



# NEWSLETTER

**OCTOBER 2013**

At the top of this newsletter is the official badge of the Austin Seven Register of Queensland with which we are all familiar. I was reminded at the All British Day by Peter Baker that this was designed by Alison Kenward who unfortunately just recently passed away in June. Alison and her husband Howard were long time members of the

A7RQ, the Vintage Car Club of Qld and the Veteran Car Club for many years rallying in their Wolseley Hornet Special, a little green 1926 Austin Roadster, and Veteran Crossley tourer. Alison was a very enthusiastic club person and happy to talk to any club member, no matter what they drove. Alison and Howard will be missed by all who have met over the years.

End of an Era - Many Club cars have been given a full body make over the years at the former Guthrie's Crash Repairs at Bridge Street, Fortitude. Crash Repairs closed a few years ago when Ross and Rhonda retired down the Coast, but they kept the building to earn some income. Well finally they were given an offer they could not refuse by a property developer who has already bought adjacent buildings, and one day soon the building may be no more! A list of Club cars that have been painted there could nearly fill a page of this newsletter!

Thank You Newsletters need contributions to keep them fresh and so I wish to thank Doug and Robin for their article on the Fort Lytton Rally and John Que who especially drove down from Gympie in the morning to take part and send me some photos. Also thanks to the MG Car Club of Qld for putting on another great All British Car Clubs Day

On the Internet looking at the internet last weekend I see that Peter Dorman's 1929 Chummy is for sale again, on Autotrader.com.au

It is described as "a lovely little collectable classic in very good all round condition" \$13,750 and now situated at Pambula, NSW (south of Merimbula). No I did not put on a bid!

WELCOME New Members! Blair MARTIN of Pelican Waters – 1931 2 Seater (story this newsletter)

John Phelan & Marianne McKersie of Glenwood – 1937 Ruby Saloon (story this newsletter)

New Member Steve Davidson of Figtree Pocket, wants a Sports!!!!

Spares takes a Holiday

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

*Editor Tim*

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# AUSTIN 7 REGISTER CLUB EVENTS

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013: Club Weekend Rally.** Rally around Gatton area organized by Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. For details contact Jim Scott 07 46155802. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation, etc.

**10<sup>th</sup> November 2013: Club Rally.** Rally to be organized by Ian & Valda McDowell. Details to be confirmed.

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

## **2014**

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> April to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014: THE A7 2014 TOUR:** 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. Further details this newsletter

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## INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

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**5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013:** "150 years of the Court House in Goondiwindi" - at Goondiwindi. For preliminary details contact Rhonda Guthrie. Members to make own arrangements for registration, travel etc.

**October 2013: External Event.** Kilcoy Classic on Wheels at Kilcoy Show Grounds. Contact.....for details. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel etc.

**12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October Canberra Run** The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club is organising a 6 day run to Canberra as part of the QHMC attempt to get a good Qld representation at the National Rally to help celebrate Canberra's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Visit the BVRC Website - Canberra Run web Pages for details

### **Swaps:**

**Oct. 20 Kalbar Showgrounds** Fassifern Car Club 0429 899930

**Oct. 27 Bundamba Swap** Ebbw Vale Soccer Ground 3201 8911

**Nov. 2 Hervey Bay Swap** State High School. 0408 455447

**Nov. 17 QHRP Annual Swap** Rocklea S/grounds

**Nov. 3 Perga Ipswich** C&M Club Swap & Shine 32813524

**Nov. 24 Beaudesert** Little A's Swap. Showgrounds. 0409 488912



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## Your Club Committee

**President:** Lindsay Jordan (07) 3809 2031

**Secretary:** Trevor Moore (07) 3848 5575

**Vice Pres.:** Brett Wilson (07) 3389 3821

**Treasurer:** Amanda Wilson (07) 3389 3821 **Editor:**

Tim Braby (07) 3359 2086

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**Webmaster:** Mike McGuill (07) 33512598

**Dating Officer:** Tim Braby (07) 33592086

**Rally Co-ordinator:** Neil Thyer (07) 32179880

**Librarian:** Alan Couser (07) 33499628

## Memberships are due

Members outside the 60km radius of Brisbane pay \$35.00 plus \$5 joining fee if not a financial member.

