



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2013



WISHING PEACE AND
HAPPINESS THIS CHRISTMAS
SEASON FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS



No, no, no, not Santa's new delivery van, it is Grey power in Holiday mode!

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AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

10th November 2013: Club Rally. Rally to be organized by Ian & Valda McDowell. Details to be confirmed.

15th December 2013: Club Christmas Picnic Lunch at Orleigh Park, West End commencing at 10.00am. Organized by A7 Club Secretary.

Sunday 12th JANUARY 2014 Annual New Year Breakfast organized by Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew (ph 0431 067 909). Buffet Breakfast venue to be confirmed. Breakfast commencing at 8.00am. Cost: to be confirmed.

26th January 2014 Bayside Restorers Club Australia Day Invitation Rally Free Breakfast from 7.30am Display until 9:30 Rally through the Redlands to Lunch

Sunday 16th February 2014 Valentine's Day Rally organized by Merv & Margaret Thompson (ph 0408 150 982). Rally to commence at 9.00am from Centenary Pool Carpark. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Rally destination to be confirmed.

Sunday 16th March 2014, President's Rally organized by Lindsay Jordan (ph 0408 876 559). Rally details to be confirmed.

19th -25th April - The A7 2014 Austin Seven Tour to Rockhampton (reprinted for the late comers!)

Departing from Warrego Highway at 9.00am on 19.4.2014 and travelling to Rockhampton and return. Organized by Brett & Amanda Wilson ph. 07 33893821 or email: bawilson@optusnet.com.au for details. Members to make own arrangements re accommodation Proposed for April (Easter) next year Total Distance Brisbane to Rockhampton 732 km (via Biloela), return journey 1464 km. Please consider this rally as THE major event of next year as it is a chance for us to meet up with our many members who live in Rockhampton and its surrounds. The journey returning is the same one as the one up with the same stops which makes accommodation booking easy.

Saturday 19th Day 1 Brisbane to Kingaroy 209 km

Sunday 20th Day 2 Kingaroy to Monto 315 km

Monday 21st Day 3 Monto to Rockhampton 237 km

Tuesday 22nd Day 4 Free Day in Rocky

Wednesday 23rd Day 5 Rockhampton to Monto 237 km

Thursday 24th Day 6 Monto to Kingaroy 315 km

Friday 25th Day 7 Kingaroy to Brisbane 209 km Friday

KINGAROY

BIG4 Kingaroy Holiday Park

48 Walter Rd, Kingaroy QLD 4610 (07) 4162 1808 - kingaroyholidaypark.com.au Category: Self Contained Accommodation Provider family ensuite - deluxe villas - camp kitchen - bedroom deluxe ensuite cabins

Motel Oasis 50 Walter Rd, Kingaroy QLD 4610 (07) 4162 2399 - moteloasis.com.au

Category: Accommodation licensed restaurant - undercover parking

MONTO

Three Moon Motel

Burnett Highway, Monto, Queensland 4630, Australia Number of rooms: 22 Ph: 07 4166 1777

Fax: 07 4166 1712

bookinas@threemoonmotel.com.au

Colonial Motor Inn

6 Thomson St, Monto, Queensland 4630, Australia
(07) 4166 1377

ROCKHAMPTON

Southside Holiday Village

Lower Dawson Road - Rockhampton - Qld - 4700

Phone: (07) 4927 3013 - Fax: (07) 4927 7750

Freecall 1800 075 911 - Reservations book@sshv.com.au

Saturday 10th May 2014 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 15th June 2014 Winter Fun Run organized by Grant & Jacki Preddy (ph 0488 375 804). Rally to commence at 9.00am from Centenary Pool Carpark. Rally destination to be confirmed. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

(From the QHMC Website)

2014

Feb. 1st & 2nd Toowoomba Swap Meet <http://www.toowoombaswap.com/index.php/toowoomba-swap>

March 31st BVRC Swap Ormiston State School Gates open 5.45 am

March 15th and 16th Ipswich Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club Inc. 40th Invitation Rally

Phone Barry Blair - Treasurer 0408 723 800, Clayton Wilson - President 0400 577 355 email contact brb1979@hotmail.com or Club web page www.ivvvc.org.au/home

April 6th Buick Car Club of Australia Inc Shannon's Queensland Auto spectacular – Willowbank Raceway. Check website for details – www.queenslandautospectacular.com.au

April 18 to 20 Easter in the Country Rally 2014 from Friday 18th April to Sunday 20th April 2014.

