



NEWSLETTER

February 2017

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



THE EDITOR'S BIT

2017 promises to be a very memorable year for the Austin & Register of Queensland. Not only are we about to host one of the best, (if not THE best) National Tours in only a few short months, but this is also 50 years since a group of Brisbane based Austin Seven owners decided to create a register of Austin Sevens to encourage the preservation and restoration at a time when many cars were in danger of being left to rot or destroyed. At the top left hand side of the letter head is the original badge of the Register which has been used as the Register's car badge since its inception and was drawn up by the late Alison Kenward. From 1967 -1972 the Register was simply that, a list of owners and cars that was compiled by Greg Riddell and Peter Baker, and occasional meetings were held Peter's house, the first in August 1967.

The other badge on the right was created about the same time the Register had its first Static Display in the Sherwood Arboretum in about 1974. Now the Register became more of a formal entity with regular meetings, with the first quarterly newsletter in November 1973, the first yearly list of Members in June 1972, both were using the Rectangular design rather than the Oval "Q". From 1967 -1975 Peter and Jenny Baker ran the club, but in 1975 Graham Cogzell became the second president.

(I do hope I have all this right, I only joined in 1976, but I am sure someone will remember)

But first we need to concentrate on the National Tour in Toowoomba, the Tour Committee has been spending many hours, travelled many miles and dealing with many people in local businesses, the local council and local car clubs to make this an extra special event. Now we know that not everyone is able to enter the Tour, but that does not mean that you will not be welcome to come and inspect the cars at one

of the many stops and venues throughout the week we are in Toowoomba. If you would like to come up one day and have a look, I have included a list of the best venues in this newsletter. You will also be very interested to know that you could have a chance to see some very interesting Austin Sevens of all different types all together, many possibly for the first and only time. For instance, there will be two rare Austin 7 Swallow Saloons, 5 Nippy's and the very rare and very special 1931 Austin 7 Racing Car, the "Rubber Duck" (pictured above.)

It is interesting that all this newsletter's Tour Reports seem to be centred around eating, we were eating Chinese food Christmas, we were eating breakfast for the New Year and Australia Day we were stilling eating sausages on bread rolls. I wonder if the number one New Year's resolution for members is to eat less and exercise more?

My apologies if this newsletter seems a bit less organised than usual, that is because of commitments to the up and coming Tour. Also in advance I must tell you the April Newsletter will be delayed for a couple of weeks as it is due right at the same time the Tour is on! There also will not be an April General Meeting at Carindale that Month as we will all be away in Toowoomba!

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YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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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.

<http://austin7.org.au/>

& <http://www.shannons.com.au/club/carclubs/austin-seven-register-of-qld/>

& Facebook Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

Friday 10th February General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th February Valentine's Day Run. Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. **Due to the prevailing hot weather a short run is planned to a shady park.**

Friday 10th March General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th March A7 Register Event: President's Run organized by Lindsay & Sharon (Ph 0408 876 559). Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 7th April NO GENERAL MEETING THIS MONTH due to 2017 National Tour

Saturday 8th April to Thursday 13th April A7 Register Event: 2017 NATIONAL TOUR, TOOWOOMBA. This event, organized by A7 Qld Register, provides the opportunity for members to see the biggest number of Austin Sevens in Australia. Headquarters for the event will be the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club, 2 Rocla Court, Glenvale, Toowoomba. The programme includes daily drives from Toowoomba to places of interest, a swap meet, a static display and welcome and presentation dinners. Entry and Catering Forms can be accessed on this A7 Web site. For more information contact John Que, Tour Chairman, 2017 Austin 7 National Rally. Ph. 07 3396 0882.

Friday 12th May General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th May Mother's Day Run. Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 9th June General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th June Winter Run. Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run

Sunday 9th July RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest entry TBA. Members may also make own independent travel arrangements to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. registration etc.

