



NEWSLETTER *October 2016*

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



Two 1929 Saloons at Goombungee trialling the 2017 National Tour

The Editor's Bit

Springs warmer breezes are blowing thru my window as I type, reminding me that a long hot summer and Christmas is only just around the corner. This past few months have been particularly busy, with family visitors on my doorstep, completing my tax submission (haven't even started on my parents returns, still awaiting final statements), then a trip to NZ for a school centenary & reunion (oh dear, only 3 from my year!), no sooner was I back then it was time to hitch up the trailer and head to Gympie and Toowoomba with the Saloon on board. One last check and the battery was dead, can't complain, it was bought back in 1997!

"Life was not meant to be easy, but take courage my child for it can be delightful". (George Bernard Shaw)

Only 6 months to GO!!!

It is now only 6 months until the 2017 National Tour to be held in Toowoomba. Less than 6 weeks to get you entry entries in as the final cut off is the 30th of November, except for very exceptional cases. The number of entries has creeping up to 90 and over. Time to book your accommodation also!

YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

Back in August we had our AGM, when all positions were declared vacant, after very little fuss the following results came in

President: Lindsay Jordan 0408 876 559

Secretary: Robyn Clark (07) 3800 1965

Vice Pres.: Still Open

Treasurer: John Que (07) 3396 0882

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Webmaster: Mike McGuill (07) 33512598

Tour Director: Neil Thyer (07) 32179880

Librarian: Alan Couser (07) 33499628

Dating Officer & Editor: Tim Braby (07) 33592086

Second Hand Parts: Doug Clark (07) 3800 1965

QHMC Rep : John Que (07) 3396 0882

Raffle " Stinger": Valda McDowell

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/carclub/austin-seven-register-of-qld/>

& Facebook Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

Friday 14th October: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th October: A7 Register Run. Rally organized by Alan Couser (ph 0403 504 709). Rally to depart from Centenary Pool Car park at 9.00am. Details TBA. BYO Morning Tea and Lunch.

Friday 11th November: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th November: A7 Register Run. Rally organized by Trevor and Elaine Moore (ph 3848 5575). Details TBA. Rally to depart from Centenary Pool Car park at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 9th December: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th December A7 Register Run: A7 Club Annual Christmas Lunch to be held at the Redlands Sporting Club, Anson Road (off Birkdale Road), Wellington Point. Lunch will be held at the Buffet World restaurant within the club - cost \$26.00pp (inc. seafood). Members to meet in the Sporting Club car park from 11.00am for entry into the restaurant at 11.30am. Members are requested to bring along a wrapped unisex Christmas gift per person to the value of \$3.00 to be shared over lunch. As this is an A7 Register Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7. For more information, contact Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). **We need numbers so please advise Robyn by December the 1st.**

Friday 13th January 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale

Sunday 15th January 2017: A7 Register Run. Annual New Year Breakfast organized by Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew (ph 0431 067 909). Buffet Breakfast (all you can eat!) at Colmslie Hotel, Junction Road, Morningside. Breakfast commencing at 8.00am. Cost: TBA. Undercover parking available next to hotel if required.

Thursday 26th January 2017: A7 Register Run. Australia Day Gathering and Run organized by BVRC commencing with Breakfast from 7.30 am to 9:00 am at Ormiston State School. Rally around 10.30am to follow around Moreton Bay area - finishing at Redlands Sports Club, Wellington Point for lunch. Contact Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965) for more details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

Friday 10th February 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th February 2017: A7 Register Valentine's Day Run . Rally details TBA.

Friday 10th March 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th March 2017: A7 Register Run. President's Rally organized by Lindsay Jordan (ph. 0408 876 559). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Run Details TBA.

2017 National A7 Tour Toowoomba, Saturday 8 April to Thursday 13 April 2017

Hosted by Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc. information available on our club's website!!!!
Final entries should be in before November the 30th please, except for very exceptional circumstances!

There will be no A7 Register General Meeting in April as it is GOOD FRIDAY!

