



# NEWSLETTER

Spring has Sprung!

**October 2021**

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



*Three Wise Men of the Austin 7 Register, Greg Riddel, Mike Hawthorne and Peter Baker sharing a story at the recent A7RQ. Weekend. It would not be stretching the truth to say that these 3 gentlemen are possibly the longest continuing members of the Register, dating back to 1967. In particular Greg who was the Father of the Register, which was conceived in 1966 with a letter proposing the creation of the Register in the VCCQ Newsletter. Peter was the Mentor or Godfather who has guided it for many, many years. Mike became one of the earliest enthusiastic members when he swapped a MIV Jaguar for the famous "Chocolate Monty"!*

## **2021 Presidents Report**

The records will show that like 2020 our latest year has been shaped by the pandemic, it's now September and we are finally holding our AGM. But that's the new normal, our club mimics the wider population, we get annoyed by lockdowns but understand it's for the best and we simply push events around to match what dates are available.

If you're a fan of driving an Austin 7 (and why wouldn't you be) then you've had pretty good year, if my memory is correct we completed 8 or nine runs with two multi-day events. Every run was well attended and each had their special moments. Some highlights that come to mind.

- An always enjoyable trip to the bay, for westies like me it's always great to go over there and see how the other half live.
- After rain washed out our Christmas brunch and the dreaded lurgi stopped our New Year's brunch we finally managed to get together for Valentine's Day. Honourable mention here for Robyn who managed to combine all three of these special days in to one outfit.

- The President not getting through the first stage of the President's run before retiring with what was found to be a blown head gasket and putting a love tap on Trev's front bumper.
- A working bee at Doug and Robyn's to ensure our pristine second-hand parts stay dry, if the Board of Engineers calls any of you just remember, I was not there and if I was I gave no engineering advice!
- The Librarian's run when we put took our trusty 7's over the Gateway bridge and up to the Australian Model Railway Association. A little part of me thinks the records should show it was the Librarian's run with special input from the Editor.
- The Rocky Run that had been planned for 2020 was a great success with 14 cars attending, unfortunately I was unable to attend due to work commitments but will be sure to get to the next one as Greg & Kaye put on a great event.
- The always popular winter run didn't disappoint with some great driving, excellent dining and the most convivial club members you could wish for.



If we just looked at statistics I think it's been a positive year, a few more members have joined and the club has maintained a strong balance sheet. But clubs must be measured by things other than the number of members or cash in the bank. It's in these non-quantitative measures that our club has made a difference. Many members of the wider community have struggled during these Covid times. A lack of personal contact, restricted travel and new social norms like mask wearing have tested many of us but the club has been constant in our lives. I'd like to give a special thanks to committee members who've ensured that we stayed connected over the last year, Tim's newsletters, Neil's posts, Trevor's parts service and Doug's Warehouse of Crazy, Crazy low prices have been there for all of us. Like all of our members I've been grateful for what these people have done. Of course that's not to detract from what the rest of the committee have done, it's just that in this year the outward face of the committee has been a blessing.

What's in store for 2022? Will Trevor's labour of love make an appearance on the road, who's car will our stalwart Peter Baker fix, will Peter Cahalane admit the Broncos are a lost cause and will Valda stop throwing my raffle tickets in the bin? For the answers to these mysteries you'll have to come back next year.

In closing I'd like to thank all of you for the trust you've shown in the committee it's been a pleasure to be part of the Austin Seven Register of Queensland.

*Steve Davidson - President of the A&RQ Inc!*

#### **A Presidential Postscript - Please Consider**

Hi Members,

Those of you who were able to attend our AGM earlier in the month will already know but, for those who couldn't attend, I'd like to advise that John Que has declined a nomination to continue as our Treasurer. John has been a faithful servant of the club for many years but at this stage he'd like to hand the role over to someone else. He has worked hard over the last period to ensure that all the documentation is in order and ready for a new member to step in to the role. So who will it be?

Clubs rely on members to fulfil these positions and while they do take some effort they are in fact very rewarding. The role of Treasurer is to inform the Committee and the wider membership of the clubs financial affairs. The Treasurer has day to day oversight of the bank account and ensures that payments are made in accordance with our constitution and revenues are correctly accounted for. The club uses a common accounting software package called MYOB to manage the process. No previous experience is necessary, a willingness to learn and an hour or two a week is all that it takes.



A common misconception is that the Treasurer is personally responsible for the clubs finances but this is incorrect, the Treasurer works in accordance with rules set out in the constitution and all their decisions are ratified by the committee and in terms of expenditure at least one other member of the Committee must approve any payment.

So the question is, are you the next Treasurer? We do need to fill the role and ideally it would be with a member who can attend most of our monthly meetings. A working understanding of basic accounting would be great but it is certainly not a necessity. If you'd like to nominate or even just have a chat about the role please don't hesitate to call me on the number below.