Friday 14th July General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS



Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th February 2017 Toowoomba Swap Meeting Toowoomba Show grounds

Sunday 26th March Bayside Swap Meet - 6am to 2pm at Ormiston State School.

Friday 14th to Monday 17th April 2017 AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA Ipswich - Contact k.pairton@bigpond.com or austinmotorvehicleclub-qld.webs.com for information

Friday 14th to Monday 1st May 2017 QHMC TASMANIA TOUR – Hosted by Greg & Christine Stevens & QHMC – All historic vehicles are welcome. You are welcome to join all or part of the tour. Enquiries – Greg & Christine Stevens – info@frs.com.au

28th May 2017 QVVA Swap Meet – Carina State School

9th-11th June 2017 RACQ QHMC Southern Queensland Rally- base in Beaudesert. Phone (07) 55449230 or 0414 066 121 or Email Secretery.bmec@yahoo.com.au, or website beaudesertmec.weebly.com

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No. 555 9th December 2016

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

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

Apologies: Apologies were received from M Potts, S Davidson, J McCarthy, J Haigh, E Moore, T Bale, H Whitehouse and M & K McGuill.

Attendance: The attendance book was signed by 23 members & 1 Visitor. (Stella Clark)

Previous Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes of the November meeting and moved that the minutes as read be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes: QHMC fees, (paid), Parts Insurance (still with Limestone), Tenants Meeting (Lindsay to attend), & Badges (to be discussed in General Business.)

Correspondence OUT: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled



Receipt from QHMC Affiliation

Membership renewal from A7 Victoria

Invitation to the following events:

19th March Beaudesert 40th Anniversary Tour

4th June Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiast Swap & Static Display

9th July RACQ Motorfest

16-17th Sept Kingaroy Machinery Show

Advertising Brochures

The Secretary Moved that he inward correspondence be accepted as read. Seconded by Grant Preddy. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence: Nil

Treasurers Report: John Que treasurer tabled his report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried.

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor explained to members the amount the club had spent on parts and the amount of sales he has done in the last 12 months. (Well done Trevor) Another order to be sent to Melbourne so if you need any parts please let him know.

Second Hand Parts Sales: Nil

Events Organiser: Neil Thyer reminded members of the following events.

11th Dec A7 Xmas party, Redlands Sporting Club 11am with a \$3-00 Gift (32 members attending)

14th Jan A7 2017 Tour Morning Tea. 10 am. at clubrooms

15th Jan A7 Breakfast Comsle Hotel, \$14-95pp 8am in carpark

26th Jan Bayside Australia Day, Ormiston State School, 7.30 am for breakfast.

Other Events:

23rd-24th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Australia Day, Samford Historical Museum, 9am

3rd-4th Feb Toowoomba Swap

Past Events:

13th Nov Trevor & Elaine Moore Tour report in newsletter

13th Nov Wheels of the Century, Redcliffe. Nil

Web Master Report: Neil Thyer reported the 2017 diary dates of events has been updated.

Library Report: Nil

Editors Report: Tim has newsletters to post.

2017 A7 Tour Report: John reported 112 entrants to date, meal orders being returned and everything running smoothly.

General Business: Lindsay reported on the tenants meeting, and members voted against the Air conditioner for the hall.

Doug reported on the passing of John Hoerlein, a past member of the club.

Club badges were not discussed as Justin was away.

Report on Cars and/or Car troubles: Tim Braby, Ian McDowell and Grant Preddy gave a report on the progress on their cars.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in the Month of December were wished a happy day.

Raffle: Valda thanked everyone who had supplied items for the raffle. There will be 3 prizes and they will be drawn on Sunday at lunch.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

The President thanked everyone for the Christmas supper.

Rhonda Guthrie has volunteered to do January meeting supper.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th January 2017

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 556, 13th January 2017

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome & a Happy New Year to all.

Apologies: K Folliott, M Potts, G & J Preddy, P & S Waller, S Cowden, G Cahalane, H Whitehouse, T Bale & K Matthew.