Payment with application/renewal Form to be made to the Secretary, Trevor Moore, 174 Hyde Road, Yeronga, Q. 4104. Or to the Treasurer, Amanda Wilson, 36 Caroline Street, Riverview, Q. 4303.

Payment can be made by cheque or Money Order

# How to pay you annual membership Fees.

Members within 60km radius of Brisbane pay \$45.00 plus \$5 joining fee if not a financial member.

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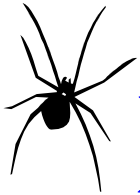
**Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.**

**Or Electronic Fund Transfer to -**

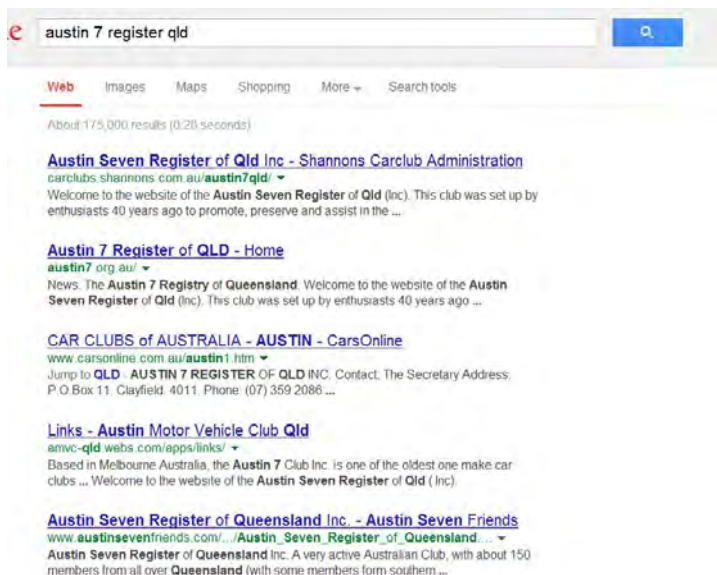
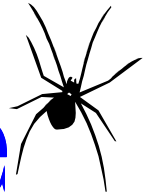
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## Welcome to Our new Website

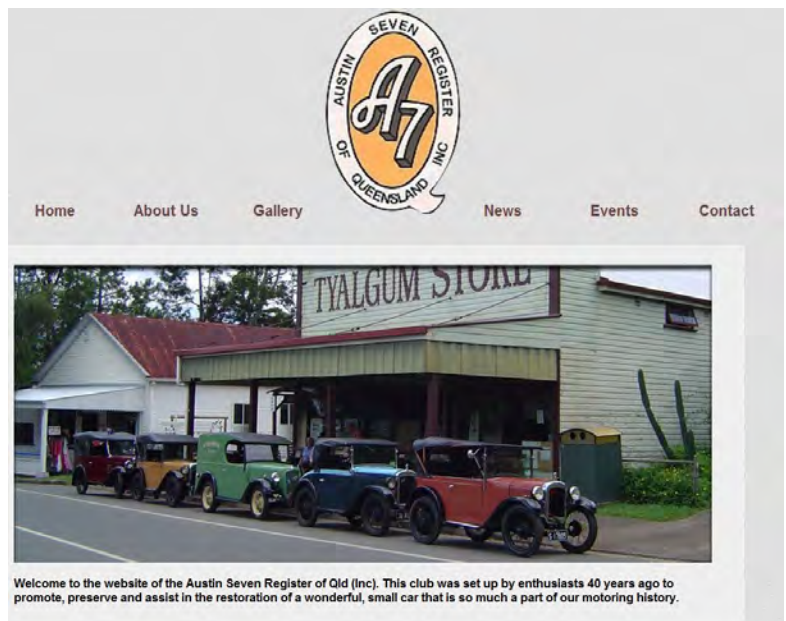


As reported in the minutes Mike McGuill and Neil Thyer have been very busy setting up our new website. At this stage it is up and running but not fully functional and we hope to add more features, such as a link to previous newsletters. To save it to your web browser, open your search engine and type in Austin 7 Register Qld and hit “search”. A certain very popular search engine throws

up our website that is hosted by Shannon’s at the top of its list, but note that the second entry says “Austin 7 Register of Qld –Home” and has the web address [austin7.org.au](http://austin7.org.au)

**This is our NEW website, so save this to your favourites’.**

Remember [austin7.org.au](http://austin7.org.au)





# Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings



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

### **Meeting No. 515, 9th August 2013**

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

The Vice President Brett Wilson declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

**Attendance Book:** 31 members were in attendance

**Apologies:** Graham & June Gleadhill, Ian & Valda McDowell, Matt Potts, Peter Goldsworthy, Darren & Kirsten Moore. Lindsay Jordan.

#### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the July Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they are accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded – Kathy McGuill. . Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil

#### **Correspondence: OUT:**

1. receipts sent to members
2. Payment to BCC for use of C T White Park on the 11th August 2013

#### **IN:**

1. Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.
2. Application from membership from Don Smith.
3. Renewals from Bunts, Brindley, Boland & Burton
4. New membership from Stew & June Thom

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

**Business arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

#### **Treasurers Report:**

Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that her report be accepted – Seconded Alan Couser. Carried

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:** Nil (see separate report)

**Spare Parts Report:** Only a few orders have been dispatched over the last month. An order has been received from Melbourne to replenish stocks and special orders for some members.

**Second Hand parts** Nil

#### **Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer**

- 10th August Justin McKeering, Start at Clubrooms and return for BBQ lunch.
- 15th September Alan Couser to arrange more next meeting.
- 22nd September All British Day, Vivian Street Tennyson
- 5th & 6th October LAMA ( Gatton Rally
- 10th November Ian & Valda McDowell Centenary Pool9am

#### **Other Events:**

John Que commented on the RACQ Motorfest indicating a good day was had by all who attended. **General Business:**

- Rhonda Guthrie suggested that expressions of interest for the 2017 Rally be included in the Newsletter.
- Peter Dorman wants some offset backing plates for his next project.
- Mike McGuill commented on the Web site and that it was going well.

**Report on Cars and or Car troubles; none**

**Birthdays:** - Mike McGuill, John Que, Joanne Dunn, Peter Bell, Lyn Gillbard, Ron Turnbull,

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

Raffle tickets were sold by Robyn Clark.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

**Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc**  
**Meeting No. 516, 13th September 2013**  
**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 and 1 visitor

Apologies: Brett & Amanda Wilsons, Mike & Kathy McGill's, Tim Braby, Neil Thyer, Karyn Matthew, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, Darren & Kirsten Moore, John Que, Rod & Janette Sims..

Minutes:

The Minutes of the August Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they are accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded – Howell Whitehouse. . Carried

Business arising from the Minutes: Nil

Correspondence:

OUT:

- Receipts sent to members.
- Payment to VCC for club room rental.
- Annual Clubs Inc return sent to the Office of Fair Trading
- Sympathy Card to Ian & Valda McDowell re the passing of Valda's father Roy Ducat who has been a member of the Register.
- Application form to Blair Martin

IN:

- Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.
- Renewal applications from several members
- Thank you card from Ian & Valda McDowell.
- New application and payment from Blair Martin from Burpengary
- Refund cheque FOR \$500.00 from BCC from C T WHITE Park.
- Membership from Alan Wood & Grant Preddy

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: NIL

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: During the month an order has been sent to Melbourne and the parts received. We have had 11 sales valued at about \$1100.00.

Second Hand parts Nil

Run/Rally Director Report by Neil Thyer absent

15th September Alan Couser to arrange meet 9am Centenary Pool.

22nd September All British Day, Vivian Street Tennyson

5th & 6th October LAMA Gatton Rally

10th November Ian & Valda McDowell Centenary Pool 9am

Other Events: None

General Business:

The Cam McCulloch Trophy for best Rally Attendee was presented to Lindsay Jordan.

Crestmead Neighbour Hood Watch is having a Road Safety Expo at Waller Park on Sunday 20th October 2013. Clarks and Jordan may be able to attend

Report on Cars and or Car troubles; none

Birthdays: - Trevor Moore. Tim Braby, Matt Potts, Robyn Clark, Peter Goldsworthy, Karyn Matthew, Deborah Waring, Greg Runnagar, Trevor May, Dawn May, Wayne & Jenny Styles, Ken Bradford, Ian Duncan, Sally Sweetapple,

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

Raffle tickets were sold by Robyn Clark.

