



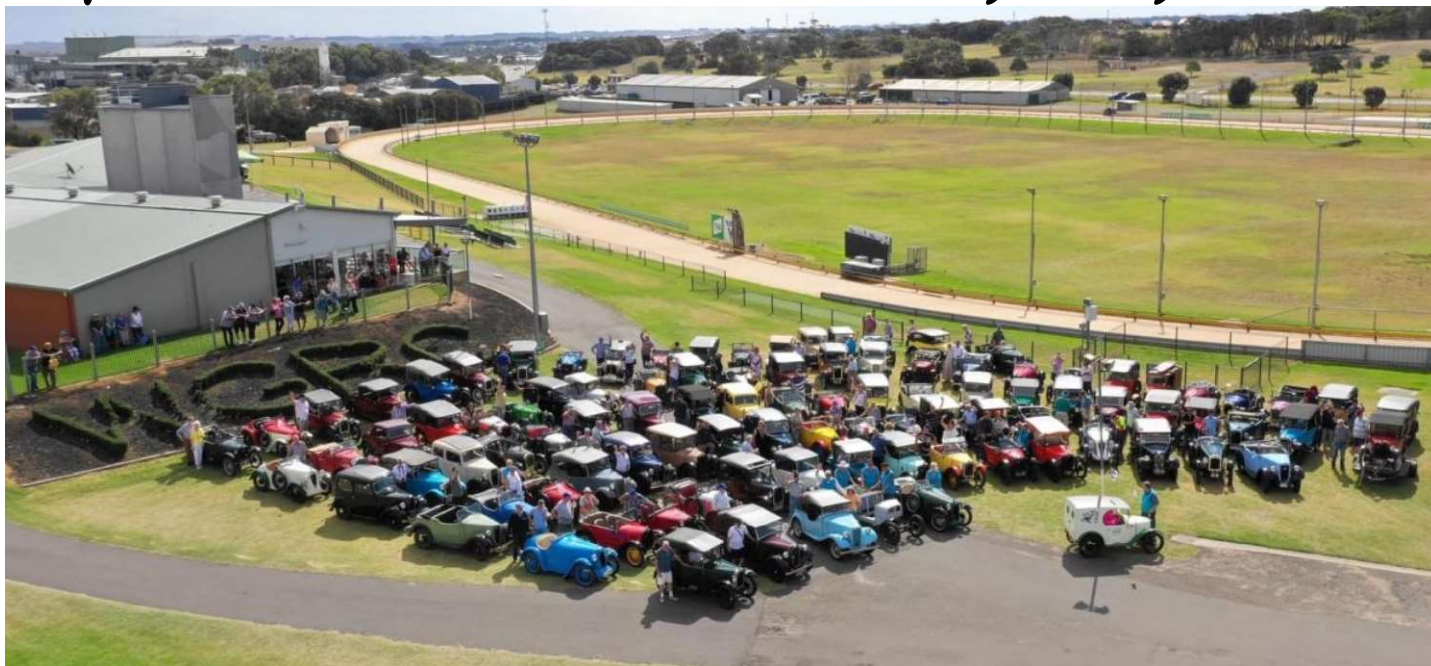
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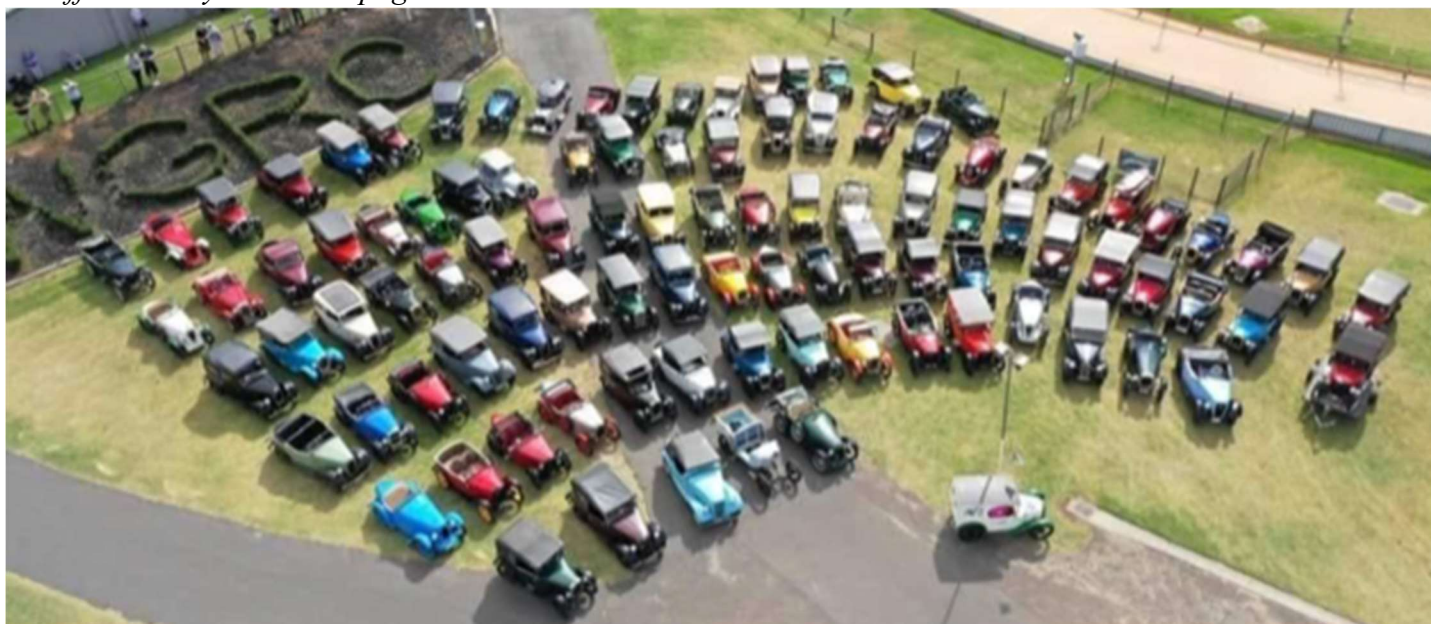