Attendance: The attendance book was signed by 23 members & one visitor. (Stella Clark)

Previous Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes of the December meeting and moved that the minutes as read be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence : **OUT** Email to Veteran Car Club re Air Conditioner

IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Email re Rent

Email re QHNC November minutes

Email from K Folliott re apology

Membership renewal from Brian & Sue Clancy

Membership application from Tony Galletly

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed.

Seconded by Mike McGuill. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence: Tony Galletly accepted as member.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Que tabled his report on the club finances and asked if there were any questions. He then asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried.

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor is still doing brisk business in spare parts, and another order will be sent to Melbourne in February, so if you require anything order now. Also there has been a price increase on some parts so remember the price in the parts book is subject to change.

Second Hand Parts Report : Nil

Club Events: Neil Thyer reminded members of the following-

14th Jan 2017 Toowoomba Tour Morning Tea at clubrooms 10 am

15th Jan A7 Breakfast, Comsle Hotel, \$14-95 pp. Meet in carpark 8am.

26th Jan Bayside Australia Day, Ormiston State School 7.30 am

12th Feb A7 Valentines Day Run, meet 9am Centenary Pool. BYO M/T & Lunch

12th March Presidents Run, meet Centenary Pool 9am Details later.

Other Events:

23rd-24th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Australia Day, Samford Historical Museum, 9am

3rd-4th Feb Toowoomba Swap

Past Events:

11th Dec A7 Christmas Party, Redlands Sporting Club. 30 members attended. Report in newsletter.

Web Master Report: Mike McGuill reported our events are on facebook not on Shannons.

Library Report: Nil

Editors Report: Editor Tim Braby would welcome contributions for the newsletter, so if you have any thing of interest please get in touch with him.

2017 A7 Tour Report: John Que reported 119 cars nominated at present. Further detail at morning tea tomorrow.

General Business: Duncan Logan suggested if you want peoples' opinion on anything to check out Survey Monkeys web site.

Report on cars and/or car troubles: Justin McKeering thanked Trevor Moore for helping repair his car. Ian McDowell has had his car down the street and back so hopefully it is fixed.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in the month of January were wished a happy day.

Raffle: Valda McDowell was selling tickets for tonight's raffle

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: Rhonda Guthrie was thanked for tonight's supper.

February supper organiser - June Gleadhill

Committee Meeting: TBA



Next Meeting: 10th February 2017

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was closed by the President at 8-26pm. *Robyn*

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Another Letter to the Editor



Good morning Tim

Thank you for putting the letter in to the news letter your work with the news letter is great and you have done very well this year, keep up the good work

As you can I hope see the Austin seven is home at last as we have a garden shed at the new home we drove the seven home Saturday morning first time out in 6 months. I would like you to ask in the next newsletter if anyone would like to make an offer on the QLD number plates as we cannot use them down here so if someone wants to have then for their car then get them to let me know We are now in our home at 87 Sirius Drive Lakewood NSW 2443 02 65595822 and you know the email

We are pleased to tell you that QLD is cheaper for all rego on cars and insurance for cars and homes as so far everything is way more expensive

Well thanks again Tim and to all Merry Christmas and a Happy new year

I hope 2017 is a way better year for one and all

Brett and Amanda Wilson

News of other cars in the club.

Several cars are being readied for Toowoomba. Will Knapp does not have far to drive to the Tour from his home at Kingsthorpe near Toowoomba, but first he must fix a broken axle shaft on his 1929 Chummy, he is making a special trip down to Trevor's Spares Shed for a new half shaft.

The Editor is pleased to say he now has a set of 19" wheels fitted to the 1934 Nippy "Red Rocket" with English made "Avon Side Car Triple Duty Mk II" tires, to ensure it stays on the road better. Pricing around for sand blasting and powder coating rusty wheels that had been scrounged from various kind hearted club members, the best deal was from a firm called Cooper and Ward at 30 Leonard Crescent, Brendale (3205 2833). They were sand blasted, primed and coated in shiny black paint for \$100 each. The service and turn-around time was very good. They also do domestic work like garden furniture, shelving, etc.



