



# NEWSLETTER April 2014



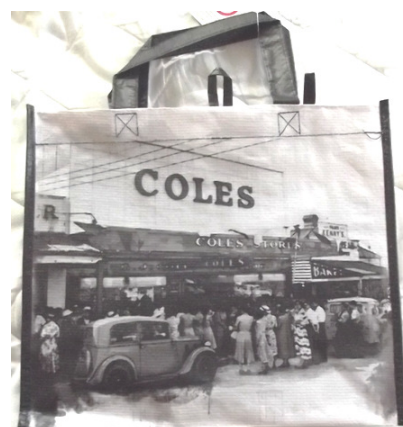
## Editorial

It is a very busy time of the year, and I find myself, like others, readying our cars for the run to Rockhampton. The list of those in the starter's line up is a not very big one, but hopefully it will be a happy and successful trip, especially as we meet up with some of our fellow Austin Seven Register Members in the region. In anticipation I wish to thank Brett and Amanda Wilson for organising the rally, and Brian and Sue Clancy and Ken Burton who will be there to welcome us in "Rocky". Hopefully we should be able to bring you a report on the run in our June newsletter.

I also wish to thank members who have made valuable contributions to this newsletter, in particular Trevor Moore for minutes of past A7RQ meetings, John Que for his report on the Rally to Kalbar and Karyn Matthews for her nice report on the Rally in March, Duncan Logan for permission to use photos and information about his family's 1929 Meteor and for Judith Chapman who sent me a wonderful letter about her story about owning and driving her Austin Seven Roadster over 50 years ago.

*In conclusion have you seen the shopping bags at Coles Supermarkets with the B&W photo with a Ruby on the side for \$2? If you are lucky there should still be some on the shelves.*

Editor Tim



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## **AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS**

### **19th -25th April – The A7 2014 Austin Seven Tour to Rockhampton**

A7 Club event. A7 2014 Tour departing from Truck Stop la-by, Warrego Highway, Riverview at 9.00am on Saturday 19th April and travelling to Rockhampton & return. Rally organized by Brett & Amanda Wilson (ph 3389 3821 or 0402 143 420 or email [bawilson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bawilson@optusnet.com.au)). Further details to be confirmed. A7 members to make own arrangements re accommodation etc.

#### **Saturday 10th May 2014:**

A7 Club event. Rally organized by Howell Whitehouse (ph 0439 441 670). Rally to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Rally details to be confirmed. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

#### **Sunday 18th May 2014:**

External event. A7 Static Display at Eagle Farm Markets commencing at 6.45am & finishing at 12.30pm. Display to be at Market Entry on left inside gates at top of Racecourse Road. For details contact Brett & Amanda Wilson (ph. 3389 3821 or 0402 143 420).

#### **Sunday 15th June 2014:**

A7 Club event. Winter Fun Run organized by Grant & Jacki Preddy (ph 0488 375 804). Rally to commence at 9.00am from Centenary Pool Carpark. Rally details to be confirmed. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

#### **Sunday 22nd June 2014:**

External event. A7 Static Display at Eagle Farm Markets commencing at 6.45am & finishing at 12.30pm. Display to be at Market Entry on left inside gates at top of Racecourse Road. For details contact Brett & Amanda Wilson (ph. 3389 3821 or 0402 143 420).

#### **Sunday 13th July 2014:**

A7 Club event. RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10.00 am to 3.00pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest entry. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

#### **Sunday 13th July 2014:**

A7 Club event. Breakfast at Mowbray Park, Lytton Road, East Brisbane commencing at 7.00am organized by Brett & Amanda Wilson (ph 0402 143 420). BYO Breakfast (on site electric BBQ)

#### **Saturday 9th August 2014:**

A7 Club event. A7 Club Weekend Rally & BBQ Lunch organized by Justin McKeering (ph 0439 712 731) commencing from Club Room, Carindale at 9.00am. Rally details to be confirmed. Rally to conclude with BBQ Lunch at the Carindale Club Room. BYO Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch.

#### **Sunday 10th August 2014:**

A7 Club event. A7 Club Weekend Static Display at C.T.White Park, Kangaroo Point organized by Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575). Static Display to commence at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Display to conclude around 1.30pm.

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014:**

A7 Club event. All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Display Cars - \$15 with Metal Souvenir Car Badge. Contact Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575) for details. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

#### **Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October 2014:**

A7 Club event. LAMAI Weekend Rally organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. commencing from Gatton. Contact LAMAI Secretary, Jim Scott (ph 4615 5802) or Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575) for details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

**Sunday 16th November 2014:**

A7 Club event. Rally organized by Ian & Valda McDowell (ph 0439 677 379) commencing from Club Rooms, Carindale at 9.00am. Rally destination to be confirmed

**Sunday 14th December 2014:**

A7 Club event. A7 Club Christmas Lunch at Orleigh Park, West End commencing at 10.00am. Lunch organized by Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel.

## **INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS**

**(From the QHMC Website)**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20th April 2014 Easter in the Country Rally**

- Roma Historical Motor Club Inc; <http://romahistoricalmotorclub.weebly.com/>

**25th to 27th April 2014 Warwick Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club 40th Anniversary**

This will be a casual weekend which will look back over 40 years of the club and its members. an easy schedule with good catering an event not to be missed. Saturday is out and about and Sunday we will be joining the Chev association in the park for the morning. For more information contact the club Email: [info@alloraheritageweekend.org.au](mailto:info@alloraheritageweekend.org.au) Phone: 46671570

**Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May 2014: Heritage Truck Show**

organised by the Heritage Truck Association Australia Inc. to be held at Rocklea Show Grounds from 8.00am. For details contact Phyllis Davies (ph. 0417 002 386).

**May 2014 Tweed Valley Vehicle Restorers Club Invitation Rally.**

Contact Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575) for details.

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2014 Motorkhana,**

Sunshine Coast [rallydirector@scacc.org.au](mailto:rallydirector@scacc.org.au) or [secretary@scacc.org.au](mailto:secretary@scacc.org.au)

**7-9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 QHMC Rally**

hosted by BVAC to be based at Redcliffe Showground. For details contact Mal Dale, BVAC President, ph. (07) 3283 4485. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

**June 2014 Vintage Car Club Static Display**

at Ormiston House.