Official Newsletter of the Austin Seven Register of Qld. Inc. (formed 1967)

Special Australian Austin 7 Centenary Rally Edition



100 plus Austin 7s pose at the Wannon Function Centre at Warrnambool on Sunday the 10th of April. These two photos taken from a drone. The top one came from the Austin 7 Club of S.A. Inc. Bulletin Number 102 (Special National Rally Edition), the photo below was supplied by Rhonda Guthrie who sourced it from the official Rally Facebook page.



Welcome from Warrnambool

This newsletter is a couple of weeks later than usual, but this is because I was away for the big Austin 7 centenary rally in Warrnambool, about 250 kms south west of Melbourne on the Great Ocean Road.

It was a fantastic event, the weather stayed good 90% of the time (3 days of predicted rain turned out to be about 1 hour of drizzle late one afternoon when the cars were resting!), and it certainly was not as cold as it could have been. There were certainly over 100 Austin 7s which came from up in North Qld down to Tasmania, and spanning the continent from West Australia to NSW.

Each day I was able to write a report on what we did each day, this I sent to Neil to post on our website, and now forms the basis of the report inside. We all know from personal experience gained at Toowoomba in 2017 and Maroochydore in 1997 what a lot of effort goes into organising a National Rally where we invited every Austin 7 Club in Australia to join us. And I can say that Rally Organisers Andrea, Peta and Robert and their team did a fantastic job that will go down as one of the best Rallies, a guaranteed result with any event that includes Austin 7s, their owners and navigators.

There were 130 official entries with an Austin 7, about 300 people, about 100 cars were there on the Sunday, with some on display elsewhere and others being worked on at the time of the official group photo.

Queensland Club members including the Bells (2 plus A7), Tim Braby (1), the Brindleys (2 plus A7), the Chapmans (2 plus A7), the Curtis's (2 plus A7), Peter Goldsworthy (1 plus A7), The Guthries (2), the Ikins (2 plus A7), the Jordans (2 plus A7), Justin McCarthy and Patti (2 plus A7), the McCormacks (2 plus A7), John Que (1), the Styles (2), the Thompsons (2 plus A7), and the Youngs (2 plus A7) = 27 members and 11 cars

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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 & 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/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 8th May 2022: External Event: LAMA Annual Swap Meet organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds. Contact The Secretary email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, etc.

Friday 13th May 2022: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to follow Qld Gov. Covid conditions of entry.

Sunday 15th May 2022: A7 May Event: Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Inc. **National Motoring Heritage Day Event** with classic cars. (OK for us to travel modern if desired). The run will commence at 8.30am from Shell Service Station, Henry Hester Drive, Eagleby and travel around the Logan and Scenic Rim area. Run details are available in 'News & Run Reports' on your A7 Website. The organisers will need to know the following: (1) Numbers attending from our Club, & (2) How many for lunch at Jimboomba Tavern from our Club so the organisers can make a booking.

Please RSVP by Sunday 1st May so the lunch bookings can be made. Reply to the President: Albert Budworth of Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Inc.

By email albertdianebudworth@outlook.com or by mobile 0429780980 with your details.

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd May 2022: External Event: Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show at Rocklea Showgrounds. Gates open 8am to 5pm on Saturday & 8am to 3pm Sunday. **Our Club has been invited to attend on the Saturday.** For more information contact Robyn ph. 3800 1965. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED.

Friday 10th June 2022: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 19th June 2022: A7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Brisbane Showgrounds. A7 members may wish to meet at Centenary Pool Carpark for departure to Motorfest "British" entry point. Members may also independently travel to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. Registration.

Sunday 19th June 2022: External Event: Our Club has been invited to a **Car Show & Family Fun Day** organised by the Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club. Event is to be held at the Mt Gravatt Show Grounds. Entry is \$5, kids free. For more information refer to this website: <http://www.sbhrotary.org.au/>

Sunday 26th June 2022: 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 on 26 June 2022. For details contact VCCQ. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 22nd to Monday 27th June 2022: A7 Register Event: Sunny Coast Run. Our A7 members, Trev & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), have volunteered to organise an away A7 event on the Queensland Sunshine Coast. The 6 day event will use the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club, Room at Nambour Showgrounds, as headquarters for the event. Preliminary details of this event and accommodation options are now posted on our website in 'Sunny Coast Run'. Members attending are requested to supply the following information to the Run Organisers ASAP: their names, car details (inc. rego. No.), phone contact number, accommodation booking (motel name), period of Run attendance and any special dietary requirements. Trev & Bev's contact details are in your 'Register of Members' booklet. Members are also requested to BYO eating & drinking utensils, a thermos flask and follow Qld Gov. Covid conditions.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS: (refer to our Website for further details.)