Two cars that have not been entered as part of the official tour but plan to be up at Toowoomba for the display day at the Cobb & Co. Museum on Sunday will be Peter Bakers 1930 Ulster, which is now fully finished, and Joe Wilson's 1929 Special which is well under way with a brand-new body built by Joe himself. Ted Bale is also well thru an almost complete mechanical rebuild of his daughter's 1936 Sports Special, which was much admired by many at the 1997 National Tour at Maroochydore, but has had no small amount of trouble reassembling the differential,

especially in the terrible heat wave conditions we are having this summer.

It is nice to see a club car featured in the press, especially in a national car magazine that has held a position of popularity for over 40 years. The car in question is Jim and Barbara Leslie's 1937 Austin 7 Coupe and it is featured in the latest Restored Cars magazine (Number 240) in a great 3½ page spread which gives a good background history of the Austin 7, including a good coverage of the Australian bodied Austin Seven. A very nice car. For those who have not seen the article at the bottom of page 6 is a photo of the car reproduced from Restored Cars.

Tim

Congratulations and welcome to our New Members

Tony & Lisa Galletely of Moorooka - 1928 Sports Special - Under Restoration



THE 2017 NATIONAL AUSTIN 7 TOUR TOOWOOMBA

The National Tour is gathering momentum and promises to be one of the best National Events this year, Congratulations to the Committee and their many helpers, and thanks for proposing such a GREAT National Tour that many of Austin 7 owners are now wanting to attend. With entrants now at 123 (117 Austin 7s) this beats our expectations and plans and maybe there will be more to come. All our plans and thoughts are coming together, we will present the entrants with a Tour they will not forget (In a good way).

Well done to one and all. Now we just have tie everything together. This is very exciting. Congratulations once again.

Rhonda Guthrie

Some Statistics.

These are changing daily but at present 49 cars are from Queensland (2 more possibly), 27 A7s from NSW, 27 A7s from Victoria, 15 A7s from SA, 3 A7s from WA & 1 A7 from Tasmania AND ALSO 1 OWNER FROM THE UK!!!!!! YES, THE FAMOUS 1931 Rubber Duck is coming to Toowoomba!!

2 x 1925, 3 x 1926, 10 x 1927, 12x1928, 45 x 1929 (mostly are Chummies of course!), 8 x 1930, 5 x 1931, 7 x 1932, 4 x 1933, 7 x 1934, 9 x 1935, 4 x 1936, 6 x 1937, 2 x 1938.

There are - 30 Vintage Chummies, 22 Vintage Sports including Ulsters, 11 Vintage Roadsters, 1 Vintage Saloon, 2 Swallow Saloons, 1 Rubber Duck, 7 Box Saloons, 16post vintage Tourers and Roadsters, 5 Nippy Sports, 7 Ruby saloons, 2 Coupes, 4 Vans, 4 post vintage Sports and a Cabriolet.

We still need your help. This Tour is being put on by the **Austin Seven Register of Queensland**, not just being put on by the Organising Committee. We will possibly need help with running the event during the week, jobs include, parking marshals, raffle ticket marketing, help with putting up and taking down of signs, etc.

Where Can You See the National Tour Cars?

We have produced a poster that is now placed in the Toowoomba Tourist Information centres and soon in local shops and businesses in towns we will be visiting. Here are the dates and times and locations where you will get the best views.

