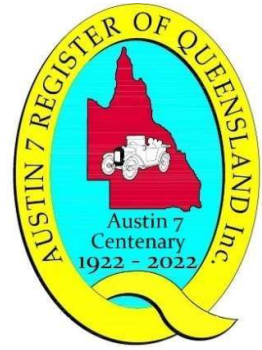




# NEWSLETTER

## August 2023



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



### **1930 Ulster For Sale**

*Seen at Dalby in 2017 is David Ure's 1930 Ulster replica. It was the creation of Peter Baker who spent many hours creating an authentic and well engineering recreation using an imported Chris Gould fibre glass body. David says it is now time to sell it on and he really would like it to stay in Queensland, so here is your chance, everybody, for a very Special Austin 7 in your life!*

### **Austin 7 Register Club Events for August**

**Annual General Meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Saturday Lunch and Static Display 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**& Sunday Run to the Tramway Museum the 13<sup>th</sup> of August.**

## Editorial Comments

Are you going on the Evans Head Run in September and sent in your entry form down to Rhonda and booked your accommodation? It certainly promises to be a great event, all the activities have been previously tested by the Veteran Car Club of Qld. The event is only 1 month away now. Rhonda told me we have at least 18 entries so far now. Now is the time to book as accommodation is now at a premium, for details see the bottom of Page 3.



**Editor Tim Braby**

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#### **The A7RQ Inc. Online**

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 2022-2023

### IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. EVENTS

I will endeavour to keep you regularly informed of A7 Reg. Qld updates as they occur by updating our website. Please let me know if you hear about any of the "External Events" that I have listed on the A7 Website that have been cancelled or postponed.



**Also Very Important: Make sure you have cancelled any accommodation bookings you may have had for any cancelled or postponed A7 Event.**

Please contact me if you have any suggestions/comments etc. about our A7 Websites.

Always check our A7 Register Qld Web site for possible recent updates/cancellations/postponements prior to attending any event. And IF IN ANY DOUBT - contact the event organisers to find out what the situation is. Happy Motoring and stay safe & well in these difficult times,

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

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

**Please check for updates on the A7 Register 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.**

**2023 AUSTIN 7 REGISTER CLUB WEEKEND:**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August: General Meeting & AGM** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August: SATURDAY LUNCH & STATIC DISPLAY** commencing at 9am in the Club Rooms, Carindale. BYO Morning Tea. A lunch will be provided at around noon for members present. Food (Chicken, Salads & Desert) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery, plates, cups etc. are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event including an A7 Static Display of our vehicles, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. It is essential for catering that you RSVP Robyn Clark (Mob. 0412 276 313) by 1 August 2023.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023: A7 Weekend Run to the Brisbane Tramway Museum**, Tramway Street, Ferny Grove. Members are to make their own way to the Museum to arrive at 10.30am for a BYO Morning Tea. The Museum staff will open for us at 10.30am - 2 hours before the general public. Members will be able to view the various attractions before the Museum opens and staff begin tram rides at 12.30pm. BYO Lunch. Admission to the Museum, normally \$16pp or \$12pp for group bookings, will be subsidised by our Club so attending members will need only pay \$5pp. Payment is to be made to our Treasurer, Sharon, sometime prior to the event or at our Saturday Lunch. So please remember to pay, if you forget to pay Sharon prior to the event may result in members having to pay full price on entry. As this is an A7 Qld Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. The Tramway Museum does not open if it is raining.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August: External Event:** Members of our Club have been invited to attend the **Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club's "Come to Lismore in 2023"**. For an Expression of Interest Form and more details of this event, please contact Narelle Middleton ph. 0412 299 393 or our Club members, Rhonda and Ross Guthrie on 0417 737 773

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August: TO BE CONFIRMED External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Roma Historical Motor Club Rally** in August. For details of the event, ring Karen Dawes 0429 442 286 or Ken Dawes 0429 452 286 or log onto the RHMC Website: **41st Anniversary Rally (romahistoricalmotorclub.com.au)** Entry Forms, Accommodation options & tourist packages are on the above website. A7 members are to make own arrangements re. travel, registration, accommodation etc.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023 A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Evans Head (during A7 away event), venue to be decided.

**2023 A7 AWAY EVENT: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023: A7 Register September Away Event: Evans Head Run.** This 2023 Away Event is organised by Ross & Rhonda Guthrie (ph. 0427 175 099) and will be based in Evans Head, NSW. Details and information on this event are posted on our A7 Website in the "A7 Evans Head Run September 2023" Section, There is a Entry Form, Agenda, and a list of accommodation. Many are staying at the Pacific Motor Inn, but I think this may be full up by now!