Friday 12th May 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th May 2017: A7 Register Run. Mother's Day Fun Rally organized by Grant & Jackie Preddy (ph. 0488 375 804). Run details TBA

Friday 9th June 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th June 2017: A7 Register Winter Run. Run details TBA

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd October: LAMAI Weekend Run organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. commencing from Gatton. Contact LAMAI Secretary, Jim Scott (ph 4615 5802) or Trevor Moore (ph 3848 5575) for details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, accommodation, registration etc.

Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th of October 2016 Queensland Heritage Rally Oakey Showgrounds
23rd – 24th January 2017 Allora Heritage Weekend – 20th Anniversary Rally. Allora Showgrounds.
Warwick Veteran and Vintage Club

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th February 2017 Toowoomba Swap Meeting Toowoomba Show grounds

Sunday 26th March Bayside Swap Meet - 6am to 2pm at Ormiston State School..

Friday 14th to Monday 17th April 2017 AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA Ipswich - Contact k.pairton@bigpond.com or austinmotorvehicleclub-qld.webs.com for information

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 of part of the tour. Enquiries – Greg & Christine Stevens – info@frs.com.au

28th May 2017 QVVA Swap Meet – Carina State School

9th-11th June 2017 RACQ QHMC Southern Queensland Rally- base in Beaudesert. Phone (07) 55449230 or 0414 066 121 or Email Secreteary.bmec@yahoo.com.au, or website beaudesertmec.weebly.com

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Old Inc

Meeting No 551 12th August 2016-08-25

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale



The President opened the meeting at 7.50pm with a welcome to all.

Attendance :- The attendance book was signed by 31 members.

Apologies :- Apologies received for E Moore, J Haigh, A Couser, D Logan

Previous Minutes :- The Secretary read the minutes of the July meeting and moved that they be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes :- Trevor Moore has purchased the High Tension Spark Plug Wire.

Correspondence

OUT - Get Well Cards to Alan Couser & Gil Leach. Spare Parts Book to Stuart Bowen

IN - Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Membership renewals and raffle tickets

Membership Application from Robyn Chippendall

Phone Call from Gil Leach

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence:- Robyn Chippendall accepted as member.

Treasurers Report :- John Que gave the treasurers report stating he is still trying to master it on the computer. He moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

QHMC Report :- John gave this report with the committee to look into the Model Rules.

Our monthly run to be called Run, Tour or Outings, Not Rally's according to insurance rules.

Suggested club visit Bill Budd collection on the Gold Coast.

Spare Parts Report :- Trevor Moore reported good sales in spare parts and another order sent to Melbourne. Also the High Tension Spark Plug Wire is now in stock.

Second Hand Parts :- Nil

Event's organiser :- Neil Thyer reminded members of the following outings.

13th August Justin McKeering organised. Meet clubrooms 9am Run to Victoria Point for M/T, back to clubrooms for BBQ Lunch.

14th August A7 Static display, Capalaba Regional Park, behind Bunning's.

11th Sept NO CLUB RUN

18th Sept All British Day, members attending can meet 8am at Yeronga RSL Car park if they wish to go in as a club.

16th Oct Alan Couser to organise

Other Events :-

20th Aug Canungra Show

20th Aug Gold Coast Car Show, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds. 3pm to 8pm.

11th Sept Mini Muster BMC Round Up, Carina State School
 18th Sept All British Day, St Joseph College Sports Grounds, Tennyson
 24th Sept Classic & Historic Cars & Motorbikes, Kilcoy
 16th Oct 23rd Annual Morris Minor Display Day, Ormiston State School.
 23rd Oct Kingston Butter Factory Heritage Fair, 8am to 2.30pm

Past Events :- RACQ Motorfest, 517 cars. Report in newsletter

Web Masters Report :- Everything up to date.

Library Report :- Nil

Editors Report :- Tim had newsletter to post. Rhonda Guthrie congratulated Tim on behalf of the members for the work he does on the newsletters. Carried.

2017 A7 National Report :- Still trying to get Grant from Toowoomba Council.

Entry form being returned. Rhonda had map of Toowoomba with run routes highlighted for members to see.