Sunday 9th April 11 am - 3:00 pm at The Cobb & Co Museum - *(This may be the best day as all the cars will be still running and there will be several visiting Austin Sevens not officially entered for the whole tour)*

Monday 10th 10:00 -11:30 am Highfields Pioneer Village

Monday 10th 12:30 – 2:00 pm Goombungee Hall

Tuesday 11th April 10:00 - 11:30 am Jondaryan Woolshed
(Austins parking inside Museum in the Bullock Area)

Wednesday 12th April 10:00 – 11:30 am Allora Showgrounds

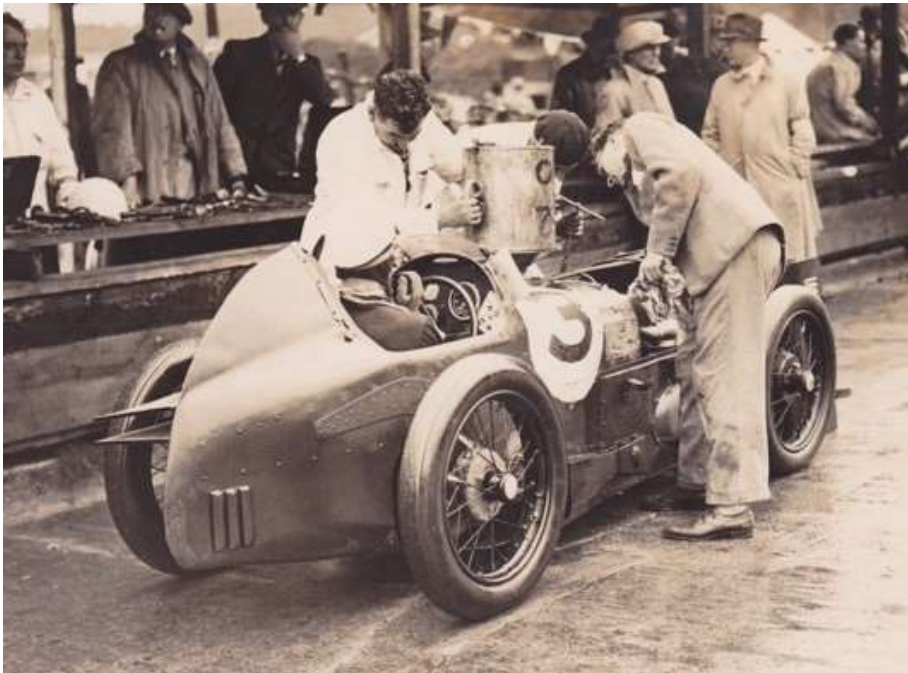
Wednesday 12th April 12:30– 2:00 pm at Nobby School of Arts

Thursday 13th April 10:00 am – 12:00 noon Pittsworth Showgrounds

Thursday 13th April 12:30– 2:00 pm Pittsworth Pioneer Historical Museum

PLEASE NOTE THESE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND COULD CHANGE DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

A Star returns, the “Duck” is coming to Toowoomba



Ian Moore from the UK, who is the current owner of the famous sole surviving 1931 Works Austin 7 Racing Car, OX 9818, informs us that this famous car is stored in Victoria and Ian has told us we will see it on display at Toowoomba. These cars were nicknamed the “Dutch Clog” or the “Rubber Duck”

Ian sent us a selection of pictures of the Car including is this one of the “Duck” being raced at Brooklands, this picture shows the car refuelling at the International 500-mile race, held on the 22nd September 1934. The car raced from 1931 to 1935, before it was shipped to the Austin Distributors in New Zealand. In 1936 it was transported to South Australia to take part in the

Australian Grand Prix in Victor Harbour.

Previously this car was owned by Grant Cowie who completely restored the car, including having a brand-new crankcase cast as the original (and unique) was damaged beyond repair many years ago, and we were treated to seeing this car finally restored in Ballarat at the 2002 National Rally.



A Special Tour Raffle

In conjunction with the Tour we are holding a very special raffle, loaded with prizes from our wonderful and generous sponsors.

First Prize – from the **Vintage Honeycomb Radiator Company** is a new Radiator Core (excluding tanks) to suit a 1926-1929 Austin 7 (Valued at \$769) OR we have an Austin 7 Ruby core available should your car not suit the honeycomb core. PLUS, a \$100 **Coles-Myer Gift Card**.