*Steve Davidson*  
*A7RQ President*  
*0418 814 501*

## ***The Editors Ravings***

Well the weather is warming up, although we have had a few cooler days with wind and even storms to finish off with September with a threat of a lock down over the horizon. This has not stopped us from getting about last month and the plans for even bigger events next year proceeding, and hopefully things will be clearer for us all by Christmas time!

It was lovely to see 12 and a bit Austins at the A7RQ Weekend, although we used to get over 30 - 40 cars. It is not that our cars are getting older, but the drivers are and the modern traffic much more unforgiving, most have no concept of what a vintage car is, and club magazines from other multi make clubs show much later vehicles are now the norm on runs.



We had a few birthdays last month, and it was a time to pause and take account of our lives for many, especially when you realise some of us have been playing with these funny old cars for 45 to 55 years or more. Finally it is good to see that most of our members have paid their renewals for the year, thank you all very much. It costs a bit to run a club, with stationery, rent on the hall, printing etc. I would like to personally thank John for being our Treasurer for the last 5 years and keeping things going well in the financial department. Being on a committee position can be a thankless task, but it has its pleasures, and the occasional pat on the back or words of encouragement are most welcome!

***Editor Tim Braby***

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

<b>President:</b>	Steve Davidson 0418 814 501
<b>Vice President:</b>	Lindsay Jordan
<b>Secretary:</b>	Robyn Clark (07) 3800 1965

<b>Treasurer:</b>	Position Vacant with John Que kindly acting till we can find a volunteer.
<b>Editor:</b>	Tim Braby 0405 740 418
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<b>Second Hand Parts:</b>	Doug Clark (07) 3800 1965
<b>Runs &amp; Events Coordinator:</b>	Neil Thyer (07) 32179880
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Neil Thyer (07) 32179880
<b>Dating Officer (North side):</b>	Tim Braby 0405 740 418 <b>(Southside):</b>
<b>QHMC Representatives:</b>	Steve Davidson & Justin McKeering
<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 & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2021 & BEYOND!!**

### **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/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.**

**Friday 8th October 2021- A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.**

**Saturday 9th October 2021 - A7 Register alternative October Event: Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group have once again invited our club to their annual Decoration Day – 153rd Anniversary at 1341 Wynnum Road Tingalpa commencing at 10am and completing around 2pm. Morning Tea & Lunch will be available from on site food trucks for purchase or BYO. A musical program will be presented. Bring your A7 and park in the grounds or come modern and park in Smith's Chips carpark next door. This event is usually well attended by our A7s. For further info contact Neil ph. 0431 067 909.**

**Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th October 2021 - LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend CANCELLED**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.**

**Sunday 14th November 2021: External Event:** Our Club has been invited to attend a Samford Big Day Out on Sunday 14th November 2021 at the Samford Show Grounds from 8am to 3pm. This event is an Antiques Collectable

Fair and Collectable Car Show. Cost is \$8/Adult and kids U/14 Free. For more information contact Allan Lawson ph 0488 197 167 or Email [www.aussiefairs.com](http://www.aussiefairs.com)

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - A7 Register November Event: A7 November Run.** This Run will be to **'Automotive Craftsmen'** - an automotive workshop at 1/53 Eastern Rd, Browns Plains where Morning Tea will be provided followed by a demonstration. Cost for this event is \$5 each – to be paid to Robyn or Neil by 8 October 2021. Members attending will meet at the Clark's residence, 195 Middle Rd, Boronia Heights, for departure to the venue at 9.30am sharp. There is a limit on the number attending so ensure you make your payment ASAP. Following the demonstration (around 12 noon), members can either proceed home or return to the Clark's residence with their BYO Lunch. Members not wishing to attend the demonstration can remain at the Clark's for a BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Following lunch, at about 1.15pm, there will be a short drive (approx. 15minutes from the Clark's residence) to view the garden and cars of Kevin & Beryl Doyle and their neighbour.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - A7 Register Event: A7 Club Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Food will be provided but drinks (hot or cold) are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965.



## 2022



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

Any queries contact the Rally Committee at [2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com). All the other Austin 7 Clubs in Australia have already made bookings for accommodation to the event, and Queensland does not

want to be left behind. If you want to be with other Qld A7 folks, several have already put their names down at the Figtree c/park as the Qld Warrnambool Rally HQ, no deposit is required at this point, all that is necessary is contact details and your choice of accommodation will allocated. As of writing there were about 32 names who have chosen the Fig Tree..

You can contact Brian at the BIG4 Figtree Holiday Park at 33 Lava Street Warrnambool Vic 3280, Telephone (03) 5561 1233 email [reservations@figtreepark.com](mailto:reservations@figtreepark.com) or look at [www.figtreepark.com](http://www.figtreepark.com). For further info please contact Tim Braby on 0405 740 418 or Rhonda Guthrie on 0417 737 773.

**IMPORTNAT NOTE FOR THOSE PLANNING TO GO TO WARNAMBOOL** President Steve recently called the Rally Chairperson, Andrea Casabene, with respect to the question, "would their committee be amenable to the Queensland Register donating a prize similar to what the Victoria club did for our National rally" the answer was very much a "yes please". Andrea will discuss it with her committee and get back to us with ideas. Steve also asked, "when will run details be provided?", --- the answer is that most of the planning is done, and the daily locations have been set however they are waiting to see what occurs with the state borders before committing. Andrea thinks that they will be able to get information out to participants in the next month or so.)

