



# NEWSLETTER

## April/May 2017

### Late Post Tour Edition



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



#### *THE EDITOR'S BIT*

Our wonderful National Austin 7 Tour is now a past memory, the cars and trailers put away, but the letters and messages of thanks are still coming in from all over the country. Considering the size of the event and the number of entrants and cars, there were surprisingly few hiccups along the way, and mostly none that the drivers and their passengers ever knew about.

I think you would all agree that the Tour Committee all deserve a big pat in the back, as it did not all

happen by itself. In fact, most of the committee were so busy they never saw all the cars nor many of the places on the Tour. In we can all look back with satisfaction, but there were some moments...!

Luckily most of the time it was all good fun for all. Some of the funnier incidents include

The car with the broken crankshaft that was put on a trailer, then miraculously driven away afterward.

The 75 trailers that were nominated to be parked for the week on secure premises that never appeared (Toowoomba must have roomy parking at its motels and caravan parks).

The delightful commentary on the Pittsworth Bus Tour.

And ...The missing table place number at the welcome dinner that mysteriously reappeared for the final dinner!

*Editor Tim*

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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 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.

**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.

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

**Friday 11th August General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 12th August 2017: A7 Register Club Weekend Fun Run.** Fun Run organized by Grant & Jackie to commence from Clubroom Carpark, Carindale at 9am. Fun Run to finish at Clubroom, Carindale for BYO BBQ Lunch. BYO Morning Tea & BBQ (or other) Lunch.

**Saturday 12th August 2017: A7 Register Club 50 Year Dinner**

**Sunday 13th August 2017: A7 Register Club Weekend Static Display.** Display to be held at Capalaba Regional Park, Pittwin Road North, Capalaba, UBD 183 P15, (behind Bunnings). Display organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to make their own way to the venue. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1.30pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Friday 8th September General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 17th September 2017:** All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm. Display cars \$15 with metal Souvenir Badge. No pre-booking required. Contact Trevor Moore (Ph. 3848 5575) for more details. Byo Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration on arrival etc.

## **INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS**



**29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April Gold Coast Antique Auto Club Autorama Invitational Rally** alternation with Tweed Rally

**Saturday 7th May Lockyer Swap and Vintage Cars Display:** at Laidley Showgrounds

**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](mailto:info@frs.com.au)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May Bayside Restorers Club Biggest M/T:** Capalaba Regional Park. 9.45 am

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May LAMA Swap,** Laidley Showgrounds

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May National Motoring Heritage Day,** picnic in the Park, Queens Park, Ipswich

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May Heritage Truck Show: Rocklea** Showgrounds

**Sunday 28th May 2017 QVVA Swap Meet:** Carina State School

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Beaudesert Swap:** Beaudesert Racecourse, Beaudesert - Boonah Road

**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](mailto:Secretery.bmec@yahoo.com.au), or website [beaudesertmec.weebly.com](http://beaudesertmec.weebly.com)

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

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July Nambour Swap,** Showgrounds

**Sunday 9th September Gympie Historic Auto Club Inc 47th Swap Meet** and our 5th CAR SHOW.

Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, Southside, Gympie.

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club Canefields Classic**

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th LAMA Annual Invitation Rally at Gatton.**

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS**

**Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc**

**Meeting No 557, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

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

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

**Apologies:** Steve Davidson & Howell Whitehouse.

**Attendance:** The book was signed by 24 members

**Previous Minutes:** The Secretary read the minutes of the January meeting and moved that it be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.