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

April 25 to 27 Warwick Veteran and Vintage Vehicle Club 40th anniversary event, details from committee not yet decided. For more information contact the club Email: info@alloraheritageweekend.org.au Phone: 46671570 this should be a very good event watch this space for more details but reserve the dates now

May Tweed Valley Vehicle Restorers Club Invitation Rally. Contact Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575) for details.

A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

June 2013 Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House.

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News of Members, present & past

Joyce & Rex Dannenberg have now moved to a Community Care complex at Murrumba.

Joyce is relieved that other people are now looking after Rex, after 18 years. For newer members Rex is a past President of the Austin 7 Register, and quite a larrikin in his day, before he suffered his stroke. He even has a street named after him (True!)

Rex is in a High Care section where he has a room, Joyce has a two bed roomed unit which has been refurbished. It is now good that they can visit each other, they are close by. Unfortunately they are not as close as they used to be the headquarters of Rex's favourite AFL team, the Aspley Hornets!!!!

Address for mail Unit 22, Inveroine Retirement Community, 54 Ogg Road, Murrumba, 4503

Joyce's phone No is 3886 0499.

Former President Colin Jones is recuperating after having a heart attack, swift medical intervention helped bring him out of a critical situation, and now he is on the long road to recovery. I am happy to relate that Colin is now doing very well, but still has a lot of work to do before he goes home. Our best wishes to Colin and Nancy and their family at this time.

Bill Clarke also had a quick operation early in November after there was sign there was something not quite right and they found a nasty growth, luckily the operation was a success, and Bill was back home sooner than the doctors said.

Finally don't forget Club Spares parts will be will be closed from 15th October to 11th November 2013 and from 22nd December 2013 to 8th January 2014.

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What's new on our Website?



As reported in the minutes Mike McGill and Neil Thyer have been very busy setting up our new website. Now it is fully functional and now we have links to previous newsletters, plus more photos and up and coming club events. Remember to look for the "Austin 7 Register of Qld" on your browser with the web address austin7.org.au This is our NEW website, so save this to your favourites'.

Remember austin7.org.au

The newsletter goes Digital.

Modern technology finally has caught up with your newsletter and the Committee is now able to post copies of the newsletter on our new Website, austin7.org.au

We were having trouble with the size of the newsletter, which was created to full resolution, some photos were as big as the side of a house, making the finished newsletter HUGE! The original files were up to 17 megabytes and the pdf format files varying from 4 to 8 megabytes in size, I would imagine some of your downloads would have taken ages, if they actually were accepted by your internet server. Now we will send you a simple message without a bulky attachment to let you know when the latest newsletter is posted on the Club Website.

Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 517, 11th October 2013

Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

Attendance Book: 19 members were in attendance and 1 visitor Chris Brocklehurst from the UK

Apologies: , Mike & Kathy McGill's, Darren & Kirsten Moore, Ted Bale, Justin McCarthy & Judy, Peter Goldsworthy

Minutes:

The Minutes of the September Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they are accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded – . Robyn Clark . Carried

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

OUT:

1. Receipts sent to members.
2. Application To Hugh Carter
3. Application to Steve Davidson

IN:

1. New sletters from other clubs as tabled.
2. Renewal membership from Hugh Carter
3. Membership application an payment from Steve Davidson

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 Neil Thyer carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Quiet month we were able to purchase some second hand parts from Michael Kenward whose parents, Howard and Alison, had been members of the club

Second Hand parts Nil

Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer

- 10th November Ian & Valda McDowell leave from Club Rooms 9am
- 15th December club breakup at Orleigh Park West End 10am
- Neil Thyer put to the meeting that the All British Day be classed as a club run, with points being awarded for attending members from 2014. All in favour.

Other Events:

- Crestmead Neighbour Hood Watch is having a Road Safety Expo at Waller Park on Sunday 20th October 2013. There was an indication that there would be some members attending
- Boronia Heights State School Car Show & Shine 9am -2pm Sunday 3 November 2013, There was an indication that there would be some members attending

General Business:

- QHMC SVI S Questionnaire urgent, There were several questions that were required to be answered and they were answered and it was also voted to leave the SIV Scheme as it stands with no alterations.
- Tim Braby mentioned that he had been asked by Graham Cogzell to try to get members to attend the Gold Coast Rally 16/17 November 2013, application forms left for members.