**18th July to 25th July 2022. The Austin Seven Clubs Association AUSTIN & CENTENARY UK rally**  
Latest updates inside **THIS NEWSLETTER**

**August 2021 Austins over Australia Rally** to be held in Port Stephens, NSW. Postponed from 2021  
Any queries contact the Rally Committee at [2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com)





# **MINUTES OF PAST A7R2 MEETINGS**

**Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

**General Meeting August 2021 - unfortunately Cancelled due to Covid - 19 Lock Down**

**Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

**Meeting No 605, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all.

**Present:** 22 members signed the book

**Apologies:** M Potts, A Couser, J McCarthy, P & N Dorman, E Abrahams, M & M Thompson, M Hawthorne & S Jordan.

**Previous Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the July meeting and moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Emails = Veteran Car Club re Covid Reports for Clubrooms

Email = Jo & Margaret McCormack re request email of Thank You to Boonah Caravan Park

Email = All British Day needing help on day

Membership Application from Alan & Rondah Rodda (Tail end Charlie's in Rocky) & Joe & Judith Sciacca, of Mossman with a Austin 12

Office of Fair Trading Forms

Royal Flying Doctors re donation.

**OUT:** Boonah Caravan Park

M/S Cards & Receipts to members

Phone call to Cancel Morningside School of Arts Hall

Robyn moved the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence;** New members accepted & No donation to Flying Doctors.

**Treasurer's Report:** John gave this report & asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Trevor Moore, Carried.

**QHMC Report:** Justin McKeering reported that some clubs still having trouble with impromptu events. Dates are now on the QHMC web site for Events.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor stated sales & orders are slowing down.

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

**Editors Report:** Nil

**Dating Officers report:** Nil

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

**Club Events:**

19<sup>th</sup>Sept All British Day, Tennyson (Members to make their own arrangements)

9<sup>th</sup>Oct Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery

Heritage Group Decoration Day. 10am to 12 noon

20<sup>th</sup>Nov Automotive Craftsmen 9.30 am from the Clark's, Boronia Heights. \$5-00 pp

**Other Events:**

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Sept Qld Motorists Re-enactment Weekend, Warwick



*Lyn Stanner's Austin 20 at the Ipswich Antique and Collectables Show with some Cuddly Passengers!!*

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Oct Lama Invitation Weekend, Gatton. CANCELLED

**Past Events:** August Meeting, BBQ Lunch & Static Display CANCELLED

5<sup>th</sup> Sept Chrysler Expo  
Veteran Car Club Swap

**General Business:** The Committee has decided to buy some more Car Badges, Caps, cloth badges & name badges. If you wish to order a name badge please contact Rhonda Guthrie. The other items will be available soon.

Steve to contact Melbourne Club about information on Warrnambool & if they would like us to donate a trophy.

Report on cars & or car troubles: Neil thanked Peter Baker for work done on his car.

**Birthdays:** Members wished a Happy Birthday. (Steve, Trevor & Tim today)

**Raffle:** Valda selling tickets tonight, but will be drawn tomorrow at our BBQ-Static Display. Thank you to Neil for making the stain-glass A7 as first prize.

Sick Members wished a speedy recovery. Alan Couser, Ron Toy & Gill Leach

**Supper:** Thank you to Brett & Kylie for tonight's supper.

October organizer = Karen & Neil

**Committee Meeting** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**Meeting Closed:** 8.35 pm.

**Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

**AGM Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

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

The meeting was declared opened at 8.35 pm

**Attendance and Apologies:** as per attendance book

**Previous Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the 2020 AGM & moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

Steve made a presentation of Life membership to Neil Thyer (enthusiastically accepted and passed by all).

**Correspondence:** Email from M & K McGuill re nominating Neil Thyer for Life Membership

**Treasurer's Report:** John Que read this report, then asked for it to be accepted\*. Seconded by Justin McKeering. Carried.

**Presidents Report:** Steve gave his report on the past 12 months of the club's activities. (Report front page of Newsletter) Then Steve asked Lindsay Jordan to chair the 2021 AGM election of officers.

Lindsay declared all positions vacant & only financial members are eligible to vote. If more than one person is nominated for the position, it will be decided by a show of hands.

As we have NO nominations (and to make it easier & quicker) will any member please stand if they are NOT willing to take on the position for a further 12 months. The list of positions & name of person for that position was then read. (see below)

John Que declined the position of Treasurer.

Members asked if they were happy with this Or is someone prepared to put up their hand to take over one position. No response.

Asked if someone could move," The members retain the same position, they had last year for the next 12 months, with the exception of Treasurer.", Moved by Rhonda Guthrie, seconded by Doug Clark. Carried  
No volunteers for Treasurer.

Lindsay then handed the gavel back to the President Steve Davidson who thanked members.