Second Prize – From **Super Amart Toowoomba**. A **Super Amart** Furniture Store Voucher (Value \$300), redeemable at any **SuperAmart** Store in Australia.

Third Prize – A **Brother JV1400 Sewing Machine** – Value \$250

If you are at all interesting in buying a ticket for a Radiator for your Austin, or perhaps a new Sewing Machine for someone special clever, could you please contact Rhonda Guthrie 07 55362717 or Guthrie45@bigpond.com



Catering Forms

They should be in by NOW. But like most things there has been a bit of a delay. We need these to make arrangements with our suppliers and caterers, so they can in turn plan supplies and extra staff.

The catering forms were emailed or posted out to the entrants in October 2016 and were due in by 31st January 2017. If you did not receive one could you please contact Rhonda Guthrie 07 55362717 or Guthrie45@bigpond.com

A Fine Vintage

Those going on the 2017 Tour have a catering form with mention of the PJ's & Slippers Fortified wine (Port) which being especially bottled with a limited-edition label designed by a club member (ahem). We would like you to please considering ordering a bottle or two of this fine Queensland wine, even if you are not going on the Tour. It is an excellent way to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Austin Seven Register of Queensland next year in 2017!!! The editor can testify to the quality of products from **2nd2none** after sampling a few sips at the cellar door and taking home some of the bottled product to try at home!!! An excellent winter warmer at \$25 for a 750-ml. bottle plus post and handling for non-entrants.



This is available also to Non-Entrants. To order contact Rhonda Guthrie at PO Box 74, Tweed Heads, NSW 2485.

Rally Entrants, Do Not forget to get in your catering forms!!!!!!

NOTE : ALL ENTRIES AND FORMS NEED TO BE IN BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, E.G. TUESDAY THE 28th FEBRUARY.

News Snippets from the Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc.

Some clubs are still pushing for a log book system as used in other states, NSW is conducting a 2-year trial. Qld Transport and Main Roads (TMR) are not considering a log book system until the results of the NSW trial. TMR tell us that their computer system would need updating if we are to use log books, and any cost will be passed to the clubs, meaning a much more expensive scheme than we have now!! The existing scheme is much more lenient than some people realise.

For instance, we are now informed by TMR that if our club sanctions the use (and you are not getting paid) you can drive to a wedding or school formal for people who are not direct relatives.

Also, we can drive our cars to any event organised by an incorporated car club, (such as an invitation event organised by an Austin 7 Club in NSW or Victoria or WA)



Calling All AUSTIN 7 OWNERS - Have you considered going to AOA 2017?

Not going to the Toowoomba tour due to time constraints or looking to extend your stay in South East Queensland after Toowoomba why not drive the 90 kms to Ipswich and enjoy a 3 day AOA Tour.

We have Austin 7 friendly Tour Routes taking in local towns and places of interest.

All information for Nominations, Catering, Regalia Forms and phone numbers are on the website.

Cut-off date for Regalia has been extended to 20.2.17.
All enquiries to www.austinmotorvehicleclub-qld.webs.com
We would love to see you there. (Tour Committee AOA2017)

New 19" Wheels from India!

Brand new 36 spoke 3.50 x19" wheels with centre stainless steel cap to suit all Austin 7s. All new from Hub to rim. Made in India for Enfield County. (I believe these may be the same people who make the new Royal Enfield Motor Bike). Cost is \$322.98 AUD including delivery, but recently these have been advertised on EBay for \$284.22 AUD. Compare that to a cost of \$50 for second hand wheel and then on top at that sandblasting & powder coating for \$100 to \$250 a wheel that still maybe be bent or out of true?



