



# NEWSLETTER

## December 2019



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



**"I saw Matron Kissing Santa Claus!"**



**Move over Rudolph, here's Santa's Austin 7!!**

*Sydney Hospital, possibly in the 1940s, photos from the NSW State Archives.  
I believe the Austin may have been one cut down to make a Hospital Porter's car.*

## **A7 Presidential Patter**



*Merry Christmas Queensland A7 enthusiasts! Yes, if you didn't know it already the festive season has begun in earnest and if you anything like me you've got a solid month ahead of catch ups, drinks, seasonal food and hopefully some spare time to work on the car. Santa has already delivered me some brake drums so I'm sorted for Boxing day fun!!!!!!*

With 2020 bearing down on us are you thinking about new year resolutions, can I suggest that you might have some A7 related? If you've not been able to get your car running in 2019 maybe a resolution to get mobile for the Rocky Run could be on your list. Maybe you've got the car all sorted and not been able to find the time to come to a meeting or attend a run. Would a resolution to get to at least one meeting and few runs be something you'd consider? The great thing about these resolutions is that you don't have to do it all on your own, you've got a whole club of people ready to support your efforts.

If you've got a spare moment over the Christmas period can I suggest you get online and have a look at the website and facebook page, they're both a great source of information. In particular a potential update of our constitution is on the website (not facebook) and the committee would welcome any feedback prior to it being tabled for a vote in 2020.

If you didn't get along to the November run you might have heard that the organiser took the entire group the wrong way along Latrobe Terrance and then suffered the indignity of the route maps being blown out of the car while cruising along the banks of the Brisbane river. Rest assured I'll be taking the persons involved to task!

*President Steve Davidson*



## **A7 Register of Qld. Committee**

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<b>Raffle " Stinger":</b>	Valda McDowell



### **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

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 13<sup>th</sup> December - A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> \* December - A7 Club Christmas Lunch** to be held at Greenbank RSL, 54 Anzac Avenue, Hillcrest 4118. (Runs parallel to Mt. Lindsay Highway, access via Johnstone/ Browns Plains Road). Members are to meet at the venue at 11.30 for 11:45 entry sharp! (meal cost is \$17.50) 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. We are allowed to eat till 2pm.  
RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965 NOTE the date change from previous newsletters.

## **2020**

**Friday 10th January 2020:A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 12th January 2020: Annual A7 Reg. New Year Buffet Breakfast** to be held at the 'Manly Deck', (upstairs) 45 Cambridge Parade, Manly, commencing at 8.00 am (when they open). (Colmslie Hotel no longer have a buffet breakfast). Event to be organized by Neil & Karyn ph. 0431 067 909. Cost for this all you can eat Buffet Breakfast is only \$14/adult & \$7/child. As this is an official A7 Reg. event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. Parking is on the road only. Another local attraction, adjacent to the Breakfast venue, is the regular and very popular Sunday Manly Markets. Members to make their own way to the venue and notify Robyn ASAP if they are attending

**Sunday 26th January 2020: A7 Register January Event: Australia Day Rally.** organized by BVRC commencing with Breakfast from 6am 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 14th February 2020:A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 16th February 2020: (Brief run – hot weather!!!!) A7 Register February Event: A7 Valentine's Day Run.** Run to be organized by Neil & Karyn (ph 0431 067 909). Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 8.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Friday 13th March 2020: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 15th March 2020: A7 Register March Event:** Librarian's Run to be organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709). Run to commence at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**April 2020: A7 Register General Meeting** to be held in Rockhampton during the Rocky Run (See event below).

**Wednesday 29th April to Monday 4th May 2020: A7 Register April Event: Rocky Run** organized by Greg & Kaye Shuker (ph. 0429 911 022). Run details, accommodation & general information etc. is located on this website under the heading: "AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN & COUNTRY RUN 2020". Also see notes regarding accommodation on next page.