**General Business:** Nil

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Meeting closed:** 9.05 pm

**RESULTS OF THE AGM - A7 Executive Members for 2021-22 are:**

**President:** Steve Davidson **Vice-President:** Lindsay Jordan

**Treasurer:** Position Vacant with John Que kindly Acting till we can find a volunteer.

**Secretary:** Robyn Clark

**New Spare Parts & Tech Officer:** Trevor Moore

**Events' Coordinator:** Neil Thyer

**Dating Officer – North:** Tim Braby

**Librarian:** Lindsay Jordan

**Raffle Person:** Valda McDowell

**Club Auditor:** Less Stress

**Newsletter:** Editor: Tim Braby

**Second-Hand Spare Parts:** Doug Clark

**Web Master:** Neil Thyer

**Dating Officer – South:** Trevor Moore

**QHMC Rep:** Justin McKeering

**Supper Person:** Volunteer each month



Congratulations to all those Executive Members who are either continuing in their role or were newly elected. The President also thanked those members who were stepping down from their roles on the A7 Executive.

(notes: \* Presidents report is found on the 1st and 2nd page of this newsletter.

\*\* Financial Report available from Secretary Robyn upon request)

*Robyn*

## NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

### Welcome To our New Members

**#375 Joe and Judie Sciacca** have a lovely restored 1927 Austin 12/4 Windsor Saloon. They are in the Cairns and District Historic Car Club and take their Twelve for a drive about twice a month, about 60klms each trip. Joe and Judie are hoping to visit we "Southerners" later in the year. Below are a few details of the Austin 12



**AUSTIN TWELVE, 12/4.1922-39 (prod: 69,444 to end 1930).**

**Motor:** Side valve four cylinder 1660cc 20bhp at 2000rpm, single plate clutch, four speed gate change gearbox with central change, helical bevel axle, semi-elliptic suspension. Announced (briefly as the Ten) and launched in late 1921 with a five-bearing crank like the Twenty, the Twelve proved to be a virtually indestructible car and had an extended lease of life as a London taxi in the 1930s, a further 15,000 12/4s of all types being sold after 1930.

**#376 Campbell an # 377 Mia Guthrie** of Hollywell are **Rhonda and Ross Guthrie's** grandchildren and have been learning to drive the family 1929 Saloon and 1937 Tourer on a Veteran Car Club country tour at Kingaroy

**#378 Murray & Fiona Rix** of Southport have a restored green 1934 Austin 7 Sports, be exciting to see what that one looks like

### On the Sick List

**Ken Foliott** sent a message to the club to let us know that a MRI at the Mater Hospital found Ken had a broken a hip and at present is not allowed to drive! But he has been following our online presence and is very glad to see we had a good rollup on Saturday.

Unfortunately I also recently heard **Ron Toy** has had a fall or two and ended up in hospital, but is now back home under the care of **Daphne** and family. **Alan Couser** went into hospital and came out with a pacemaker fitted, which I suppose means "Budda" is now Supercharged!!



***Mia Guthrie at the wheel!***



# **NATIONAL AUSTIN SEVEN RALLY**

## **EXPLAINED.** *from Wayne Styles*

Austin Seven vehicles and their owners are constantly changing and I am aware that a significant number of the owners have joined the movement during the past 5 years. There are approximately 600 owners and 1500 'sevens' in Australia and many more under restoration. It is anticipated that 10% of them will be present at the forthcoming 100th anniversary rally to be held in Warrnambool in 2022, but how did it all start?

Four Austin Seven folk drove from Victoria to spectate at the 1989 Adelaide AGP, during the journey one of the travellers floated a long time idea off the others about organising a major event that would interest the 4 larger Austin Seven clubs in getting together possibly somewhere central like Wagga Wagga etc and to make it a long weekend event.

This was not an entirely new idea as the Victorian and South Australian clubs had been sharing a social weekend event annually since the 1950's, but not a rally.

The new concept was to organise a major national Austin Seven rally to celebrate the forthcoming 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the marque in 1992.

Upon returning from the AGP the idea was presented to the Victorian club for consideration and approval, a sub committee was formed to make it happen who subsequently contacted the NSW club who joined the fray and the a decision was made to jointly organise the event in Canberra. (photo above shows the Qld. contingent at the 1992 Rally)

The event was a major success being supported by all the clubs and a decision was made to accept an offer from the Queensland Austin Seven register to organise another rally to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Maroochydore in 1997 which was to become the practice on a 5 yearly basis ever since.

As a result of the first rally in Canberra where the spare parts managers held their first meeting a cooperation of spare parts trading has flourished between clubs to this day plus a number of long standing friendships from Austin Seven people.