Wednesday 22nd - Check in at Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club (SCAAC) Club Rooms, Nambour Showgrounds from 9am Welcome Dinner at Woombye Pub. - 6pm for 6.30pm Dinner

Thursday 23rd- Maleny Run Leave 8.30am sharp from Club Rooms Morning tea supplied, Lunch at Maleny Cheeses

Friday 24th- Coastal Run Leave 8.30am sharp from Club Rooms Morning Tea supplied, Lunch at the Ginger Factory, Yandina

Saturday 25th- Kenilworth Run Leave 8.30am from Club Rooms Morning Tea supplied, Lunch at the Kenilworth Bowls Club

Sunday 26th- Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club Hosting a Welcome Day at the Club Rooms Morning Tea and Lunch provided

Monday 27th- Run to Palmwoods via Eumundi (as the crow flies) Morning Tea at Eumundi - supplied Lunch at Yandina with Farewell dinner at Club Rooms 6.30pm for 7pm dinner (fully catered)

Tuesday 28th – Travel home

In spare time there are many things to do and see around town: op shop shopping for the ladies and the new tram station and museum all walking distant from each other. Also all within walking distance there are many food and beverage options some are the RSL, Stalwart Brewery, pubs and cafes.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

Because of the rental crisis on the Sunshine Coast, accommodation at cabins and caravan parks is non – existent, with most of these sites being full-time rentals. These are some options we have found that are close to the Run Base, SCACC Club Room, at the Nambour Showgrounds. **You will need to book ASAP as this is also school holidays.** Also trailer accommodation is to be kindly provided at the McCulloch's property.

Closest to Base - Motel Nambour, 2 Rigby St 07 5441 5500 Contact: James (some are booked here)

Next Closest to Base - Centre Point Motel, 26 Coronation Avenue 07 5441 4811 Contact: George

Nambour Heights Motel 4 Nambour Mapleton Rd 07 5476 1888 Contact: Lenore

Red Bridge Motor Inn 380 Nambour Connection Rd 07 5442 3933 Contact: Tr

Friday 8th July 2022: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. members are requested to follow Qld Gov. Covid conditions of entry.

Sunday 10th July 2022: A7 Register July Event: Details of this Run to be announced shortly

Sunday 16th July 2022: External Event: Noosa Beach Classic Car Show 2022. This 34 year static display event is to be held on Sunday 16 July 2022 at McKinnion Drive Sports Complex, Noosa. This is an all marques and models car show. For more information log onto www.noosacarclub.com.au Members who wish to attend are to make their own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation etc.

Tuesday 19th to Sunday 24th July 2022 : A7 Register July Event: The UK Austin Seven Clubs' Association is holding a week of festivities to celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens. The UK 2022 Austin 7 Centenary Celebration will be located at the Fire Services College, Moreton-in Marsh, Gloucestershire, UK, in July 2022. Austin 7 enthusiasts from all over the world are expected to attend and it is anticipated that the culmination will be a rally of over 1,000 Austin Sevens.

For more information refer to our A7 Website or log onto the official 'Austin Seven Centenary Celebration' Website: <https://a7centenary.com> and check earlier A7RQ Newsletters

Wednesday 10th to Sunday 14th August 2022: External Event: Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 61st Year Anniversary Rally held in Lismore, NSW. Contact the Club Secretary, Narelle Middleton email: nrvvccrallysecretary@gmail.com for registration and rally details or talk to Ross & Rhonda Guthrie (ph. 0417 737 773).

Friday 12th August 2022: A7 Register Club Centenary Weekend – General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to follow Qld Gov. Covid conditions of entry.

Saturday 13th August 2022: 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 (Ham, Chicken, 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 2022: 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.



THE CENTENARY BADGE

We had plenty of response (and dare I say, orders) for our A7 Centenary badge, so I tidied up the design some what. similar in design and colour to the 2017 Toowoomba Badge. Orders may have been placed by the time you read this. Best to speak to Robyn Clark to see if there will be any spares

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No. 609, 11th February 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

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

Attendance: 23 members signed the book

Apologies: R & R Guthrie, S & J Hayes, & E Moore

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the December meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Peter Cahalane. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Australia Day at Ormiston School CANCELLED

Phone call from Peter Dorman re Nell now in Nursing Home & Peter Abell has had a stroke. (*Happily, Peter is now recovering well.*)

Tenants Meeting 19th February. (Steve & Robyn to attend)

Steve Hayes re apology for tonight's meeting

QHMC Minutes

QHMC Raffle, drawn 23th June. Tickets \$5 or 3 for \$10 (Prostate Cancer)

Email from Bayside Club re National Motoring Heritage Day 15th May

National Rally Warrnambool Newsletter No 4

Phone call from Craig & Lisa Transcon, Casino, 1928 Roadster wish to join club

OUT: Register & Parts Books posted to members

December minutes to Sharon re bank change of signatures

QHMC & Veteran Car Club re change of Treasurer details

Clubrooms & Morningside School of Arts Hall booked for August

Membership form to Craig & Lisa Transcon

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

Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave her report as treasurer & asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Trevor

Moore. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor reported an order to come from Melbourne but most parts already sold 2nd Hand

Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim has the newsletter ready for postage.

Dating Officer Report: Tim has given Ian Whitehouse the papers to register his car.

Web Master Report: All up to date on the website

Club Events:

13th Feb Valentine's Day Run organized by Sharon & Lindsay. Meet clubrooms 9am. Morning Tea Colmslie, Lunch at their residents.

