



# NEWSLETTER

## August 2022



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



*Sunny Coast Run – 9 Austin 7s at Mark and Jan Herdman's at Woombye*



*Sunny Coast Run – Happy Hour at the Motel Nambour*

### ***Fun on the Sunny Coast Run***

May I say what an excellent time we all had on the Sunny Coast Run, no details was missed by our tour organisers, Trevor and Bev McCulloch, with extra help from their daughter Tanya. The week was a busy one and went too quick as we were kept busy with visits to very interesting collections and museums. The local car club people are a very talented lot, one could play a guitar, sing and work a blacksmiths forge!



Unfortunately, it all finished too quick and it was a sad leaving for all of us. Only one blot on the landscape, the next day after I got home I had a head cold and since I was due to visit a nursing home that day, I decided to take RAT. Yes Covid! Luckily it was like having a winter cold for a few days and I felt fine by the time I got back outside again. I heard thru the grape vine that 5 others also got Covid on that trip, but most had similar symptoms.



The Brisbane Exhibition is upon us already! Where is this year going to so quickly? Which reminds that exactly 50 years ago I had my first job on the RSL lucky Numbers stall in sideshow alley. My job was to keep a supply to the prize shelves out front, things like sets of steak knives and owl shaped trivets for pots!

Now an explanation of the picture on the left, it was a stitch up, you know! I mentioned on the Sunny Coast Run, that I would be happy to take any empties. It is because there is a chap in my model train club called Bill who is in a nursing home, and he has no money left. So one of our other members has been collecting empty cans and bottles and putting the money into an account for Bill, so he can have a nice funeral at the Council Cemetery at Albany Creek. I can tell you, that the boot load of empties I took home has pushed the amount to over \$900, halfway to the total of \$1800. So thanks to all the people who gave me their empties from the motel, every little contribution helps!

PS I will add a report and photos from the just finished UK Centenary next newsletter!

**Editor Tim Braby**

### **Memberships are due.**

Hopefully everyone who has provided the Club with an email address should have now received an email from Sharon or a reminder letter from Robyn about membership fees being due for this new club year. At time of writing, we had about 86 renewals. Unfortunately, we have some who did a bank transfer on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May who called their direct debit payment "Qld Fees" but did not include their name!!!

### **A7 Register of Qld. Committee 2021 - 2022**

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



# AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2022

## 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 in these difficult times,

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

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

**A7 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 31st July: External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse D'Elegance** to be held at Sherwood Arboretum from 9am to 1pm. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

**Friday 12th August: A7 Register Club Centenary Weekend – General Meeting & AGM** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 13th August: A7 Register August Event: A7 Club Weekend – Saturday Centenary Lunch.** A lunch will be provided to members at the Club Rooms, Carindale, commencing at 11am. Food (Steak, Sausages, Bacon, Salads & Desert) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery, plates, cups etc. are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags, drive their A7s and follow Qld Govt Covid conditions of entry. RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965) by 1 August 2022.

**Sunday 14th August: A7 Register August Event: A7 Club Weekend – Centenary Static Display.** Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts hall & grounds, corner Wynnum & Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping village precinct – UBD p24 Q1) Entry off Wynnum Road. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to wear their name tags and make their own way to the venue and follow Qld Govt Covid conditions of entry. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch but there are many food shops & cafes adjoining the venue.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August Veteran and Vintage Swap VCCQ Hall, Carindale:** 8am to 12 noon?

**Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 September; The 49th Toowoomba Swap is back for 2022.** With a great variety of vintage and veteran cars on show to trade, exchange, and display – this is the perfect event for vehicle enthusiasts. Toowoomba Showgrounds, Glenvale Road, Glenvale, 4350

**Wednesday September 7th to Sunday September 11th AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2022** Albury - Wodonga. External Event: As the Austins Over Australia in NSW in 2021 had been cancelled, the Vintage Austin Register (Vic) and the Austin Motor Vehicle Club (Qld) are proposing a Mini Austins Over Australia based in Albury /Wodonga from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. If you are interested in attending please email John Blythe at [jrb.12@bigpond.com](mailto:jrb.12@bigpond.com) and also [CCkparker@bigpond.net.au](mailto:CCkparker@bigpond.net.au) so that they know how many members are interested in attending. This will help plan how members might travel together for those interested. More information about this event is on our A7

Website in 'Austins Over Australia'. A7 Members are to make own arrangements re. Registration, Accommodation, Travel etc..

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September** : External Event: The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld have invited our A7 Club to participate in the Chrysler Expo 2022 at the Rocklea Showgrounds on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 6am to 1pm. The Expo will include a Swap meet, Trade Sites and a diverse range of Vintage and Historic themed exhibits. For more information email: [chryslerexpo@gmail.com](mailto:chryslerexpo@gmail.com)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022:** External Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the Queensland Heritage Rally hosted by the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club to be held at 2 Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy. For more details contact Charmaine Osbourne ph. 0434 074 340 or email: [kdvmc2022@gmail.com](mailto:kdvmc2022@gmail.com) Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September ALL BRITISH DAY** This event is at St. Joseph's College sports grounds at Vivian Street Tennyson. The grounds and facilities have suffered major damage in the recent Brisbane floods. The Event is to be held on the grounds and facilities are repaired by that date. It is suggested to go to the Club's website closer to the Event date to confirm the Event is on and at the said location.