**Friday 8th May 2020: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 17th May 2020: A7 Register May Event: President's Run** to be organized by Steve Davidson (ph. 0418 814 501). Run to commence at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Friday 12th June 2020: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June 2020: A7 Register June Event: A7 Country Run.** Run organized by Joe & Margaret McCormack (ph. 0438 192 788). Come for a leisurely weekend to experience the delights and history of Boonah. Come old, come modern. Stay a day or two or more. Come and see the toys that the Australian Champion Acrobatic Pilot has in his own hangars. The Boonah Motel Managers and the Showgrounds Caretakers are happy to welcome us for the weekend, of the shortest day of the year. Run details, accommodation & general information etc is located on the A7RQ website under the heading: "AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN & COUNTRY RUN 2020". Also see notes regarding accommodation below.

## **ACCOMMODATION for ROCKY RUN 29 April to 4 May 2020.**

### **The Country Club Caravan Park at Parkhurst.**

The Country Club Caravan Park address: 870/886 Yaamba Road, Parkhurst Qld 4700.

This is a basic van park with clean and newly renovated amenities. There are permanents in the park but plenty of sites and cabins which is all on the previous email, and plenty of room for trailer parking. It is less than 1 km from a shopping centre and fuel, there is also a Tavern. The Van park is North of the shopping centre.

Julie, Ph. 07 4936 1022, at the Caravan Park has made a note of our dates and you just need to say it is for the Austin 7 Register. No deposit is required.

The highlighted Van Sites & Cabins on the attached map of the Park shown (on the Clubs website [austin7.org.au](http://austin7.org.au) under Austin 7 Rocky Run) are the ones available to be booked.

Greg & Kate Shuker, your hosts, have booked site No. 4, close to the Park Camp Kitchen.

### **The Capricorn Motel**

The Capricorn Motel address: 703/751 Yaamba Road, Parkhurst Qld 4700.

The Capricorn Motel phone 07 49364600 and is about \$115 per night and is about 1 km from the shopping centre towards Rockhampton.

Information provided by Greg & Kaye Shuker ph. 0429 911 022  
16.10.2019

**<http://austin7.org.au/a7-bundy-bash-2019/>**



## **ACCOMMODATION - A7 COUNTRY RUN 19 to 21 JUNE 2020**

### **Boonah Motel**

Motel Accommodation for our Boonah Country Run is available at: Boonah Motel, 1 Mt Carmel Road. Trailer parking is available. Hosts: Barry and Janet Harm on 07 54631944. Email:

[contact@boonahmotel.com](mailto:contact@boonahmotel.com)

### **Showgrounds Caravan Park**

Caravan park accommodation is at the showgrounds for those with their own van, 8 Melbourne Street. Hosts: Wayne and Nicole on 07 54634080. Email: [boonahshowgrounds@gmail.com](mailto:boonahshowgrounds@gmail.com)

When booking, please advise the Hosts that you are with the Austin 7 members.

Boonah is a very popular weekend spot. Please book as early as possible.

Our run is being organized to cater for troops who are able to stay for the whole time, possible including the Monday morning, and for those who may wish to come for a day or part of the weekend. We are also looking at Breakfast and a short run on the Monday, if anyone is staying longer.

Please let us know by the end of April if you are able to attend this country run.

Information provided by Joe & Margaret McCormack ph 0438 192 788.

14.10.2019



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

# INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

## (AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST).



**Saturday, 1st and Sunday 2nd February 2020 - 48th Toowoomba Swap meet.** Approximately 1,750 site holders = Based at the Toowoomba Showgrounds, Glenvale Road.

**.Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020::** Australian Historic Motoring Federation is hosting the **2020 National Motoring Festival** at Albury – Wodonga. All information and registration is on the AHMC website or contact Christine Stevens (a Festival coordinator) on 0419 789 151.

**10th - 12th April 2020 North Old. QHMC Rally** - hosted by the Townsville Veteran and Vintage Historic Motor Club.

**Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th May 2020 Southern Old. QHMC Rally and Tuesday 5th - Wednesday 6th May 2020 DDV&VMC. 50th Anniversary Rally** - hosted by the Darling Downs Veteran and Vintage Motor Club inc. - The DDV&VMC is celebrating its **50th anniversary in 2020.**

To celebrate this milestone, our club will be holding a five day hub rally based out of Toowoomba, from the 2nd – 6th May 2020. This event will also incorporate the 2020 Southern Queensland QHMC Rally.