Report on Cars and or Car troubles: Nil

BIRTHDAYS:- Neil Thyer, Joyce Dannenberg, Dennis Gillbard, Ann Duncan, Gary Rayner

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

Raffle tickets were sold by Valda McDowell

Next Meeting 8th November 2013

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.125pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No.518, 8th November 2013

Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting open at 7.46pm

Attendance Book: 22 members were in attendance

Apologies: , Ian & Valda McDowell, Brett & Amanda Wilson, Alan Couser, Darren & Kirsten Moore, Ted Bale, Judy Livingstone, Peter Goldsworthy ,
Ted Bale

Minutes:

The Minutes of the October Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they are accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded –. Robyn Clark. Carried

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

OUT:

4. Get well cards to Colin Jones and Bill Clarke
5. Sympathy Card to Ian and Valda McDowell re the passing of Valda Mother

IN:

4. New sletters from other clubs as tabled.
5. Invoice for Spare Parts insurance for the amount of \$944.00

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

Business arising from the Correspondence: Nil

- **Treasurers Report:** Trevor Moore presented the treasurers report and moved that it be accepted.

Seconded Tim Braby carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: John Que spoke on the questionnaire for SIVS and also mentioned that registration labels would not be issued after October 2014

Spare Parts Report: Trevor Moore reported having a quiet month as I have been away but an order has been sent to Melbourne for urgent parts required by some members.

These parts are not held in stock as the call for them is limited.

Second Hand parts Nil

Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer

- 10th November Ian & Valda McDowell leave from Club Rooms 9am
- 15th December club breakup at Orleigh Park West End 10am
- 12th January 2014 Buffett Breakfast
- 26th January Australia Day Bayside Club at Ormiston State School.
- Neil also advised that he can email 2014 events to members if requested.
- 16th March Presidents rally

Other Events: Nil

General Business:

Robyn Clark reported on the Safety Expo at Weller Park.

McDowell's, Clarks, and Moore's attended Boronia Heights School Show and shine with Ian winning the best Commercial.

John Que reported that he had received another 4 E of I for the 2017 rally

Report on Cars and or Car troubles; Rod Sims reported that the engine from the Austin 10 which he acquired from McGill's is running well and the Big 7 ute is still having some treatment before another run.

BIRTHDAYS:- Neil Thyer, Joyce Dannenberg, Dennis Gillbard, Ann Duncan, Gary Rayner

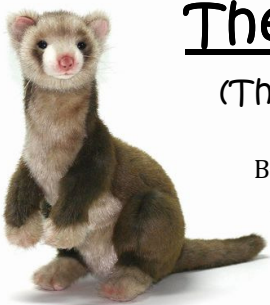
The President wished all sick members a speedy return to good health.

Raffle tickets were sold by Robyn Clark

COMMITTEE MEETING.

Next Meeting 13th December 2013

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.25pm.



The Ferret's News

(The Ferret is on Holiday visiting his cousin in Patagonia.)

BUT Peter Goldsworthy sent me a story about how he "got a notice telling me I went across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Topsy (1930 Saloon) without paying the toll in peak hour traffic (4.30pm) on the 19th of September. This really is an amazing feat considering it has been laid up with a broken crankshaft for a couple of years. Otherwise the fairies have been working overtime at night when I have been asleep, and it has a new crank. The car has never been to Sydney in its life. I would like a photo, but they do not send one. I might send them one. This is the second one for Topsy in the last 12 months- the last being in Brissie, and turned out to be an older Holden Ute, with something dangling over the tailgate. The editor's 1929 Saloon had a notice this year, but in that case it was warranted! Something about being photographed going thru a red light!



Expression of Interest Form

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

2017 Austin 7 National Rally. Toowoomba

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

Name/s		
Postal Address		Postcode
Phone	Home Number	Mobile Number
Email address		
Number attending		
Club		
Signed	Date / /	

Please return the completed Expression of Interest form by

Post to; Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc,
1376 Old Cleveland Road,
Carindale Qld 4152

Or by email to; iqque@bigpond.net.au

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

For enquiries contact John Que by phone on 07 3396 0882



QLD HISTORIC MOTOR COUNCIL NEWS

(From QHMC Committee Meeting August 26th 2013)

A full write up on these and other minutes can be found at the QHMC Website: www.ghmc.org.au

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Asst. DTMR Liaison: Ken Wilson (CCC) Ph.0438 661483 wilsonkrq@optusnet.com.au

Webmaster: Graham Allum (DDVVMC) Ph.0403 528331 webmaster@ghmc.org.au

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm by President John Trask.

Present: J.Trask, T.Shields, C.Stevens, R.Graydon, K.Wilson, R.Manning.

34 Delegates from Affiliated Clubs.

Apologies: G.Allum.