13th March Presidents Run, meet Centenary Pool 9am

15th May National Motoring Heritage Day

22nd -23rd June Nambour Run organized by Trevor & Bev McCulloch

More information on the Club Website

Other Events

February Toowoomba Swap CANCELLED now 3rd & 4th Sept

20th March Anniversary of the Beaudesert Restorers Club, 10am Jubilee Park

27th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

1st May LAMA Swap

Past Events

A7 Xmas Party. Thank you to Helen for the deserts & Neil for the Raffle prize & all who helped organize this event.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Steve reported on things discussed at the Committee Meeting Alan Couser reported there was a write up in the Probus Newsletter about Austin 7 in Bundaberg which has gone Statewide.

Report on Cars &/or car troubles Tim has sold his Red Ruby

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in February wished many Happy Returns

Raffle: Valda selling tickets in tonight's raffle.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health Supper organizer for February = Steve

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 12th March 2022

Meeting closed: 8:50pm

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No 610, 11th March 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.52 pm with a welcome to all.

Attendance: 24 members signed the book.

Apologies: R & R Guthrie & J McCarthy

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the February meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Email re Rep. for National Rally

Tenants Meeting= Steve unable to come

Tenants meeting Minutes

Veteran Car Club re Rent

Membership application from Stuart Robert, Nerang

Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela. 16th -17th July

OUT: Phone call to Sharon re Tenants Meeting

Posted Newsletters

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Lindsay Jordan.
Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Lindsay to be rep at National Rally Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported on the club's finances, asked for any questions, then moved her report. Seconded by Neil Thyer.
Carried

QHMC Report: Justin gave an outline of the meeting but reminded members to be careful in school zones.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor reported sales slow this month.

2nd Hand Parts Report: No sales

Editors Report: Looking for articles for newsletter

Dating Officers Report: Nil

Web Master Report: All up to date.

Club Events:

13th March Presidents Run. 9am Centenary Pool. \$10 pp to play Croquet at Graceville

2nd April Club Meeting 9.30 am at clubrooms. BYO Morning Tea

15th May National Motoring Heritage Day

22nd to 27th June Sunshine Coast Run

19th June Motorfest, Brisbane Showgrounds

Other Events:

20th March Beaudesert Jubilee Park CANCELLED

27th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston School

8th May LAMA Swap, Gatton

Past Events:

13th Feb Lindsay & Sharon Valentines Run. Thank you to Neil for Cupid Arrow in Lead light & Sharon & Lindsay for opening their home to us for lunch.

Library Report: Thank you to Lyn for donating a book to the library

General Business: Sharon reported on the tenants meeting.

Doug told everyone about going to Joe Wilsons. Steve has made & bought special tools for working on his A7
Tim does not believe fuel goes stale after starting his mower on 1 year old fuel.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Neil has his car back at Peters for more repairs.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in March. wished Many Happy Returns

Raffle: Valda had tonight's raffle drawn

Sick members wished a speedy recovery to good health

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Steve for tonight's supper.

April Meeting is BYO Morning Tea.

Next Meeting: SATURDAY 2nd April 2022 9.30 am

Meeting closed: 8.51 pm

Robyn



Note Minutes for the April Meeting will be in the NEXT Newsletter.

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Welcome to Stewart Robert of Nerang, who owns a lovely red restored 1930 Meteor Sports.

On the Sick List

It is my pleasure to say Peter Abell has bounced back after his stroke, but he tells me it has knocked him for six and regrettably Peter and Dawn's Roadster is up for sale (see this newsletter). They hope to see us in June?

PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS



The Librarian & Treasurer's Valentine's Day Run 13 February 2022

The morning of Sunday 13th was bright and sunny with a forecast of showers later in the evening. It was a perfect day for our much-anticipated Librarian & Treasurer's Valentine's Day Run down to the Bay. Ahead of the departure time of 9am from the Carindale Clubrooms carpark, six A7s assembled. In their A7s were Lindsay & Sharon, Trevor & Elaine, Ian & Valda, Doug & Robyn, President Steve and Mr Couser. Neil & Karyn arrived in their modern car following a problem with 'Harry' the previous day – oh well, a 'back-up Charlie' if required!

Prior to departure, we were briefed by the Run organisers, Lindsay & Sharon. As part of their briefing, Sharon handed out to the occupants of the six A7s a glass 'Cupid's Arrow', produced for the occasion by one of the members present. We then set out for a 15-minute drive, via the Gateway Motorway, to our Morning Tea stop at Colmslie Beach Reserve.

Upon arrival at the Reserve, we occupied a covered shelter adjacent to the Brisbane River, where we were joined a few minutes later by Merv & Margaret. After Morning Tea and a toilet stop on the way out of the Reserve,



we headed east towards Moreton Bay.

Following one recorded wrong turn along the way, we arrived at the residence of Lindsay & Sharon on the water's edge at Wynnum. Here we were met by our hosts, who had departed the Morning Tea

stop earlier than the rest of us to prepare for our onslaught. On arrival, the A7s were ushered through under the house to park in the backyard, where the Jordans had been busy with the food preparation and BBQ. We were treated to lunch in style with sausages, bread, onions and sauce, followed by bun and heart-shaped chocolates for dessert – all of which our hosts kindly provided.

During our Lunch stop we were entertained not only by our fellow members' stimulating conversation and more than occasional banter, but also by the enthusiastic antics of Sharon's daughter's dog, Pongo. We were also joined for lunch by two of the Jordans' friendly neighbours.



backyard was Lindsay's latest project – the repair and renovation of a recently purchased fishing dinghy. The Jordans are anticipating using the dinghy in the Bay waters; we look forward to being provided with a sumptuous fresh seafood lunch in the near future!