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7R2 MEETINGS**

### **Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc**

#### **Meeting No 613, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.49 pm with a welcome to all.

**Attendance:** 25 members signed the book

**Apologies:** J Que, M Potts, & M&M Thompson

**Minutes:** Robyn moved the minutes be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Trevor Moore.  
Carried

**Business arising from Minutes;** NIL

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs. Most emailed out or on the table

Email request for impromptu run from Mat Potts. Granted

Change of email address from Keith & Noella Collins

Veteran Car Club Invoice re clubroom rent

Email from Ken Clowes requesting membership application form

National Rally Thank you. \$16,000 raised for the Warrnambool Base Hospital-Southwest Healthcare towards a much-needed Rapid Infuser. (*A rapid infuser is used to administer blood products and fluids at rapid rates to critically ill patients in a hospital or clinical setting.*)

Email re change of leadership for All British Day

**OUT:** Membership form to Ken Clowes

Membership receipts & card to various members

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

**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon gave her report & moved it be accepted & all bills be passed for payment.  
Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried.

**QHMC Report:** NIL

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has made some sales & is now selling Ring Piston sets one at a time. Stocktake will be done before the end of June.

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

Editors report: Newsletters emailed out & will be posted next week.

**Dating Officer Report:** NIL

**Web Master Report:** All up to date.

**Club Events:**

22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June Sunny Coast Run organized by Trevor & Bev McCulloch

19<sup>th</sup> July M/T at Clark's 9.30am, Lunch at Ron & Daphne Toy's.

13<sup>th</sup> Aug BBQ at Clubrooms

14<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 Static Display, Morningside School of Arts Hall.

**Other Events:**

19<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest, RNA Showgrounds

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

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

31<sup>st</sup> July VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood

2<sup>ns</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Sept Toowoomba Swap

15<sup>th</sup> Sept Gympie Swap

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

**Past Events:**

28<sup>th</sup> May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea

**Library Report:** Books & Photos to add to the library thanks to Terry Hicks. (Past Member)

**General Business:** Trevor & Elaine Moore have bought a new coffee Machine.

Doug asked if Neville Derrick could be invited to the Sunny coast Run on Sunday. (Would love to see him again.)

**Raffle:** Valda selling tickets in tonight's raffle. Winner Alan Couser.

**Report on cars &/or car troubles:** Peter Baker very busy with Justin McCarthy, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie & Neil Thyer's cars to be fix.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in June wished all the best.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organiser:** Rhonda thanked for standing in for John Que with supper tonight.

JULY organiser to be Neil Thyer

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Meeting Closed:** With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.32 pm.

**Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc**

**Meeting No. 614, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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

The President declared the meeting opened at 7.47 pm welcoming all.

**Attendance:** 20 members signed the attendance book

**Apologies:** M&M Thompson, A Couser, R&R Guthrie & T&B McCulloch

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the June Meeting & moved the minutes be approved as a true & correct record. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried

**Business arising from minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs (most emailed out)

QHMC Minutes, Affiliation Renewal, Committee Nomination form & a letter about Hybrid cars

Change of address from D & L Gillbard

Email from M & K McGuill resigning from club

Invitation from VCCQ to attend their Concourse 31<sup>st</sup> July, Sherwood Arboretum

Membership application from Barry & Shirley Akers, Cooroy, & Al Anderson, Bowen

Change of email & phone number from K & N Collins

Rotary Multicultural Festival & Car Show & Shine, 6<sup>th</sup> Aug, 9.30 am to 4pm, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds

**OUT:** newsletters & membership cards & receipts to various members

Membership application from to Al Anderson, Bowen

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

**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon gave her report on the club's finances & will be taking the books to the auditor soon. She then moved her report be accepted & all bills be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore.  
Carried

**QHMC Report:** Report on table for members to read.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has had the stock take done & the club owns around \$27,00 in spare parts.

**2nd Hand Parts Report:** Nil

**Editors Report:** Tim will start the newsletter soon. He tells us it all falls together when he starts.

**Dating Officer Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Neil has the website up to date.

**Club Events:**

10<sup>th</sup> July M/T Clark's residents, 9.30am. depart for the Toy's 10.30am for lunch & see Ron & Daphne's collection of vehicles.

13<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 BBQ lunch, Clubrooms 11am. (Numbers please)

14<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 Static display, Morningside School of Arts Hall.