New Delegate: J.Que Austin 7 Register

Visitors: N.Wall LAMA Club

Minutes of previous meetings. The minutes of the CM August, 2013 AGM and the GM July have been mailed or emailed to Clubs and Delegates, published on the website and tabled.

David James pointed out the list of attendees was incorrect. This to be amended as per register.

Malcolm McLaren pointed out that the minutes did not reflect the discussions of the previous meeting.

The minutes to be amended and tabled at the next General Meeting.

Correspondence:

Inward

1. 23 Club Magazines by mail and email.
2. 21 reaffiliation returns (making approx 80 at this stage)
3. AHMF minutes of AGM.
4. Report by delegates from AHMF AGM.
 5. BVAC re SIV's scheme.
 6. Goondiwindi and District Historical Society seeking support from Clubs for the long weekend in June. Suggested they contact Clubs in their area.
 7. Canberra Rally information. Forwarded to Clubs.
 8. Application for affiliation from Australian Flying Museum Education Group Inc.
- Moved T.Shields seconded C.Stevens that this club be accepted. Carried.
9. OAMPS conformation of QHMC Insurance policy.
10. Volkswagen Drivers Club of Qld. Inc. Re access to mailing list.

Emails have been received from BVAC and Townsville Clubs re QHMC Rallies in 2014 but no nomination forms received at this date.

Outward:

1. Volkswagen Drivers Club inviting them to affiliate with QHMC.
 2. Australian Flying Museum Education Group Inc. acknowledging application.
- Moved T.Shields seconded by J. Green that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Carried.

Treasurers Report as per attached sheet.

Moved Trevor Shields seconded Tony Dahl that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Carried.

DTMR Report by Rod Graydon:

Rod explained that QTMR have had a change of direction and a directive from above to have more groups invited to forums. QHMC is now part of a larger meeting. Several items from the September 11 meeting are listed below and a survey requested by QTMR.

Vehicles travelling in convoy. There is no legal requirement, but QTMR have asked that vehicles keep a safe distance apart with consideration for other traffic.

Registration plates. QTMR are looking at the introduction of various different types of number plates. Some of which could be square, American style plates and S Plates for motor cycles. John Green who was also at the meeting reported that any different type of plate will also mean extra cost which is unknown at this stage.

QTMR website is to be upgraded with more information and frequently asked questions.

A member of the GT Falcon Club advised that any new members who ask for concessional registration are asked to pay two years membership plus \$100 for the dating certificate.

Russell Manning (QVVA) asked how we (not QT or the Police) identify concessional registered vehicles when registration certificates are phased out. Answer, we can't.

QTMR Survey.

QTMR have requested that a survey be sent to all clubs to get an overall view of what clubs want. Rod is putting this survey together and will be sent to all clubs ASAP.

Secretary's note. This survey has been completed and sent to all clubs so I won't put all the details in these minutes.

Malcolm McLaren moved a motion that a subcommittee be formed to address the response to DTMR. As there was no seconder to this motion it did not progress.

Malcolm McLaren advised he and Terry Lloyd have been working with a Member of Parliament to get this thing through. Malcolm then clarified he has not personally been in communication with the member but he is privy to the conversations.

Re Survey, Please Note. This is to be a Club Response, not a response by one person or the delegate.

Also requested by Ken Wilson (asst DTMR Liaison) that clubs advise the number for and against where possible to give an overall picture.

Rod requested a deadline for this survey by 24th October. To be sent to Rod Graydon at QHMC mailing address or to the secretary by email.

(The Austin 7 Register voted at the October meeting to keep our concessional registration as it is due to concerns of extra registration costs and extra administrative duties to be forced on the club committee in the case of a log book system, Editor)

AHMF Report;

President AHMF Christine Stevens gave the AHMF Report which has already been sent to all clubs.

General Business:

David James stated the President of Townsville Club had phoned him re the Nth Qld Rally. John Trask advised he had been talking to them also. Trevor Shields advised that they have a new President and their Rally Committee is sorting things out at this moment. He expects to hear more from them soon.

David James asked for the letter from BVAC to be read out. The letter stated that they do not want Log Books but would welcome an increase in the testing distance to 30 km.

Cheryl Nott advised that BVRC member John Venema was in palliative care and his time is very limited.

Secretary's note. John passed away on the night of this meeting and his funeral was held a few days later.

Christine Stevens spoke on the criticism of the minutes produced by the secretary. She advised that QHMC has a history of not being able to hold secretaries and if not satisfied, positive feedback is far better than attack.

Meeting Closed by President John at 9.18pm.

General meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered month

Committee meetings are held in the even numbered months.