**Business arising from minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence: Out**

**IN:** Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

M/S Renewal application from Merv & Pam Briggs

Veteran car club re removal of cupboard from club library by 12<sup>th</sup> March

QHMC re cars for Anzac parade at Forest Lake RSL

Email re Trevor & Dawn May email address change

Book Donated

Email re "Honk!" Ipswich Festival

Email re Allora Old Car Festival 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April

Advertising Material

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read. Seconded by Doug Clark. Carried

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Merv & Pam Briggs application be accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** John gave his report on the club finances & asked if there were any questions. Then moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie, Carried

**QHMC Report:** QHMC now on Facebook

21<sup>st</sup> May National Heritage Day

9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> June South Qld QHMC RACQ Run, Beaudesert

Applications now opened for the Shannon Foundation Award

Tim our editor asked if he could include some of the QHMC Minutes in our newsletter (Yes)

**Spare Parts Report:** - Trevor reported sales were up & another order has arrived from Melbourne

**Second Hand Parts Report:** Doug may have made a sale of a manifold.

**Club Events:** Neil reminded members

12<sup>th</sup> Feb A7 Valentine's Day Run will be to Orleigh Park for M/T only because of the weather. Meet Centenary Pool

12<sup>th</sup> March Presidents Run.

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 National Tour, Toowoomba

14<sup>th</sup> April NO MEETING (Good Friday)

13<sup>th</sup> May SATURDAY Mother's Day Run

11<sup>th</sup> June Winter Run

9<sup>th</sup> July RACQ Motorfest (Give entry forms to Robyn next meeting)

**Other Events:**

19<sup>th</sup> March 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beaudesert & District Restored Auto Club

26<sup>th</sup> March Bayside Swap

14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April Austin's Over Australia, Ipswich



14<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May QHMC Tasmania Tour

20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> May Heritage Truck Club Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

28<sup>th</sup> May QVVA Swap, Carina State School

**Past Events:** Australia Day Bayside report in newsletter 560 cars

Allora Heritage Weekend - Report from Ian McDowell

Toowoomba Swap – Report from John Que

**Web Master Report:** no change

**Library Report:** New book in library “Austin Seven Book” by R T Nicholson.

**Editors Report:** Tim had newsletters ready for postage.

**2017 A7 Tour Report:** The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Austin 7's will be held in Victoria in 2022. Catering forms are being returned. 124 entries.

On behalf of members Lindsay thanked the 2017 committee for all work that has been done to make this tour a success.

**Historic Racing:** Justin McCarthy has had an article written about him and his car in the Noosa News. Also, there will be a training day on 18<sup>th</sup> February

**General Business:** Robyn will be getting an Australian & Queensland Flag for the club.

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club. Suggested dinner at clubrooms on static display Saturday. Invite past Presidents, Secretary's & Treasurer's. Will should be prepaid. Looking for caterers for the night. Also, members to bring along memorabilia on the night.

This year's Static Display will be the same as last year. Capalaba Regional Park.

Trevor Moore has nominated Orlando Haywood for the Shannon's Award.

John has purchased 2 more computers from the Good Guys, Toowoomba

Sue Waller asked if any members could attend the Greenbank State School on 27<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am. in their Austin's. (8 members to attend.)

**Report on cars and/or car troubles:** Nil

**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in the month of February were wished all the best.

**Raffle:** Valda had tickets for sale for a Saint Valentine's day raffle.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

**Supper Organiser:** June Gleadhill was thanked for tonight's supper.

March supper Elaine & Trevor Moore.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

As there was no further business to discuss the President declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm thanking members for attending.

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

#### **Meeting No 558, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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

The President declared the meeting opened at 7.52 pm, with a welcome to all.

**Apologies:** Mike & Kathy McGuill, Steve Davidson, Ted Bale & Mat Potts

**Attendance:** The book was signed by 26 members and 1 visitor,

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

**Business arising from:** Nil

**Correspondence:** OUT = Membership form to Peter Tomlinson

**IN:** Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Email re Old Petrie Town Steam Fair 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> June

Veteran Car Club re rent & our copy of Deed of Agreement

Boonah Show 3<sup>rd</sup> June

M/S application from Peter & Sue Tomlinson

Advertising Material



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

Seconded by Justin McCarthy

**Business Arising from Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** John read the auditor's report, then the income & expenses of the club and National Tour. Asked for all bills to be passed for payment and his report to be accepted. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

**QHMC Report:** No meeting last month but a hearing with the Transport Department to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has been busy with everyone trying to get their car ready for the 2017 Tour, Melbourne Austin 7 Club donated a book for our library. "Going Strong", the history of the Austin 7 Club, 1950-2016, by Bob Watson

**Second Hand Parts Report:** Nil

**Club Events:** Neil asked Lindsay to speak about his Presidents Run on Sunday Meet Centenary Pool 9am.

9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017 National Tour, Toowoomba

12<sup>th</sup> April NO MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> May Saturday Mother's Day Run, Peter & Sur Waller

11<sup>th</sup> June Winter Run

9<sup>th</sup> July RACQ Motorfest.