Before we departed for home, Lindsay thanked those present for attending a hugely successful A7 Run. President Steve, on behalf of all those present, then thanked Lindsay & Sharon for the effort they had gone to in organising the Run, providing the venue and hosting the lunch. It was yet another memorable A7 Reg. Qld. event.

Neil

President's Run 13 **March 2022**

On a sunny Sunday morning we all arrived at our usual northside starting point of the Centenary Pool car park. To our surprise, parking was at a premium with patrons using the pool and associated gymnasium. Double parking was necessary for the seven A7s that were assembled for the day's entertainment at the Graceville Croquet Club. Arriving in their A7s were Spare Parts Trev & Elaine, Librarian Lindsay & Treasurer Sharon, President Steve, Brett, Russell & Vanda with K9 Louie, Second-Hand Spare Parts Doug & Secretary Robyn, and Champagne

Those present noticed with interest that in the



Carriages' Merv. & Margaret (with a brief visit by their daughter, Karen). In their Austin Lancer were Ian & Valda. Arriving in modern cars were Newsletter Tim, John Q, Neil & Karyn (with Neil's son Lucas and partner Caitlin) and Pilot Matt & Trent.

Shortly after 9am, President Steve briefed those present about the run to Graceville. Following the briefing, we all departed. All, that is, except Russell, Vanda, and Louis the pup, who experienced fuel problems with their A7. They decided to leave their car, hitch a ride with Tim and then return to their car post the day's event.



President Steve had set an interesting run that took us via Coronation Drive to view the Brisbane River damage caused by recent flooding. Of particular interest was the former Drift restaurant sitting upon the bike path. We then travelled through Toowong, the University of Queensland, Indooroopilly and over the Indooroopilly Bridge.

After this run of about 45 minutes, we arrived at our destination, the Graceville Croquet Club. Here we were met and welcomed by members of the Croquet Club. It was also here that we were joined by our A7 members, Joe & Margaret in their A7, Ex-Librarian Alan (who had experienced A7 problems prior to deciding to come modern), Sharon's son Tom with his wife Lillian, and Matt's Mum, Aileen,

who is a member of the Croquet Club. Members were also delighted to see Molly Neville who dropped in briefly later in the morning.

It was not long before we were all signed in and sitting in the comfortable Clubroom enjoying our BYO morning tea. After morning tea, we were briefed by Croquet Club members about the etiquette and rules of the game.



Following the briefing, we were soon armed with a croquet mallet and on the court, eager to gain some expertise in this game that was new to most of us. There was much frivolity on the three courts as the teams of four competed to conquer the art of hitting the colourful balls through the tight-fitting hoops – a game that was first played in 1856 –



nearly as old as some of our members!

At around 12 noon, after some of us were approaching professional croquet status, we retired to the Clubroom to enjoy a much-needed rest and to partake of our BYO lunch. Over lunch there was much chatter about not only winning margins, but also the shortcomings of those who had, for whatever reason, withheld their full potential for the sport – the losers.

At around 1pm, Neil, on behalf of those members and their guests present, proposed a vote of thanks to President Steve for his brilliant organisation of the day's run and hire of the croquet courts. President Steve followed by thanking our hosts, the Graceville Croquet Club members, for the use their facilities, their time, their effort, and their patient assistance given to our members. He also thanked the A7 members and guests for attending the day's event. In response, the Croquet Club members also thanked us for coming.

At around 1.30pm, there was a gradual exodus of members as they made their way home.

Thank you, President Steve, for a successful A7 President's Run.

Neil

2022 National Rally

Warrnambool

100th Anniversary of the Austin 7 – 9th – 14th April

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2022 Early Arrival at Warrnambool

I flew in Melbourne midday Wednesday and then picked up my hire car, a Toyota Hybrid which is brilliant on fuel saving. Interesting finding the right roads out of Melbourne's network of motorways.

But eventually heading towards my destination, about 265 kms away. Stops for a coffee at Geelong and a stretch at Terang, passing thru pretty little towns with ornate century old shop facades one moment, then countryside with grazing black faced sheep and contented cattle.

I arrived finally just before dinner time at the Warrnambool Fig Tree Tourist Park, a large complex only 2 blocks from the business end of town.

It is nice to put everything into my home for the next 9 nights, a large brick motel unit with comfy furniture and warm beds.

I soon tracked down Ross and Rhonda Guthrie at their campsite where I am treated like royalty, being fed and watered before being allowed to settle down for the night.



THURSDAY 7 APRIL 2022 Orientation Day

Awaken refreshed I decide to take in a walking tour of the town. Warrnambool is a prosperous community, lots of construction work going on with character style town house developments nesting next to solid Federation era cottages. The business part of town stretches for about 3 blocks across and 4 down from the highway to where the land drops away to the coastal area with its small lakes, caravan park and access to the beach. There are lovely old shops to explore, with op shops and cafes and new fashions for all the family.

Back in my unit chomping on my lunchtime roast chicken and roast very roll I have my unit door open when I see an interesting sight as what appears to be a Gypsy caravan come into the Figtree, complete with matching trailer, containing, yes, an Austin 7 at last! The newcomers are

Ross and Sylvia Chapman who hail from North Qld., they have been on the road for a month "zigzagging" their way south as Ross described it!



The Chapmans "Cubby house"

Later that afternoon, another welcome sight is the arrival of Peter Goldsworthy with his Baby Jane Doctors Coupe, which is soon parked next to the Chapmans. Peter is my "roomy" for the coming week.

We are soon happily comparing tales with the Guthries and Chapmans.