The event will celebrate 50 years of rallying taking in all areas surrounding Toowoomba.

Mark the date on your calendar. **Download your form from the DDVVMC Website under 50th Anniversary.** For more information/registration phone: 0400 163 703 or (07) 463 3181.

**Sunday 17th May 2020 National Motoring Heritage Day** - Cameron Park, Booval, Ipswich. The Queensland Historic Motoring Council will be holding a picnic in the Park to celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day . The Event is free to enter is free. You do not need to register for the event. There will be food, drink, ice cream vendors and entertainment and trophies.

**Sunday 21st ? June 2020:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the ACCQ Annual Concourse to be held at Ormiston House from 10am on 21? June 2020. For details contact ACCQ President, Ronnie Brown, phone 3202 7462 or 0419 702 329. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event.

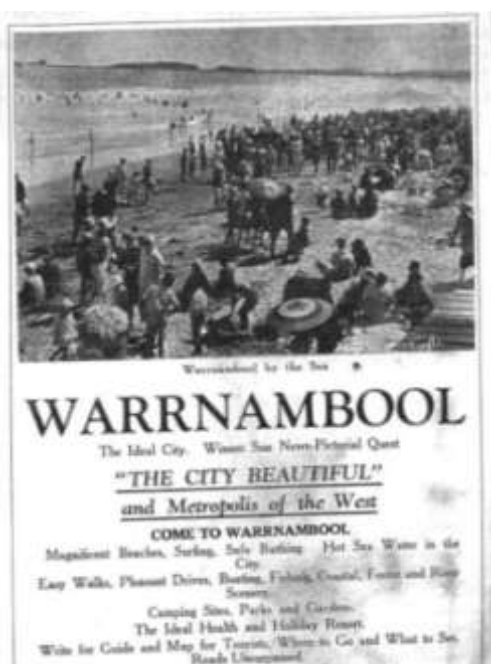
**Sunday 12 Jul 2020 The Original Gold Coast Swap** at the Mudgeeraba Showgrounds HMC .

**Wednesday 12th to Sunday 16th August 2020:** Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club will be holding their **60<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Rally in Lismore, NSW.**

Contact the Club President, Chris Loadman (ph. 0417 630 244) for registration and rally details or talk to Ross & Rhonda Guthrie (ph 0417 737 773

**2022 - Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April**

**Warrnambool National Rally** Any queries Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com



**2022- Austin 7 100 Years -**



# **MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS**

**Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc**

**Meeting No 588, 11th October 2019**

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

The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.50 Pm with a welcome to all.

**Attendance:** 28 members signed the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Joe Wilson, David Barnett, Ken Folliott, Ian Waring & Margaret Thompson.

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the September Meeting and moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs

Membership renewals

M/s application Robert Frost, Armidale, 1934 Ruby Roadster

Advertising material

**OUT:** Nil

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the membership application be accepted. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried

**Business arising from correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** John gave his report and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Peter Baker. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Steve tabled the minutes of the QHMC meeting for members to read.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has had good sales & has had more parts delivered from Melbourne.

**Second Hand Parts Report:** Nil

**Editors Report:** Newsletters ready for postage & has been emailed out.

**Dating Officers Report:** Tim has given Alan Gale the paperwork to have his car registered.

**Web Master Report:** Newsletter on web & 2020 events now listed.

## **Club Events:**

12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Oct LAMA, Gatton

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Club Run organised by Steve Davidson, Meet 8am Centenary Pool

14<sup>th</sup> Dec (SATURDAY) A7 Xmas Party, Greenbank RSL, \$17-50pp. \$3 gift, numbers by 1<sup>st</sup> Dec

## **2020**

12<sup>th</sup> Jan A7 Breakfast

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day Run, Ormiston State School

16<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentine's Day Run

15<sup>th</sup> March Club Run

29<sup>th</sup> April-4<sup>th</sup> May Rocky Run organised by Greg & Kay Shuker

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June Organised by Jo & Margaret McCormack. Boonah area

## **Other Events**

19<sup>th</sup> Oct Tingalpa Church & Cemetery

20<sup>th</sup> Oct Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club Display Day, Ormiston SS

20<sup>th</sup> Oct Kalbar Swap, Showgrounds

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich, Swap Meet, North Ipswich

## **2020**

28<sup>th</sup> Mar-4<sup>th</sup> April AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival, Albury Wodonga

2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Rally

17<sup>th</sup> May National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Ipswich

## **Past Events**

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept All British Day, Tennyson

23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Sept Austins Over Australia, Barossa Valley



28<sup>th</sup> Sept      Historic Truck & Tractor Show, Gatton

Reports on past events were given and have been placed on the club website.