***Wayne Styles.***

### **Editor Tim's postscript**

I might also add that momentum was gathering in people's minds when we went on the 1988 Bicentennial Rally to Canberra in our Austin 7s and met other A7 owners from all points around



Australia and were talking about a national Austin 7 Rally then. I bet there was talk at the Queensland Veteran and Vintage Tour in 1982 when several Sevens made a valiant showing, and showed the bigger cars A7s could make the distance and were just as practical to take on a National Rally. The photo above show the Queensland Cars at the Canberra Motor Village in 1992 with the people that drove and travelled in them

***Tim***



# **PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS**

## **A7 REG. QLD ANNUAL WEEKEND 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

Our Annual Weekend, postponed from August due to COVID lockdowns, finally came around this year on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September. It was decided that we would go ahead with our Monthly Meeting followed by the AGM on the Friday evening, and combine a Lunch and Static Display of our A7s at the Carindale Clubrooms on the Saturday. Our AGM on Friday night proceeded without a hitch, with all previous A7 Reg. Qld Committee Members being re-elected to their previous positions. The exception was the position of Treasurer for which there were no nominations. John agreed to act as Treasurer until a replacement was found. A highlight of the evening for me was



Assembling in the carpark adjoining the Club's BBQ area was an impressive line-up of 12.5 Austin 7s. The 0.5 Austin was the mounted gleaming engine block etc. from President Steve's A7 – a repair job in progress with the car body laying in wait at Fig Tree Pocket.

Other members arriving in their Austins were Lindsay (joined by Sharon), Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine, Neil (joined by

being presented with Life Membership of the Club – a privilege and a huge honour (and a well-kept secret) bestowed upon me by President Steve on behalf of the Committee, following nomination by the McGuills. Several September birthdays were also celebrated on the evening, the photos of which are on our A7 Website.

On Saturday, glorious Queensland weather greeted us for our much-anticipated and event-filled day.





Karyn), Ian & Valda, Brett (joined by Kylie, Clare & Tessa), Ross & Rhonda, Hugh & Judy, Russell & Vanda & 'Louie', Justin McK., Ian & Jared, and Peter & Nell. A stand-out in this group of A7s was the home built 1928 'Dorman Special' standing proudly at the head of the pack. These members were joined by around another 19 more members driving their modern cars. A notable omission at this year's event was ex-Librarian Alan, who was resting up after having a pacemaker installed the previous day.

At around 11.30am, as the sun rose overhead in the cloudless sky, the BBQs were lit and the hot plate was soon laden with sausages, meat patties, bacon and onions to feed the impressive (and hungry) number of



members now on the Clubroom veranda. A table of salads and bread rolls was also laid out next to

the tables and chairs that had been set up on the veranda. Lunch was soon served followed by dessert of delicious apple pie and custard.

At around 12.30pm, with our full bellies, it was time for President Steve to conduct the formalities of the day. After thanking those responsible for the success of the day, Steve announced the winner of the People's

Choice Award for the best car on display. There was no question that Peter & Nell's handcrafted 1928 'Dorman Special' had won this prize. Next, Neil thanked those members who had participated in the A7 Runs over the last 12 months and announced that the winners of the Cam & Judy McCulloch Memorial Trophy for the best Run attendance, for the sixth year in a row, were Doug & Robyn. Congratulations go to them for their great efforts.

The raffle prizes were then drawn. The first prize of a leadlight A7 medallion was won by Librarian Lindsay & Sharon; second prize of a fruit basket went to Trevor & Elaine; and third prize of a tin of Cadbury Roses chocolates went to Peter & Jo.

The highly successful day wrapped up at around 1.30pm. Our congratulations go to the A7 Reg. Qld Committee, especially Robyn, for organising the day and the food provided. Congratulations also go to the great roll-up of members of this congenial, friendly and active Club for their attendance.



**Neil ("Mr. T") Thyer**



# **All British Day, Tennyson, 19th September 2021.**



A massive assembly of all British cars and other vehicles assembled on the St Joseph's College Playing Fields at Tennyson after missing last year's event. There was a traffic jam of late arriving display cars and visitors along King Arthur Terrace. The Editor arrived fashionably late in a modern and parked out on the Terrace and was able to walk in quickly passed a line of stationary idling motor cars, only pausing to check up on Peter and Jo in their 1933 Wolseley Hornet stranded on 3 wheels on the path at the gate into the Grounds. There was a small but enthusiastic group of cars and chairs representing the Austin 7 Register. In their A7s were Justin McCarthy in his Chummy,

Brett and Kylie Reif in their Box Saloon, Trevor and Elaine in the Six Wheeler Truck, Captain Matthew Potts and son Trent in their chummy, The Haigh family with their Ruby Roadster, while Doug & Robyn Clark came in their red Mini, Peter Baker and Jo, soon arrived in their Hornet Tourer after "Gentleman Joe" Wilson came to their rescue with a great big hammer to "fix" their brake problem. Also "seen on the Field" was the green chummy that was, until very recently, Dennis and Lyn Gillbard's, apparently now in the hands of a classic car broker who did not introduce himself to the Club on the day.



There was plenty of interest in Trevor's 6 wheel truck, one chap was wondering if it was actually capable of being driven on the road and was it a "real "vehicle ? (yes, on BOTH counts)!!

In between taking to people and eating lunch I did

get to see a few more cars, but never went down to the so-called "Field of Dreams where the cool Jaguar cats and high society Rollers were camped.