**Other Events:**

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela, postponed until 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July

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

31<sup>st</sup> July VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Sept Toowoomba Swap

7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Sept Austins over Australia, Albury-Wodonga

15<sup>th</sup> Sept Gympie Swap

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

**Past Events:**

19<sup>th</sup> June Motorfest

22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June Sunny Coast Run, organized by T & B McCulloch

**Library Report:** Lindsay placed on the front table 3 books from the library for members to see.

**General Business:** AGM Nominations forms on table for members to fill in.

Need numbers for the A7 BBQ on the 13<sup>th</sup> August by the 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let Robyn know, either phone or email.

Neil read message from Trevor & Bev Thanking members for their help on the Sunny Coast Run.

Lyn Stanner apology for August meeting

**Raffle:** Valda selling tickets for tonight's raffle

**Report on cars &/or car troubles:** Peter Baker spoke on Justin McCarthy's Crow Wheel & Pinion.

Trevor Moore, Brian Brindley & Greg Shukers cars broke down on the Sunny Coast Run.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

**Supper Organiser:** Thank you to Neil & Karen for tonight's supper.

August --- Sharon

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> "August also AGM

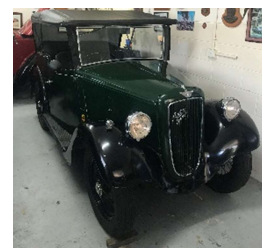
**Meeting closed:** 8.30 pm.

*Robyn*



## NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

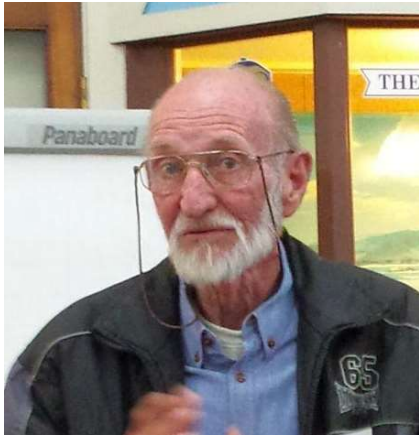
Welcome to our new member Al Anderson from Bowen with a 1938 tourer which in very good condition but now needs to sell due to personal health reasons. Details in the For sale section at the end of this newsletter





# Vale- Barry Neville - A7RQ President 1977-1978 & 2000-

## 2002



*Photo Left: Barry at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner in 2017, At Right is "Alice" Mk2.*

Some very sad news, we have lost another of our long term and founder members, Barry Neville, he passed away peacefully on the

24<sup>th</sup> of July. Barry is best known for his two cars, Alice Mk I, a Sports very quick home-made special by the windscreen. Alice's first rally was to Lismore with the VCCQ in Sept 62. Barry was very active with first the VCCQ, the QVVA and our own Austin 7 Register from the earliest days and served as our President in 1977 to 1978. "Baz" was quite a character and most older members would have their favourite story to tell. Barry also worked at UQ in the Materials Testing Laboratory.

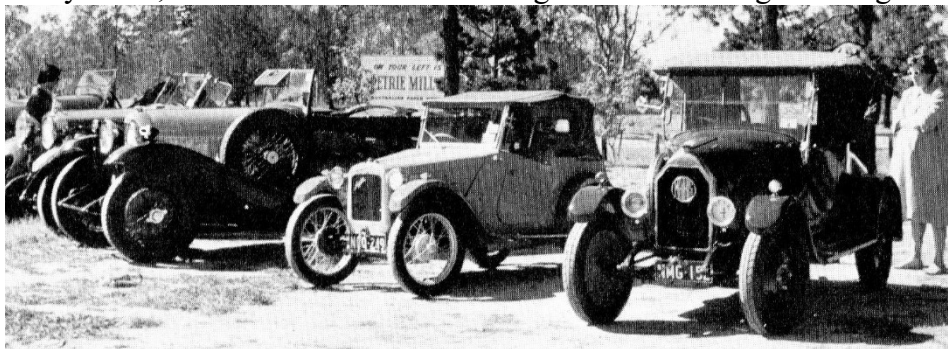
Here is a nice tribute from Terry Hicks, another very active former member.

"Hi Tim, Yes you are correct about Barry being an important member of the club, as President of the club it was a pleasure to attend his meetings all flowed well and was always to the point they never waffled on and addressed what was needed to be discussed

Barry probably did more to promote the Austin 7 club in the early days than most others in the fact That he was always out and about in "Alice Mk.1" it was his one and only car and was distinctive in the paintwork Grey and Red and of course the Gentleman's Umbrella always at the ready strapped to the side of the car I remember one Saturday when riding in a Tram on Ipswich Road near Annerley junction the tram overtook Alice Going uphill.

Barry being Barry was out the side of "Alice Mk.1" with his arm making like he was on a surfboard and paddling away up hill. Laughter a plenty from the people on that packed tram that day.

Many times, I saw "Alice " and the Vintage Car club outings rubbing noses with PG's Bentley or a Vauxhall.