**Library Report:** Alan moved that copies of the remaining, Clubs 50 year Book to be given to new members while stocks last. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried.

**General Business:** Steve spoke of our Constitution update. Then moved it be placed on the club website for 2 months for members to read before changes are made. Seconded by Trevor Moore.

Neil spoke about his & Karen's recent trip to Lindsay & Sharon's in Indonesia.

Doug Clark reported on Ken Burton's restoration he saw on a recent trip to Rocky.

**Report on Cars & Car troubles:** Joe Wilson's car is now running.

Neil Thyer has had his fuel take repaired by a Motorbike Repair Kit THANKS to Peter Baker. Details are on the Club website.

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday in October were wished Many Happy Returns.

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organiser:** Thanks to Peter Baker for tonight's supper

November organiser = Tim Braby

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019\

**Meeting Closed:** Steve asked if there was any further business to discuss, then closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

### **Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc**

#### **Meeting No 589, 8th November 2019**

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

**Meeting Opened:** The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all.

**Attendance:** 22 members signed the attendance book along with 2 visitors Bill & Karen Ryan

**Apologies:** Peter & Nell Dorman, Justin McCarthy, Ian & Valda McDowell & Peter Baker

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the October meeting and moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

**Business arising from minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs as tabled, also emailed newsletters

Email re Office of Fair Trading Receipt

Email re perhaps changing our Static Display Weekend to attend Lismore 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally from Rhonda Guthrie

Phone call from Peter & Nell Dorman coming to Christmas Party

Phone call from Justin McCarthy re apology for tonight & coming to Christmas Party

Membership application from Paul Pridgeon, Branyan, 1936 Tourer

**OUT:** Newsletters & membership receipts and cards

Membership Form to Gordon Robinson, Ningi, 1928 2 seater, Charles Hope Body

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Also Paul Pridgeon be accepted as a member. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Rhonda's email to be discussed at a Committee meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** John gave his report on the clubs finances, asked for questions, then moved his report be accepted & all bills be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor reported a very quiet month.

**Second Hand Parts Report:** Nil

**Editors Report:** Tim reported Greg Riddell had sold his Chummy

**Dating Officers Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Neil has reports & photos of LAMA Rally, Tingalpa Church & Duncan Logan in the Antarctic on the website.

## Club Events:

10<sup>th</sup> Nov Club Run organised by Steve. Meet Centenary Pool, 8am  
14<sup>th</sup> Dec (SATURDAY) A7 Xmas Party, Greenbank RSL, \$17-50 pp, \$3-00 Gift Numbers please

## 2020

12<sup>th</sup> Jan A7 Breakfast  
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## Other Events

19<sup>th</sup> Nov Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich, Swap Meet, North Ipswich  
19<sup>th</sup> Nov Clontarf Beach Scouts, Wheels of the Century

## 2020

25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Jan Allora Heritage Weekend, Showgrounds  
1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Toowoomba Swap  
28<sup>th</sup> Mar-4<sup>th</sup> April AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival, Albury Wodonga  
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2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Rally  
16<sup>th</sup> May Biggest Morning tea, Bayside Club, Ormiston State School  
17<sup>th</sup> May National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Ipswich

## Past Events

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20<sup>th</sup> Oct Kalbar Swap

Reports of these events on the Club Website.

**Library Report:** Alan will have the library up & running in the New Year. Russell Curtis may have some books to add to the library.

**General Business:** Alan Couser spoke about the Sandy Bay Car Rally in Hobart

Rhonda stated we now have to book the Clubrooms on line.

Our April meeting in 2020 is on Good Friday. Committee to decide if a meeting will be held.

Our Visitors Bill & Karen Ryan would like to join our club.

