

Austin & Register of Queensland Handbook

17th June 1989 Brisbane to Longreach to Brisbane cont.

Many of the entrants still talk about this adventure. We were all amazed that they had no problems with any of the vehicles, though some of them and their owners were tired when they arrived home.

The local newspapers were thrilled to see the travelers; photos and articles were printed in the local town newspapers they had passed through.

April 2000 - Roma invited the old car fraternity to join with them at Easter, to participate in the Roma Country Festival. There were nine Austin 7s participating on the tour and on completion the attending members traveled to St George, Goondiwindi, Tenterfield and finished in Toowoomba for that club's 30th Anniversary Invitation Tour. Two of these Austin 7 families drove their Austins all the way from home, three driving from Toowoomba and four trailing.

April 2001 - Shannons 2001 National Federation Motoring Tour to be held in Canberra. The organisers plan to have 2001 vehicles entered with the entrants travelling from all over Australia. Each state's Combined Council has arranged the tour to Canberra then the official organiser will plan the activities whilst in Canberra. The Queensland Combined Council sub committee has planned six different rallies and time schedules to choose from. With the idea of travelling down to Canberra one way and returning another.

**AUSTIN 7 REGISTER of QUEENSLAND
INC.**

ABN 69 472 851 718

MEMBERS HANDBOOK

Formed October 1967

July 2000

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President's Welcome

Welcome, and congratulations on being accepted as a member of the Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc.

We have devised this booklet with the aim of giving new members a quick guide to some of the procedures and activities of the club, with some historical background as well. Your copy of the Constitution and Rules contains the finer details of our operation.

You will find that generally we are only as formal as is necessary to run an Incorporated Association. For the size of the club (and our cars) we have developed a big reputation for informality and a strong rally attendance record.

President's Welcome cont.

We hope you will enjoy many pleasant years as a member of the Austin 7 fraternity.

MEMBERSHIP

The Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc caters for people with an interest in the preservation and restoration of Austin 7s manufactured from 1922 to 1938 and also includes other Austin motor vehicles manufactured up to and including 1940 models.

Classes of Membership

Full Membership: Living within a radius of 60km of the GPO Brisbane

Remote Living outside a radius of 60km of the GPO Brisbane

Membership:

Associate There are three classes of Associate Membership

Membership:

(i) Class 1 is the husband, wife or partner of, either a financial full member or a financial remote member of The Association

(ii) Class 2 is the son or daughter, under the age of 18 years, of either a financial full member or a financial remote member of The Association

(iii) Class 3 is the son or daughter, over the age of 18 years and studying full time, of either a financial full member or a financial remote member of The Association

Application for Membership

People interested in becoming a member of the Association must be proposed and seconded by a financial member of the club on the prescribed "Application for Membership" form.

This form is to be accompanied by the appropriate Joining Fee and one year's annual subscription in advance.

The Management Committee will then consider the application at its next meeting and inform the applicant of the decision in writing.

Induction of New Members

On being accepted by the Management Committee, the new member will receive the following Membership Kit.

1. Members Handbook and Constitution
2. Register of Members - showing the name and details of members of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc
3. Calendar of coming events
4. Spare Parts Catalogue

Subscription

A joining fee is paid once only (or if membership has lapsed by two years or more) and an annual subscription is due in advance on 1st July each year. These fees are published in our Bi-monthly Newsletter and the current fees are listed on our Application Form

Association Badges

The Official Badge is in the form of a Q with the letter "A" and number "7" in the centre and the association name printed around the outer edge.

A lapel badge is available to all financial members. This is in the form of a Q with the letter and number (A7) in the centre and is approximately 15mm high.

The car badge is also available to all financial members and is a larger version of the lapel badge approximately 90mm high.

A cloth badge is also available to all association members. This is in the form of a Q with the outline of an Austin 7 in the centre with the association name printed around the outer edge. The approximate size is 90mm high. Badges are available for purchase from the Treasurer.

MEETINGS AND SERVICES

Meetings

The Association meets on the second Friday of each month at the Veteran Car Club Qld Hall, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale at 7.45pm.

The Annual General Meeting is held after the General Meeting on the second Friday of August.

Management Committee Meetings are held at the Veteran Car Club Hall in the Committee Room at 7.30pm. on the fourth Thursday of each month or as required at the discretion of the President.

Voting Rights

All members who are financial either full, remote members or associate members class 1 of the Austin 7 Register Of Qld, Inc shall be entitled to one vote on any matter to be decided at a normal or AGM meeting.

Club Rooms

The Clubrooms are located adjacent to the Gateway Arterial at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale.