General Business :- Photo Album from Graham Cogzel given to Club with A7 Photos. Ken Folliott had a flyer "Celebrate the Seven 2019" from London to Japan. Members wishing to know more go to www.celebrattheseven2019.org

Members asked to consider where they wish to have our Christmas Party.

Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles :- Nil

Raffle :- Valda had tickets for the club raffle for sale and it will be drawn on Sunday at the display.

Birthdays :- Members having a Birthday in August were wished a Happy Day.

Sick members were wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organiser :- Thank you to Peter & Sue Waller for tonight's Supper.

September ???????

November Rhonda Guthrie

Committee Meeting :- TBA

Next Meeting :- 9th September 2016

The President closed the meeting 8.35pm stating the AGM would follow right after.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 552 9th September 2016

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

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

Attendance :- The attendance book was signed by 19 members

Apologies :- Apologies received from M & K McGuill, A Potts, T Braby, E Moore , P&S Waller.

Previous Minutes :- The Secretary read the minutes of the August Meeting and moved that they be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Business arising from Minutes :- Committee looking into the Model Rules. 75% of members to approve changes.

Correspondence OUT

Get well Card to Mathew Baker

IN newsletter from other clubs as tabled

Membership Renewals

Invoice from Veteran Car Club re Rent for 3 months

Australia Day Flyer from Samford District Historical Museum

13th Nov Wheels of the Century, Redcliffe Showgrounds

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Graham Gleadhill. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence:- NIL



Treasurers Report :- John Que gave this report, and moved that it be accepted and the bills for rent and postage be paid. Seconded by Ross Guthrie. Carried.

QHMC Report :- Trevor Moore moved that John Que be our rep for the QHMC, seconded by Alan Couser. John agreed to this. Carried. He then gave the report.

Spare Parts Report :- Trevor stated members are spending up big getting their cars ready for next year, and another order sent to Melbourne Club for parts. Also had car signs for sale with the money going into the 2017 Events funds.

Second Hand Parts Report :- Ross Guthrie had parts donated to the club by Nick Sinclair to go into stock. Thank you to be sent.

Event's Organiser :- Neil Thyer reminded members of the following outings.

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16 th October	Alan Couser to organise. Meet Centenary Pool 9am
13 th November	Trevor Moore to organise

Other Events :-

11 th September	Mini Muster BMC Round up, Carina State School
18 th September	All British Day, St Joseph College Sports Grounds, Tennyson. Members attending can meet 8am at Yeronga RSL Car park
24 th September	Classic & Historic Cars & Motorbikes, Kilcoy
1 st -2 nd Oct	Lama Event, Gatton
16 th October	23rd Annual Morris Minor Display Day, Ormiston State School
23 rd October	Kingston Butter Factory Heritage Fair 8am to 2.30pm



Past Events :-

13 th August	Justin McKeering, tour to the Bay area for M/T back to clubrooms for BBQ Lunch (good to see Barry & Molly Neville there)
14 th August	A7 Static Display, Capalaba Regional Park.

Web Master Report :- Moved by Neil Thyer, seconded by Rhonda that a Certificate of Thanks be given to Paul Bolt for his help with our website. Carried

A7 Racing Report :- Justin McCarthy reported he had won the John Butterfield Trophy at Lakeside. He has also built a test bench. Also asked if the club would consider investing in a new flag or banner. Seconded by Grant Preddy. (will be looked into)

Library Report :- NIL & **Editors Report :-** NIL (Editor away)

2017 A7 National Tour Report :- Entries are coming in. Most run 87 to 140 Km Newsletter No 4 will soon be out. Committee going to Toowoomba to do the runs.

General Business :- Discussion on Christmas Party venue. - Agreed to go back to Redlands Sporting Club. January outing discussion. - Decision to go to Colmslie Hotel for Breakfast.

April Meeting on Easter Good Friday, also start of AOA. Decision to cancel meeting.

If you want a Qld A7 Name badge please give names to Robyn Clarke. \$10-00 each (see next page)

Other badges for sale A7 Lapel badges \$7-00, 25th & 40th Anniversary Club badges & Longreach badges.