**Other Events:**

15<sup>th</sup> March 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Beaudesert & District Restored Auto Club

Meet MacLean's Bridge 9.30am. BYO M/T, free Sausage Sizzle Lunch

26<sup>th</sup> March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> April Austin's over Australia, Ipswich

18<sup>th</sup> May Baysides Biggest Morning Tea, Capalaba Regional Park 9.45am

20<sup>th</sup>-21 May Heritage Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

21<sup>st</sup> May National Motoring Heritage Day, Ipswich

28<sup>th</sup> May QVVA Swap, Carina State School

**Past Events:**

12<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentine's Day Run. Reported by Lindsay Jordan

27<sup>th</sup> Feb Greenbank State School. Thank You from Sue Waller. Report by Alan

Couser. Enjoyed Morning Tea provided by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade teachers

**Web Master Report:** All websites up to date.

**Library Report:** No report from Alan. Rhonda was asked if she knew how big our cupboard space would be. Nobody knows at this time.

**Editors Report:** Tim stated that the April newsletter will be late due to his work in the National Tour.

**2017 A7 Tour Report:** All name badges and meal tickets have been completed. People coming from Tasmania and the UK. Raffle tickets available if members wish to buy them before-hand. The Tour has already been advertised in the Toowoomba Chronicle newspaper.

**Heritage Racing Report:** Justin stated the training day did not go ahead, but there will be an event on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May at Morven.

**General Business:** Robyn apologised for not including some members in the register.

Justin Mc Carthy can get cloth badges made. Rhonda Guthrie moved that 30 badges be ordered. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

Merv Thompson asked if the Austin 7 club would be willing to organise the 2026 Austins Over Australia.

Trevor Moore moved NO, seconded by Doug Clark. Carried.

**Report on Cars &/or Car troubles:** Wheels balanced at Peugeot Tech, Northgate.

**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in March & April were wished all the best.

**Raffle:** Valda had tickets for sale in tonight's raffle.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

**Supper Organiser:** A thank you was extended to Trevor & Elaine Moore for tonight's supper. Alan Couser will organise supper in May.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The President reminded members that there will be on meeting in April (Good Friday). As there was no further business to discuss he declared the meeting closed at 9.05 pm, looking forward to seeing many members in Toowoomba on the A7 Tour. *Robyn*



## **A very important Date Claimer**

*Did you know, that in 1967, Post codes were introduced,  
and we got a new Five Dollar Note But more important  
the Austin 7 Register of Queensland was created !!!!!!!*



*To Celebrate the Club will have a Special 50th Anniversary  
Dinner on Saturday the 12th of August*

*Details will be announced nearer the event on the Club Website at [austin7.org.au](http://austin7.org.au)  
or in your Austin 7 Register newsletters*

## **NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS**

Not much to relate but as a direct result of the recent Toowoomba National Tour, three Queensland cars are changing hands. The Editor's 1934 Nippy flew north to Gympie to be driven by a mate of Peter Goldsworthy, this has been replaced by a red 1936 Ruby that was bought from Russel & Vanda Curtis just up in Wamuran and Peter Baker's freshly restored 1930 Ulster has decided to take in the country air in Warwick in the care of David Ure.

## **PAST RALLY REPORTS**

### **Valentine's Day Run - 12 February 2017**

Based on a predicted 39 degrees Celsius for the day, a few days early the A7 Register Executive had proposed postponing the run west of Brisbane that had been organised by Peter and Sue. In order to enjoy the usual A7 run social occasion in cooler conditions, it was decided to have a morning tea run to Orleigh Park in West End.