**Things to do**

- 1. Book your accommodation**
- 2. You need to send the Entry Form to Rhonda Guthrie at [guthrie45@bigpond.com.au](mailto:guthrie45@bigpond.com.au)**
- 3. Rhonda also has reminded me to tell all those who are coming on the Run to **BRING YOUR CLUB NAME BADGES, PLEASE!!!****

**Sunday 10th September: External Event: THE 33RD ANNUAL CHRYSLER EXPO;** Presented by The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld Inc. Rocklea Showgrounds. Includes a wide range of historical and old

vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, speedway machines, stationary engines, and other unusual exhibits and a swap meet. Also, a presentation of new electric and hydrogen vehicle exhibits.

Entry details: From 6am via Pegg road - Vendors, Exhibitors, Suppliers: From 7am via Goburra Street - General public and Show Cars

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September: External Event:** Our Club has been invited to attend the **Queensland Heritage Rally** hosted by the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club to be held at 2 Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy. For more details contact Charmaine Osbourne ph. 0434 074 340 or email: kdvmc2022@gmail.com Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September: A7 Register September Event: All British Day** at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm – gates open at 7am. Display vehicles \$20, spectators \$2, parking \$5. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (0412 276 313) for more details. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re.travel, registration on arrival etc.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October: A7 Register October Event:** Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group have invited our club to their **Decoration Day – 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** at 1341 Wynnum Road Tingalpa commencing at 9am and completing around 12noon. Morning Tea & Lunch will be available for purchase or BYO. A musical and Historical program will be presented. Bring your A7 and park in the grounds or come modern and park in Smith's Chips Carpark next door. Attendees are requested to follow Qld Gov. Covid conditions of entry. For further info contact Neil ph. 0431 067 909

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023: A7 Register October Event: LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend** organised by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact The Secretary, email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023: A7 Register November Event:** A7 Club President's Run. This event, organised by President Steve (ph. 0418 814 501), will commence at 9am from Centenary Pool Carpark. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Further details to be announced.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023: A7 Register December Event: A7 Club Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Chicken, Salads and desert will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. For catering it is essential that you RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 0412 276 313.

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS**

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

#### **Meeting No. 625, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

#### **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.

**Present:** 24 members signed the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Lindsay & Sharon, Murray, Ross & Rhonda, Trevor & Bev. Peter G, Elaine.

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the May meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record.

Seconded by Ted. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs  
2 new Membership applications. (Turnbull & Domrow)  
Email from Al Anderson re resigning from club  
Email re National Heritage Weekend Report  
Email from Gympie Rotary Heritage Makers Fair, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>  
July  
Email from Sharon re \$20,000 in term deposit  
VCCA invoice re Rent of Hall  
Advertising Material



**OUT:** Membership renewal invoices to members without emails  
Membership application forms to Jeffery Streat & Bruce Legg  
Membership card & receipts to various members  
Email to Peter Goldsworthy re fair

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Molly. Carried  
**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** Trevor M gave this report on Sharon's behalf, then moved it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment: Seconded by Peter C. Carried.

**QHMC Report:** Justin McK gave this report & John Q mentioned the new Motor Museum opening 16<sup>th</sup> June  
**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has made \$356 in sales this month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Part Report:** Doug had an inquiry from Trevor McC for a late diff.

**Editor's Report:** Newsletters emailed out & ready to post.

**Dating Officer Report:** Trevor M Chummy (x Brett & Amanda W) 7 years to this stage.

**Web Master Report:** Neil has everything up to date.

**Club Events:**

11<sup>th</sup> June VCCQ Concours, Sherwood 10am to 1 pm

23<sup>rd</sup> July A7 run organized by John Q., meet Centenary Pool 9am. Sandgate M/T, lunch Morgan's seafood

12<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 Lunch & Static Display at clubrooms. (Numbers Please)

13<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 visit to Tramway Museum. Members to make their own way there by 10.30 am.  
Trams run from 12.30pm (Numbers & Money Please \$5 pp)

7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Sept A7 tour of Evans Heads organized by Rhonda.