Also A7 car lapel badges. \$5-00

Report of Cars &/or Car Troubles :- NIL

Raffle :- Valda was selling tickets in tonight's raffle.

Birthdays :- Members having a Birthday in September were wished a Happy Day.

Sick members were wished a speedy recovery, with special thoughts to Aileen Potts having an operation soon.

Supper Organiser :- Thank you to Peter & Sue Waller for tonight's supper.

September	Robyn Clark
November	Rhonda Guthrie

Committee Meeting :- TBA

Next Meeting :- 14th October 2016

As there was no further business to discuss the President Lindsay Jordan closed the meeting at 8.44 pm.

Robyn





CLUB REGALIA - Show your Allegiance in Toowoomba

A7 name badges \$10-00 each and available from our Club Secretary Robyn. Red with white lettering. (Pic A) The Club is taking orders if members want them, let Robyn know on 3600 1965



Also the best dressed Austin 7 owner for the coming 2017 Touring season will be wearing;

Austin 7 Register lapel badge available to the next 80 customers for \$7 (Pic B)

A7 Register brass car badge \$42 - 2 only (Pic C)

25th & 40th Anniversary A7 Register badge - limited edition for the first 15 customers (Pic D)

Austin 7 car shaped badge 8 only price ? (Pic E)

1 only small club badge

Longreach Leap Badges (Pic F)

All the above items (excluding name badges) are now available from Treasurer John on 3396 0882

Congratulations and welcome to New Members

Robin Chippendall & Family - 1928 Austin 7 s/c Special Sports - restored

PAST RALLY REPORTS

Austin 7 Saturday Morning Run - 13 August 2016

Saturday was a beautiful day just right for a run in the Austins. Cars assembled at the Carindale Clubhouse



and run sheets were dutifully handed out by Neil Thyer as the organiser, Justin McKeering, had to work. Ready to go were Doug and Robyn, Duncan and Crystal, John who would be Neil's navigator, Peter, Barry and Molly, Merv in his Austin Freeway and Sharon and Lindsay.

A bit too much conversation about who was using the bathrooms occurred and Doug had a little battery issue, but a few minutes after 9, engines roared into life and Austins filed in an orderly manner out of the clubhouse grounds heading towards our morning tea stop.

All went well and after an hour or so we arrived at Victoria Point on Brisbane's lovely Moreton Bay to find Oh no! It was crowded. A few loops of the crowded car parks saw Austineers take matters into their own hands, mount the footpath and drive onto a lovely grassy patch where we could all sit in comfort.



Of course, sitting in comfort is never without mishap when you're with the Austin7 Register. Barry Neville had been apparently watching the Olympic diving far too seriously and whilst holding forth about the Gold Medal dive, he felt compelled to demonstrate the winning triple pike with backward roll completing it with a fine entry landing flat on his back on the grass. Onlookers were amazed at his dexterity and immediately called out scores out of 10

except for Molly, who was unimpressed and gave him a flat zero.

Friendly chatting continued as members caught up with each other after catching up with each other at the Clubhouse and the morning was only ruined when John Que found a nest of fire ants in the middle of the circle and proceeded to torment them. Well, Usain Bolt has nothing on Austineers as they ran for their cars, trying to get back onto the road, only to be held up by the culprit, John, who was now standing beside Merv's car and blocking the exit. He'd obviously found another nest near Merv's Freeway which explains Merv's colourful language.



Once on the road, Neil and John who had conveniently ignored the one way sign out of the car park and went the wrong way, proceeded to follow Justin's instructions to the letter, trying to demonstrate a long forgotten stickler-to-detail attitude to other

Austineers who, it must be reported, totally ignored them and the instructions and, sensing a barbecue back at the clubhouse, made a



beeline for Carindale. Austineers arrived back at the clubhouse in record time only having to wait for Neil who by now had abandoned John somewhere and then had run out of fuel. Neil explained later how he mathematically works out the precise amount of fuel he needs for each run,

using his own mathematical formula that takes into account topography, traffic, wind speed, passenger weight etc etc. Like a Formula 1 team where excess fuel weight results in loss of speed, Neil applies the formula with rigid discipline. So far he's reached the amazing speeds of 35mph and has run out of fuel 548 times.