They were members in 1999

**Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles:** Alan & Brett are having trouble with fabric universals.

Doug spoke about the repairs to Alan's fuel line and tail pipe.

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

**Raffle:** Elaine selling tickets on Valda's behalf. Thank You. Sick members wished a speedy return to good Health.

**Supper Organiser:** Tim thanked for tonight's supper.

EVERYONE asked to bring a plate of goodies for December Meeting.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**Meeting closed:** Steve asked if there was any further business to bring before the meeting. Neil & Karyn apologised for next month's meeting. Steve then closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.



**Robyn**





# AUSTIN 7 REGISTER

## SPARES

Will be closed between 15th December and 19th January 2020 while Trevor helps Santa with his deliveries.

The last order for anything special please advise at the last spares order to Melbourne will be on the 12th December 2019

Many thanks for your cooperation.

**Trevor Moore** *Spare Parts Officer*



## NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

**Firstly Some News from the Deep Cold South at the bottom of the World!**

*Hi Members,*

*Well I have made it to Antarctica finally after months of training.*

*We have been blessed with awesome weather for our first few weeks with mostly clear days and low winds. Day temperatures have been a balmy -10 to -5 with a further wind chill factor of -10 when the wind is present. so feels like -20 to -15 in the wind.*

*This week we have had our first light snow fall and temps have been high of -2 and low of -5 and little to no wind.*

*When it has been still I have been able to get around with the normal long pants and work shirts with a pair of thermals under. when the wind picks up then the jacket, beanie and face cover come out. Pretty much always wearing gloves because everything is cold to touch.*

*I still have more survival training before I can leave the station areas but have had plenty of ground to explore in the meantime.*

*We almost didn't land due to visibility conditions. this would have meant returning the plane to Hobart and trying again after the pilots have rested up and the landing area to clear up.*

*While in Hobart I attended a small car exhibition at a School in Kingston. Nice old Swift on display. I also attended the Historic Racing at the historic Baskerville track.*

*If folks have any questions etc get them to email them through and I'll respond the best I can. I will also try to send through reasonably regular updates.*

*Regards,*

*Duncan Logan*

*happiness\_au@yahoo.com Ph 0458 902 534*

*(photos, some of the locals and the Swift tourer at Kingston)*



## **WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS**

Member #360 Paul Pridgeon from BRANYAN QLD (Branyan is about 7 km SW of Bundaberg). Paul bought the blue 1937 Tourer that was on the Bundy Run that belonged to Ken and Merle Bradford. This car came from Adelaide (former rego UGE111) via Broken Hill, the Editor bought it in about 2004 and sold it to Bob Caruthers in 2005 and he then sold it to the Bradford's. The photo shows "Bertha" as she was known at the Editors house at Kedron in 2004.



And Renewed after an absence of a few years, Members #193, Bill and Karen Ryan of Valdora, (near Yandina on the Sunny Coast) with a nearly finished 1930/1931 Chummy Tourer.

Change of email Don and Lynda Pryor, now it is **lyndon.64@bigpond.com**

## **ON CALL WITH THE DATING OFFICER.**

This past few weeks I have called to date two cars. First is this little red Ruby Tourer belonging to Ian and Mary McCorkindale out at Petrie. The car came from a collectors car dealer in SA so its history is a bit of a mystery. But it appears to be very original except where previous owners have been mucking about with the



electrics. but Ian, being a sparky, has sorted out most of it. The car runs well on its original side draft Zenith carby and starts after a couple of pulls on the starter. When it came to looking for I/D numbers I was a bit stumped. Luckily there was an original Car No. tag on the firewall. But the engine appeared to have no number on either side of the crankcase. Then Ian said to me "what about the number stamped on the engine block", and sure enough there it was on a flat surface cast in the side of the block about the water jacket. (See photo.) This is the first time I have seen this stamped that way, but there must be other cars like this, so I went and looked at my own

1936 Ruby and see it also has an engine number on the block as well, luckily matching the crankcase number! Been looking at earlier A7s too long!