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

**Other Events:**

18<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest, Brisbane Showgrounds

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

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

**Past Events:**

27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May Gold Coast Autorama

28<sup>th</sup> May Logan City Heritage & Machinery Fair, Kingston Butter Factory

**Library Report:** NIL

**General Business:** Membership Renewal due the end of this month.

Brett & Amanda will be at the Clark's for a week from 24<sup>th</sup> if anyone wishes to visit.

**Raffle:** Valda sold tickets in the raffle & Peter B was the lucky winner.

**Report on Cars &/or car troubles:** Thank you to Peter B from Murray R. David N having Carburetor troubles & Russell C Diff troubles.

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday in June wished Many Happy Returns  
Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organizer:** Thank you to "Gail C for tonight's supper.

JULY: Rhonda

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Meeting Closed:** The President declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

**Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

**Meeting No. 626, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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

**Meeting Opened:** Neil on behalf of President Steve declared the meeting opened at 7.45pm with a welcome to all.

**Present:** 15 members signed the Attendance Book.

**Apologies:** Doug & Robyn, Lindsay & Sharon, Trevor & Elaine, Ian & Valda, Ted B, Tim, Murray, Steve

**Minutes:** Karyn read the Minutes of the last meeting on Robyn's behalf then moved they be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by David N. Carried.

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:**

Newsletters from other Clubs

Invoice from Pebelec for Web Hosting

Letter from Brisbane Motor Museum inviting Club

Email Gold Coast Swap 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Email Veteran & Vintage Swap 26<sup>th</sup> August

Membership application from Bruce Legg

Email Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

Email QHMC Minutes, renewal form etc.

**Correspondence OUT:**

Newsletters, membership receipts & cards posted.

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday card to Peter D

Letter to Cowlshaw & Co requesting audit of accounts.

Karyn moved the correspondence in be accepted as read & the outward endorsed: Seconded by John Q. Carried.

**Business arising from correspondence:** Nil.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karyn gave this report on Treasurer Sharon's behalf, then moved it to be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Ross Guthrie. Carried.

**QHMC Report:** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Neil gave this report on Trevor's behalf. There has been \$220 in sales this past month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Neil gave this report on Doug's behalf. Doug had sold a Head to Geoff S. and will give money to Sharon.

**Editors Report:** Nil

**Dating Officer Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Neil has everything up to date.

**Club Events:**

23<sup>rd</sup> July A7 run organized by John Q, meet Centenary Pool 9am

12<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 Lunch & static display at Clubrooms (NUMBERS PLEASE)

13<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 visit to Tramway Museum. Members to make their own way. Arrive 10.30 am. Trams to start running 12.30 pm. (NUMBERS & MONEY \$5 pp please)

7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Sept: A7 tour of Evans Heads organised by Rhonda.

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

**Other Events:**

14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

23<sup>rd</sup> July Gold Coast Swap

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

26<sup>th</sup> Aug Veteran & Vintage Swap



10<sup>th</sup> Sept Chrysler Expo

**Past Events:**

11<sup>th</sup> June VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood (prizes won by Steve and by David N)

18<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest (Robyn VERY disappointed our members did NOT support this event; Peter Cahalane disappointed that the presence of his MG at the event was not recognized on the A7 website.)

**Library Report:** Nil

**General Business:** Nominations invited for AGM.

**Raffle:** Karyn sold tickets in the raffle & Rhonda was the lucky winner.

**Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles:** David N advised an A7 milestone had been achieved with Kirsty asking to accompany him on a drive in the A7.

**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in July were wished many happy returns, particularly Peter D turning 90 (5<sup>th</sup>) and Doug 80 (20<sup>th</sup>).

Sick members wished a speedy recovery. (Bev McC had hip replacement 10<sup>th</sup> & Sharon soon.)

**Supper Organiser:** Thank you to Rhonda for tonight's supper and for opening & closing Clubrooms.

AUGUST: Molly

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (Meeting & AGM)

**Meeting closed:** Neil on behalf of President Steve declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

*Robyn*



## PAST RUNS AND EVENTS REPORTS

### Vintage Car Club Concours d'Elegance 11 June



It could not have been a better winter's day for the annual Concours d'Elegance organised by the Vintage Car Club of Queensland. (VCCQ). As usual, the Sherwood Arboretum at Sherwood was the venue for a static display of the best VCCQ

Veteran, Vintage and Classic cars from in and around the south-east corner of Queensland. Our A7RQ Club was well represented with the arrival of seven gleaming A7s at the display start at around 10am. Attending in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, President Steve, Spare Parts Trevor, Justin McK, Murray R, David N, Robyn Chippindall and Colin & Gay. Several other A7RQ members also attended in other vehicles, representing other clubs, while others arrived in modern vehicles. The atmosphere of the event was further enhanced by the splendid music from jazz band "Mango Jam" playing in an area adjoining the display of cars. As



*The Chippindall Family's  
1929 Sports "Chippie"*

usual, there were food and drink (coffee) stalls on hand to satisfy the thirst and hunger needs of visitors and participants.