**Sunday 20th July 2014 Original Gold Coast Swap**

Venue: Mudgeeraba Showgrounds, Cnr Mudgeeraba & Worongary Rds, Mudgeeraba QLD .

**Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2014 Nambour Swap Meeting**

Nambour Showgrounds

**Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July 2014:**

14th Annual Old Wheels in Motion Rally & Swap Meet at Biloela, central Queensland organized by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club Inc.. For information contact CDMPC Secretary, Cindy Cooper ph (07)4992 2400. Members to make own arrangements re. travel, accommodation & registration.

Sunday 10th August \Rocklea Swap

**Sunday 31st August 2014 Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza**

at Maclean Bridge from 6.00am. Swap Meet & Vehicle Show organized by the Queensland Early Ford V-8 Club. Contact 3341 9618 for more details. Members to make own arrangements re. travel etc.

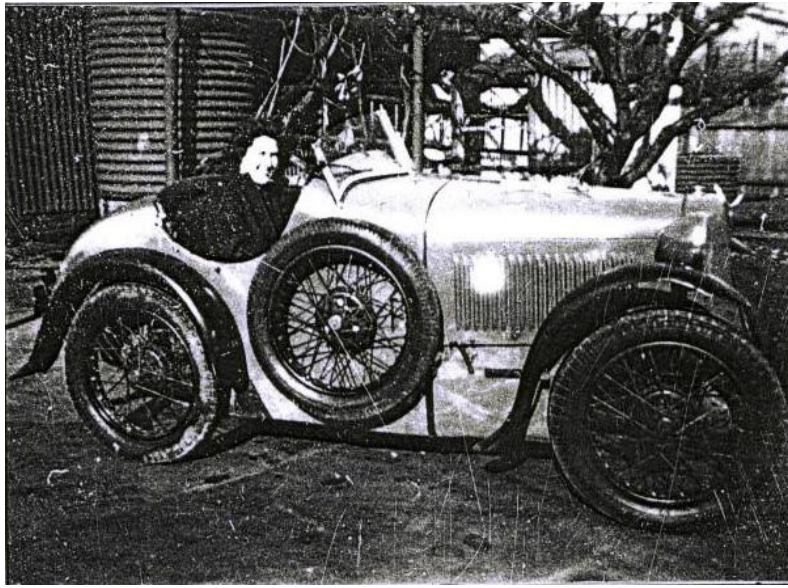
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Gympie Swap**

Gympie Showgrounds, Southside

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Beaudesert Swap**Showgrounds



# NEWS OF MEMBERS AND THEIR CARS



A new car in the club is this lovely 1929 Meteor living up the coast and looked after by Duncan Logan. The body is one of 3 built by Jack Lonzar in Kent Town, SA. (Jack was in business from 1929-31). *(The photo shows the car in 1930)* The body of the Meteor was found on a property in South Australia full of bullet holes in the mid 1970s. Bryant and Eunice Lawson bought the car 36 years ago and it was restored in time to take part in the Rally organised by motoring journalist Peter Wherrett to promote the launch of his book and TV series "Torque". The Meteor won its class. Duncan's father Kenn Logan purchased the car off Bryant in 2001 and drove it around Cairns a fair bit before he passed away in 2008. The car stayed in Cairns until Duncan's Mother moved to Victoria.

Duncan says the car is in excellent condition, but he was having a bit of trouble with the twin SU carburettor set up and the starter motor. Duncan also says his car is currently owned by his mother Lois, sister Mercedes and himself. To see how the Meteor looks today see our front page!

Doug and Robyn Clark tell us that they recently went to the funeral of past member, Bernie Cleveland. Bernie drove this nice little dark green Big Seven Saloon he brought over from New Zealand. The car is now looked after by Bernie's son John and may be coming up for sale. Photo of Bernie and Mavis' Big Seven taken at a rally many years ago

Sold! Two of the cars advertised in our last newsletter have both gone to new homes. Well known Victorian Austineer Wayne Styles tells me Michael Shegog's 1928 Roadster sold very quickly and Jim Burtons 1938 Cambridge has moved from Rockhampton to Sunnybank to the home of Rod & Janette Sims and should be joining us on rallies.

Seen for sale at "Undercover Cars" at Capalaba are two vintage Sevens, the orange Yorkshire Tea Van and a 1929 Chummy, both belonging to Phil Hayes who used them to promote his Tea Import Company. The van was seen at many local swap meets and lastly at the A7 National Rally at Tanunda in 2012. Unfortunately Phil has had health problems and the cars have to go.

## **Changed Addresses.**

Keith & Nola Collins have moved south to 88 Bonny Doon Road. UKI, NSW 2484, Ph 02 3207 4629

Stacy & Jamie Curtis & Family have moved into their new house at 3 Ferntree Close, BURPENGARY QLD 4505

## **Welcome to our New Members**

Lois Logan, 29a Yewers Avenue, Mt Eliza. Vic. 3930 Ph 03 9787 3017 Email [loislogan1@ozmail.com.au](mailto:loislogan1@ozmail.com.au)

Duncan Logan, 40 De Zen Road, Palmwoods. Qld 4553. Ph 07 5494 3031 Email [happiness-au@yahoo.com](mailto:happiness-au@yahoo.com)

David Miller, 14 Sylvia Crescent, Armidale. NSW. 2350 Ph 02 6772 2954 Email [Francesfittler@yahoo.co.au](mailto:Francesfittler@yahoo.co.au)



# Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

## Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc Meeting No.521, 14th February 2014 Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale



The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

**Attendance Book:** 27 members were in attendance

**Apologies:** Cahalane's, McGuill's,

### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the January Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they are accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded –Neil Thyer. Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil

### **Correspondence:**

**OUT:** Members & Spare parts book to members

**IN:**

1. Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.
2. EOI for 2017 Rally from Peter & Dawn ABEL
3. Flyer and application from Warwick car Club for their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally
4. Flyer from Veteran car Club re a tenants meeting on the 8th March 2014.
5. Flyer from Veteran car Club requesting Officer Bearers and phone numbers of club room key holders.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward be endorsed, and the accounts passed for payment Seconded by Howell Whitehouse - Carried

**Business arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurers Report:** Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that it be accepted, Seconded Robyn Clark – carried.