Driving Our Motoring Heritage into the Future.

QUEENSLAND HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL INC. COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2013

QHMC Website: www.ghmc.org.au

Meeting Opened: by President John Trask at 7.45pm.

Present: J.Trask, T.Shields, C.Stevens, R.Graydon, K.Wilson, R.Manning.

Visitors: A.Connor.

Apologies: G.Allum.

Minutes of previous meetings. The minutes of the GM September and the CM August have been mailed or emailed to Clubs and Delegates published on the website and tabled.

Moved T Shields seconded J Trask that the minutes be accepted.

Correspondence:

Inward

1. 20 Club Magazines received. 5 by email and 15 by post.
2. Torana Club. Will send reaffiliation form and payment after AGM.
3. Charters Towers 4x4 Club. Request for Dating Certificate.
4. FHMC SA minutes of August Meeting.
5. Veteran and Vintage Chevrolet Club. Notification of 45th Anniversary Rally Mon.26th April to Fri. 2nd May 2014.
6. Bill Martin re mailing list. Delegate for 5 clubs.
7. Classic Japanese Club. Request for reaffiliation form.
8. Vintage Speedcar Association of Qld. Inc. Application for affiliation
9. Brisbane North side Club. Proposal for fund raising for Prostate Cancer Foundation Moved T Shields seconded R Manning that QHMC consider supporting the Prostate Cancer Foundation in the new year, possibly during the months of October and November

Outward:

1. Any Old Iron Club re affiliation.
2. Bill Martin re mailing list.
3. Classic Japanese Club. Reaffiliation form.
4. Charters Towers 4x4 Club. Dating certificate.

Moved T Shields seconded C Stevens that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Carried.

Treasurers Report as per attached sheet.

Moved C Stevens seconded J Trask that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Carried.

As the Treasurer is away the treasurer's report will be sent at a later date.

DTMR Report by Rod Graydon:

SIVs survey forms are coming in from clubs, 40 having been received at the time of the meeting.

Several forms have been received from non member clubs with the possibility of these clubs affiliating with QHMC. The secretary to collate the returned survey forms sent by email and mail and forward to DTMR Liaison Officers.

Rod reported that DTMR have refused registration of a Vintage Steam Roller in Bundaberg and will not be registering any Rollers of any type in the future.

AHMF Report; Nil.

Webmaster: The webmaster is having difficulty with the website and is waiting for Richard Egglefield to return from holidays to sort out the problem. The website will be updated in the near future.

General Business: The secretary reported that he does not have nomination forms for the North Queensland or South Queensland QHMC Rallies yet but is expecting them to arrive soon. They will be forwarded to all clubs when received.

Meeting Closed by President at 9.32pm.

General meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months
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Driving Our Motoring Heritage into the Future.

Novembers Pie and Bun Run

This rally was organised by the McDowell's, but unfortunately with the death of Valda's Mum, Dorothy Ducat meant Ian and her had to a quick trip down to Melbourne. Luckily Doug and Robyn stepped in and took over control of the event and managed to get Amanda to loosen the fiscal purse strings to spring for a few nice treats from the cake shop for our morning tea, and the route was already planned.

So now you know the background to the event we can now proceed with a brief but hopefully entertaining description of the day. A neat precision team of Five Fabulous baby Austins assembled along with a gaggle of nondescript modern vehicles at Rally HQ at the Carindale Club Rooms.

Included in the line up are Russell and Vanda in the "Clockwork Mouse", Trevor and Elaine in the little Red Devil ("Hot Stuff"), Lindsay and Sharon in the "Teachers Pet", Mike and Kathy in "Grey Power Too" and Doug and Robyn in "Albert".

After a rally briefing we are off, the little Babies jostling for a vantage point as they round the first bend. Actually it was a nice orderly procession, babies first followed by their younger less experienced Japanese and Korean stable mates. With a minimum of fuss we arrive at our Morning tea stop at the Bethania Community Gardens at Lota. Are the moderns too late as all the Austin drivers and navigators are hoeing into the tarts, biscuits and icing topped cakes by the time we park our modern behemoths at the kerb, no chance of a shady spot either, the babies got there before us! These gardens are actually worth a repeat visit, a nice quiet spot, yet not far from the water front, the community garden set up in the park well worth having a look at.

But no time to stop, the babies are fed and raring' to go. We travel up along the up along the water front, past the Wynnum-Manly Yacht Club, along the Esplanade, and past Oyster Point where I see our old favourite Fish and Chipperie has closed for good. We are now not far from the Port of Brisbane at Fisherman Island which we reach via Lytton, crossing Boat Passage.