On many of their Rallies the larger cars in trouble well "Alice" was the first to stop to help. *(The photo left shows "PG" Woodhouse's Bentley, Alice Mk. 1 and Nev Doherty's Mathis Nev thinks this was the park opposite the old Petrie paper mill at the start of a weekend Rally to Noosa in the early 1960s.)*

I was there the Day "Alice Mk.2 " was discovered and so began another chapter in Barry's life.

All great days and fond memories.

Most member thought that Barry would always be a swinging single as on most rallies it was Barry on his own no Lady Friends were evident then one day out of the blue came "Mollie"

Wow! Made in England of course She had to be to be in the running to be competition for "Alice" and what a treasure she was to Barry

They went on to raise a lovely family and was there in his hour of need.

These are just some of the memories I have at this time of a fond and great friend and a TRUE AUSTIN 7 Member!"

*Terry Hicks - Former Member and President of the Austin 7 Register 1978 – 1980.*

“Thanks Tim. My everlasting memory of Barry is in his white overalls as the QVVA Rally Organiser in the club's early years. Planning and supervising great runs when traffic was thinner, and our old cars could stop and we could look for answers to questions without problems or bothering other motorists. Not so today. He planned imaginative and interesting routes calling for varied navigation skills. A great worker and member of the QVVA and I know the same can be said for the A7 Register.”

*Nev Doherty QVVA and VCCQ member.*

**The club has been advised there will be a memorial for Barry on Wednesday 3 August from 10:30am at Oxley Bowls Club. It would be wonderful to see past and present club members there. And we have set up a donation page in lieu of flowers for those so inclined at**

**: <https://donate.cancerqld.org.au/fundraisers/mollyneville>**

## **Tributes to the Memorable MONTY SCHOFIELD**

We pay tribute to another great club member; Monty was a much-liked member of the Register for many years. Here some tributes to him from the recent Vintage Car Club Magazine, (thank you Peter and Jenni) – Tim



*(Monty and Rita always enjoyed everyone's company)*

“Sad to say that Monty Schofield lost his long battle with ill health in early June. Monty and Rita met in New Guinea and after marrying, moved to Stafford. Just down the road lived Peter Baker, long time Austin 7 owner and this friendship brought about the acquisition of an A7 Roadster. After a restoration, Monty and Rita were seen on rallies in the little car. At some stage, having joined the VCCQ, Monty and Mike Hawthorne decided to swap cars – Monty took on Mike's MK 4 Jag and Mike started a long association with A7s because of the little car (by then known as “Chocolate Monty”

)..About this time, Monty acquired a 14HP Minerva and carried out a stunning restoration. The ex-French Railton was the next project followed by a Talbot 105. I had started this restoration and had imported a 105 Team Car body frame. Monty completed the restoration, and the car is now owned by son, Jason. “Fat Bob” was next on the scene and this P1 RR Roadster was enjoyed by Monty and Rita for many years. Always generous with their hospitality, I remember a wine bottling night in their back yard at Arthur Street, it was a drinkable red and the night was rolling along nicely. Colin Ruffell was in charge of sales, and it was \$6 a bottle or 3 for \$20. We all availed ourselves of the bargain offer! Before the Wolseley Hornet Special period in Monty's life, a veteran Alldays & Onions arrived at Arthur St. Sadly it has never been completed but is just a whisker off a start. Hornets were the last motoring venture although a stunning BSA Goldstar did materialize in the back shed over a period of a couple of years. Steam projects punctuated his motoring and the traction engine he restored while working at the Queensland Museum, and the steam yacht that he and Dale Hanley created, were works of art. Sadly, Monty's final days were spent in care in New Farm where Rita now resides. Condolences to Rita, Jason, Sue and families. It was an honour to have known him.” - *Joe Wilson*

“A creation that Joe didn't mention was Mighty Mouse, the Austin 7 monoposto racer. Monty was never going to use it in competition - he was too big for it! When it came time to sell a prospective buyer was dithering and Monty was getting cranky. One evening I was having dinner and the odd glass of wine in a nice little restaurant with the Schofields and Hawthorne's when Monty announced that he would sell MM for \$1000 off the asking price just to upset off the other joker”. *John Wagstaff*

“It is said that people live on in our memories----I can clearly hear Monty's dulcet tones as I write this.. Dear Olde Monty, I shall miss him-----BUT I still can HEAR him. That rich baritone voice”- --*Jak Guymar*



“Kev Long reminded us of the story that Monty might have trotted out more than once. Years ago Monty went to work at the Queensland Museum, with responsibility for restoration, maintenance and operation of all things mechanical. Monty dressed then as we knew him in the Doggett’s Cottage shed; boots and dirty sleeveless overalls. The job was fine and his work output impressive, but something wasn’t quite right. It’s lunchtime at the museum and there’s a gasp as Monty walks into the lunchroom, plonks his lunch on the table and climbs up on a chair. *“I’m Monty Schofield. I’ve been working here for eight months and in that time not one of you have said g’day to me. Because I wear dirty work clothes and there’s grease under my fingernails you think I’m beneath you; you look down your noses at me. “Let me tell you something. When I take on a project downstairs the result is that it works, whether it’s a windmill, tractor or steam engine. It works! Now, when your (stuffed) kangaroos and birds can hop and fly, that’s when you can look down your noses.”* Lunch was taken without another word. And for a considerable time the most used greeting at the museum was “G’day Monty””. - David Monckton.”