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:** John Que mentioned that a person in North Queensland had been fined \$170.00 for using their SIVS registered vehicle without proper authority. It is suggested to have a copy of club events or the rally run with you at all times when using you SIVS registered vehicle.

**Spare Parts Report:** This month there have been sales of \$1431.00 in new and second hand parts. Due to second hand parts sales we have recovered \$585 of the \$600 we spent on purchasing second parts Michael Kenward in September 2013.

Thanks to Doug Clark for his contributions.

An order was placed to Melbourne this month and \$600 of these parts have already been sold.

**Second Hand parts** Nil

**Run/Rally Director** by Neil Thyer

- Valentine's Day run by Merv & Margaret Thompson leaving Club
- Neil also advised that he can email 2014 events to members if requested.
- 16<sup>th</sup> March Presidents rally. Lindsay mentioned that it would be short city run and then to the Bayside. Leave centenary Pool 9am.

### **Other Events:**

### **General Business:**

President Lindsay Jordan advised that as a result of the last meeting and other rumours a committee meeting was held and the following resulted.

1. **Investment Account:** For the information there is no \$10,000.00 investment held by the club and there never has been, past treasurers were contacted and they have never heard of this account.

2. **Tea Donation bowl:** Collection dish to remain as it has always been, if any member wishes to make donation they so can.
3. **\$10 fee for the static display to be scrapped.** It was thought that this may encourage more members to attend and display their vehicles.
4. **AGM** nomination forms to be available and displayed 2 meetings prior to the AGM. The forms would be available on the table to members who attend general meetings. Nomination forms will also be printed in the Newsletter.
5. **RALLY REPORTS** It has been found that Rally reports are not being done on all occasions it was decided that the rally organiser for that rally appoint a member at the rally, during lunch, to undertake a rally report for that rally for publishing. Alternatively, the A7 rally co-ordinator (presently Neil Thyer) if present, could nominate a rally attendee to do a report on that rally.
6. **Subsidised outings and events.** After discussion, and in that the club did not obtain any monies from swaps etc., it was agreed that it would not be a tax issue to subsidise in certain cases. For example, if a rally organiser for an event requested a subsidy, they would have to approach the committee prior to the rally for that subsidy. Each case would be considered on merit. In brief, it was agreed that if any club costs are to be requested as part of a club outing or event, such matters are to be brought up at a meeting prior to the event. It was also generally agreed that A7 Club breakfasts, lunches or dinners would not generally be subsidised. It was moved by Lindsay and seconded by Trevor Moore that this be approved. All members agreed

Brett Wilson reported that A7's could be displayed at Rocklea Markets on the 16<sup>th</sup> March and on 13 April at Eagle Farm Racecourse and there is no entry fee.

Lindsay reported that is difficult to arrange venues in the city to visit due to parking and deposits required.

Brett Wilson also mentioned having a POT Night on the Saturday night of the Annual weekend. Members bring a pot of food along.

#### **Report on Cars and or Car troubles:**

**BIRTHDAYS:-** Barry Neville, Kath McGuill, Sharon Sippel, Stacey Curtis, Donna Hebblewhite, Ron Toy, Judith Chapman, Peter Baker, Cliff Stockley, Ian Reece\

**The President wished all sick members a speedy return to good health. \**

Raffle tickets were sold by Valda.

**Committee MEETING. 23rd February 2014**

**Next Meeting 14th March 2014**

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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

#### **Meeting No.522, 14th March 2014**

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

The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

**Attendance Book:** 24 members were in attendance

**Apologies:** Peter & Gail Cahalane, Mike & Cathy McGuill' Matt Potts, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, Grant Preddy, Peter Goldsworthy, Rod & Janette Sims.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the February Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they are accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded – Brett Wilson. Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil

#### **Correspondence:**

**OUT:**

- Application form to David Moy from Armidale, NSW as a result of a recommendation from John IKIN.
- Newsletter to Peter Cahalane and he was missed on the mailing.

**IN:**

1. Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.

2. Application from Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club re their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally.
3. Flyer from Callide Dawson Machinery Club re their rally on the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014
4. 2 x Application for membership from Duncan Logan Queensland and Lois Logan Victoria,
5. Receipt from Veteran Car club for rent payment.
6. Flyer form Summerland Sports & Classic car club to their 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Static display day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014
7. Expression of interest from Ross & Sylvia Chapman of AYR.
8. Letter from Penrite Oil offering assistance with club events
9. Invoice for Veteran car Club for renting building from 1/4/02014 to 30/06/2014 for \$264.00

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward be endorsed, and the accounts passed for payment Seconded by Robyn Clark - Carried

**Business arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurers Report:** Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that it be accepted, Seconded Doug Clark – carried.

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:** John Que advised there had not been a meeting, nothing to report. **Spare**

**Parts Report:** This month there have been few NEW sales amounting to about \$950.00

An order is to be placed to Melbourne this month for replacements and requested items.

**Second Hand parts** Nil

**Run/Rally Director** by Neil Thyer

- 16<sup>th</sup> March Presidents rally. Lindsay mentioned that it would be short city run and then to the Bayside. Leave centenary Pool 9am.
- 6<sup>th</sup> April Static display at Eagle Farm Markets.
- April Rally to Rocky run by Brett Wilson
- 10<sup>th</sup> May Howell Whitehouse to organize.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> May Static display at Eagle Farm Markets.
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> Static display at Eagle Farm Markets.

**Other Events:** John Que commented on the run to Kalbar to visit the Spirit of the 50's museum and the old Wiss emporium. John Que also mentioned the Ipswich Car club rally and that Alan Lyons and Trish Hanley were there in their Austin Sevens. John further advised that the progress for the 2017 National Rally was progressing and another rally committee meeting would be held soon. He also spoke to people from Toowoomba about rally routes and Graham Allum who may be able to take photos for the rally.