(The Port of Brisbane is the third busiest port in Australia and the nation's fastest growing container port. It includes the main shipping channel across Moreton Bay which extends 90 km north to Mooloolaba and is dredged to maintain a depth fourteen metres at the lowest tide. The port is managed by the Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd (PBPL) under a 99-year lease from the Queensland Government. The Port of Brisbane has 29 operating berths including nine deep-water container berths and three deep-water bulk berths as well as 17 bulk and general cargo berths. In total the port facilitates more than 2,600 ships each year and transports more than 28 million tonnes of cargo each year.

There are two cruise ship wharves for Brisbane, with differing facilities. Portside Wharf was completed in 2006 and is an international standard facility for cruise liners, offering restaurants, coffee shops, gift shops, and more. However, due to the height restrictions of the Gateway Bridge, the larger ocean going cruise liners must dock further down the river at the more industrial standard Multi User Terminal at the Port of Brisbane. Multi User Terminal is managed by the Port of Brisbane.

The port accommodates a new visitors centre a new shorebird roost was constructed. The bird roost is the largest site built specifically for migratory shorebirds on the east coast of Australia. The old visitors/convention centre now sits idle and the old "Swan Lake" was under threat of being bitumened over as part of an ever increasing carpark for imported cars. When we

saw it there were lots of Swans, and other waders enjoying this lake Luckily the State Govt. stepped in and said NO to the Port of Brisbane Authority, who, have graciously accepted their veto.

The new roost is a 2-hectare Wader roost site on the South East corner of Fisherman Island (manmade Shorebird roost.) It has two bird hides and a "moat" surrounding a central island. The site is fenced off all the way around. You get the keys from the new Port of Brisbane Visitors Centre.)

The rally takes us to the new hide, but we find out we need keys to see it, so we drive back down to "Swan Lake", and take 5 minutes to watch the birdlife on the lake. So glad it will be left alone for a while as the birds are pleasing to observe and enjoy, some nice photos are possible here as the birds are familiar with tourists and there are no big trucks around to disturb their obvious serenity. But it is now nearly lunch time and on to our final stop. Heading south we drive down thru Lytton, crossing the railway line at Lindum and then onto Wynnum Road via Kianawah Road, then turn west towards Cannon Hill, pulling up at the Cannon Hill Shops and the Crusty Devil Bakehouse for our pies and pasties. But the best laid plans of mice and Austin 7 drivers often go awry (apologies to Robbie Burns) and our promised sojourn to rest under the cool glades of the Murarrie Recreation Grounds are curtailed and it is decided we shall just scoff the lot there and then at the pie shop!!!





Ready to roll at Carindale



A Farewell to Roy Ducat (1922-2013)

Roy Ducat was a long time member of both the Victorian Austin 7 Club and the Qld Austin 7 Register. He passed away on 18/8/2013

An Austin 7 was Roy's first car and it was regularly driven from Melbourne to Shepparton until he married Dorothy in 1947. They drove it to Sydney for their honeymoon. In 1968 Roy bought a 1936 Austin 7 Coupe which started his long involvement with the Austin 7 Clubs. Roy used his skills as a bodybuilder & panel beater to reshape the back end, fit a boot lid and restore the coupe.

He then purchased what was left of a 1937 Ruby van. He rebuilt the van body, using original photos as a guide, as part of a full restoration.



Roy's famous coupe, at one time a common sight around the Gold coast driven by Gordon Farquhar's daughter, Laurie.



The van under restoration, the body had been destroyed by some photos and one remaining panel helped its rebuild

He went on to buy and sell many Austins. The 1925 Roadster was one restoration he never got around to, but now it is in the process of being restored by his son-in-law, Alf,



Roy's Backyard the Coupe on the left and the Van top right

Roy's 1925 Roadster

Roy was happy to know this Roadster and the van were remaining in the family and that two of his daughters and son-in-laws would continue to be involved with the Austin 7 clubs in Victoria and Qld. (Courtesy of Valda and Ian McDowell)

On a final note, Roy's dear wife, Dorothy, only just passed away early in November, our kindest condolences to Valda, Ian and their family.

For Sale, Original, fully restored 1928 Roadster,



Probert Body, (name badge on body) built in N.S.W. The body on the Roaster is a one piece body. Body Woodwork frame rebuilt, ORIGINAL, Engine M74778, and Manufactured Dec 1928. Diff 1928, Distributor 1928, Generator 1928, Starter 1928, Body #42269, new honeycomb Radiator, Motor Meter, Full hood & side curtains. Maroon Body, Black Guards. Roadworthy 12 months ago, Melbourne Austin 7 club owner. \$22,000.