That night Peter and I were to meet the Guthries for Dinner at "the Bowls Club", after half an hour we found we were at two different clubs! Oh well, such is life! As it was, we were at the club where the rally organisers were also supping. We chatted with Russell Dickson and Michael Shegog.

We all slept well after that!

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022

The excitement builds as some more vehicles with traileered Austins arrive.

I am given a chance to try out a 1929 Wasp sports but found my shoes are too wide to work the brake and accelerator pedals and finding the metal pedals rather hard with socks only!

Did a morning cruise to Supercheap for some tie down straps and explore two second hand shops in the CBD. Bought a nice roast chicken focaccia for lunch.

Arrivals today include Barry & Yvonne Young, John Que, Brian and Anne Brindley, Margaret and Joe Mc Cormack, Justin McCarthy and Patty, and John and Robyn Ikin.

17 members gather for Happy Hour!

John, Peter and I try the cuisine of the second bowls club in town.

Tomorrow the formal rally begins!



Above John Que and Ross Guthrie with Ross Chapman in "Little Ben"

SATURDAY 9 APRIL 2022 – Registration (Rally Day 1)



Slow stirrings at the Fig Tree Tourist Park as Rally Registration does not occur till 11 am so time for another walk uptown for groceries and chats over coffee with fellow rallyists as we see more A7s on trailers roll in including Merv. and Margaret Thompson who appear to have had some trouble with their modern tow vehicle and then Treasurer Sharon with Vice President Lindsay Jordan appear amongst us as the Park fills with Early Easter holiday campers.

Registration is at the Wannon Greyhound Track across town passing more historic homes a day an avenue of huge pine trees.

Lots of Sevens of all colours and types are waiting our gaze as we walk into the reception area and old friendships are renewed. Rally Packs are distributed including a very sturdy zip up travel bag full of event tickets, booklets, and souvenirs.

Ross Guthrie and myself find we are chosen as judges for the (many) sports cars including all the variations of Aces, Meteors and Wasps, so Ross, Rhonda and I put out heads together as to how we achieve this task! John Que and I then head home again via town where we grab the last sandwiches for lunch from a closing cafe. I then do some much needed laundry duties before getting ready for the evening Welcome Dinner back at the Dog Track.



Bruce Shearer with the ex Peter Baker Nippy

Found myself with Justin, John and Patti tucked away in a far corner with a sweet voiced tiny bub "crooning" away as her Mum strives to placate her.

Nice to catch up with Bruce Shearer who grew up in Rocky with Peter (and now owns Peter Bakers Nippy!) and John Goninon who I have known for many years who hails from my hometown of Hobart.

Andrea Casabene is brilliant as a MC for the evening's proceedings as well as tour chairperson for the whole week!

As we eat, we are welcomed by the Town Mayor Vicki Jelly who has laid the whole town open to us!

Another speaker was a lovely old gentleman who told us about the wonders of the local hospital, the favored charity recipient of the

events.

Apparently, he has been admitted 130 times with a blood disorder (?) and obviously treated well as he had survived the ordeal each time!

Andrea had us all standing up State by State and all I can say is that there are a lot of Victorians in the room interspersed with groups from every other state including the ACT.

Next they had a show of hands for those on their inaugural 50th anniversary run in 1972, quite a few, including Andrea who was not even born but making her presence known to her dear Mum and Dad.

Also there was a special mention of long time tour entrants the Riches who are celebrating 67 years of married bliss this week. They were presented with a lovely model of a blue Ulster Sports

All too soon it was time to depart for home to sleep and perchance to dream of the following days to come!



Anne Brindley poses next to Ken Bells Car

SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2022 (Rally Day 2) High tea for the Ladies and a Swap Meet for the Fellas!

Today we travelled back to the Wannan dog track for a daily briefing. Many of the Ladies were dolled up to go to Proudfoot's Boathouse for an elegant high tea. (see Anne left) The men stayed back to attend a small swap meet of Austin 7 parts. Not a lot to see so Ross and Rhonda and I decided to get stuck into our allocated task of judging all the many Sports Sevens attending. We soon narrowed the field to a small selection. Interesting that the rally committee gave us a list of 21 contenders and we

realised that replicas and specials were not included on the judging sheets provided to us. That eliminated several vehicles we may otherwise have considered in the Replica and Special category.

A "Funkhana" was held but sorry, I do not yet know which State won. We then had a pleasant sausage sizzle lunch conducted by the local Rotarians.

Then all the cars were gathered for a group photo. Unfortunately, my phone then went flat! Still, it was nice to see well over 100 A7s in the sun.

In the afternoon the destination was the old Maritime Village and Flagstaff Hill, only a few blocks from our accommodation. The village is a life-sized museum depicting life in the mid-19th century. Well worth the visit. I enjoyed the descriptions of early travel by sailing ship as my grandfather travelled with his parents from Portsmouth to Sydney in 1865.

Back to the Fig Tree for Happy Hour with mostly Queensland club members in attendance.

Dinner, then back to my accommodation to snooze in front of TV while I started writing today's newsletter.

MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022 (Rally Day 3) The Shipwreck Coast' and Great Ocean Road – Port Campbell

Today we have some great scenery in store for us. The weather is fine if windy, dropping to 10 overnight up to 18 degrees. It is so good to see so many of our favorite little motor cars ready to go and see the beauty of the Great Ocean Road.