**General Business:**

Lindsay Jordan reported on 8th March Trevor & I attended a Tenants meeting of the Veteran car club. Several items of the agenda were mentioned but the major item was a 3 year tenant Deed of Agreement between clubs which use the rooms. In essence the agreement is to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and remain in force for 3 years.

- First Year annual rent will be \$1056.00
- as 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 rent will be \$1,162.00 per annum an increase of \$106.00,
- and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 rent will be \$1278.00 per annum an increase of \$116.00.
- The Deed of Agreement (2 copies) is to be signed by the President and the Secretary and returned to the Veteran Car Club where it will be signed by the President and Secretary of the Veteran Car Club and a copy returned to our club for filing.
- The document also outlines our responsibilities whilst using the club rooms. A Procedures Manual will be issued to all clubs in the near future.
- If any member wishes to read the document before it is signed they are welcome also the minutes of that meeting are available if any member wishes to have them or wants to read them.
- Lindsay moved that the club sign the document required by the Veteran car club and seconded by John Que – carried.
- John Que also mentioned the cost of running the premises of the Veteran car club.
- Justin McCarthy asked if there were any more cloth badges being made available. He was advised Rhonda Guthrie was making inquiries.



- Justin McCarthy also mentioned that his A& was the only vintage at the Stanthorpe Apple and Grape festival.

### **Report on Cars and or Car troubles:** Nil

**BIRTHDAYS:-** Elaine Moore , Darren Moore, Nancy Jones, Gail Cahalane, Bill Clarke, Nell Dorman, Justin McKeering, Ian Brumby, Geoff Boland, Phil Dunn, Laurie Topping, Patricia Leach, Lyn Falkner, The President wished all sick members a speedy return to good health. Raffle tickets were sold by Valda, prize being an Austin 7 book from Terry Hicks and a Pair of braces from Brett Wilson.

### **Committee MEETING. TBA**

### **Next Meeting 1th April 2014**

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

## **QHMC NEWSLETTER.**

Edition No.1. January 2014.

(A7RQ Editors note - past events which have now occurred have been removed for clarity)



Welcome to the first newsletter for 2014. In this edition I will endeavour to give you as much information as possible on the Invitational Rallies conducted by clubs for 2014. If your Club has a rally which you would like advertised in the newsletter, please let me know and if I have missed any, please get in touch and jog my memory.

The big news for 2014 is initial **North Queensland QHMC Rally**. This is to be conducted by the **Townsville Veteran and Vintage and Historical Motor Club** over the Easter weekend in conjunction with their Hub Rally. The rally will be based in Charters Towers area and a hard working committee have planned a great Easter weekend. The entry form is sent as an attachment with this newsletter.

If there are any South Queensland members who would be interested in forming a group to travel to Townsville, please contact me and I will endeavour to put together an itinerary for this trip. It would be the intention to leave on the Sunday or Monday prior to the rally and visit clubs on the way and pick up others wishing to travel together.

**The South Queensland QHMC Rally** is this year being hosted by **The Brisbane Vintage Auto Club** and will be based at Redcliffe on the 7-8-9 June and once again an interesting weekend is planned. Once again the **RACQ** is sponsoring these QHMC Rallies and we thank them for their continued support for our movement. Many of our members belong to the RACQ and we suggest that being a member is an advantage not only for their services but also for RACQ Insurance.

**Roma Historical Motor Club** has planned an Easter in the Country Rally and looks like it is "Shrouded in Mystery". Unusual format but looks interesting. Entry form as attachment.

**Warwick Club** is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a weekend rally on 25-27 April. More information on this as it comes to hand.

**The Veteran and Vintage Chevrolet Association of Australia Qld.** Is conducting their **45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally** in Warwick from Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Ph.0405 627 171.

**The Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club** is holding its **Motorkhana Invitational Rally** on the weekend of 17-18 May. Information on their website [scacc.org.au](http://scacc.org.au)

**The RACQ Motorfest** will be held at Eagle Farm Racecourse on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**The Historic Commercial Vehicle Association** presents its Truck Show at the Gatton Showgrounds on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> September. Contact Mark and Donna 07 5546 7050 email: [hcvaq@hcvaq.com](mailto:hcvaq@hcvaq.com)

**Gold Coast Autorama** will be held by the **Gold Coast Antique Car Club** this year on the 8th & 9<sup>th</sup> November. More on this later also.

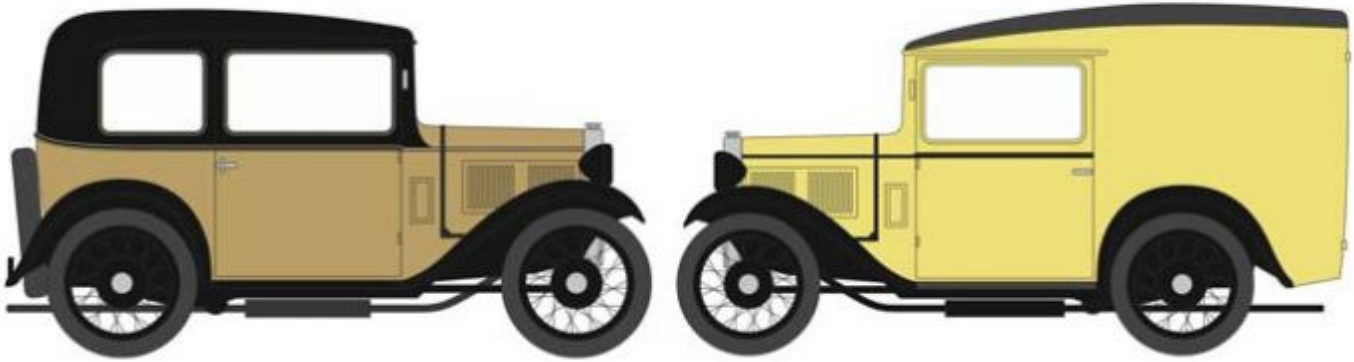
A list of **Swap Meets** for 2014 is available on the **Rubber Shop website**. [rubberkits.com.au](http://rubberkits.com.au)

On behalf of the President and Committee I would like to wish all the compliments of the season and hope that 2014 proves kind to all our members.