The Nevilles 1929 Saloon "Alice Mk 2"



Justins 1929 Chummy

At around 1pm, the formalities of the day commenced at the VCCQ Marquee. After a few words of welcome, trophy presentations were made. Our Club was fortunate in that our members President Steve and



President Steve receives the George Elfick trophy for the best car under 1000 cc.

David Neville received trophies for their well-presented A7s.

Following the presentations and after arranging a collective photo of our seven A7s, there was an exodus from the park as all visitors and participants headed home. Our congratulations and thanks go to the VCCQ organizers who produced yet another excellent annual event – bigger and better than previous years.

*Neil*

## **The RACQ Motor Fest 18th June 2023**



This years RACQ Motorfest was big one. I chose to go in on the train as it is not really a long walk at either end if you get off at Fortitude Valley, although others prefer Bowen Hills, I just wanted to see how the old



Valley is going these days, as I worked there off and on from 1982 to 2013. The biggest change is the old RNA, hotels, bars and cafes and other businesses dominate much of the old Ekka site. There was a long queue of visitors to the ticket box up from King Street, crossing Gregory Terrace, which had been closed off for the Motorfest. But the line kept moving, as it was only \$2 a head for adults to get in. The venue was packed full of families and others, but the venue was ideal as there were no real bottlenecks.



Once I got in, the view of the old main arena opened up in front of the visitors as we made our way to the cars via ramps and stairs. Plenty to see, the European cars were first up, in front were 3 1960s VW beetles done up to look like Herbie the Love Bug, but then I spotted a nice original Renault Dauphine (Princess), rather like my math's teacher had. These unusual cars were almost the best-selling foreign car in the

UK when they were new, being very stylish in the way French cars were and innovative.



Then there were the American cars, lots of chrome and bling there to get past before finding the vintage Americans, one car I recognized from 40 years ago was Hank (Henry) Eustace's Lasalle coupe when I used to be in the BVAC. I spoke to Hank's son who now drives the car. It carries a very early vintage car plate from the early 1970s.



Then onto the British cars, and there it was, a lonely but proud little red Austin 7 Chummy belonging to Madame Secretary Robyn and her other half, Dougy, the club purveyor of Quality Second hand parts. They were more than a little disappointed that not more Austin 7s joined them. In the past we always got a good handful of cars, but I guess things have gotten a bit more complex since the RACQ moved the event to the RNA. But the restrictions of a couple of years ago, have been relaxed. From the British cars I then walked thru to the next arena, past the heritage listed cattle stalls (where my Dad and his army mates camped in 1943 while waiting to change trains from Sydney up to the Tablelands) crossing thru the closed off area on Gregory Terrace, into the

large area behind the old Cattlemans Bar . Here there is a special undercover display for the MG Car club, who



are celebrating 100 years of the marque. \* Peter Cahalane has his green MGTF on display here. The oldest MG is a 1928 14/28 Flat nose 2 seater. (Shown left) - Advertised as “the car which cannot skid”.

Next door was the John Reid pavilion, which contained a selection of purely Veteran, Vintage cars and thoroughbred 1930s cars. Here Robyn and Dougs other car, their 1929 Charles Hope bodied Sports was on show (although most of the panels and all the

timber body frame were skillfully replaced by Doug years ago when it was restored). Many of the cars were familiar as most have appeared on rallies and displays over the last 40 to 50 years, some are still owned by their original restorers. Some even dressed to match the period of their vehicle like the dapper gent in bow tie and boater in front of the lovely brass and red Renault 2-seater. (Pictured below)



No more Austin 7s were on site, I am afraid, so Doug and Robyn’s Chummy became an unofficial assembly point for visiting members, including Valda and Russell Curtis, the editor, the Cahalanes and others.

Other areas featured modern Electric Vehicles, but with

a very interesting little 1950s Messerschmidt KR 500 “Kabinroller” set up with an electric motor, which got me thinking about such conversions for our own Austin 7s. They have built them in the UK, so why not here?