Next I had a call from Bill and Karen Ryan of Valdora about their chummy tourer. They were asking if it was a 1930 or later car, as someone said it could not possibly be a 1930 with a radiator like that. Well actually that radiator shape came out in June 1930, the earliest cars have bolt on 'flying Wheels emblems. These cars also has blank bonnet sides but in October 1930 the bonnets were fitted with cooling louvers. unfortunately the car does not have the original i/d





tags, the differential is stamped 1928 and the motor is October 1929, so bit of a mixture. But intriguingly there is a date 10/30 scratched on the back of the switchboard!! We have decided to agree to call it a 1931.

Photos show a general view of Bill and Karen's car. Note the 1930 style mudguards and chummy style body. Even the dashboard looks the same as the 1929/30 version as shown in the bottom photo. Interesting the starter is the bacon slicer, not the late 1929 direct starter. The gearbox has a gate change, again and earlier feature.



Above are the Radiator wings which screw on the radiator surround.



*Club Dating  
Officer Tim Braby*

## **Visiting the Jordan's in Jakarta** **25 September to 1 October 2019**

Recently, we were lucky to spend five days being hosted by our ex-Club President, Lindsay, and his lovely wife, Sharon, at their new abode in Jakarta, Indonesia. Sharon has a posting there for her job for several years, and Lindsay has accompanied her as 'the house husband'. Fortunately for Lindsay, they have a delightful housekeeper who certainly lightens Lindsay's 'house husband' workload, enabling him to focus his energies on learning Indonesian and keeping fit by going to the gym.

Our drive from the airport to Sharon and Lindsay's apartment introduced us to the mayhem of Jakarta traffic, with its millions of scooters and cars all jockeying for a space on the roads.

Sharon and Lindsay had organised an interesting tour itinerary for us. On the first day, after a tour of the facilities and luscious gardens of the apartment complex in which Sharon and Lindsay are living, we visited Ancol, a beach resort and harbour close to Jakarta. In the evening, we sipped cocktails as we took in the night view of Jakarta from a rooftop bar.





Next day, we did a day trip to Bogor, a township south of Jakarta which in colonial times was a retreat for the colonial city folk from Jakarta's heat and humidity. Here we visited the beautiful botanic gardens and viewed the Presidential Palace.



On Saturday, we did a day tour to view Anak Krakatau, an active volcano which was created as a result of an eruption of the famous Krakatoa volcano in 1883. Following a three-hour drive and a one-and-a-half-hour boat trip, we were able to see for ourselves the smoking volcano, which had a major eruption only last December.

On Sunday we headed to Old Batavia, the area of Jakarta where the Dutch colonials settled in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Here we admired the old colonial architecture, viewed some interesting museums, and enjoyed being interviewed by Indonesian school children practising their English skills.

On our final day we visited Merdeka Square, a popular central park with its tall national monument at its centre. We also went on an interesting guided tour of Istana Merdeka, the national mosque.

Our time came to an end too soon, and we have come home having had a fabulous holiday, thanks to our hosts, Sharon and Lindsay, and to the friendliness of the Indonesian people with whom we interacted.



## PAST RALLY REPORTS



### **LAMA Run, Gatton 12 & 13 October**

A staple on the SEQ classic car calendar is the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Rally, better known as the LAMA Run. The 27<sup>th</sup> instalment of this fantastic two day rally was held recently and three of our A7RQ cars made the jaunt out to Gatton to join the

continent of 60 others. For Trevor and Elaine it might have been a case of Déjà vu as they've participated nearly every year since the inception, Ian and Valda have done a few and for your reporter this was the second time.

Like more than 350 other communities in Australia the Gattonites run a "Parkrun" every Saturday morning and I couldn't resist the opportunity to be part of it so for me it was an early start running around Apex Lake a few times. *(If you've not heard of Parkrun I highly recommend you have a look at <https://www.parkrun.com.au> they organise free, weekly, 5km timed runs around the world. They are open to everyone, free, and are safe and easy to take part in. They always take place in parklands and they encourage people of every ability to take part; from walkers or those taking their first steps in running, right up to elites.)* By 8am the rest of the A7RQ team had arrived and we headed off to the starting line for an amazing morning tea and instructions on the mornings route. Everyone was in a great mood so even the statement "we want all the slow cars like Austin 7's to go first" didn't worry us too much. The mornings run was up to Clifton, a run of around 80km with lots to enjoy. We had hills, flats, long straights and plenty of fun curves on the range and even got to have a look at the iconic Thiess cutting, at 104 feet it was the deepest rock cutting in Australia at the time. But best of all we drove through some good rain and that's what's needed out there.