Another, final, Monty story - back in the late 80s, there was a rascally gent by the name of Roy Gibson in Gympie, who had a collection of cars for sale, including an early 1930s A7 Ute that Monty was going to buy from him, one way or another. Roy kept prevaricating about the price and if he would sell it to Monty at all, while Monty just kept on putting \$50 notes on the footpath till Roy was forced to finally capitulate!

## Mike and Kathy McGuill bow out

The club received this nice letter from Mike and Kathy McGuill who have been members for more years than many can remember, but decided it is time for them to resign,  
*“After 38 years of membership with the A7 Register of Qld we have decided not to renew our membership. We have had some fantastic journeys with the Club, too many to list, but the highlights would be the clubs first trip to Longreach in 1989 and attending the Australian Castrol World Rally to Canberra in 1988. Also the Kern Rallies in 1986,1987,1988 (unfortunately we did not win the trip to the UK). We also enjoyed the Cricket match between us A7 Club and the Austin Club of Brisbane, Christmas parties at members’ homes, Motorkhana’s at Ron & Daphne Toy’s property. We have made many friends over the years, unfortunately many have passed away, but the Club is still going strong with many dedicated members. In closing a big thank you to Peter Baker who was a close neighbour in the early days and was instrumental in our involvement with the A7’s. We will still have contact with many of our A7 friends. Kind regards and best wishes to all.”*

**Mike & Kathy McGuill. 2nd July 2022.**

## **PAST RUNS AND EVENTS REPORTS**

### **Sunny Coast Run Report- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

#### WEDNESDAY 22 June 2022

Our base for the much-anticipated A7 Sunny Coast Run was the headquarters (HQ) of the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club (SCACC) located within the precinct of the Nambour Showgrounds.

From early in the morning, our hosts, Bev and Trev, were on site to welcome the enthusiastic A7 members for registration for the event. Tea, coffee and cakes



were also available to the weary travellers. Some members in their A7s were delighted to be able to safely store their cars overnight in the Clubhouse, in readiness for the following day's run. Most run participants, upon arrival, checked into the close by Nambour Motel as their chosen accommodation for the event.

In the afternoon at the motel, some members enjoyed a couple of drinks before heading off to the Welcome Dinner at the Woombye Hotel. Around 32 run participants were welcomed with nicely decorated tables with lolly bags. All enjoyed the hearty meals which included the Wednesday 'Parmi-Night' specials. Treasurer Sharon also took up a collection from those present, to purchase a ticket in the \$40 million Powerball draw on Thursday night, resulting in an overwhelming take-up of 29 shares.

Following dinner, our hosts, Bev & Trev, welcomed everyone to the Run and outlined the features of our forthcoming event days. At around 8.30pm we returned to our Nambour accommodations to get a good night's sleep in preparation for the exciting days ahead.

#### THURSDAY 23 June 2022

On a sunny, crisp morning we assembled at HQ to prepare for our day's adventure. A7 members arriving in their Austin's were Doug & Robyn, Lindsay & Sharon, Ross & Rhonda, Trevor & Elaine, Kaye & Greg, Peter Dorman and our host Trev. A7 members arriving in their modern cars were Tim, Alan, John & Twink, Joe & Margaret and Neil & Karyn. We were delighted to have the following members of the SCACC joining us on the run: Karen & Brian, Steve & Graham, Gordon & Alan, and Merv.



At around 8.30am, the A7s and modern cars set out on the run to morning tea. The run took us through Palmwoods and up the range, through lush, green forest, to our destination at the residence of Mark & Jan.

Upon arrival, we were delighted to view the contents of Mark's backyard shed, in which were several old racing cars including Fronty Fords. Coffee, tea and a huge spread of home-baked delights made by Tanya (Bev & Trev's daughter) and Bev were on offer for morning tea under Mark's front-yard gazebo.

After a relaxing morning tea, VP Lindsay thanked our hosts and we headed off to our lunch spot at the Maleny Cheese Cafe via a short stop at Maleny township. Lunch was a delicious selection of wraps and sandwiches, followed by a large cheese platter. Participants were also able to purchase the delicious cakes and Maleny cheeses to take home.



After lunch, we were able to make our own way back to our accommodations, which allowed us to stop en route and browse the many gift shops along the way.

Happy hour at the motel was a large affair, after which everyone, weary from the day's activities, retired to their own units for the evening. (see photo front page)

#### FRIDAY 24 June 2022

It was yet another sunny, crisp morning as we gathered at HQ for the day's Coast run.

After a photo opportunity with the cars lined up in the winter sunshine, 10 Austins (including SCACC members) and a number of moderns headed towards Yandina before turning coastwards. Travelling through forest, cane



fields and new housing estates, and then along the coast road before turning inland again, we reached our morning tea stop in an industrial area of Coolum.