Lunch for me was some easily acquired and consumed yummy vegetable spring rolls which I sat happily eating up in the old grandstand, looking down at the cars.

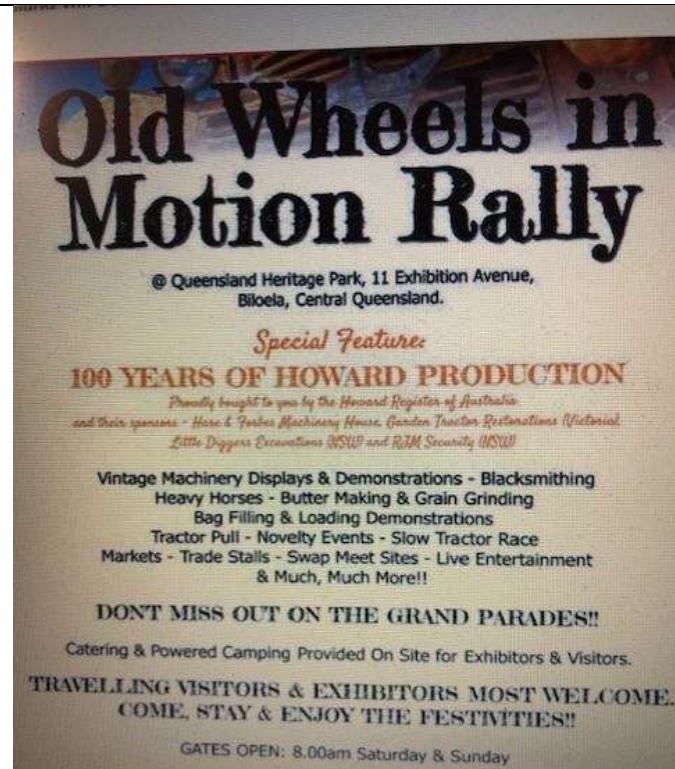
After saying good-bye to Doug and Robyn I left for the train, with over 100 photographic memories on my phone *Tim*

\*Technically there was no actual make called MG until 1927. Before then they were Morris Oxford motor cars with fancy Super Sports bodywork produced by Morris Garages of Cowley. They did carry a body builders’ plate on the body sill under the doors stamped The Morris Garages and bearing the Octagon MG emblem, but they still had the Morris Motors chassis plate. The new MGs seen around these days are made in China, all they have done is buy the rights to the MG name.



# **Old Wheels in Motion Rally - Biloela 14th - 16th July**

Courtesy of our website here are a few photos taken during the weekend up in Biloela



David Moy's 1929 Sports  
 (David was a member 20 plus years ago)



**from Bundy to Bilo**

Brian and Anne Brindley motored across Bundaberg to join the members from Brisbane and Mount Morgan



Dougy Clark and Linzy J. look sharp in their hats, are they in training to work on the Ponderosa?



Valda and Ian McDowell with Greg and Kaye Shuker



Sharon, Ian, Valda, Elaine and Robyn waiting for food!!

# Northside Bayside Run - Sunday 23rd July



*Meeting up at Baxter's Jetty*

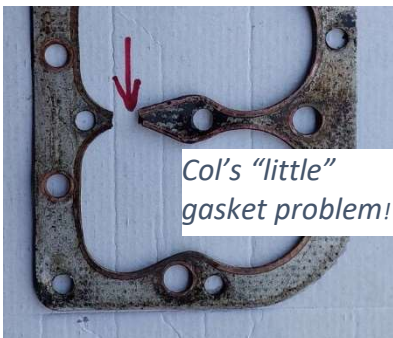
It was a fine sunny morning as the run started from the Centenary Pool. In Austin Sevens were President Steve, Lindsay and Sharon, Matthew and Trent, Murray & Fiona, Colin and Gay, Brett and later joined by family, Justin and in moderns Doug & Robyn in a mini, Hugh & Judith, Trevor & Elaine and the organiser John.

We went past the Old Brisbane Museum, and through the suburbs of Bowen

Hills, Albion, Clayfield, Nundah, Toombul, Virginia, then on through Boondall, Deagon and Sandgate to the morning tea stop at Baxter's Jetty, Shorncliffe. Here we were joined by Allan and Dianne and Russell and Vanda in Sevens, Tim, Twink and Esme.