President Lindsay & Sharon relaxing in the shade.



Alan Couser Joint 2nd place  
Valentines Quiz



At our usual starting point of the Centenary Pool carpark, three A7s and six modern cars driven by A7 members assembled prior to departure at 9am. Present in A7s were Trev & Elaine, Tim, and Peter & Sue. Arriving in modern cars were Mike & Kathy, Neil & Karyn, John, Lindsay & Sharon, Ian & Valda, and Alan. At 9am, with a one-page run instruction sheet in hand, we all set out for the short run across the William Jolly Bridge, left into Montague Road and straight to Orleigh Park on the Brisbane River. We were met at the park by Doug and Robyn, who had selected a large, shady fig tree to seat ourselves under. It was cooling looking out over the river and its associated activity.

During morning tea, Peter and Sue handed out red roses and a Valentine's quiz sheet to be completed by members. After much deliberation over the romantic questions, the sheets were handed to Sue who, in school teacher manner, judiciously marked them. First prize for the most correct answers went to Ian and Valda, who demonstrated a very good knowledge of the husbands of Elizabeth Taylor. Sharing second prize were the Doug & Robyn and Alan. The large Toblerone chocolate bar prizes were well received by the winners. Soon after the presentations, members were kindly invited across the road to view the wonderful collection of child pedal cars at the home of Kym and Helen. We all recalled that it was a couple of years ago when we held our Christmas lunch at the park, that Kym had displayed her collection of pedal cars in her front yard and on the footpath. This time we were welcomed into the house to view the cars located in just about all rooms and on the staircase. Thank you, Kym and Helen, for your hospitality once again.

At around 11am, we all packed up and proceeded home before the hottest part of the day. Thank you, Peter and Sue, for the Valentine-themed entertainment and we look forward to your run in May.

*Neil*

## **Greenbank State School Show & Tell - 28 February**

On the morning of 27 February, we assembled for departure from Doug and Robyn's house. There was Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine, Lindsay, Peter, Allan and Merv in their Austins. Valda & Ian arrived modern but hitched a ride with Allan to arrive at the school in style. We headed off to the school in convoy to arrive at the



carpark to find a “ring in” in the form of an old EK Holden already waiting. It belonged to one of the student’s parents. We were greeted by Sue and filled out the variety of forms and sticker name tags. We had a quick run through of emergency procedures and a tour of where the toilets were. Allan could not resist poking his head in to the principal’s office and having a chat. He seemed very comfortable in there, he might have spent a lot of time in principal’s office in the past.



We headed outside to await the onslaught of the Year Three students. The students had been looking at how things are different and the same from years ago. As there are over 170 Year Three students, they were broken up into three groups. The children had an absolute ball looking at, and even being allowed to sit in the cars. I am not sure who started it, (rumour has it Peter) but someone let them hop in even after their teacher had told them that they were only going to look. A firm favourite was the Taxi and the green Austin Freeway. After the last student left and the bell rang for morning tea we went to the staff room for some refreshments. The Year Three teachers had supplied a yummy spread, even including the hot sausage rolls cheekily requested by Allan.

A big thanks to all that attended, you really made the children happy and very excited about all the cars. They went back to class drawing and writing about the morning. They haven’t stopped asking me about when the little cars are coming back.

*Sue and Peter*

### **NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN**

On Monday 27 February, we had lots of fun when the Austin Seven Club came to Greenbank State School. It was so much fun climbing in the cars and it was the best day ever. I wish they could come back. I liked beeping all the horns. I really liked them all, they looked so much different to the cars we have today. I liked the red car the best but really, they were all good. I was surprised that they had no seatbelts and you could wind them up to start them. We had the best time.