Next Meeting 11 October 2013

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.



## The Ferret's News

Howell buys himself a proper Pommy bike, a nice looking old Ariel, now the Old fella says.  
"Get a bike and take 60 years off your life."



(Photo on the right shows Howell telling us TWO wheels are as good as four!)



Doug Clark has a history of driving all sorts of bulldozers, graders, trucks & semi trailers, but recently he had to mow his lawn with his sons zero turn mower which had a roll bar attached. Whilst mowing he notices one wheel spinning and reversed and then went forward only to find their clothes line with Robyn's washing on tumbling down around him. He had to take Robyn shopping for more clothes and a new clothes line.



Now Ian McDowell had had to remove the engine from his A7 Van and whilst being assisted by the Doug Clark they found the motor was stuck so with brute force they gave a heave and then found Ian had forgotten to undo the oil gauge pipe line and now a new one has to be made, damaged beyond repair.

And as for the PRESIDENT Lindsay he told us he did a maintenance check before last Sundays rally as he had not used his A7 for 2 months, not very good I must say, as the tail light was seen to be dangling by the wire. It was repaired by the Secretary who had spare

bolts to secure it. (The Editor did tighten up the remaining one bolt at the RACQ day for Lindsay but forgot to tell Lindsay to replace the missing one!!)

The rumor is there is a single male in the greater metropolitan who has been caught out with female clothing on his washing line. There are some 6 or 7 single males this could apply too!!!! (Ooh Kinky!!!!)

Who was the Captain of this luxury cruiser on the weekend of the AGM and annual weekend in August, he was re-elected as President. (Clue - he has the same hairstyle as the Captain in the "Love boat", and is known to also shave his legs!)



Do we have a Sub club in the making with Mike McGuill, Brett & Amanda Wilson and Lindsay Jordan on the squeeze box, Peter & Gail Cahalane on the ukulele and Neil Thyer on the Didgeridoo? Wonder when their first release will be.

And another Ferret tale, Doug Clark he has been having trouble with the generator on his sports not charging over the last 2 months. He re timed it the other day now it works; he had forgotten to connect the wiring system to the generator!!!!!!



## 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;                      [ique@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ique@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 22nd 2013)*

A full write up on these and other minutes can be found at the QHMC Website:

[www.qhmc.org.au](http://www.qhmc.org.au)

**Meeting Opened:** 7.30pm by President John Trask.

**Present:** J. Trask, T. Shields, C. Stevens, R. Graydon, Ken Wilson, Russell Manning.

**Invited Visitor:** David James.

**Apologies:** G.Allum.

**.Minutes of previous meetings.** The minutes of the 2013 AGM, the GM July and the CM June have been mailed or emailed to Clubs and Delegates, published on the website and tabled. Moved T Shields seconded by C.Stevens that the minutes of these meetings be accepted. Carried.

## **Correspondence:**

### **Inwards**

1. 28 Club magazines by mail and email.
2. Account from Auditor. \$440.00 Moved C. Stevens seconded by T. Shields that the Auditors account is passed for payment. Carried.
3. Sunstate Panel Van Club requesting information re insurance. Answered by C. Stevens.
4. Email from Chris West seeking information re forming a new club at Clontarf.
5. Application from Australian Flying Museum Education Group Inc. (mailing address Rosewood Qld.) for Affiliation with QHMC. This Group also has vehicles and are interested in restoration. Moved John Trask, seconded by Christine Stevens that this club's nomination be accepted. Carried.
6. From Domain re website.
7. 32 further re-affiliation forms received. Totalling 55 at this stage. Some clubs waiting for their AGM before sending new information.

### **Outwards.**

1. BVAC forwarding cheque for \$1000 being QHMC subsidy for 2014 QHMC Rally to be held on June long weekend 2014.
2. Payment to Auditor.
3. AHMF notification of New Committee and Delegates to attend AHMF AGM. In August.
4. From Volkswagen Drivers Club of Qld Inc. requesting to be placed on the QHMC mailing list. Letter to be sent explaining the function of QHMC and offering affiliation.

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

### **DTMR Report:**

Rod Graydon reported that the next Forum with DTMR will be held in September.