Trevor Shields Sec. HMC Ph. 3408 2364 Mob. 0417 635895 email [secretary@qhmc.org.au](mailto:secretary@qhmc.org.au)



## **A QUALITY MODEL OF AN AUSTIN SEVEN AT AN AFFORDABLE PRICE**



Oxford Diecast are a respected and very popular manufacturer of model vehicles with head quarters based in Swansea, Wales. Their range concentrates mostly on vehicles from 1920 to very recent, with a large emphasis on models to suit miniature train enthusiasts. However they also make a very nice range of vehicles to the larger collector's scale of 1/43<sup>rd</sup>. Two much lauded models of interest to vintage car enthusiasts are their nice 1930s Austin 12/4 Taxi and 1926 Austin 12/4 Clifton tourer. Coming up next these two very nice 1931-32 Austin Sevens which are to be introduced in next few months ASS001 Austin Seven RN Saloon 1932 Fawn Q2 ASV001 Austin Seven RN Van 1931 Primrose Q2. They are brought into Australia by Hobbyco of Sydney and unfortunately distribution at this end of the chain can be patchy, although I have been able to find every variation of the Austin Clifton produced so far and I am eagerly awaiting the 12/4 taxi to come as a London Blitz Fire tender, so I will try to check up on my local model shop, and if there are any spares I will buy them. Prices should be from \$35-45 each.

### **“My Little Austin Seven”**

**By Judith Chapman**



This is a little piece of background history of the 1937 Austin Roadster pictured for sale in our Austin 7 Register Newsletter. This Austin used to belong to me and was previously owned by my boy-friend, Al, where we both lived in Sydney in the mid 1950's. Each Weekend we would drive to different suburbs around Sydney where Al played cricket in the summer and baseball in the winter. But when he decided to go to the USA, I decided I would leave Sydney on the same day as him. I bought the Austin from him and intended to drive it to Queensland to my parent's home at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast.

Al was leaving Sydney by ship at 4 pm one Sunday

afternoon. My father was worried that I should drive such a small, old 1937 car alone from Sydney to Brisbane, so he flew to Sydney that Sunday morning and we left about lunchtime to drive home together. The car had one bench seat for the driver and passenger, and what I call a dickey seat area at the back. All of my luggage from my few years in Sydney were packed in the dickey seat area and also on a shelf behind the driver's and passenger's heads. There was not an inch of spare space anywhere in the car.

We drove north to the Hawkesbury River in amongst showers of rain and up at about 4 pm, the time Al's ship would be leaving Sydney, and then a most unusual thing happened. The engine developed a loud groaning noise which sounded both unhealthy and expensive. We kept the car moving and pulled into the first service station we came to. After a close scrutiny under the bonnet, we put the Austin up on the hoist. My father was a first class motor mechanic so he worked with the motor mechanic for over an hour but neither of them could find the cause of the problem. We lowered the Austin to the ground and started the engine; it was now running as smoothly as you could ever wish to hear! How odd that this noisy protest should occur just as the time he ship

carrying its former owner, Al, was clearing Sydney Harbour and heading for the USA. Who would dare say that an Austin 7 does not have a heart and a soul?

We drove on from White's Hill until it was almost dark and stayed overnight just outside Newcastle. On the second day we drove up and over Bulahdelah Mountain and north to Kempsey where we stayed overnight. We drove at about 40 mph (roughly 64 kph) and arrived at Caloundra by the third night. We did not have the slightest mechanical problem all the rest of the way home.

I drove the Austin from Caloundra up and down to work in Brisbane every week, and it was so reliable I rarely had any problems. On one night on my way home from Brisbane driving up the old Bruce Highway I noticed a car following me at a distance. Eventually he overtook me and flagged me down; he was a member of the local police force. Clearly he was concerned that such a fragile looking vehicle might break down at any moment. Clear he had not seen an Austin 7 before, and as it was such an attractive little car paint with its pink body and black mudguards. He was surprised to find it was being driven by a lone female late on a Friday night and being overtaken by all the rest of the traffic racing up to the Sunshine Coast for the weekend. Periodically from then onwards I would be aware that I had picked up my private escort

which followed me for a few miles (long before the km. era) and then vanish as quickly as it had appeared. It was so comforting to know that I had the law on my side, keeping an eye on the safety of me and my little car.

In 1960 I bought a new Triumph Convertible and the Austin was assigned to light duties, and much later I sold the car to Ted Bale's youngest daughter Sharon.

I am still driving the Triumph 53 years later on, and in recent times I have won various trophies at the annual Triumph Concourse in Brisbane, but there is still a part of heart that belongs to that mighty little Austin.



*Judith Chapman (Austin 7 Register member)*

#### Post script,

Judith's little Austin is no longer pink, but now faded to a pale cream. The car is unrestored and needs quite a bit of TLC. If you are interested in continuing guardianship of this remarkable little car please contact Ted & Daphne Bale, ph 3351 4737. (See photo at top of article) Soon after buying the car, Sharon went to Gatton Uni, met her husband Damien and now is a very active Mum and partner in a working farm. Meanwhile the little Austin has lost its fully enclosed storage and needs a new owner.

Ted recalls Judith telling him there was quite a community of young Austin Seven owners in Sydney that she and Al knew, including motoring journalist Pedr Davis and his future wife. (Another owner and friend of Pedr's was John Lofthouse who later moved to the Isle of Capri and was a member for many years of our club with his dark red roadster.)

### **Giving your Classic Car the Once Over**

Whilst checking over my saloon for the Rocky Trip I found this handy list of items to check over.

Many of the problems experienced by the classic car owner, which are frequently blamed on the carburetors, are very often caused by other issues. Rebuilding the carburetors without addressing these issues, is not only a waste of money, but the problem will still exist when you get your newly rebuilt carbs installed.