London Bridge HAS fallen down

harder rock. Again we were blessed with lovely weather for some fantastic viewing and photos. There are signs at the exits back onto the main road that in Australia we drive on the left! Also, worth viewing on the way back are Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge, where several years ago some tourist were stranded when an archway from the mainland collapsed. This shows you how fragile this delicate landscape is.

John and I were about the last for lunch back at Port Campbell, but we met up with Jenny and Dennis McIlroy who have visited us in Qld in years past. They still have their lovely deluxe Box Saloon with sunroof.

The drive back was uneventful with only a few Sevens seen.

Back at the Fig Tree there was a minor operation as John Ikin helped change the head gasket of Barry Youngs Sports Special. The job was done in less than hour and the car was running sweetly again.

Another early night!

Today John Que rides with me in my rental Toyota Corolla hybrid, a very quiet and economical modern mode of getting you from A to B.

At 9 or so we head out of town following a gaggle of little Sevens in an easterly direction towards Timoon for morning tea around a liqueur distillery. A pretty little spot for photos of the cars.

Then onwards south to Port Campbell and on to the Twelve Apostles, a world class scenic wonder caused by the millenniums long assault of the Southern Ocean on the limestone cliffs leaving these isolated columns of stratified



Dennis and Jenny McIlroy – frequent visitors to Queensland

TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2022 (Rally Day 4) Warrnambool and surrounds

Another day of spectacular scenery and cars.

This morning the Fig Tree Tourist Park puts on a "scrumdiddliumptious" breakfast of pancakes with assorted toppings.

Then over to Rally HQ for the days briefing. In the morning we do a loop to take in the wonderful beauty spot at the Hopkins Falls (a 90 metre wide waterfall over rugged rocks) and George Taylor's Store at Grassmere Junction, a huge warehouse full of hardware goodies and over 100 old motor bikes from all over the world, just part of one man's collection.



Cars at Fletchers Jones Garden

Back into town for a big display in the Fletcher Jones Gardens, which is the former headquarters of this once famous clothing emporium that covers an entire block. Lovely to see the Sevens amongst the flower beds.

Lunch is served in a card box, fresh fruit, a chicken wrap, cake and orange juice.

Besides the gardens there is a huge 2 story on-site market with assorted treasures. Many A7 folk are there also looking through the remnants of the last 50 years of consumerism and art.

At the other end of the complex is the newly commissioned Warrnambool Motor Museum.

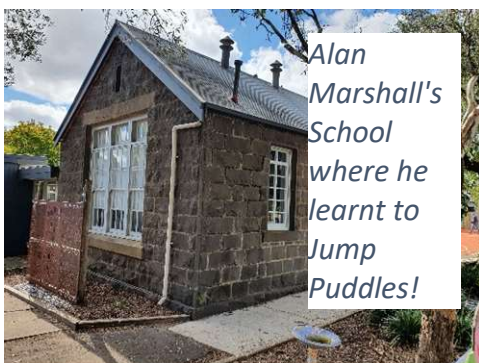
Upstairs is mostly modern motor sport orientated whilst downstairs are a fantastic array of genuine Classic cars including 3 little Sevens, Dame Nellie

Melba's Veteran Renault, Rolls Royce's, Vauxhalls, a Packard, a Metz and a nice old Ford T pie cart.

Time to return for rest for the evening's activities. That night there is lovely Chinese food on offer at the Caravan Park while a local pair of musicians play some nice soft rock numbers. Some of us then head back to Flagstaff Hill for the Sound and Light show, a multi-media presentation about the first nation people, the coming of the whaling ships and the perilous voyages the immigrant ancestors faced thru the Southern Oceans. We are told there were over 180 ships wrecked along these southern coasts. In particular the Loch Ard, only two souls survived but a incredible porcelain peacock statue was recovered virtually intact and can still be seen at Flagstaff Hill. One word of advice if you to visit the show and have sensitive eyes, best to sit to the side, rather than the middle, I



Video images are projected onto a water spray at Flagstaff Hill, very effective



Alan Marshall's School where he learnt to Jump Puddles!

could see the strobe lighting shining right in my eyes and the seats often jolt for dramatic effect!.

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2022 (Rally Day 5) 'Lakes and Craters' – Camperdown

Another early start as we travel over 180kms today. Less Babies on the road today, but the ones that are left are faster and reliable. Still we pass over some very rough roads at points with teeth chattering corrugated roads, bad enough in a modern, let alone a Seven!

Today some falter and fall to the wayside with bonnets up but we only saw one on a trailer, the rest were still

motoring again.

Morning tea is at Noorat, reached thru nice farm land along roads flanked by dry stone walls, that form part of the Dry-stone Walls Heritage Trail. Noorat is a nice quiet rural community known for its famous son, the Australian author Alan Marshall, who wrote "I can Jump Puddles" in 1955, and writing many more books of short stories and history over the next 40 years.

We had a nice morning tea in the school which was established about 150 years ago.

Afterwards we headed to Camperdown over more rough roads and passing some nice scenery including the twin lakes of Lake Bullen-Merri, which is fresh water and Lake Gnotuk, which is twice as salty as sea water despite being in very close proximity to each other. Onwards into historic Camperdown where our cars park in the center of the historic business area of the town, adjacent the freestanding clock tower. After taking photos of the cars and town we settle for lunch in the old Theatre Royal. Afterwards I joined a tour up the large clock tower, climbing 95 steps to reach its main top section. It was built 125 years ago to commemorate the accidental death of the son of one of the areas original European settlers. Very narrow and steep timber steps to the top where the view is worth it for the vistas of the town and surrounding country.