*A windy but sunny spot for smoko!*



*Col's "little" gasket problem!*

Baxter's Jetty is in Frank Doyle Park situated on Cabbage Tree Creek which has views towards the cranes at the Port of Brisbane and planes coming in and taking off at Brisbane

Airport. Along the creek you can buy fresh prawns direct from trawlers. Unfortunately Colin and Gay's Austin didn't want to proceed with motor problems.

From the park we went along the cliff top and a short drive to the Sandgate Historical Society and Museum. The not-for-profit organisation has a large collection including photographs, documents, household items, tools, early school books, signs and cameras.

Their website at [www.sandgatemuseum.com.au](http://www.sandgatemuseum.com.au) is

worth a visit as it has a gallery of wonderful old photos.



*Plenty to muse over at Sandgate!*

From the museum we travelled along the foreshore at Shorncliffe and through Brighton and over the Houghton Highway and Bridge (previously Hornbrook Highway) where some of us remember we had to pay a toll. The toll was 1 shilling for vehicles not more than 30cwt and 4-wheel animal-drawn vehicles and later 10 cents. The instructions were to “keep this ticket until half-mile from the bridge then destroy”.



**Oh no! Another one bites the Dust!**

Lunch was in Thurecht Park, Scarborough near the seafood stores which were quite busy. Steve’s Austin had some motor problems close to the lunch stop. A local resident, who said he was an Austin 7 owner and may join the club watched the passing Austin 7 parade and came to Steve’s assistance with a liquid - for the car not the owner but unfortunately the Austin wanted a ride home.

After the bridge through Clontarf and past the kites at Pelican Park, Clontarf, Woody Point, Scott’s Point, Margate, Suttons Beach, Redcliffe, Queens Beach and Scarborough. The original intention was to go to the Redcliffe Museum and the markets but because of the extended stay at the morning tea stop and the museum, a decision was made to go direct to the lunch stop.



**Murray and Fiona in their A7 Special**



**Lunch at Last!!**

For the run we had a total of 9 Austin Sevens. The scenic run along the beaches and Cabbage Tree Creek, the museum display, the historic guesthouses and the varied architecture along the route were some of the highlights of the first run in the northern area for a while.

**Some local history**  
Moreton Bay was

opened to free settlers in 1842 and surveyed by JCU Burnett in 1852.

The Moreton Bay Courier, April 17, 1858, advertised: “Charles F. Davie, having obtained a licence for the Belvedere Hotel, respectfully announces his intention to study the comfort and convenience for all parties desirous of sojourning for a time at the above desirable watering place.”

Rainbow Street site of the Sangate Museum was one of the original streets. “Rainbow” comes from the Royal Navy ship HMS Rainbow skippered by Henry John Rous, the second son of the Earl of Stradbroke who named Stradbroke Island in honour of his father.



In 1873 Sandgate was described as “a frontier town” – swampy and with only two (2) cottages in Rainbow Street. “Bramble Bay” was named after the Royal Navy ship HMS Bramble.

Sandgate/Shorncliffe oldest houses are Baxter’s Cottage (behind Shelley Inn) - 1861 Cressbrook (Morven on the grounds of St Patrick’s

College) - 1863 Rothsay - 1870 Saltwood - 1870 Seaview Hotel.

In 1877 Cobb & Co coaches ran twice daily to Sandgate. In 1927 Sandgate’s first swimming baths opened (unique in using salt water). The Sandgate Post Office was built in 1930.

*John*

## Vintage Muscle keeps Rev-Head’s Motor running



*Patricia and Dick Sorensen with their 1926 Chrysler Imperial 80 and 1948 Type TC Midget.*

*Picture Matthew Poon*

*Written by Shaye Windsor, Sunday Mail 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023*

The roar of an engine is very familiar to retired mechanical engineer Dick Sorensen.

He has owned "quite a few" cars, including some very famous makes, but at 83, Mr Sorensen keeps his collection to one or two favourites. "I'm as old as a church mouse, now all they do is look after one or two ... that's about the limit of my energy," he said.

Being the custodian of vintage cars, whose parts went out of production many years ago is no easy feat for a diehard rev-head.