Michael Shegog

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For Sale 1938 Austin 10 Cambridge Saloon



Want something bigger for those longer rallies, then why not consider this Austin 10. The reliability and ease of maintenance of an Austin 7 but with four doors and a proper rear seat and a boot well, to boot.

This 1938 Austin 10/4 has been restored in dark British racing green paint, and has a 1100 cc side valve four cylinder motor, this particular model is fitted with an aluminium cylinder head. The interior has been completely retrimmed in a cream coloured vinyl with cloth head lining and brown carpets. The Austin 10 of 1937-39 was Austin's bestselling car at the time. The body was assembled by General Motors Holden; they assembled 690 saloons in 1938 and 901 in 1939, and continued building Austin 10 "tillies" thru to 1942 for the war effort. Your editor had a chance to try out this car recently and found it pleasant to drive. The interior is comfy, all controls fall to hand easily and the vision is very good as you sit in the comfy seats. The car starts easily and usually it is ok to start in 2nd gear, the motor being so flexible, with the alloy head which was only on the 1938-39 models. The car seems happy to hum away at 35-45 mph. Comes with tools, etc.

Asking price is \$12900 with the car with its original Qplate and open registration. The Owners, Jim and Bev Burton of North Rockhampton, will listen to near offers. Ph No: 49286924 Mob 0438 287050. Or jimbev2@bigpond.com

Transporting can be undertaken by Kings Transport of Kawana in North Rockhampton to Acacia Ridge in Brisbane for \$417.75

For Sale. Austin 7 rolling chassis [no, 41741] 1927-29.

Ideal for a chummy, van or Latrobe bodied sports project.

All the hard bits included, i.e., guards, radiator surround, windscreen, Engine [m41311], bonnet, steering etc, etc. contact.

Wayne Styles.

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Wanted

For 1925 A7---- Wheels or centres, and brake shoes/return springs for "6 inch" brakes.

Thanks

Peter Goldsworthy.