Here we were warmly welcomed by Frank and his wife. After a lovely morning tea of sandwiches and pikelets with jam and cream, Frank gave us a guided history of the beautifully restored Rolls Royces, A7s and other old cars. Some of us were also captivated by the beautiful posters of Czech castles and other wall hangings placed around the showroom.

A few hundred metres after

departing the morning tea stop, the Moores' car suffered an electrical hiccup and had to be towed back to Nambour by our Tail End Charlies, Tim and Trev.

And then it was the Brindley's car's turn, with the car having a suspected head gasket issue. With the Tail End Charlie trailer already in use, there was much problem solving involved to work out how to get the little A7 trailered back to Nambour. Fortunately, all was sorted out and the A7 and its occupants finally ended up back in Nambour with the assistance of Neil & Karyn.

*(There was a 4<sup>th</sup> breakdown, Stuart's 1937 Austin 10, on the way home)*

Meanwhile, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch in a private room at the Yandina Ginger Factory, with an alternate drop of chicken and fish. This was followed by some sightseeing and shopping at the Ginger Factory.

The third breakdown occurred on the way back to Nambour, with the Shuker's car experiencing a distributor hiccup. Fortunately, this was able to be resolved by purchasing a new cap and rotor from a local auto dealer in Nambour.

That evening, Trev, Bev and Tanya kindly hosted us for a sausage sizzle around the fire in the beautiful garden of their residence. Following dinner and as the temperature dropped even lower, the group headed back to their accommodations.

#### SATURDAY 25 June 2022

Today seven A7s (including some cars of SCACC members) and a few moderns left HQ to travel through beautiful inland countryside. We were delighted to be joined on this run, and for the weekend, by our member, Brett, in his A7. The country roads led us through green valleys full of dairy cows and lush forests. A delicious morning tea of Tanya's and Bev's home-baked goodies was enjoyed in the sunshine in a lovely park. After morning tea, we continued our country drive, arriving in the busy country town of Kenilworth in the late morning. Most visitors to the town seemed to be queued for donuts from the local bakery.

After browsing the shops and the markets in the park, we met up at the Kenilworth Bowls Club for lunch. Here one lady single-handedly cooked delicious meals for over 30 of us, served by a young lad.







Next stop for most of the group was the Kenilworth Museum, where we watched an interesting doco on the development of the Kenilworth region, followed by a tour of the museum's artefacts led by Lenore. Lindsay was thrilled to find a photograph of his grandfather, taken as his grandfather was heading off to World War 1. Everyone returned to their accommodations to rest up, before heading



to HQ for an impromptu pizza dinner.

### SUNDAY 26 June 2022

At around 9.30am, after a Sunday sleep-in on a cold, cloudy day, we gathered at HQ for a combined static display with SCACC members. There were eight A7s, including one belonging to a SCACC member.

After a delicious morning tea of various slices, biscuits and scones with jam and cream, we enjoyed the



fabulous music of the SCACC Band (Trevor, Barry, Noel and Doug) on their guitars and accordion, playing decades-old songs, causing many to sing along. This was interspersed with Nell Dorman's entertaining poetry read out by husband Peter. *(It was interesting to see some of the Austin 7 crew accompany Barry in the chorus of "Oh Lord it's hard to be Humble!")* While we were there we had a visit from Neville Derrick, another former club member. (He has his hair cut by Tanya!). Nev had a 1928 and 1931 Sports A7s.

### The New Nambour Tram!



After a hearty sausage sizzle lunch hosted by SCACC members, we departed for the Nambour Tramway Company Ltd display in town. Here we gathered in a small auditorium to listen to Greg Rogerson speak in detail about the tramway and the plans for its future.

We then headed to the home of local club member David, in Nambour, where we checked out the progress on the new paint job on the 1929 Meteor Sports of our A7 member, Duncan Logan, before heading back to our accommodations. *(Here Doug and I made friends with two lovely Shetland ponies by hand feeding them thistles)* After a brief rest back at our accommodations, some of us met up at the Nambour RSL for dinner and to watch the second State of Origin game, which unfortunately ended in a Maroons defeat. *(But history now shows the*

*Maroons smashed the Blues in the final decider weeks later. But this night at the RSL night I watched a State of Origin right thru for the first time, and after the 5<sup>th</sup> tackle rule was explained to me along with the Blues tactic*



*of kicking the ball forward and then running like heck to intercept it all made sense for me! Thank you, Glyn and John, for sharing your extensive NRL knowledge with a lad who grew up playing rugby union in NZ1)*

**MONDAY 27 June 2022**

Seven A7s (including one SCACC member), together with various moderns, departed HQ under a cloudy sky. Driving through Yandina and crossing the highway, passing through Eumundi towards Noosa, we reached the home of Barry and Lyn where we were warmly welcomed.