All too soon it is time to return back to base to refuel our cars, have a rest and enjoy happy hour and dinner with friends. Tomorrow is our last rally day, sniff!

THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2022 (Rally Day 6) 'Cones and Flows' – Port Fairy and Tower Hill



Tranquil Port Fairy

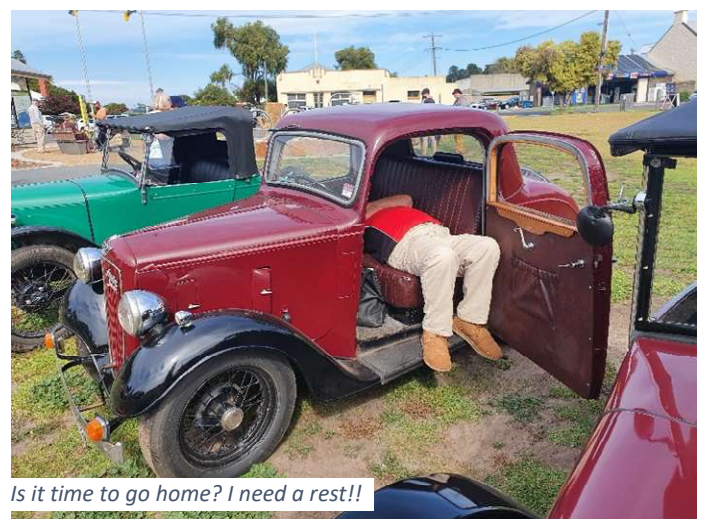
Today was another fine day with just a few clouds in the morning and afternoon. The weather went from 4 degrees overnight to a max of 22 today with no wind for a change.

Rally briefing for the last day is at the Dog

Track where I submitted our Judging team's choice of Best Sports which will be announced tonight. We were given a list of 21 contenders by the Rally Committee, and I noticed that replica and specials were not on their list.

Today's run first starts us off in a north-westerly direction to Tower Hill Reserve, a regenerated wetland region based on a small island inside a lake, inside the core of an ancient volcano crater. The Centre is maintained by First Nation's people and they let us view waterfowl, kangaroos, emus and koalas in the wild.

Next we headed back down to the coast to Port Fairy, a lovely seaside spot with fishing, beaches, cafes and shops to explore. By 1857, Port Fairy became, for a short time, one of the busiest ports in the colony, second only to the Port of Melbourne. All the cars assembled for one last time (John counted 66) in the old Railway Station Reserve, part of a rail trail bicycle trail that leads back to Warrnambool. Lunch was at a rather nice outdoor cafe with father and sons team John, Matthew, and Damien Goninon from Hobart. We were then off to see the beach where again we ran into Dennis and Jenny



Is it time to go home? I need a rest!!

McIlroy.

All too soon it is time to turn back to Warrnambool via more back roads to keep the Sevens off the highway where possible. We came back thru Koroit and over a historic bridge. Here there was no parking so we headed back to the Wanoon Dog Track and the Fig Tree to rest and prepare for the Final Dinner.

The Final Dinner that night had a Roaring Twenties or Pirates and Sailors and Fishermen theme. Plenty of people dressed up as “flappers and swains”, captains and naval ratings, pirates and penguins. It was held out the Deakin University’s Brother Fox Reception Centre, a very nice venue away from the center of town.

We had a 3-course meal, served by students while speeches and presentations were made. The most important thing was that a check for \$11,000 was presented to Warrnambool Hospital and the West Wimmera Health Service because of raffles and other fund-raising activities such as gold coin donations to see the cars at Fletcher Jones Gardens.

There was a Dutch auction of several “Chummy in the Lane” posters and tendering on some nice metal models of Chummies and Ulsters (about \$60 to \$80 each).

Surprisingly, the record price of over \$300 was paid for a little “Grey Fergy” model! The rally direction signs were sold for \$40 each. Profits went to the Hospital.



Then prizes were awarded for the different categories of cars. There were no prizes for us Banana Benders, but it was lovely to see A7 Register members John and Robin Ikin win the best Saloon category with their resplendent 1936 Ruby Saloon which was smartly presented each morning.

Then some light humored Austin Seven parts awards were made. Lindsay and Sharon received the “Timing Cog” award for always being promptly on time for all events in “Ernie”, their 1929 Chummy. Merv and



Margaret received the “Baffle Plate” award. He had baffled the committee with his entry described as a 1935 Austin 7 Ruby Tourer (technically only the Saloons are Ruby’s).

And that was it. The Rally Committee got up to take accolades (20 people). We all then started making moves, farewelling our many new and old friends.

“We had a “Whale” of a Time, so “Farewhale” one and All!”

Postscript: I am writing this at Melbourne Airport the next day, awaiting my flight, after a 4.5-hour drive from Warrnambool. I was sad to leave the comfort of the Fig Tree and say goodbye to all this morning. I saw 3 Austins heading home towards Melbourne, two were being driven. I wish all those who drove and trailered from interstate had a safe return ‘

Tim Braby

Just some of the many interesting Austin 7s at Warrnambool

Not sure of this one as it was not in the Rally Book.
An interesting Sportsman Coupe from South Australia



1934 Comet Sports David Isom & Anna Gates - Vic



1927 Butchers Van Tony & Andrea Casabene (Vic).



1930 Pet Ambulance Richard Unkles (Vic.)
used by the Animal Welfare league 1930-1934



1936 Ruby John & Robyn Ikin (NSW) Best Saloon



1930 Austin 7 Moth Sports Gary & Vicki Trout
(NSW) Best Sports – only 3 out 12 survive

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