*(above Steve, Ian, Valda, Elaine and Trevor enjoying a cool drink)*

We all enjoyed a lunch at the Clifton Arms hotel and then wandered off for a look around Clifton. A search for a coffee shop proved unsuccessful so we cranked engines and drove back to Gatton for afternoon tea. Bets were placed on the likelihood of Mattie and the Librarian coming out for the Sunday run. Before too long we had to clean up and head down to the bowls club for delicious dinner and yours truly was lucky enough to pick up a lucky door prize.

After a fantastic sleep in the Rooms Motel (you'd never know it was build out of shipping containers) I headed off for an early morning run but didn't get 1km in to a planned 15km when an old injury flared up and I had to call it quits. It stopped my run and put paid to driving on the Sunday so for me it was time to load the Austin on to the trailer and join the others for a buffet breakfast.

The team got in a great run to a very empty Atkinson dam (5.4% of capacity) before lunch back in Gatton, true to their word Mattie and the Librarian where there waiting. Lunch was lunched and goodbyes said before everyone headed off, no one suspected for some the adventure was just beginning. About 10 minutes out of town Mr. Dewy Decimal (Couser) heard an alarming noise and managed to coast into the service station. Inspections commenced and Trevor called it as terminal, the fabric joint had failed. The RACQ dutifully arrived to pick up Alan and his car and they headed east as did the rest of the A7RQ team.

I'm yet to hear the forensic report on why the joint failed but I'm sure we'll all be informed in good time. *(combination of oil, dirt and wear and tear, not uncommon!)*

So in short we all had a laugh, drove some great roads and I hope that what we spent made a small contribution to welcoming town that like so many others is struggling with the drought. The rally was brilliant and if you're thinking about going next year I'll see you there.



**Steve**

## **Tingalpa Chapel 151st Decoration Day – 19 October**



Under an early overcast Saturday morning and with a prediction of possible showers, the first task was to check the BOM website. The news was not good! The prediction for Saturday was now for storms in the late morning. Unfortunately, as it turned out, this modified prediction was correct.

However, not to be deterred by the forecast, at around 9.30am three A7s arrived at the Tingalpa Chapel on Wynnum Road for the Decoration Day celebrations. Doug & Robyn, Librarian Alan and Neil & Karyn arrived to proudly display their cars and represent our A7 Club. Shortly after, our ex-President Lindsay, fresh from Jakarta, arrived in his modern car.





At around 10.15am, the Chapel bell was rung and we all congregated in the Chapel for the formal Service and Blessing of the Graves. The interesting service, conducted by Father Daniel Hobbs and which went for

around an hour, was followed by morning tea prepared for the guests under temporary shelters erected adjacent to the Chapel. Here we were treated to a table full of hot and cold snacks, cakes and beverages as light rain began to fall. The Momentum Choir entertained us just before the heavens opened up and deposited around an inch of stormy rain upon us. Our A7s received a good wash! To the amusement of all, including Karyn, was the moment she received a drenching when Neil attempted to dispose of the rainwater collecting on the shelter's fabric roof.

At around 12.30pm, when the storm had passed, we scurried to our cars to make a dash home before the next downpour – which fortunately didn't happen. A quick clutch start of Alan's car and we were all on our way for an uneventful trip home.

Our thanks go to the Tingalpa Chapel President, Geoff Doherty, as well as Jackie Butler, the Tingalpa Chapel Past President, for their kind invitation for us to attend their annual Decoration Day celebrations again this year.

*Neil*

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

Two more cars from New Zealand, this time in Automobile Association colours

I think this photo the c1925 Chummy comes from Bill Richardson's Transport World in Invercargill.



Just for contrast on the next page is this 1937 Ruby I saw on the 1992 Veteran and Vintage International Rally in Palmerston North.