The facilities consist of an auditorium which will seat up to 90 people with public address, TV and video facilities. The kitchen facilities include a large preparation and serving area, refrigerator, microwave and heating oven as well as a large cold room.

A car inspection ramp is available to all club members on specified dates for members to inspect their vehicles for road worthiness.

Spare Parts

The club carries a very diversified list of mechanical parts, that are required in the building and maintenance of Austin 7s.

A catalogue is printed annually and distributed either at the July Annual Display or through the post to all financial members.

Newsletter

A bi-monthly newsletter is published and posted to each member. The newsletter contains minutes of previous meetings, notices of coming events, reports on past events, restoration hints, technical information, and contributions from members.

* In 1974 the newsletter was produced quarterly. They were available to the members for an annual subscription of \$1.00.

Annual Magazine

The club publishes an Annual Magazine listing all financial members, stating the year and type of Austins they own as well as a Spare Parts Catalogue.

These are distributed to all financial members who attend the July Static Display. If you are unable to attend the display the Magazine and Catalogue is posted with the following newsletter.

Vehicle Registration

Owners of roadworthy veteran or vintage vehicles have a choice of registration and third party insurance fees.

They may either fully register their vehicle for everyday / normal use or apply to Queensland Transport for Concessional registration under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme.

The limitations placed on vehicle owners who register under this scheme are described in detail in a booklet called "A Special Interest Vehicle Guide" distributed by Queensland Transport

The necessary forms and declarations are available from the Club Secretary and must be signed by the Dating Officer.

* *Matters of Interest*

In the early days the cost of registration depended on the weight of the vehicle being registered.

(Facts and figures from our ex-Treasurer Peter Cahalane)

In 1960 full registration for a Morris Minor was 13.00 pounds

In 1964 full registration for a Austin A 40 was 19.96 pounds

In 1969 full registration for a Austin A 40 was \$49.05

In 1973 full registration for a Ford Falcon was \$66.60

In 1973 Concessional registration for an Austin 7 \$41.25

In 1987 Concessional registration for an Austin 7 \$45.10

In 1999 Concessional registration for an Austin 7 \$106.00

The Houghton Highway Bridge was officially opened on 15th December 1979. Eight club members in their Austin 7s attended. The vintage vehicles and owners from the Vintage Car movement were the first official vehicles to cross the bridge.

The Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc is a Financial Member of the Queensland Combined Council of Historic Vehicle Clubs Inc.

Better known as "Combined Council", it meets monthly to co-ordinate the activities of the historic car movement in Queensland. It also acts as a peak body and mouthpiece when advising Government on issues relating to the old car movement.

HISTORY of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc.

The first meeting of the members was held in the home of Mr & Mrs Baker Snr. Parents of Peter Baker 26th October 1967. In 1968 Peter Baker married Jenny Wilson and the meetings were then held at their home in Ferny Grove. Peter & Jenny made members feel very welcome. We met on the fourth Friday of each month. The men would venture under the house where Peter had his workshop and parked his Austin 7s, and the ladies would relax in the lounge room. Whilst we all enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee a monthly rally was normally discussed and planned. No members fees were paid in those days.

HISTORY of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc. cont

In July 1975 the number of members out grew Peter and Jenny's home. We then continued to hold monthly meetings and at this stage a committee was organised. The incoming committee was President Graham Cogzell, Secretary Rhonda Guthrie and Treasurer Peter Cahalane. Peter opened the club books with a balance of \$17.95. The meetings were held at the Veteran Car Club Aust (Qld) hall in Railway Terrace Milton behind the Milton railway station. Then in 1989 the Railway Department required the land that the Veteran Car Club Hall was built on, so we had to find another venue. From July 1989 we held our meetings at the East Brisbane State School Hall, until the current Veteran Car Club Aust (Qld) Hall was built. We held our first meeting in the hall in December 1993 and we continue to use the hall and appreciate the facilities.

AUSTIN 7 MOTORING

The club members enjoy driving their Austin 7s on the many Club and Invitation Tours and sometimes over very long distances.

Club Annual Weekend

We hold an Annual Display on the fourth weekend in July. We first enjoyed our picnics on a Sunday in Sherwood Forest Park until 1977. From 1978 until 1986 we used the City Botanical Gardens, then we moved to Captain Bourke Park, Kangaroo Point, until 1998. In 1999 we planned to hold the display in the C. T. White Park, though due to the weather that year the display was held at the clubs home grounds. In 2000 we plan to hold the display in the C. T. White Park at Kangaroo Point.