PAST RALLY REPORTS (Austin 7 guide to Good Eating)



A7 Christmas Lunch - 11 December 2016

On a cloudy and warm morning, 30 hungry A7 members assembled in the foyer of the Redlands Sporting Club at Wellington Point. Those present were Doug & Robyn, Lindsay & Sharon, Margaret & Jo, Mike & Kathy, Duncan & Crystal, Ian & Valda, Neil & Karyn, Trevor & Elaine, Grant & Jackie, Steve & Helen, Peter & Nell, Ron & Daphne, Justin & Ines, Alan, Justin, John and Tim.
Around 11:45 am we proceeded into the restaurant to enjoy the sumptuous seafood buffet lunch.

Fresh cooked prawns seemed to be the first preference of members with Spare Parts Officer Trevor and President Lindsay being the principal consumers.



Our Second-Hand Parts Officer, Hun (Doug), did not go unnoticed when it came to the dessert choices. Fortunately, the Sporting Club had budgeted for the replacement of the worn carpet between the seat of our Librarian, Alan, and the buffet!

Following the meal, members who had brought along a \$3 Christmas gift were invited one by one to select a gift from the gift table. The Christmas raffles were then drawn with baskets of goodies, donated by members and wonderfully packaged by Valda, being presented to the winning ticket holders, Sharon, Ian and Doug.

Our thanks go to Robyn for her great organisational skills in putting together this terrific A7 Christmas Lunch, and especially for providing our place mats cleverly utilizing recycled Christmas cards.

Neil

Annual A7 New Year Breakfast - 15 January 2017



After the recent sweltering Brisbane weather, there was some reprieve on the morning of 15th January with a slightly cooler temperature and an overcast sky. Just prior to 8am, the carpark of the Colmslie Hotel, Morningside, sprang into life with the arrival of the A7 members in modern cars, ready for the Breakfast Buffet action.

Members present were Lindsay & Sharon, Jo & Margaret, Doug & Robyn, Merv & Margaret with daughter Karen, Neil & Karyn, Ian & Valda, Trev & Elaine, Ross & Rhonda, Alan Couser and John Que.

At 8am precisely, a total of nineteen hungry members

converged on the Hotel Dining Room to enjoy the plentiful Buffet Breakfast. Over a period of two to three hours, sumptuous food, good conversation (mainly about the forthcoming Toowoomba A7 National Tour) and humorous stories were shared and enjoyed by members. The air-conditioned comfort of the venue was also a positive for everyone.

With full bellies and under a very light drizzle of rain, we all headed home or to other commitments for the day, with the pursuit and comfort of coolness being the priority.

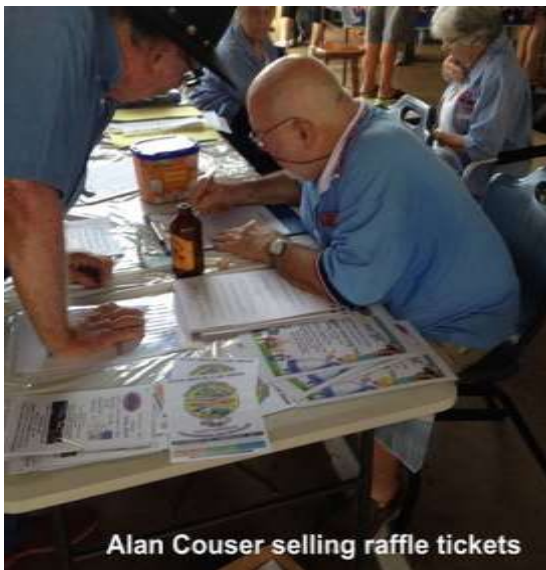
Thanks to members for making it not only another successful A7 event, but also a great social way to kick off 2017.