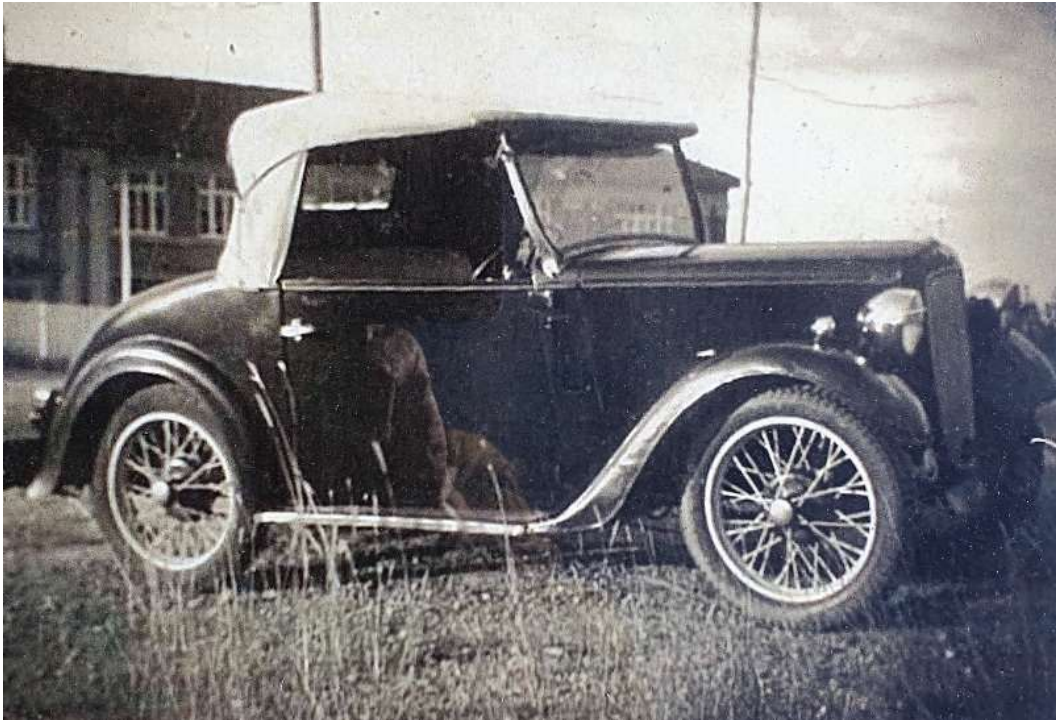
But Mr Sorensen it is purely a passion project and, having been on the sidelines of motor racing for many years, acquiring a nearly 100-year-old race car was a highlight.

Luckily the experienced mechanic has the manufacturing ability to produce his own parts. (continued over)

"In this day and age very, few people don't know how the old ignition systems work and that's my specialty," he said "The Chrysler, as soon as I saw it I decided I wanted it because it's very unusual but it's vet heavy to drive and it stops when it makes its mind up to stop."

Mr Sorensen's Chrysler and MG were both on show at RACQ's Motorfest at Brisbane Showground on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## A Photographic Gem



John and Twink Que's cousin Esme who was travelling with Twink on the Northside Run. had a framed print of the car she drove as her first car, an Austin 7 Roadster in late 1950s. Such cars were still common on Queensland roads. Chances are it probably had a Charles Flood body. I would guess it is a 1935 or 1936 model. Esme said it belonged first to her father.

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## Austin 7 Register Classifieds

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### **For sale 1930 Ulster sports replica**

Originally the work of Brisbane Austin 7 "officiano" Peter Baker who took 33 years to build this authentically detailed and well engineering recreation using an composite body made by Chris Gould in the UK, imported as one of a pair in 1984 by Peter and Wayne Fisher. Peter followed a book written by Chris (the Editor has a copy of this, and a letter wrote to David telling him the build details



of the chassis, axles, brakes and motor.)

Present custodian, David Ure, says it now time to sell it on and he really would like it to stay in Queensland, so here your chance, everybody, for a very Special Austin 7 in your life!

David is in Warwick. We need someone in our club, north of the Tweed River, to buy this wonderful car, so it stays in our Queensland club and does not head south across a border or two! You will find the car in Warwick. Price is a firm \$29,000.

Contact David and Karen Ure for more photos and details. Ph 07 4661 2040, Mob. 0428 322 870, email [david@showribbons.com.au](mailto:david@showribbons.com.au)

### **For sale: Original 1928 Austin 7 "Chummy".**

This car has been in our Family for close to 50 years with very small Kms... Originally a Museum Car in the "Ben Bronks" Car Museum in Watsons Bay, Sydney.

The Car does come with a good amount of accumulated spares, including engine and Gearbox.

And we believe the Car has had 1 paint in its life, and a lot of the interior is still original. Has original handbook and some letters from previous owners. Car does run, however has not been registered for 35 years.... So obviously the new owner would need to go through the car to satisfy themself before re-registering... Car is located at Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast.