The format for this weekend, is a run in the Austin 7s on the Saturday, followed by dinner that evening. Sunday is our Static Display, where we gather in a Brisbane City Council Park to relax, compare cars, make notes and meet new friends and members. At this gathering each attending member receives an engraved brass plaque for each Austin 7 in attendance.

Club Runs

One of the clubs earliest runs was in 1967 when they drove to Cotton Tree on the Sunshine Coast. Since then we have travelled many miles throughout the suburbs of Brisbane and surrounding districts. Thankfully over the years club members have taken photos to keep a record of the cars, owners and happenings.

The Rally Organisers usually plan a run, at least one per month, though in summer we often have a breakfast run, due to the heat. If your Austin 7 is off the road due to restoration or maintenance we invite you to join with us on the club runs in your modern car.

President's Rallies

This is a reasonably new venture. We call it the "challenge" tour. On this run we travel in our Austin's with possibly only one modern car and trailer as backup. We venture via local roads out into the country away from the traffic as much as possible.

The first year we drove to Casino, second year to Warwick and Toowoomba, third to Murwillumbab via the base of Mt. Warning, fourth to Gympie so as you can see we do venture into the countryside.

National Rallies: Celebrating the Birth of the Austin 7

1982 The 60th Anniversary was held at Diamond Valley, an outer district of Melbourne. One club family travelled to Melbourne to join with the Victorian Club.

1992 The 70th Anniversary was held in Canberra, with the New South Wales and Victorian Clubs forming a sub committee to make all the arrangements. Nine Queensland families trailed their Austin 7s to Canberra to participate. The fellowship enjoyed by all entrants was terrific so when the Queensland Club was invited to arrange the 75th Anniversary it was accepted.

1997 The 75th Anniversary was arranged by us and held at Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast. There were 120 entrants with Austin 7s coming from South Australia, Victoria, Canberra, New South Wales and one family from New Zealand (they travelled as passengers) and of course Queensland. Queensland club members travelled from as far north as Townsville and west to Dalby.

National Rallies: Celebrating the Birth of the Austin 7 cont.

2002 The 80th Anniversary is to be held in Ballarat with the Victorian Austin 7 Club as our host.

Invitation Tours

Various Clubs hold these on an annual or bi-annual program.

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club has a run on Australia Day.

Queensland Vintage Vehicle Association (Q.V.V.A.) - hold "Kankanya" a two day tour, normally in April of each year.

Bundaberg Antique Car Club hold theirs bi-annually on the May long weekend, a three day tour.

Tweed Valley Vehicle Restorers Club - Murwillumbah hold theirs annually on the Queensland Labour Day long weekend, a two day tour.

Queens Birthday long weekend - A three day tour is organised by a different club each year on behalf of the Combined Council.

Northern Rivers Veteran and Vintage Car Club - Lismore hold a two day tour in August.

Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club hold their Motorkana on the first weekend in September, a two day tour.

Lockyer Antique Motor Association. Gatton hold their invitation run on the first weekend in October, a two day tour.

Gold Coast Antique Auto Club hold their Autorama at the end of the year, a two day tour.

Swap Meets

Various clubs all over Australia arrange Swap meets and Austin 7 owners travel many miles to attend and look for those elusive parts required to build and maintain their Austins.

Special Events

As well as these, there are the special occasion tours organised by different clubs throughout each year, though not on a regular basis, eg:

1970 10th International Rally - Captain Cook Bi-Centennial.

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A club couple drove their 1928 Austin 7 Saloon from Brisbane to participate with 484 other vehicles in the rally from Sydney to Melbourne. The route included Canberra, Wagga Wagga, Albury and Bendigo, among other places. This was the second Austin 7 trip to Melbourne by the driver.

1988 Bi-centennial Veteran and Vintage Car Rally.

7th - 23rd March 1988 Austin 7 members ventured south to be part of the Bi - Centennial Rally. On Monday, 7th March, six little Austin 7s and a backup vehicle left Brisbane for Canberra for the start of a great motoring adventure. Each state arranged their own rally to Canberra and then the ACT Veteran and Vintage Club arranged the day trips in Canberra and surrounding districts. Apparently there were approximately 1,463 cars from all states, thereby making it the greatest movement of motor vehicles ever taken in Australian History.

17th June 1989 Brisbane to Longreach to Brisbane

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Driving 70kph from Brisbane to Longreach and back might not be everybody's idea of a pleasant holiday. On 17th June, Austin 7s models ranging from 1928 to 1937 and back up vehicles, set off on what the club named as the Longreach Leap.

They departed Brisbane for a journey of a life time. They spent four days on the road to Longreach, once there they spent two days enjoying the western Queensland town, including a visit to the Stockman's Hall of Fame.

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