The matter of registration of vehicles was once again discussed and is an ongoing issue with DTMR. The issue of Chassis numbers and engine numbers being the main concern. Rod pointed out the necessity of having all modifications Blue Plated before inspection by the Dating Officer of the Club. Rod suggested a link be created on the website to DTMR. This to be discussed with the webmaster.

The functions of the DTMR Liaison Officers was discussed at length.

### **Robert Shannon Awards.**

Christine Stevens reported that Queensland had fared fairly well in the allocation of these awards and nominees would be notified personally in the near future.

**Website:** It was agreed that the website needed to be updated. This to be in the hands of the webmaster, Graham Allum.

### **Driving Our Motoring Heritage into the Future.**

General Meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday of the odd numbered months.

Committee Meetings are held in the even numbered months



# 2013 Sunday Static Display



15 cars fronted for our annual static display, a bit of a disappointment as we have had up to 50 (Fifty) in the "Good Old Days". Two managed to travel a long distance, being Ross and Ronda Guthrie from Coolangatta and Peter and Nell Dorman from Maroochydore. Special mention must be made of Judith and Ernie Haig who brought along Jack Hynds' 1935 Roadster with the help of Jacks Grandsons'.

## Results

People's Choice Prize Winners Trevor and Elaine (little white Taxi) receive congratulations from Vice President Bret. Runner up was Neil and Karyn with Harry the green roadster.



Jacks Roadster



Batting the Breeze







# FORT LYTTON TOUR

Organized by Alan Couser  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2013



Seven little Austin's left Centenary Pool Car park at 9.15 am with 2 modern cars, and headed across the Story Bridge to Colmslie Recreation Reserve and State Hockey Centre (beside the river) for Morning tea.



After the usual LRB, back into the cars, down Lytton Road, across the Gateway Motorway Overpass, over Doboy Creek and into the Fort Lytton National Park. After a bit of confusion on where to park, we all headed into the Old Quarantine Station Laundry (now canteen come office) building. It was here we met our guide Adrian Scott who gave us a very informative talk about the history of Fort Lytton.



Of all the Forts built in Australia this was the only one built with a moat around it, and was built by prisoners. In 1878 four cannons were purchased from the Royal Gun Factory, Woolwich, England. Arriving in 1879, 2 were kept in Brisbane for cross-fire defence of the mine field in the Brisbane River at Lytton. They also had 2 RML 64 lb 6" Barbette Mounted Guns of 1878 vintage and a 6" RBL Disappearing Gun. When WW2 ended in 1945 Fort Lytton became redundant and was left (with only a caretaker in charge) to the wind, rain, sun and occasional grass fire. These fires eventually destroyed a lot of the wooden



buildings.

In 1956 Ampol purchased most of the site to build a refinery and tidied the place up. The original bridge into the Fort has been burned down, plus the buildings inside. Eventually part of the moat in front was filled in to get inside the Fort to clean it out of undergrowth etc., a causeway was built and it became a sort of picnic area.

In 1988 Ampol gave the Fort area back to the Government as a Historic Tourist Attraction.

(Another baby turned up)

After hearing about the history of Fort Lytton, Adrian led the way around the grounds, showing us the Disappearing Gun, explaining what the buildings were for and how the mines in the Brisbane River could have been used. Pleased to say none of the mines or cannons was ever needed.

Thanks Alan and Sue for organizing a very informative Day, and also members, Trevor & Elaine, Lindsay & Sharon, Russell & Vanda, Justin & Judy, Howell, Ian & Valda, John, and Justin for such wonderful company.

Doug & Robyn Clark

## THE 43<sup>RD</sup> GYMPIE HISTORIC MOTOR CLUB SEPTEMBER SWAP

John and I travelled up to Gympie for the Swap Meet and celebrate the birthdays of Peter and the Editor (both September “babies”) The Swap organizers said the 2013 combined swap and car show was a huge success. Many sellers arrived early on Friday afternoon to pay for their sites and set up.

Many of the club members helped set up, mark out the sites and put up the signage.

The day started very early and was bopping along by 6 am. Numbers were up from previous years and surprisingly here were some old Austin bits, namely a red painted 1933 diff that had been modified to suit a 1929 model (\$400), a radiator core and brass shell for a later vintage Austin 12/4 or 16/6 and another core and shell to fit a 1932-34 Austin 10/4, both about the \$100 mark.