Neil



Australia Day Rally - Ormiston State School, 26 January 2017

On this important day in Australia, around 560 veteran, vintage, classic and late-model cars arrived at the Ormiston State School oval for the annual Australia Day breakfast and rally. This event is, as always, well-organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club. Arriving in their A7s were Alan Couser and Justin McKeering. Rolling up in their modern cars were John, Graham and June, Ron and Daphne, Neil & Karyn, Merv and Tim. Arriving in their Mini were Doug & Robyn. As usual, a delicious breakfast of sausage and



Alan Couser selling raffle tickets



Robyn Clark with Mayor's Choice Trophy

bacon rolls was available to all participants and visitors. The sausages and bacon were lovingly cooked by that award-winning gourmet chef Doug, alias 'Hon'. Meanwhile, on the raffle ticket sales table Robyn and Buddha were busy selling tickets to hopeful winners of an array of Australia Day-themed prizes.



Congratulations go to Doug & Robyn for winning the 'Mayor's Choice' for their Red Mini and to Neil & Karyn for winning a \$50 Gift voucher in one of the raffles.

Following the morning breakfast and formalities, most participants headed off on one of several rallies

organised by the Bayside Club, finishing for lunch at the Redlands Sporting Club. At around noon, our A7 members departed for home or other venues to further celebrate Australia Day.

Congratulations to the Bayside Club for once again organising such a successful annual event.

Neil

Ormiston Post Script

Well done again The Bayside Club has a Great success on AUSTRALIA DAY.

All workers did their bit to make the day run smoothly .The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club has also won the Redlands City –

Australia Day Awards 2017 Community Organisation Awards

BODYWORK BY WILSON - RESTORATIONS and COACH BUILDING.

January 6, 2017 A recent visit to this long-established firm based in Kenmore, Brisbane, allowed one the privilege of witnessing the erection of a new body for the current project. And it was an erection in the true



building sense using timber profiles and string lines to aid and guide the body design and construction.

It is understood that the intended result is a car that will evoke a Brescia Bugatti; perhaps in the style of the well-known Duffy car in the UK. There will be many challenges before the final panels can be shaped and placed on the chassis. As the photos show this Austin 7 based project has reached the rolling chassis stage. The well-known punctilious workmanship carried out by the proprietor, Joe, is evident even on the most detailed inspection. The car is being constructed from a variety of Austin 7 bits collected over recent years with components coming from several cars. It is being constructed as a special rather than being a restoration of any previous

car.

Vital vehicle statistics include: Wheelbase – 6' 3". Engine capacity – 748cc or thereabouts. Gearbox – Needham 3 speed. Body – self-supporting metal (probably steel) panels a-la Brescia Bugatti.

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PS Jon tells me that Joe has finished the bodywork on his car!!! Hopefully we will see it on display at Toowoomba. Picture at left is of a Bugatti Type 13 showing the type of body Joe has built on his Austin.

ERRATUM & ADDENDUM

It has been found that there are some incorrect email addresses in the 50th Anniversary Members Book. They should be.

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Austin Seven Classifieds

For Sale : Austin Seven ramp and carrying system with winch, suit installation in a van or Trailer



Photos above: Left photo - frame to fit inside van or trailer.



Right Photo - Ramps and winch

We have these couple of items that we no longer need. When we went to the Austin Seven Rally at Tanunda, we owned an Iveco van which was long enough for us to put one of our little Austin Seven cars in all secured, as well as tow our Caravan.

We have since purchased a new Caravan and the Iveco is not able to tow the weight of the new van so naturally we have sold the Iveco.



Brian built the frame, and as you can see by the photos the little Austin fitted snugly and was tied down at different places as not to move one bit. We also purchased the Ramps new, you can see they have the legs that fold down for extra strength.

Then we purchased a winch that was fitted in the Iveco to winch the little Austin in which it did so well.

Shame to just let them sit in the shed, so we thought someone may be able to use them.

Thank you, Ann and Brian.



For Sale... Transport frame, Aluminium Ramps, plus 12 volt Winch to suit Austin A Seven.

This was made for the inside of an Iveco Van but would suit a trailer or Ute etc.

FRAME FREE, RAMPS \$100, WINCH \$100 TOTAL = \$200 THE LOT.

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