Of special interest was what appeared to be one of Landrovers from the 1955-56 Oxford and Cambridge Far Eastern Expedition





undertaken by six Oxford & Cambridge university students from London to Singapore and described in the book "First Overland".



I also liked the under bonnet detail of the Lotus XI Race cars on display.

At around 2pm, the hundreds of British cars attending the static display departed the College ovals, some left a lot earlier I noticed, (I was passed by two escaping Lotus thru the Clem 7 at about noon!). It was yet another successful All British Day.

This great aerial drone photo of the event was supplied by "Landybitz."

Some of the results were:

Best Vintage and Veteran Grant Singer 1926 Alvis 12/50 "Ducks Back"

Best Commercial Vehicle Qld Omnibus & Coach Society - 1948 AEC Regal III

"Best of British" - Graham Singer 1920 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost

Best Club Display - British Car Club.

**Tim**

## **Veteran Car Club Swap Meet Saturday 21st August**

This event was advertised thru the VCCQ and VCCA magazines, which is the only way your editor found



out it was on again this year. So again I was fashionably late, but able to sell a few old motoring books and models. Good to see some true "Vintagents" such as Kevin Brooks seen wearing a broad hat and a



surly expression plus several of our A7 Club members, including Messrs. Clarke, Guthrie, Moore, Riddel, Stanners, and Que!

**Tim**

## **Queensland Motorists' Re-enactment Weekend**

**18-19th September 2021**



Following the successful but restricted (under COVID) Warwick-based "Motorists' Day Re-enactment 2020", I understand the event for 2021 was a success, although predictably the number of entrants may have been down this year as well.

Those from our Cub were Ross and Sylvia Chapman who brought their Chummy down from Ayr and Justin McCarthy and his friend Patti in "Alfred the Racer".

On the morning of Saturday September the 18th started from Toowoomba, Gatton and Woodenbong converging into Warwick at midday, with the return on Sunday afternoon. Period attire was encouraged for everyone, particularly Saturday afternoon. The streets were closed off for activities. A jazz band, a civic reception (for the

're-enactment' entrants), a "Roaring 20's Ball" that night. On Sunday morning there was a visit to Morgan Park to join in or watch the Historic racing events.

## **NEWS FROM THE UK CENTENARY EVENT**



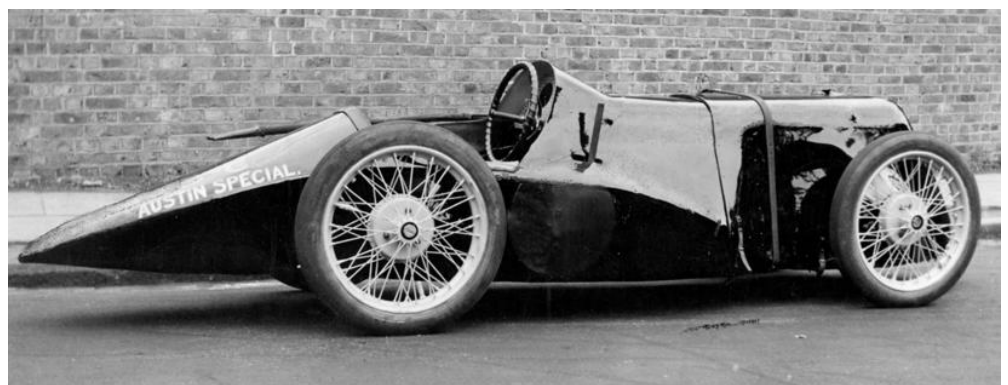
**18th July to 25th July 2022. Austin 7 Clubs Association AUSTIN 7 CENTENARY UK rally**

**Dear Austin Seven Enthusiast,**

I have asked the A7CA archivist, Hugh Barnes, who is working his socks off to ensure we have a fantastic display of cars and memorabilia at the Centenary Event, if he would ever so slightly lift the lid on some of the delights that will be on view. Hugh is very cagey about the amazing and historic cars that are planned to be exhibits. He's told me about many of them but sworn me to secrecy - on pain of having my crankshaft removed - but I can assure you that 'amazing' is the correct

word and that there are some real treats in prospect.

That said, after some gentle persuasion (promises of free beer etc) he has agreed to giving us this little glimpse...





*A lot has been going on behind the scenes to secure important cars and create interesting and informative Archive displays for all to enjoy, not just those with grubby fingernails.*

*I have had an encouraging response to my requests for Sporting cars to display and I am delighted to say that Mrs JoJo (photo previous page) will be making a welcome appearance. Mrs JoJo was built by Francis Boyd-Carpenter in 1927 and had a long and illustrious career. More details of this car can be found in the Boyd-Carpenter photo archive on the [Association Archive website](#).*