## ALL BRITISH DAY

*“A perfect Spring day greeted the hundreds of British vehicles which made their way to Tennyson for the annual All British Day, organised this year by the MG Car Club of Qld. All funds raised from the day go to two charities - the Qld. Institute of Medical Research and RACQ Careflight. Hopefully with more than 500 vehicles on display a substantial sum of money was raised for those two worthy charities. The MG Car Club thanks all the Clubs, individuals, stall holders etc who helped to make the day a happy and festive one. Thanks go also to the many MGCCQ members who gave up their time to prepare the venue on Saturday and then help*



*with the organisation on Sunday. The raffle organised by the MGCCQ of a Karcher High Pressure Industrial Cleaner RR \$1100.00 was won by Nick Holman.”*

(From report on the MGCCQ website)



9 Austin Sevens joined together at Tennyson on the lawn at the St Josephs College Playing Fields. Once again Trevor and Elaine took a prize with their little white taxi, bring judged the best veteran/vintage car, an excellent achievement considering that there were bigger and more expensive vintage cars in the field.

A pleasant sight was Ron and Daphne Toy's historic Austin truck with double vintage Austin 7 Payload!

### “The Little White Taxi”

Once upon a time there was a little white taxi  
Very sad, because he was a little white taxi (Little white taxi)

All the black taxis called him a woozy Just 'cause he was white  
Only black taxis go to the boxing ring, Only black taxis fight  
When he asked his mama if a little white taxi (Little white taxi)  
Ever had a chance of turning black  
His mama said, you silly little taxi  
You're a pretty little taxi You're my little taxi  
So please don't ask me why, little taxi, You just ain't black!  
(Apologies to Tommy Steele & Coles Little Red Quote advert)

## Motoring in Mackay!



**D**avid Moy bought the beginnings of this car as a chassis he bought from Ron Toys son, Richard and a partly started project car with a new timber body frame and he bought from the Editor (This little car started as a pile of bits that the Editor bought from Keith and Noela Collins, the body frame was one that Henry Anderson built for Ken Mathers, with parts from all over including a new radiator shell from the UK)

David wrote to me recently  
*it was good to talk to you this evening. I*

*have attached some photos of the A7 but have not got the latest photos on this computer.*

*The car which we call "Scooby" was finally registered last Wednesday 7-8-13 on full Queensland registration. I took the best parts from the vehicle which I acquired from young Richard Toy and the one I got from you back in 2004. It has taken a while to complete but it is now 98 percent done. The car has an aluminium body all hand made over the timber frame with the exception of the original steel metal top of the boat tail. The engine and drive train have all been brought back to new. I did all the work myself with the exception of the*



*upholstery and the application of the green and black body paint. We had a car show on the week end here in Seaforth Qld. I entered Scooby and won a top 10 finish from a field of 130 cars.*

*David Moy*

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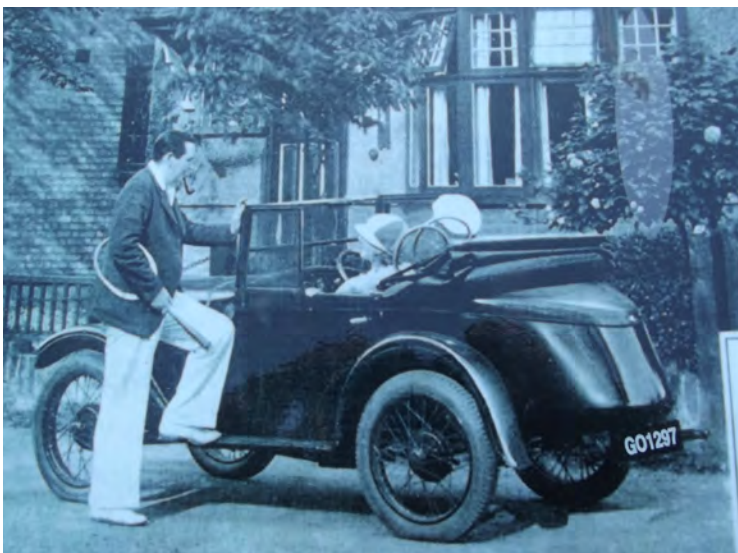
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*Queensland 4171*