Another delicious morning tea was again provided by Tanya and Bev, with plenty to see at the property. Barry had a great shed as well as a blacksmith's forge, where he gave a demonstration of the art of blacksmithing. Lyn is equally as talented, showing us her art studio full of exquisite paintings.

After morning tea, we headed to Yandina to the Gun Cotton Coffee Roasters Cafe for a buy-your-own lunch. En route to lunch, individuals stopped to look at the townships of Eumundi and Yandina.

We then departed southwards, back through Nambour and Palmwoods, passing the interesting Rick's Diner, to the home of other SCACC members, David and Kay. Here we viewed their collection of Holdens

and huge range of memorabilia, including a variety of tractors. *(Several were little Grey Fergies, including one with bulldozer type tracks on the back wheels.)* David addressed the group, talking about his passion for his collection.

After time back at our accommodations to prepare for the Farewell Dinner, we gathered at HQ together with SCACC members. Rob Nixon, President of SCACC, warmly welcomed us, before we dined on an extensive buffet of delicious roast meats, vegetables, and salads. This was followed by a selection of desserts ranging from pavlova to sticky date pudding. At various intervals, Peter regaled us with more of Nell's humorous poetry.

Following dinner, the formal part of the evening took place, with Events Coordinator Neil personally thanking the McCulloch's for organising the run and inviting volunteers to organise such an event in 2023. Vice President Lindsay then, on behalf of our Club, thanked SCACC, Trev & Bev, and



Tanya for their organisation and hospitality, presenting them each with a certificate as well as flowers to Bev. A few others also spoke about the success of the event.

The raffle was then drawn, with the winners being Ian & Valda (Ladies' Basket), Norm Garland from SCACC (spanners) and Rhonda (A7 poster).

The evening concluded at about 9pm, with lots of hugs and a few tears that this well-organised and enjoyable run had come to an end.

Finally, It is interesting to note that, in our time travelling in and around the Nambour/Sunshine Coast area on the various runs, we clocked up around 750 kms. in our modern vehicle.

***Run report kindly written by Karyn & Neil***





There was frost on the grass and a single digit temperature as we gathered at our run starting point for morning tea. The venue was the immaculately manicured grounds of the Clarks at Boronia Heights. Here we were met in front of the garage by Doug and a table full of jars and boxes full of screws, nuts & bolts and a variety of other items. These were donated to the club by Hugh Cullen and were free for the taking. It didn't go unnoticed that Librarian

Lindsay partook of many a 'bargain' that resulted in a negative impact on his car's suspension. In the meantime, the recently completed Gazebo in the Clark's backyard was set up for morning tea in the sunshine. The venue included not only an impressive variety of BYO morning tea delights, but also a boiling urn and a goodly supply of coffee and tea.

Those of us that were present to enjoy the Clarks' hospitality were Lindsay & Sharon, John Q, Ian & Valda (in their Lancer), Neil, Trevor & Elaine, President Steve, young Justin, Brett & family and Greg & Yuriko. At around 10.30am, after morning tea and feeding the bird wildlife, we headed off in convoy to our run destination of the Toy residence at Stockleigh.

After a short 20-minute drive, we arrived at our destination and parked adjacent to Ron's shed. Here we were joined by Joe Wilson and his navigator wife Bev in their sporty vintage Citroen. Soon after our arrival, we were joined by our host, Ron, having driven from the house on his mobility scooter. We then assembled in the shed to be addressed by Ron and our Tour Guide, Doug.

Following the briefing and vehicle descriptions and history, we were free to roam the 30-acre grounds to inspect the contents of the other sheds and the many other unique items of machinery, in various stages of repair, dispersed around the property.

At around midday, as we again assembled in the main shed, several members under the supervision of Tour Guide Doug, were successful in starting the engine of the very special Leyland truck. The credit for the engine start was very much due not only to the Tour Guide's addition of fuel, but also to the youthful physique of young Justin and his crank handle expertise.

It was now time to settle into the multiple plastic seats, set around several tables in the shed foyer, for us to enjoy our BYO lunches. As you could imagine, the subject matter of the lunch conversation was directed at the multitude of unique vehicles and machinery around us and on the surrounding property grounds.





At around 1pm, as lunch was completed, the Committee Members of the A7 Reg. Qld took advantage of their mutual presence to conduct a meeting to discuss several matters, including our forthcoming A7 Centenary Weekend on 13 and 14 August 2022.

Soon after the meeting, all members present set out for the drive home, having enjoyed the hospitality of not only our morning tea hosts, the Clarks, but also that of our run destination and lunch hosts, the Toys. As Steve mentioned at our Committee Meeting, our sincere thanks go to these two families for the success of this A7 event.

