The Last Post and respect a minute silence. These formalities were followed by performances by several bands and bagpipe players at various venues around the site.

We were then free to wander through the many museum buildings on the site displaying military equipment, war artefacts and stories associated with Fort Lytton and the World Wars.

At around midday we returned to our shady tree for lunch and to discuss not only the many interesting aspects discovered on our walk around the Fort, but also to partake of the usual banter associated with our members’ interests and personalities.

It wasn’t long before we all decided to head home after enjoying this interesting venue. Before we departed, our thanks went to Peter & Sue for once again organising a great A7 event – well done!

Neil

8 DAYS IN HONG KONG

The editor had a little trip overseas late October/early November, staying with his nephew and family in Hong Kong while they are still there (they move back to NZ next year when their oldest boy begins high school.) I was there in 1997 and this time found a lot of changes had happened, the buildings had got bigger and the roads and footpaths even more busy. People have also become more prosperous, China overall has seen 40% of its population move from rural poverty to comfortable lower middle class from 1997-2017. The boat people at Aberdeen have now been housed in huge tower blocks and have jobs in factories, shops and the service industries. The biggest buildings seem to be owned by the banks and finance companies Looking out on the harbour there were dozens and dozens of container ships. To move all these people Hong Kong/Kowloon has a very efficient public transport system. Their MTR railway system makes QR look like a 19th century anachronism. Fast and efficient are words I thought of during the times I used it to travel about the island across to Kowloon and Lantau Island, and the trip home out to the airport. Travellers have used the Octopus card system since 1997 which speeds up entering and exiting the 159 stations on the 218 kms travelled over 9 lines For another different rail experience are the old double-decker trams that still ply from Kennedy town to Wai Chan. These are affectionally nick named "Ding-Dings" and are not speedy but very cheap and elegant., They have been on the island since 1901.

If you want to go to the top of Victoria Peak (396 m above sea level) you could like me walk from accommodation on the "mid levels" up a very steep concrete path or jump on down town near the bottom of Hong Kong Park (avoid the mid morning rush with a 40 minute wait in the sun). The ride up is spectacular and when you get off you pass thru the Peak Tram Historical Gallery which includes a restored 1888-1926 era tram. When you travel on the tram your senses are altered so you think all the buildings are suddenly laying over towards the peak. At the top you are enclosed in the 21 year old Peak Tower and for \$42 HK (about \$7.34 AUD) you can travel up the escalator for a view from the platform. I also went for a walk around Lugard and Harlech Roads where you will see spectacular views over the city and Kowloon and south to Lamma Island.

I also used the Ferries, the famous Star Ferry takes you quickly across the water to Kowloon in 20 minutes for only \$2.50 HK (40c AU), or a 45 minute trip to Lamma Island for about \$36 HK (\$6 AUD) return. Food is very reasonably priced but they suggest do not drink tap water, but bottled water only. Some of the older style toilets are very interesting and a bit of a challenge to us from the west.

Everyone I speak to who has been to Hong Kong has enjoyed themselves, but the era of cheap clothing and electrical goods has long gone.



The Storey of Sally 2.

One of our original members were Lindsay and Lisa Corben and their 4 boys.

Lisa wrote a 3 page story of their various family Austins. There were two named Sally, and Sally2 is still in our club over 40 years later, driven by Justin McKeering. As related in the following story the car was sold to Brian McKeering, Justin's late father.



Many years and a number of cars later, plus four sons, we were living at Frankston in Victoria. Lindsay was now in charge of distribution at the State Electricity Commission head office in Melbourne. The year was probably 1962.

One day he was out looking for the best way to bring a high voltage line into Melbourne and saw in someone's property part of an Austin Seven covered in long grass. He asked the lady of the house if she wanted to sell it. 'You can have it if you get it away before my husband comes home,' she replied. He gave her seven pounds, borrowed a trailer from someone (probably the local SEC) and brought the Austin back home that same day. There was great rejoicing in our family and Sally 2 stayed at Frankston until we moved to Brisbane in late 1970. (I don't know what happened about the high voltage line!)

Some work was done on Sally in Frankston, but she came to Brisbane with the chassis on top of our Holden and a trailer full of parts behind. The main restoration was carried out at Bardon where we had plenty of space under the house to clean up the old parts and make new ones when necessary. She was finished and registered in 1973 and Lindsay and Ned deserved medals for all the painstaking work they had put in over the years.

Ned had his licence by then and was able to drive Sally around with his friends and once going to Melbourne in her on his own. I don't think Sally approved of that because she allowed nearly all her spokes to break coming home, which delayed her arrival back considerably.

Lindsay and I also went to Victoria, but in the winter and I found out that the driver had the warmest position. Coming home via Guyra we drove through snow and wild weather. The passing trucks nearly ran us off the road if coming in the opposite direction, but helped us if passing in the same direction as we were able to get into the slip stream and be pulled along. We enjoyed the trip and all the admiration we got when we stopped anywhere.

In 1975 we bought a property near Mt Barney and realised we'd have to build a new garage or sell Sally as there were so many rats around wanting to use her for a bed. By that time all the boys had left home and she had little use. We had joined the Austin 7 Club for some rallies and got to know other Austin owners in Brisbane and heard that a priest wanted one. He bought her and we knew she would have a good home, but it was sad saying goodbye to her.