So, let's go through a checklist of ALL the things you should check before blaming your carburettor, and removing it for a rebuild.

1) **Do a compression check.** If you don't own a tester, it's an inexpensive item that will be used many times. Remove the spark plugs, insert the tester into spark plug hole #1 and spin the engine a few times on the starter. Note the maximum reading. Repeat for the remaining cylinders, and then compare the results. As long as the pressure is over 90 psi it's fine (my Austin Seven Saloon is 100 psi on each cylinder); what's critical is that they should all be within 10% of each other. If they are not, you need to investigate further to discover the cause; worn or broken piston rings, worn cylinder bores, worn valve guides etc. If all is well, be sure and check the spark plug gaps (0.018 – 0.020”), before replacing them, and refitting the leads in the correct sequence. Check that the leads are in good condition, and if they look doubtful; replace them, otherwise you run the risk of a misfire.

2) **Points.** Be sure to check that your points are in good condition, with no obvious burn marks on the faces. If all looks well, check the gap (0.020”), and while you're in there clean the inside of the cap.



3) **Valve Clearances.** Check your manual if you are not sure of the correct clearances (0.006" inlet & 0.007" outlet COLD), and make sure that the stated setting is for either a hot, or cold engine. Incorrect clearances will seriously affect your ignition timing.

4) **Ignition Timing.** This is a critical step. Even if the static timing has been checked, use a timing light to verify that the advance/retard is working in the distributor. Check the manual for the correct advance readings at specific rpm's. If you notice the timing mark moving erratically this indicates a worn timing chain.

5) **Check the Fuel Filter if fitted.** These do not last forever, and replacements are not expensive. If you notice an excessive build up of the rust flakes in the filter, consider removing, and flushing out the fuel tank.

6) **Vacuum Leaks.** One of the most common problems is rough running at idle, and before it is assumed that a rebuild is required there are a couple of easy things to check, which may solve the problem. The most likely culprit is a vacuum leak. You need to check that all the tubes and hoses connected to the carburetor(s) and the inlet manifold are connected properly, and are not damaged, or perished. If everything looks OK, one more check is needed. With the engine running, take a can of starting fluid and carefully spray all of the hoses, their connections, and the inlet manifold gasket area. If the engine speeds up at any time, you have found a vacuum leak. Fix that leak, or leaks (don't stop checking the whole system if you find one) before you do anything else.

Even the smallest leak in any of these areas will cause problems. If the engine is drawing air in from anywhere except through the carburetor, the mixture will be excessively weak.

**SAFETY WARNING:** Working on cars can be dangerous. Please follow ALL equipment safety guidelines, and if you are not absolutely sure about any task you are considering doing, PLEASE seek the assistance of someone with experience of that task.

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## "Gladys De Havilland - Pioneer Motorist"

The period between the two World Wars was one of extraordinary advances in aviation and motoring, with its own flesh and blood heroes and heroines. Some like Charles Kingsford-Smith and Francis Birtles were professional adventurers; others such as Hector MacQuarrie were journalists and publicists who made a living from books and lectures about their

adventures. Others just decided it would be a last chance at adventure before the world shrank

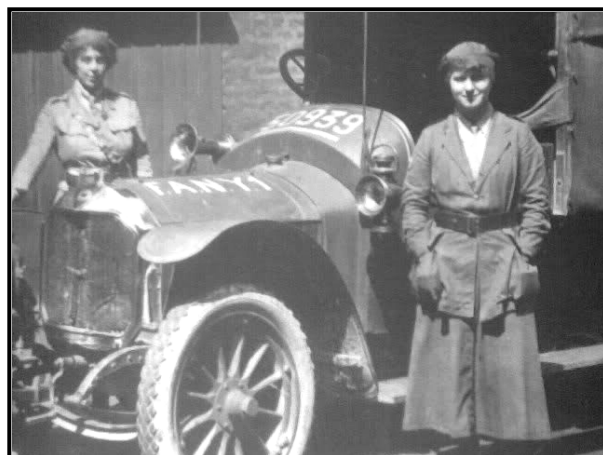
anymore and there was nowhere else left to discover. One such person was Miss Gladys De Havilland who gamely drove around the world, first with her companion and then by herself. Rather than choose a large comfortable vehicle she picked a humble but reliable Austin Seven chummy. Gladys' adventures have been published in the NSW Club newsletter and makes very interesting reading, but gives very little background to the lady herself. This was typical of the time, we know very little of where our motoring adventurers came from and where they



ROUND THE WORLD IN A "BABY" AUSTIN

Miss Gladys de Havilland and Miss Mona Eley, who are on their way round the world in a 7-h.p. "baby" Austin, and are due in Perth this month. Their "wardrobe" is stowed in one suitcase

went to. Gladys is what would have been called a very Modern and emancipated woman, who would have been a challenge to the chauvinist attitudes of the time. Gladys was 40 when she started on her journey, but was not stranger to danger, as she had written a book called the "Women's Motor Manual" in 1918 which covered military and peacetime duties for the lady at the wheel, as she had gained experience driving ambulances in France as a member of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY's) during the then very recent



Great War.

Another interesting fact about Gladys is that her brother was none other than Sir Geoffrey De Havilland, the famous British aircraft designer and manufacturer. Their father was Charles De Havilland; Curate of various Hampshire parishes so the family would have moved round and travel was common. Geoffrey and Gladys had 3 other siblings, Ivon, Hereward and sister Ione.

Gladys prepared for her journey by meticulous planning and visiting the AA to obtain map and route notes of her proposed journey. Travelling with her was her companion Mona Eley, who unfortunately had to abandon the journey in the USA after suffering sea sickness. They left Southampton on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1928 and sailed for New York and then drove across the vastness of the USA, where Gladys recently acquired colt automatic provided some necessary comfort.