*Neil*



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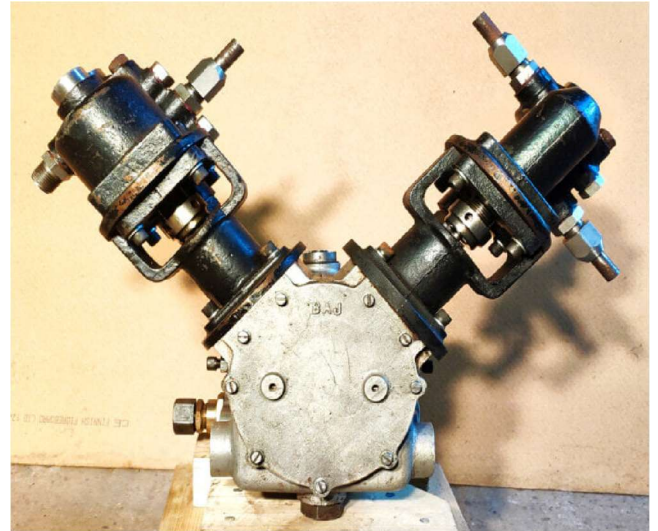
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# **A STEAM POWERED AUSTIN SEVEN**



*left The "Steamer Seven" is built on a Ruby chassis  
above This photo is of an identical motor to that  
used in the car*

Back in the Austin 7 Register Newsletter for February we brought you a story about a steam powered Austin 7 being constructed in Ayr (NQ). Well just recently, Ross Chapman visited the vehicles constructor, Harold Cislowski. Harold is a retired engineer and about 80 and has a few health challenges. Ross was able to look in Harold's shed and took some photos for us of the vehicle as it stands. It has been literally running "under its own steam", but there is a lot of work to go

with the body. The motor is a vee twin compound steam engine that will develop up to 10 hp. The boiler worked at a pressure of 1500 psi.

*Here we see the vee twin motor in place in the car,*

*The gas powered boiler is in the tail of the vehicle.*





## **Austin 7 Classifieds**

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

### **SALE 1932 Austin 10/4 Deluxe Saloon 'The Duchess'**



Bought new in New Zealand by a small-town garage owner, it was rescued from storage and completely restored in 1976-1980 by Peter Hobart, who then shipped it to the Gold Coast where Peter drove the car on rallies for about 6 years until Doug and Nancy Soden bought it. Nancy drove the car on several rallies till your Editor bought it in 1991 and after enjoying its use on club runs around Brisbane and down to Armidale and the Gold Coast. It was then sold to Daphne in 1998 after which it only came out once or twice. Not driven



since 2000 due to other interests. Long term storage in a dry garage but engine is now seized and will need dismantling to inspect what must be done. (The engine was pulled down and the bottom end was re-metalled about 25 years ago and driven on rallies before the car was laid up.) The gearbox is out of car, overhauled by Peter Baker. The differential has also been overhauled by Peter and is back in the car to move it about but has no oil in it. Fuel tank and radiator will need to be removed and professionally flushed out. Brakes, transmission, and other items need to be reconnected. Painted two tone blue with black interior, the car presents as a nice older restoration with sunroof, clock, luggage rack and indicators. 1100cc side valve motor with 4 speed crash gear box. To be sold as is with all faults. Asking price \$10000 but could be negotiable to serious buyers. This grand old Lady (nicknamed "the Duchess") needs TLC but deserves saving! Potentially a nice car that has a bit more leg room than a Seven! Please contact Daphne Bale on 0411 241 557. Car at Samford (just outside Brisbane)

### **FOR SALE 1936 Austin 7 Tourer**

The chassis no. is 283414 (which dates as 1938 according to Wyatt's Book) the miles on the speed are 61350. The colour is BRG. With black guards and new grey upholstery. It is a 4-seater. It runs quite well except for a bit of a flat spot in the carby.

The last previous owner passed away a few years ago. He spent a lot of money on it. Including a new wiring harness, 4 new tyres and had the differential overhauled. He also had the upholstery done as the original. The hood is in good condition and folds easily. Also has a full set of side curtains I believe that the clutch needs replacing and would like to do it myself but health issues don't permit me. I live in Bowen





and am asking \$15000 firm new owner to arrange for pick-up.

Regards Al. Anderson

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## **FOR SALE Box trailer to suit Austin 7**



brakes on all 4 wheels. Has solar panels for the 240 volt power outlet. Asking Price \$13,500 For exact details, please contact Trevor & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), email [bevandtrev7@bigpond.com](mailto:bevandtrev7@bigpond.com) Trailer located at Perwilloween, near Nambour.

Tandem trailer to suit a short wheel base 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. Fitted with over rider internal lights, and

## **FOR SALE 1934 Austin 7 "Opal" Roadster"**

We have owned our Austin 7 since 1998, and have rallied it in from Tasmania to Bundaberg, including the



Shannons Rally in 2001, and the A7 National events in Mudgee in 2007 and the Barossa in 2012 An older restoration in dark green with black mudguards and tan interior. Car currently in Port Macquarie and for sale due to health concerns (the owner, not the car!) .

Please contact Peter and Dawn Abell 0411 584 332 Port Macquarie. (Photo taken on the Bundaberg Rally in 2019) Asking \$18,000 ono. Included also is a box of spare parts



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