## A Year Three Girl from Greenbank State School

Thank you for coming to Greenbank State School. We all loved your cars. They had funny things, a wind up car thing, they did not need much fuel and weird horns that went arrup, arruparrup. I learnt so much that I want to see them again. I really liked the green one and the taxi too, but all the others were great as well. They could only carry one person in the taxi. The taxi was so small I could reach the pedals. I saw a car that was silver and shiny. I got to go in all the cars except the green car, it might be special to that person. It was pretty amazing that you showed us your old cars. Thank you very much.

## A Year Three Boy from Greenbank State School

# President's Run 12 March 2017



Attendees in Austin 7s: Trev & Elaine Moore, Ian & Valda McDowell, Alan Couser, Doug & Robyn Clark, Justin McKeering, Lindsay Jordan & Sharon Cowden, Merv & Margaret Thompson, Sue & Peter Waller and Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew. Attendees in modern: Tim Braby and John Que.

Assembly was at Centenary Pool to leave at 9am. Ha, ha, first phone call was from Neil Thyer, who did not know if his car would make it to the starting point. However, he did arrive, and soon after Doug Clark was lying across the seats looking for the problem which was a loose earth wire. Once fixed, away we went with 9 A7s and 2 modern cars in total.

Doug and Robyn only got to Roma Street when their sports did not want to go any further. The rest of the fleet continued to Slaughter Falls for morning tea. It was a nice spot, but the President Lindsay forgot to arrive early and shift the dead possum which was okay if the wind blew the right way.



After coffee and a talk, it was back through the city for lunch under the Story Bridge, where we had a nice shelter shed beside the river with a nice breeze. Lindsay did advise there was a lot of parking area, but on arrival 7 A7s had to park into 2 normal car parking bays.

Casualties for the day:

**Doug & Robyn Clark** with broken axle at the hub and delivered by RACQ to their home.

**Neil Thyer** with a loose earth wire.

**Ian & Valda McDowell** with battery trouble and after morning tea had to crank their van, as they had not enough battery power.

**Alan Couser** had to use the hand throttle for speed travelling to morning tea, as he claimed the foot throttle was not working. After

having it checked at morning tea, it was found to be ok and gave no more trouble. Maybe his feet need to be resized?

**Matt Potts** ignition problem did not make the start.

Now for the **PRESIDENT Lindsay**, a retired teacher who was responsible for the run today. He should write the word WICKHAM out 100 times as it was spelt wrong. No doubt he will blame Sharon for the mistake, but it was up to him to proof read the instructions. And then during lunch he bumped Sharon, causing some of her lunch to fall on her new blouse and shorts but did not apologise.

When I arrived home, I phoned Doug who was busy removing the diff. He said he would be at my place by 3pm. By 4.30 we had replaced 2 axles in the diff and he left, calling it a day.

Today was a good test before the National Tour. In all a great run, thanks Lindsay & Sharon for your effort.

Trevor Moore

## *CELEBRATING 95 YEARS OF THE AUSTIN 7 TOUR— TOOWOOMBA*



As a result of ex-cyclone Debbie, it was touch and go whether everyone would be able to make it to the 2017 National Austin 7 Tour held in Toowoomba. By a variety of routes all Far Northerners were able to get through as a result of leaving early before the roads closed, or later after they had opened. Barry and Yvonne had to be in Brisbane early to be able to have a new radiator fitted to their 1935 Austin 7 Sports. Mays took their time and arrived without incident.

It was great to meet up with Far Northern Restorers members Ron and Wendy Byrnes in their beautiful 1929 Austin Chummy and Allan Blair driving his uncle's 1930 Sports which he is bringing back to use in Innisfail.

The Austin 7 National Rally is held every five years, the last one in the Barossa Valley in South Australia. This year over 120 little cars converged on Toowoomba where the Austin 7 Register of Queensland committee had been working for 5 years to have everything perfect—which indeed they accomplished.

Activities began with Registration in the afternoon followed by a Welcome dinner held at University of Southern Queensland campus. It was an opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

The following day was a town day with a swap meet at the headquarters, a High Tea for female members and then the cars were displayed at the Cobb & Co Museum. This was an appropriate venue as the Cobb & Co coaches were being phased out around the same time as the Austin 7's were starting to be manufactured.