pgoldsworthy3@gmail.com

Wanted

Complete Fuel pump to suit Ruby

John Perham

jglenwood@gmail.com

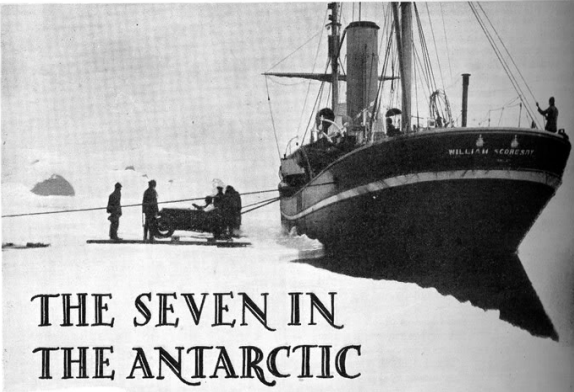
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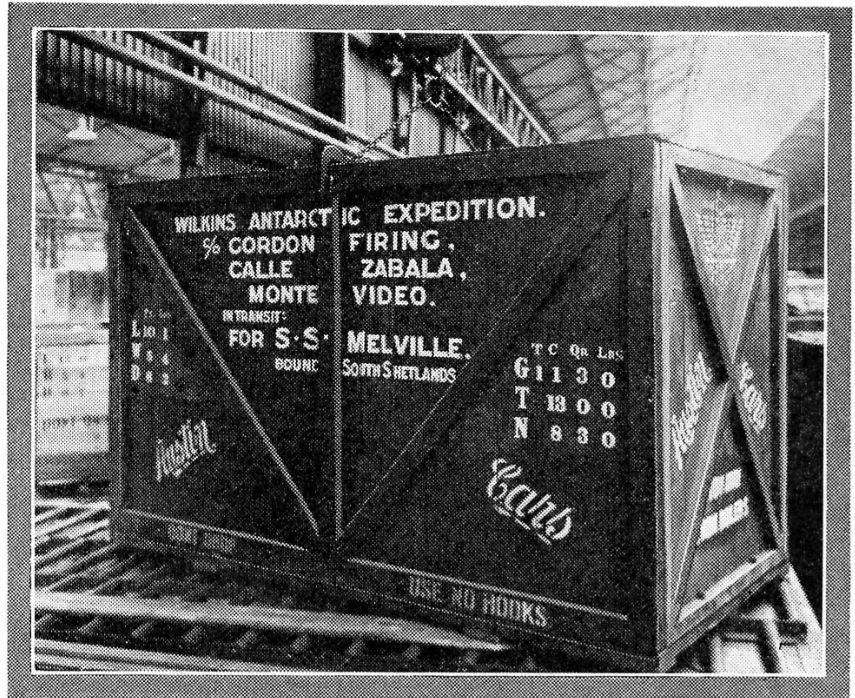
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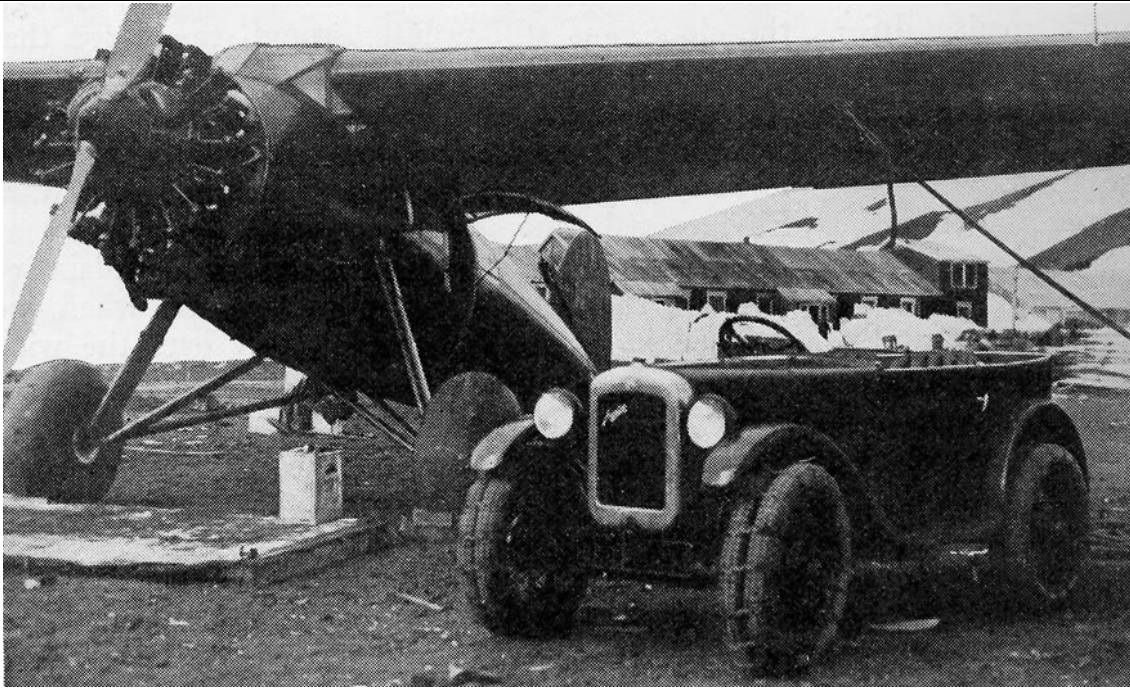
THE SEVEN IN THE ANTARCTIC

THE above photograph, taken by Captain Sir Hubert Wilkins, shows the Wilkins-Hearst Antarctic Expedition's Austin Seven standing by to take off stores from the "William Scoresby" for transport to the base on Deception Island. The Expedition has been investigating the region south of the Pacific Ocean with a view to finding a suitable means of estab-

lishing and maintaining a permanent meteorological station there. It was hoped to do this by flying from Deception Island to Ross Sea, following the hypothetical coastline all the way. Polar exploration is becoming a mechanised business for the Wilkins-Hearst Expedition carried Lockheed aeroplanes, a tractor, and an Austin Seven. A plane and the British "bubs" are shown in the photograph on the runway which the expedition prepared in the previous year with great labour and discouragement. The tractor and the Austin were used to clear it again. Sir Hubert states that the sight of the baby skimming about over the Antarctic snows was very odd. Note the double wheels and the chains on the Austin—the first car to be used in Polar explorations.



The Byrd Antarctic Expedition carried as part of its equipment an Austin Seven, and the above photograph shows another of these little cars leaving the Austin factory for the Wilkins Antarctic Expedition.



Sir Hubert Wilkins was born in Mount Bryan East, South Australia. He went on to be a war correspondent, polar explorer, naturalist, geographer, climatologist, aviator, author, balloonist, war hero, reporter, secret agent, submariner and navigator.

He was a friend of William Randolph Hurst who financed many of his expeditions and helped him buy a USN submarine for \$1 US!

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