Miss Eley made it to Los Angeles but had to finally bail out into the care of an aunt. Gladys then drove to San Francisco where she and the car caught a steamer to Wellington NZ. Here Gladys was treated like royalty as the Austin Seven was a very popular car in the country, and some of the best surviving photos were taken when Gladys arrived in New Plymouth, halfway up the North Island. The photo to the left was taken outside the Criterion Hotel on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 1929 and is courtesy of the Alexander Turnbull Library. Gladys is wearing her trusty mackintosh coat, and it is interesting to note the cheeky lad on the left, the local dignitaries, and the chap in white behind the bonnet of the car seems to be holding a pistol to keep the crowd under control. From Auckland Gladys sailed over to Sydney where she took a few

weeks to look around, and then motored leisurely to Melbourne and Adelaide before catching another boat to Colombo as the monsoon season was looming in Asia. From Sri Lanka Gladys sailed to Calcutta and then drove overland to Bombay, mosquitoes, rodents and monkeys being the bane of her overnight stopovers in the native "dak" bungalows. She then shipped her car to Venice, thus avoiding the dangers of the Middle East for a single English lady. Gladys then drove thru Italy and France and then the cross Channel Ferry at Calais across to Dover where she was met by the Lord Mayor and his wife at Dover along with a bevy of welcoming Austin Sevens. What happened to Gladys after her final welcoming reception with Herbert Austin well that is another story!

*Words Tim Braby, photos Trove and the Alexander Turnbull Library*

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# Expression of Interest Form

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

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I wish to express my interest in attending the Austin 7 National Rally to be held in April 2017 in Toowoomba.

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On receipt of the Expression of Interest form we will add you to our mailing list and send updates.

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## PAST RALLY REPORTS

### Austin Seven St. Valentine's Day Run to Kalbar



The Austin 7 Valentine run commenced from the clubrooms at Carindale. In Austins were Russell and Vanda Curtis in their roadster, Lindsay Jordan and Sharon in the 29 chummy and the run organisers Merv and Margaret Thompson in their 35 roadster. Taking off in moderns were Justin and Judy, Ken and Irene, Neil and Karen and John.

We travel via the Gateway, Ipswich Road and onto the Ipswich – Boonah Road where we were joined by Brett and Amanda

Wilson in their 30 roadster and in moderns Howell, Elaine and Trevor, Joe and Margaret, Mike and Kathy and Doug and Robyn.

Coming in to Kalbar is one of my SEQ favourite views with the town of Kalbar down in the valley, fields of brown and green and a range of blue mountains in the distance. In town we are greeted by Jeff the owner of a 1950's memorabilia collection. Upon entering we are hit with a "Fonzie" style visual feast and transformed back to the fifties. Everywhere there are fifties reminders including vinyl records on the walls, signs, seating like the early cafes, a wood stove, the rear of a Ford sedan complete with working tail lights, a milk bar, timber framed television sets, radios and a female fifties model with guitar recessed into a wall. After a good look around a delicious morning tea is served. We then go to an adjoining room where



there are cars with large tail fins, vinyl two toned upholstery, metal sun visors, interior venetian blinds, whitewall tyres, chrome bumper bars and distinctive colours. The wing mirrors, name plates and wheel rims on the cars are intricate designs not seen on modern cars. Richie Cunningham, Mrs C or any of our group would be proud to be driving any of these cars. In



the room is also an extensive variety of household products in original wrappers and containers. It is a short distance to our lunch stop at the Engelsberg Memorial Park. There is a sandstone memorial monument dedicated to the persons who lost their lives in wars. A face depicting each of the armed services is carved in the sandstone. After lunch we travel to the Wiss Emporium in the main street of Kalbar. The owner Kristine gives us an interesting presentation on the history of Kalbar and the building. There is period furniture, a range of arts and crafts, antiques, woodwork, clothing, jewellery and paintings.

What an imposing building it would have been in

1909 replacing a building one sixth its size. The building was earmarked for demolition but thankfully the building was restored and 100 year celebrations were held in 2009. Next door is a cottage built in the 1890's.

Thanks Merv and Margaret for a lovely Valentine run and a very enjoyable day.

*John Que*



## **March Northside meets the Southside Run**



be challenging, requiring a high degree of problem-solving on the part of the navigators.

The rally route took drivers on the northside towards Albion, then across to Ascot through residential streets with large, beautiful Queenslanders. After hunting all around Ascot for the elusive Hamilton Road detailed on the instructions, participants gave up, ignored the instructions and found their own way to the morning



tea  
stop  
at

historic Newstead House.



After much merriment about the variety of different routes rally participants had taken, morning tea was eaten in the beautiful gardens around Newstead House. In the centre of the car park was a magnificent Moreton Bay Fig Tree, estimated to be at least 200 years old. Apparently Captain Wickham's coachman used to wash the Captain's horse gig under the shade of the tree in the 1850s. Unfortunately the

house itself was not open, but everyone strolled down to the edge of the Brisbane River to watch all the boating action.

The second part of the rally saw the cars cross the Story Bridge to the southside, and head eastwards to the Bay. The temperature was by now rising rapidly, and it was quite warm travelling in the A7s. We were therefore pleased to reach the lunch stop on the foreshore at Birkdale, where it was much cooler with a strong sea breeze.

Lunch with a lovely view of Moreton Bay was enjoyed by all, sitting under the shade of the trees. The group was joined by Justin McKeering and new member, Duncan Logan, from the Sunshine Coast and his children. (Duncan owns a 1929 orange Meteor.) After lunch the men gathered around the cars to discuss important A7 matters, while Lindsay and the ladies continued to enjoy the view and chat.