Next followed 4 driving days where we visited every little village in the Toowoomba district. We were "eased in" with a journey of some 87 kilometres from the Club Rooms to the Highfields Pioneer Village



where we had damper and billy tea and lots of opportunity to view the extensive collections housed at the venue. From there we drove to Goombungee for lunch provided by the local CWA women. On the way home, we visited 3 venues—Double H Alpaca Stud; 2nd 2 None Winery and the Colonial Woodcrafts.

The second driving day covered 127 kms from the club rooms. We were on back roads on our way to the Jondaryan Woolshed. Here we had morning tea in the largest shearing shed in the Southern Hemisphere, witnessed a display of shearing and then wandered over the vast complex. Then we were back into our cars for a drive to Adora Downs Homestead at Mt Tyson. This was a working station with beautiful grounds. Here we

had a lovely roast dinner which went down very well. We returned to Toowoomba passing the new Wellcamp Airport.



There were plenty of activities in the evening for those that had the energy including ghost tours; dinner in a railway wagon and a trivia night.

Our third touring day—a distance of 144 kms took us initially to Allora and another lovely morning tea and a group photo of all the Austin 7s at the Allora Showgrounds. Our car was parked beside Greg Keller's Austin 7 van. It had had several owners between Greg and the present owner who lives in Warwick. The new owner said it was going to be with him for a long time. Isobel and Ray Plath were waiting there to greet us so our little team of Far Northerners had grown to 8. From Allora, we went to Nobby of Steele Rudd fame for lunch and then back to Toowoomba.

As a result of the long distances travelled, the number of Austin 7s on the last day of touring had diminished somewhat. All the Far Northerners were in modern cars. We had done over 400 kms in our Chummy which performed really well and it proved especially good on the many hills that had to be traversed.

The last day was only 117 kms which involved a drive to Pittsworth where state representatives competed in a gymkhana. We also had an opportunity to take a bus ride which would have to be the cheapest ride in Australia—\$1 per head for the most entertaining ride led by Penny. After she had finished with us most people were wanting to move to Pittsworth which was a lovely little town with wonderful gardens.



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In the evening, we were back to USQ for the farewell dinner and the presentation of awards. It was the opportunity to thank the Austin 7 Register of Queensland members who had done an amazing job. The next National Rally will be held in 2022 in Victoria. I am sure that Yvonne and Barry will make it but it might be too far for the Mays.

*Courtesy of Dawn and Peter May  
and the Cairns & District  
Historic Vehicle Club Inc  
"Bearing Chatter magazine"*

## **"National Austin 7 Tour rolls into Toowoomba region"**

**Kate Dodd of the Toowoomba  
Chronicle 10/4/2017**

DRIVING down the highway in a  
tiny Austin 7 at a top speed of  
75kmh and trying to stay out of the  
way of semi-trailers sounds like a





scene from a movie.

But for Victorian family Bev and Graeme Logan and their daughter Peta Lee, it was how they travelled to Toowoomba for the 2017 Austin 7 National Tour.

The family brought their 1935 Austin 7 Ruby to the event, in which members of the club had their cars on show at the Cobb and Co Museum yesterday.



Bev Logan and Peta Lee. Austin 7's car rally at Cobb+co. April 2017

"We live in the Mornington Peninsula and it took us five days to get here," Mrs Logan said.

The drive might have been scary, but it was worth it.

Her daughter Mrs Lee said she and her parents had made many friends over the years and it was lovely to come to meet-ups to see them again.

"It's nice to go somewhere else and see a friend's home state," she said.

Tour assistant Tim Braby, who had his own Austin 7 on display, said the national tour happened once every five years.

"Last time we went to South Australia, this time it's Queensland and in five years' time, for the 100th anniversary of the Austin 7, we will be in Victoria."

The car was created by Herbert Austin in England.

<https://www.thechronicle.com.au/news/national-austin-7-tour-rolls-toowoomba-region/3164878/>

## **Some photos from the Editors Camera**

Mike and Jo Hawthorne entered their 1934 Nippy, one of 4 Nippys on the tour, but suffered from a bowden front brake cable breakage.