(Cont'd. over page.)





Feel free to call me for more details and history... Reduced to \$18,900. Ono.  
Contact Marty Smith.  
Phone 0418 758 458. Or email  
[martaroony@hotmail.com](mailto:martaroony@hotmail.com)  
(3<sup>rd</sup> advert)



### **FOR SALE 1938 Austin 7 Ruby tourer (part restored)**

Former member Don Macintyre met up with our club at the All-British Day in September and tells us he wants to sell his 1938 Ruby which is in pieces but pretty much all there with a few extras.

**Motor:** there are two complete motors. There are two reground crankshafts and 4 matching rods that have been re metalled and ground to suit. There is a set of new 20 thou o/s. pistons.

**The body** has been painted light blue with dark blue mudguards about 20 years ago by a retired spray painter.

**The seats** were redone about 20 years ago but filled with foam rubber. The fronts are modified buckets from an Austin A30. Being a 1938 tourer, it has the sporty cut down doors which makes more comfortable driving.

**Lights and instrument** are all there as well.

**Wheels and tires:** There are one set with 40-year-old tires and another full set of wheels that have been painted.

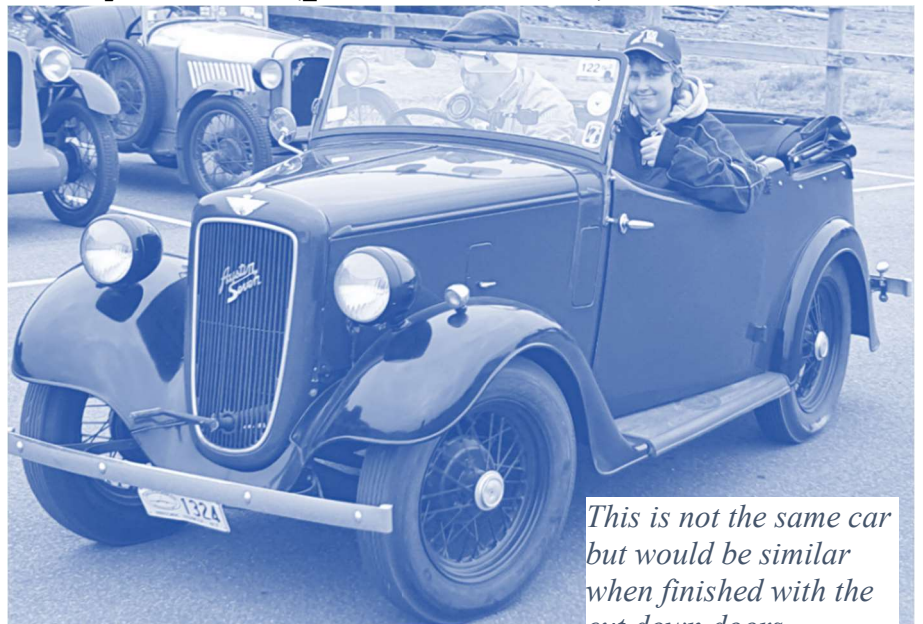
**Spare parts:** Don says there is 20 plastic boxes of spare parts which have been kept shut and everything is all together and been in dry storage and ready to inspect by any prospective buyer or buyers?

**Gearboxes:** there are two

**Missing Hood** (but there may be some bows?) and it will need to be all rewired as there is no harness!

Price \$8000 ono for car and all spares.

If you want to know more, please ring Don and Jenny McIntyre on 0406 047 327 (5<sup>th</sup> advert)



*This is not the same car but would be similar when finished with the cut down doors.*

**FOR SALE 1927  
Austin 7 Chummy  
in Restored  
Condition**

Amazingly Alan Couser is still trying to sell his 1927 Chummy. The car was professionally restored 20 plus years ago by Guthrie Crash Repairs for Ron and Joan Gliddon to a high standard (cost was not a factor). but is still in excellent running order on club registration. The body is pale yellow with black mudguards It has been in the club for many years. Asking price is \$16000 ONO (and good value). Please contact

Alan on 0403 504 709 or (07) 3349 9628, Mansfield, Brisbane. (5<sup>th</sup> advert)



**BROTHERS IN ADVERSITY**

*Farmer* "Pull up you fool! The mare's bolting!"

*Motorist* "So's the car!" (Cartoon courtesy of "Mr. Punch Awheel" c 1900)

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