## "SHANNONS END OF AN ERA" - SERIES TRAILER - "SHANNONS CLUB"

<https://www.shannons.com.au/club/video/shannons-end-of-an-era-series-trailer>

**Shannons End of An Era** is a new four-part content series that celebrates Australian automotive manufacturing spanning 120 years of our nation's history. Featuring Australia's leading motor historians, car designers, racing drivers, industry veterans and commentators,

**Shannons End of An Era** provides a factual account of the history of the motor car in Australia.



Episode One, *From Gold rush to the Fabulous Fifties (1900-1959)*, was released at the start of September and details our early history, including the morphing of an Adelaide saddlery company into Holden's Motor Body Builders and the establishment of Ford Australia in Geelong. Bit players such as Tarrant, Chic and Australian Six also get a mention, along with other important companies that helped shape our storied motoring history.

Episode One is well-paced and includes some famous Aussie icons, including Lew Bandt's Ford Coupe Utility, which cemented not only the ute as a body style, but as a lifestyle (as pictured above).



# A PLEASANT SURPRISE!!

It is nice to get contributions for the Austin 7 Newsletter, even more so from an unexpected source!

Joyce Dannenberg sent me this clipping about a "feral" Dodge Ute that we have probably come across on rallies and displays. It is obvious that Joyce has many happy memories rallying with Rex in chocolate Monty, even if she did have to get out and push at times!! Joyce receives her copy of the newsletter thru the post and her son Neil tells me she had a birthday very recently. Thank you very Joyce for the very interesting cutting. Tim and all in the Austin 7 Register!!!

YS 20/10/19 Joyce Dannenberg thesundaymail.com.au

**AROUND YOUR STATE**  
Your weekly catch-up on the news that matters around Queensland

## Old wheels help in hunt for work

**Ipswich** It was built in the 1920s, designed to be tough enough for hard times and could - if it would just chug along for a few more miles - drive a new business for its unemployed owner.

Neil Dieckmann, 54, a fitter and turner from Ipswich, tracked down the 1926 Dodge at a Piggabeen property in northern NSW about eight years ago. "I paid \$2000 for it. My mates reckon I got ripped off. It had a bit of damage," Mr Dieckmann told *The Sunday Mail*.

The car enthusiast, who is handy with tools, sprayed lanolin on the rusted running boards and got a replacement radiator - it still leaks but

does not have five holes like the original.

Mr Dieckmann estimates he gets "16 miles to the gallon" on unleaded petrol and a splash of kerosene and proudly admits the Dodge has cost him "bugger all" to run, apart from \$235 for a new tyre.

Driving through the Gold Coast for a recent antique car swap meet, the car carried a sign which advertised that her owner was seeking work.

"I've done a few school formals with her. I would like to do more work like that, you know, weddings," Mr Dieckmann said.

"A lot of people would like to go for a drive in it."

**Tough times:** Neil Dieckmann with his trusty 1926 Dodge; and (below) Mr Dieckmann's plea for work. **Picture:** Glenn Hampson



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AND MY OLD UTE. DO ANYTHING !!!  
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## 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:** Brand new Ruby type pin type valves and pins (bought in error)

Contact Ken Burton on 0407 017 187

**WANTED:** One road wheel rim 15" diameter x 3½" (or 3") wide with or without 36 spoke holes. Or two complete 15" A7 wheels.

One LODGE 18mm spark plug MODEL H3

The Austin 7 book by RT Nicholson and Revised by Leather and Mead (Published by Gregg 1927 -1947)

Contact Neil Johannesen

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## **For Sale - 1929 Austin 7 Ute.**

Was painted green and repainted yellow with black guards and named "The Bumble Bee" for the 2017 National Rally. Car on concessional rego. Car for sale for health reasons - contact Merv & Pam Briggs, 1 Wattlebrae Street, King Scrub, Dayboro, Qld 4521 email [pambriggs123@gmail.com](mailto:pambriggs123@gmail.com)

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## **Photos from the Archives - Summer Holidays in 1938**



In 1938 these British children were photographed playing in an early Austin 7 AC "Pram hood" Chummy belonging to their Garage owning Father. Photo courtesy of the Hulton Getty Picture Collection from their book "Cars, The Early Years". Published by Konemann 2000.

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