## A Welcome Import!

Next we have Blair Martins 1931 2 seater roadster. The boat tail body is unusual and is in fact an Austin Factory original that has just been brought in from the UK in a container with some historic motorbikes. This type of body is not only very rare in Australia, it is certainly not exactly common in the UK, Blair was told there are only 17 examples of this body style left according to the UK "Boat Tail Register" , most surviving Austin 7s of this period are predominantly saloons or 4 seat chummy and tourers. This car has an interesting history, used rather than restored, there are a few modifications that have crept that do not affect its drivability but offer functionality, a sign of a car that has been in continuous useage . For those without a colour newsletter the car is a patriotic Qld Marron!



Above the car pictured in sunny Queensland  
At left, an original advert for a 1930/31 2seater



## A Shed find for John!

We often dream of finding a long forgotten old car in a shed. Well, this is the shed that John Phelan found his Ruby in. The car is brought home to Gunalda and bolted together to see if it was all there. The car was originally cream with red



interior and sold by Norman L. Agate (Estd. 1910) 546 Parramatta, Road, Ashfield, Sydney. The car is now a running chassis, with the body stripped for repair. I went with Peter to see the car after John met us at the Gympie Swap Meet in September.

Update: John has since bought Trevor Fords Ruby Saloon which is in much better condition and has had lots of work done already and came with lots of parts, so the car in the shed has now been packed away into the back of the shed and a new concrete floor laid for the new baby.



A very proud John Phelan , who is looking forward to retirement when he can work on the car! Colour presently two tone cream with brown spots! Something wrong with the lights location I think, perhaps for a wider spread of night light?

## An Addition to the Editorial Fleet

A new Chassis turned up when the owner contacted Trevor and soon found its way into the Editors garage. Dated as a 1926-29 model, the motor is 1929 and the diff dated 1926, with the rest somewhere in between! Unfortunately the only bodywork was a bonnet and one seat! It belonged to James McCoy of Helensvale who says he bought it from a club member in 1986, but he cannot remember who! The engine is M88038, the engine painted a fetching mid green. A Victa lawn mower fuel tank came with the chassis and an oil gauge is taped onto the steering column leading me to think it was set up as a running chassis at some time. Does anyone remember this chassis. The chassis and wheels are black.

## Last Newsletters Who was it? Geoff Singleton in his student teacher days

### **WANTED**

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

Thanks

Peter Goldsworthy.

pgoldsworthy3@gmail.com

### **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.

03 9592 1672. ah.



The car as found, been in dry store since.

### **STILL For Sale**

#### **1937 Roadster,**

Car No. A/S 265 661. 100 % complete and original but in need of total restoration due to storage in a leaky shed. Interesting history, Larke Hoskins Muller business roadster, Two owners only for nearly 60s. Bought 1950s in Sydney and retired in 1959, Must be sold as losing present garage storage and owner buying a farm. Starting price \$5000 but can negotiate as car now sitting in carport!

Ted & Daphne Bale, ph 3351 4737. (Car in Brisbane)

### **Wanted your newsletter contributions!**

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### **PHOTOS FROM THE ARCHIVES**

The Queensland Austin Club Sunday 18th March 1928 held a social run from outside the premises Austin Cars Ltd on the corner of Adelaide and Creek Streets to the Agricultural Show Grounds at Wellington Point for a Picnic and a game of cricket. The building in Adelaide Street still exists as do at least 3 of the original Club badges. These Badges were made by Angus and Coote of Sydney, the one in the photo is number 36 and was kindly given to the Editor several years ago by Terry Hicks, who owns another one. The photo of the start of the rally was sold to the Editor by Terry Jorgensen, and then the other photo taken at the showgrounds turned up courtesy of Robin and Doug Clark and the Editor was astounded to realise that not only were many of the cars the same, but that in fact both photos were dated the same day. The photos were probably taken for publicity purposes for Austin Cars Ltd. and it is amazing how nearly 80 years later we can see them both together again!





Austin 12/4s and Austin 7s gather at the start outside Austin Cars in Adelaide Street



The whole family were dressed in white for a day out



Sporting Gents and the Oldhams Battery Car!



Badge of the Qld Austin Club