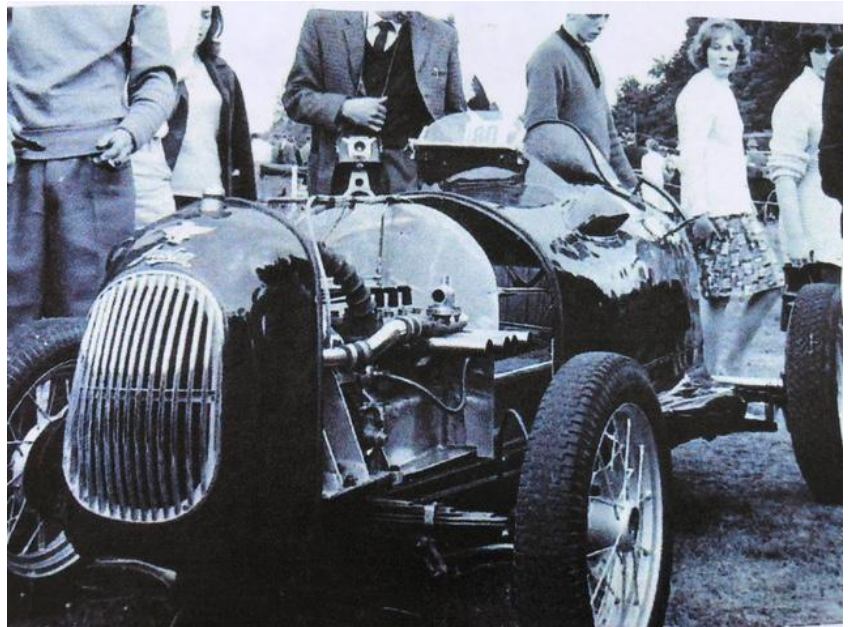
*Also confirmed is the Willis Special, an offset single seat car built by Bill Williams in 1937. A complete guide to that car can be found in Sturt Ulph's excellent book, 'Would Suit Enthusiast', which all self respecting Austin 7 owners should have by their bedside.*

*Another one of Bill Williams creations will also be displayed, but for news of that, you will have to wait for a later edition.*

*Negotiations continue to secure other important cars that tell the story of Austin 7 sporting endeavour.*

*However, the most exciting news I have to report is that, after my appeal for help with creation of the displays, the Cambridge Austin 7 Club have stepped forward to take responsibility for one of the displays as a group. As one of the smallest Clubs, this is another example of the Cambridge Club punching above its weight.*

*Do I hear a similar offer from any other Club? It seems an ideal opportunity for a group of friends from a Club to make a real contribution to the event. My email is always ready to hear your offers... [archivist@a7ca.org](mailto:archivist@a7ca.org)*



## AUSTIN 7 CENTENARY FESTIVAL

Charlie Plain-Jones and his band of willing helpers have been hard at work on plans for the 'Festival' which is to

take place during the Austin Seven Centenary Event. This exciting tribute to the sporting heritage of the Austin Seven is part of our packed programme for the week and will be an opportunity to see

some wonderful A7 racing cars AND take your road-going Austin Seven and your passengers up the famous hill. On Wednesday 20th July the focus of the Austin Seven Centenary shifts its focus from Moreton-in-Marsh to Prescott Hill Climb for a full day celebrating 100 years of Austin 7 motorsport achievements.

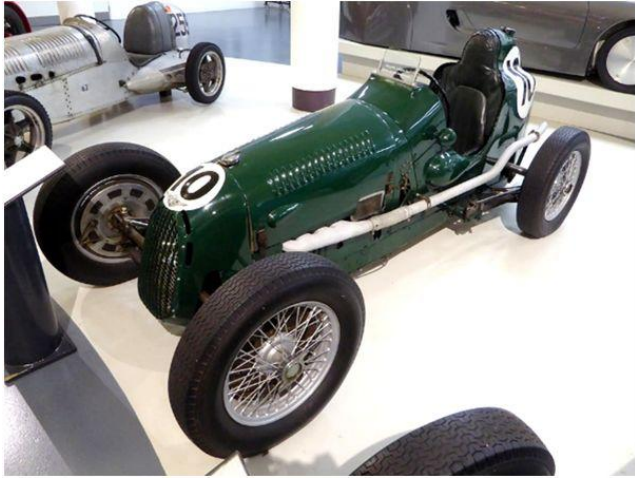


Charlie has kindly provided this latest update about the Festival. Entry to the Festival for your Austin Seven and occupants is included in your Centenary entry fee and you will also be able to park in the exclusive Orchard picnic area right next to the track and the Start Line.

Centenary entrants will also have the unique opportunity to drive their Austin up this famous hill in a processional run for the tiny fee of £5 per car, payable on the day. And what a treat we have in store for

you.....

The Austin Seven Centenary Festival of Motorsport will almost certainly be the greatest gathering of competition Austin 7s of all ages and types making demonstrate runs, at speed, up this historic hill climb course.



Among the cars rarely seen outside museums we have the promise of the Charles Goodacre Twin Cam and the team Side-Valve Racer both from the British Motor Museum, Gaydon. These are the cars that legends were made of....

Plus, several Brooklands race cars including 'Slippery Ann', and, courtesy of McLaren Racing, Bruce McLaren's Austin 7. Also taking part will be probably the largest gathering of Wragg single seaters ever seen together. So far, we have two out of three of these cars promised to appear at the Festival and we are hoping that the third can also make an appearance.