Peter Bakers 1930 Ulster Replica, not a entrant but very welcome to the display at the Cobb and Co. Museum on the Sunday. This car has just finished a lengthy restoration over nearly 40 years.



The 1929 Chummy was the most numerous model Austin on the tour, this being Mark Wellington from NSW.



Merv and Maureen Boatwright's 1923 "Pram hood" Chummy was the oldest car on the Tour.







John's sister Twink was one of our voluntary helpers, most days instead of enjoying the Tour, Twink could be seen helping John put up the distinctive tour signs, made by Merv and Doug, Sorry none left as they were sold off on the final night.



Tur Director John gets a chance to sit in the famous 1931 Austin Works Racer. Lucky guy John.



Part of the Western Australian contingent, include Alexandra and Gordon McManus (and Steve Coleman?) with Rhonda at the Welcome Dinner. Nice Club Shirts, Team!!!



A regular Tour attendee is Harry Crawford from the ACT, here seen at the "Funkhana" with William Knapp helping



Tony and Andrea Casabene from Victoria drove every day in this pretty 1927 model Butchers van.



Bob Collet and Trish Handley waiting for a park at Jondaryan Woolshed in Trish's 1928 Sports.





The cars on display at the Allora Showgrounds on the Wednesday, my camera did not have a wide enough a lens to capture the 66 or so cars assembled in one shot!!!

## **Tour Badges for Sale:**

a very limited number of Toowoomba Tour Badges are for sale. These do not feature mounting holes but could be glued onto a mounting as a souvenir. Contact John Que or Robyn Clarke for details. \$20 each, can be posted to country members for free.



## **A short trip to New Zealand**



The editor had a short stay in New Zealand in February to attend the biannual "Wings over Wairarapa" Air Show but this was washed out by a weekend of heavy & persistent rain, which brought on some localised flooding in rural communities. The evening before the air show was to start we were treated to seeing two powered gliders

performing stunts over Wellington Harbour, using lights and smoke. The next day the rain set in!

Instead of the Air Show we visited a local Agricultural and Produce Show where a few vintage cars were on show, including two little Austin Sevens as well as stationary engines, horse drawn wagons and a nice steam engine that was quietly chuffing away in a corner.



Left is the 1930 Austin 7 Saloon owned by Mary Buick of the Vintage Austin Register - one owner since 1970!

The other is a 1933 Austin 7 Saloon owned by P. O'Hara



The earthquake in the South Island last November caused considerable damage even as far north as Wellington on the lower part of the North Island. Several buildings were assessed and will have to be demolished as a possible risk of collapse in the next big earthquake. One is this car park (over the page), but several office buildings are affected as well and face possible demolition.





At the right is Wellington's famed cable car. Worth the trip up to the top for the view of the city and harbour on a fine day, the nice weather returned the day before I was flying home!

*Tim*



## **Seen on the Internet - The "Powerspark" Electronic Ignition for the Austin 7**



Powerspark D31 Electronic Distributor 6 / 12-volt Negative Earth (DK4A Style for Austin 7 and Big 7) £119.95

Product Description

D31 - **Powerspark D31 Negative Earth Electronic Distributor 6 / 12 volt**

Recently developed and now available for the first time, this model replaces distributors with product code Lucas DK4A.

Suitable for Austin 7 and Big 7 models from 1934 to 1939.

This model features clockwise rotating drive gear (CW). Please check whether your drive gear runs clockwise (CW) or counter clock wise (CCW)

Website <http://www.simonbbc.com/>

## **Austin 7 Classifieds**

For Sale chassis for Austin 7 based trial car. modified Austin 7 diff, front axle, wheels and chassis, fitted with coil over shocker suspension. Set up for Morris hydraulic brakes. \$500 firm, no tyre kickers, please? Ted Bale 3351 4737 or email to [Edward.bale@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Edward.bale@optusnet.com.au)



**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.*

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 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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*Right Photo - Ramps and winch*



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