We are expecting to move soon and so, when packing up the pictures, I wondered who would like the photo of Sally taken by a photographer who passed us coming back to Brisbane after our trip to Victoria. I rang up Robyn Clark and she said the Club would like to have it and that Justin, had inherited a Chummy from his father who had been a priest! The end result was that the Clarks towed Sally on a trailer to come and see us. We were delighted to see them and Sally again. Ned couldn't resist starting Sally and was thrilled to see that she was in nearly as good a condition as when we sold her - just needed to give her a waxing to brighten up the paint again!

Thankyou so much for coming Robyn and Doug and bringing Justin and Sally! We hope to see you again soon and we'll bring Justin some wax! Ned has written the story of Sally's restoration and our adventures with her.

Lisa Corben

Happy Birthday Howell!!

The end of November I rang our former President Howell Whitehouse. Howell tells me he has just had his 89th birthday and still playing with classic British motorbike, but taking things at a leisurely pace in between visiting doctors and such.

Howell was our Club President from 2002 to 2005 and then Newsletter Editor up until 2012. It was Howell who introduced that sneaky "Ferret" into the newsletter. In recent years Howell passed on his little red ruby roadster to his family, Sue and Peter Waller. (photo shows Peter and Sue in Howell's car)



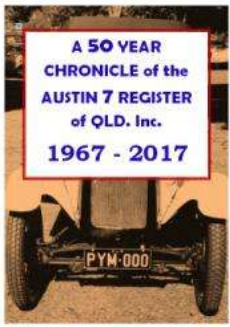
Austin 7 Classifieds

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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. **(1x)**



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 Cheques or Money Orders payable to "Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc". I will bring a few up to the Bundy Bash in May next year.

FOR SALE c1929 Austin 7 Chummy - Project car built up from a collection of parts. Fairly complete except for missing hood and back seat. Has been running. Has coupled brakes and Fiat Toppolino bucket front seats. Full history over the last 50 years. Car in Brisbane. **Contact Greg Riddel on 0417 794 549** for details and to see the car. **(2x)**



For Sale - Radiator core to suit late 1930-34 model

Joe Wilson has the pictured radiator for sale, Core measures for top tank to bottom tank 17 1/2 inches X 12 1/4 inches. This is not the same as the earlier 1928-1930 model. Joe is asking \$600. Core has been replaced by the Honey Comb Radiator Company at Northgate (3x)

3 speed early gearbox (no speedo drive)

Fully rebuilt by Needham in Melbourne, Cost \$2200. Yours for \$1700

Joe Wilson can be contacted on
07 33785379 (3x)



For Sale - Radiator shell to suit the above

I have a good 1931-34 chromed plated over brass radiator shell that perfectly matches the above core. Asking \$100. Has reasonable original chrome finish on it with a few minor marks and dints along the bottom.

Tim Braby 0405 740 418 (3x)

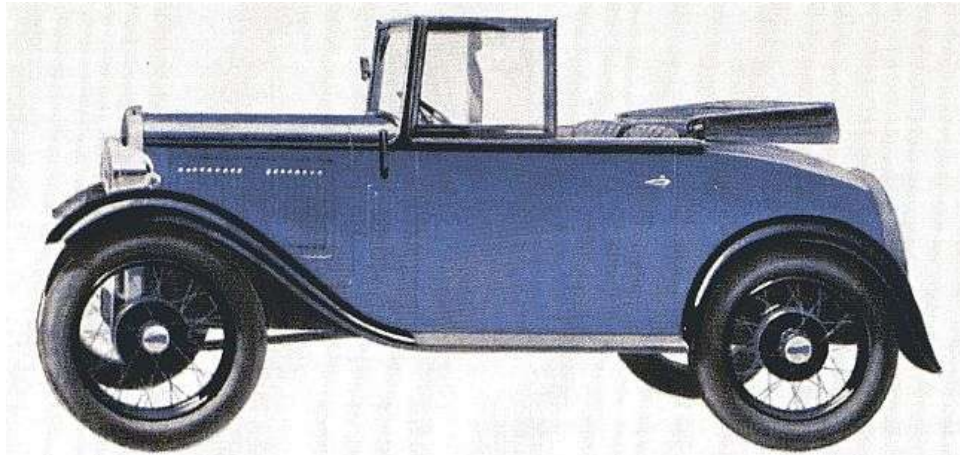
Photos from the Archives

Rhodesian Railways Austin 7 Inspection car. Converted to run on a 3'6" narrow gauge line. The rear axle is driving flanged wheels, The front axle has been replaced with an axle and wheels from a small mining wagon. Interesting the two wrought iron bumpers, possibly designed to nudge large wildlife from the track!



The development of the Railways in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe was directed by several considerations, among which was the need to serve the towns, mines and farms which were fast being established

before the turn of the century, and to link the landlocked country with sea-ports in Mozambique and South Africa.



The original appears to be the 1933-34 two seater, the first Austin 7 to be sold for a sum as low as 100 pounds sterling new.

Behind the Austin can be seen a mighty Beyer-Peacock Garrett 2-6-2 + 2-6-2 of Rhodesian Railways, built in 1926

T H E T W O - S E A T E R

This handy little car meets the demand for a general purpose vehicle, seating two and involving the minimum capital and subsequent outlay. Although its price is so remarkably low it embodies all the essential features which render the Seven pre-eminent value. These include synchromesh for top, third and second speeds, pneumatic cushions, five-lamp equipment with dip-and-switch head-lamps, instrument panel light, spare wheel cover, moulded rubber floor mats, fume excluders, leather-cloth upholstery and simplified controls. There is a Triplex windscreen, the side-screens and hood are efficient and convenient and there is ample luggage room behind the bucket seats.

P R I C E £100
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