From the Boulogne racers of the 1920s to the Historic 750 Formula cars of today, sporting Austin 7 of all ages will be taking part.

Bars, a Restaurant, a traditional Jazz Band, and with period dress encouraged, these will all add to a Garden Party atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

Not only will the Festival be a day to remember but it is also supporting a very worthwhile charity fighting eliminate Parkinson's Disease - so please give it your support.

To be part of it all you need to do is tick the Prescott Festival box on your Centenary Event booking form\* and enter the number of people in your party.

See you there.....

## AND A CORRECTION

In a previous newsletter it was stated that in 1922 the Austin Seven was launched at Selfridges in London. I should have said that the launch took place at Claridges. Mea culpa!

**AUSTIN SEVEN CENTENARY EVENT PRICING** - Some more information, including prices for children's meals.

**ENTRY TICKET** (Valid for six days, 19th July - 24th July 2022): **£25 a head.** (Includes all entertainment + entry to the Festival at Prescott on Wednesday 20th July). Those aged 18 and under on 24th July 2022: **FREE ENTRY**

**ON-SITE HOTEL-STYLE ACCOMMODATION:** Single room: **£48 per night.** Double room: **£75 per night.**

**ON-SITE CAMPING PITCH** (Tent/motorhome/caravan): **£22 per night.**

**RESTAURANT BREAKFAST: £11 a head. (Children under 12, £6)**

**RESTAURANT 3 COURSE DINNER: £17 a head. (Children under 12, £9)**

## BOOKINGS

I had hoped that the online booking system for the centenary event would be opening on the 1st of October. Regrettably we must postpone the launch as a number of very last moment issues have arisen - unforeseen and beyond our control - that must be resolved before we can proceed.

You will appreciate that the centenary event is a huge undertaking and we must be certain that everything is correct before we invite you to make your booking. We shall resolve the issues as quickly as possible and advise you when we are ready to launch. Meanwhile, please be patient.

*Kind regards, Nick Salmon*

*For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Team.*





## **A New car in our Club A car you can park on Carpet!**



Back in 2016 Ted Bale's daughter Stacy and son-in-law Jamie Curtiss purchased John Perham's 1937 Ruby as a running restoration. Originally it belonged to Trevor Ford, who bought the car from the original owner's family. Ted and family borrowed my trailer and we went to bring the car back from Glenwood, which is up past Gympie. The motor was running and most of the panels primed, but there was still a lot to do as investigation showed some long ago repairs due to a shunt up the back end of the little Ruby that needed doing as the rear mudguards and body did not match up properly. With Teds welding and metal working expertise and Jamie's attention to detail and many hours spent sanding and filling the panels, the long hours are paying off. Jamie



was able to source some very good tradesmen around Burpengary and Caboolture to do the final painting, upholstery and chrome work. Most of the car was there but small items like park lights and door handles were missing or in poor condition, and Ted was able to source many parts from the UK and "Trevor's Technically True and Tested New Parts Shed". Ted also used a pair of Ruby rear guards from "Dougie's Den of Dented but Dependable Used A7 Parts" to replace ropey bits on the original rear guard where it had been trimmed off and welded roughly many years ago.





On the right is a photo of young lads Ethan and Jayden with their new car 5 years ago, both they and the car have progressed since then!!

Now the car is nearing completion, only need to fit the set of repaired dish type Ruby hubcaps, and install the missing roof centre. Here again Ted was able to find a UK supplier who makes the timber pieces for the Rubies roof as a kit. The family made their own minds up as to what colour the trim and paint should be, and I think it works well on a small car like this. The final paint was applied by a spray painter who came to their house and did all the work in the larger 4 berth shed on a very, very hot day over last summer. The colour is called Californian Sage, a very light metallic with a touch of green, used on contemporary Aston Martin's. Hopefully we will see the Ruby and its garage companion "Little Miss" out on a tour soon!

**Tim**

## **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 item you wanted PLEASE do tell the Editor.**

### **FOR SALE 1930 Austin 7 Roadster**



In running order and for sale as is with trailer, \$23,000 . Please contact Brett and Amanda Wilson  
63bawilson@gmail.com  
mobile 0413 848 909  
Lakewood (just south of Port Macquarie)



### **FOR SALE 1932 Austin 10/4 Saloon**

Not driven for a few years due to other interests. Long term storage in a dry garage but owners say engine will need checking over for any corrosion. Former club car. Two tone blue with black interior. Nice solid old car with sunroof, clock, luggage rack and indicators. 1100cc side valve motor with 4 speed gearbox. Spares may be available. Asking \$12000 ONO.

Please contact Daphne and Ted Bale on 0411 241 557.  
Car at Ferny Hills



### **FOR SALE.**

A fully reconditioned coil engine [1929/30] by S Rodda engineering to a high standard with all new items fitted where required, crankshaft fully balanced etc. **READY TO INSTALL.**

Contact. Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

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