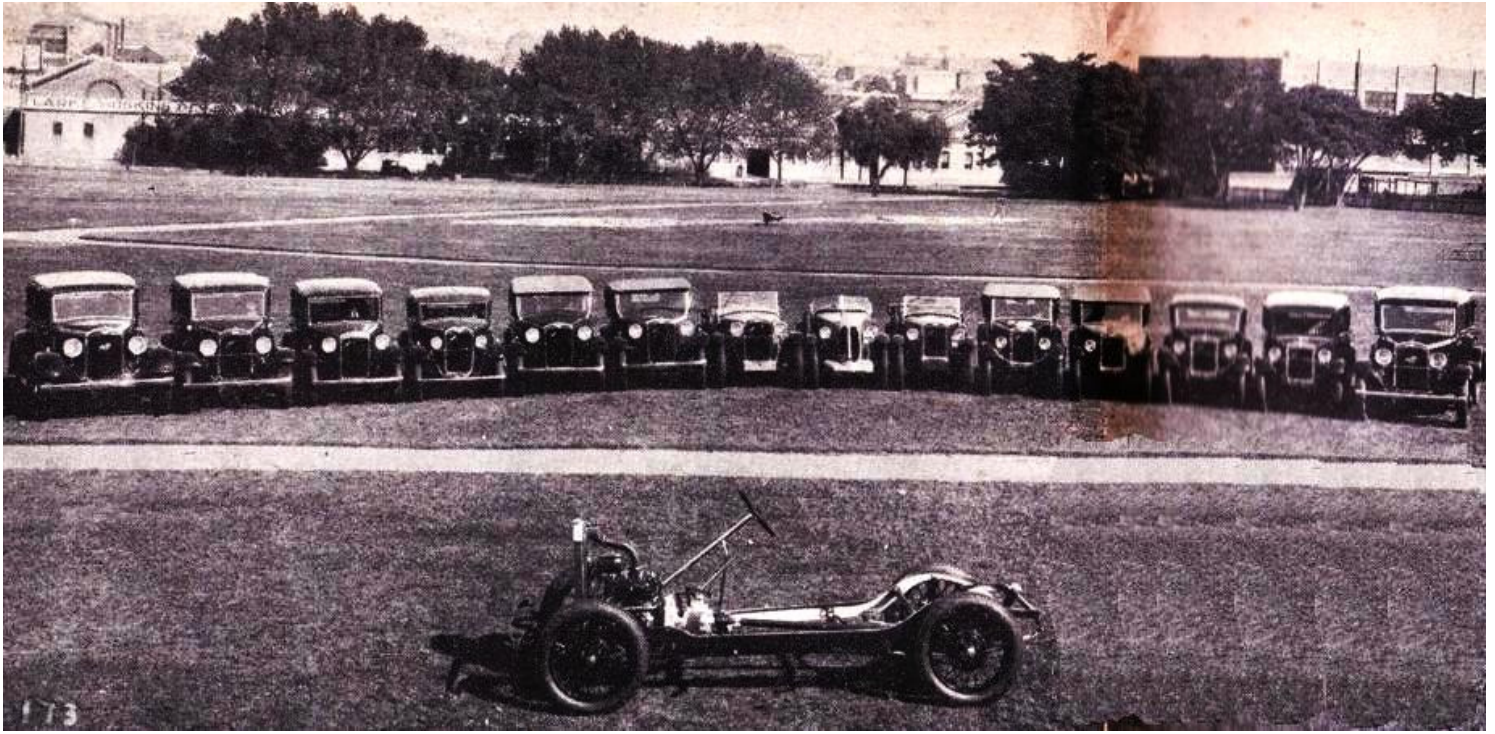
On behalf of all the participants, I would like to thank Lindsay and Sharon for a very entertaining and enjoyable day.

*Karyn Matthew*

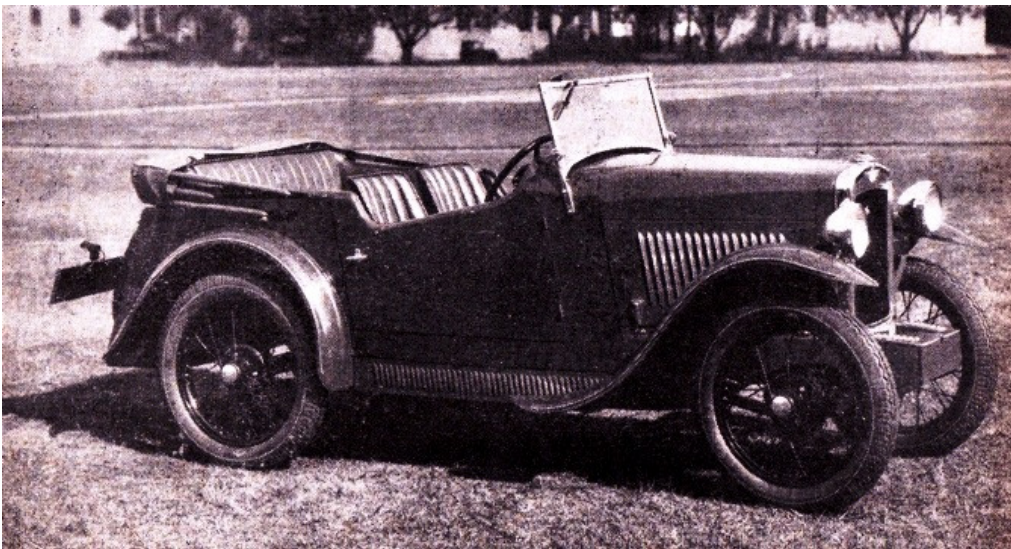


## PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHIVES

### ROYAL SYDNEY SHOW 1933



Above is a photo of the prominent Sydney motor dealer Larke Hoskins range of new Austins for the 1933 Royal Easter Show. In front is a rolling chassis showing features of the new Austin 10/4 with its new style double drop chassis with long flat road springs that worked in reverse camber under load. Behind in the middle are a variety of Sevens, being tourers and sports models, with Tens and Twelves to the outside. The big building at the left rear is Larke Hoskins workshops. The snappy 1933 Seven Sports picked below is the fifth car from the right in the above group photo.



Please excuse the quality of this photo and the one below which were published in Sports car World in 1960, and printed on a now very fragile form of newsprint paper. I think these photos were taken for an advertising feature in the Sydney Morning Herald. Larke Hoskins sold quite a range of Austins and their adverts have been reprinted in many magazines and book over the years. I will be bringing you other better quality photos

taken for Larke Hoskins at other Sydney land marks. Larke Hoskins still are around today and sell new Honda vehicles

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