The barbecue was soon heated up and onions, rissoles and sausages were slowly burnt to perfection. Members sat around eating and the light hearted banter that Austineers are noted for (and often have to have therapy afterwards) happened while the New President, bless him, spent the time cleaning the barbecue plate, turning off the gas, locking up the barbecue, washing and wiping used plates, sweeping the floors, pouring drinks and making sure everyone had eaten and were relaxing before sitting down to rest.

Suddenly someone remembered to ask where's John? A good question. Where was he? Turns out John had found ants in his sausages rendering them inedible so had gone off to the local shopping centre to buy some more. He returned but it was too late. The New President, bless him, offered to restart the barbecue but like true Austineers, everyone chipped in and donated some leftovers to John who was extremely grateful, took a few nibbles and then discretely dropped the rest on the ground for the local ants to enjoy.

All up a morning of good fun. Thank you Justin for organising it - a pity you missed it.

Sharon and Lindsay

A7 Static Display Capalaba Regional Park- 14 **August 2016**



To complete the 2016 Austin 7 Weekend, we assembled at our new venue of Capalaba Regional Park for our Static Display. Eleven Austin 7s and twelve modern vehicles, all driven by Club members, gathered under a clear blue sky for this annual event. Unfortunately, the A7s belonging to Ian and Valda McDowall and to Tim Braby experienced last minute mechanical problems preventing their attendance at the display. While



members on arrival lined up their A7s, several other members assisted with the erection of the Club's gazebo and signage under the shade of the adjacent trees.

As the morning progressed, the park became busier and there was much interest in our little cars. It was great to see the venue also utilised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club, in their vintage and classic vehicles, for a Sunday morning tea with their passengers from a local Special School. Throughout the day, members enjoyed the social chit chat not only with their fellow members but also with the

general public who expressed interest in our unique vehicles.

Following lunch, members were called together for the presentations. All members with an Austin 7 on display were presented with a Pride of Ownership Award certificate and badge. Rally Coordinator, Neil Thyer, then presented the Cam McCulloch Memorial Trophy for Best



Rally Supporter for 2015-16. This year's winners were Doug and Robyn Clark. The lucky draw prize of car products for members who displayed their Austin 7s on the day was won by Duncan and Crystal Logan. The People's Choice Award went to Trevor Moore's recently restored lorry (with pig), and was presented by our new President, Lindsay Jordan. The 'Friday night' raffle was drawn by Ian Waring and won by Nancy Jones. The prize was a selection of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. John Que drew the raffle which raised funds for the 2017 National A7 Rally, with the winning ticket belonging to Peter and Sue Waller, who won the \$300 prize.

Special thanks go to John Que and Robyn Clark for their efforts on the day in the achievement of a yet another successful A7 Static Display.

Neil & Karyn

The Gympie Swap 10th September



Coinciding with the Editor's Birthday this year was the Gympie Historic Auto Club's annual swap meet and car show. This event seems to be growing in size and I know of one late arrival who nearly was denied a swap site at 9 am in the morning. The weather the night before was WET but the morning was sunny and a good flow of foot and vehicular traffic in and out of the showgrounds. Not a lot of vintage or classic car parts were evident, most of the goods seen were distinctly classified under the Sunday Market type, with a good mix of collectible furniture, books, toys, tools and other bits and bobs thrown in. The Editor came home with another model train and a 40 year old metal kit of a Model T Ford Fire Engine! Peter from Gympie sold a lot of old

tools and stuff from the shed and was happily rewarded with an old Lucas tail light that would not look out of place on a Vintage Austin.

It was all over by Lunch time and we managed to get the marquee folded and the trailer covered before the serious rain came back. That night Peter, Treasurer John and I celebrated two birthdays with some nice food and red wine at the "Decks" Restaurant on the top of Mary Street in uptown Gympie as we cruise thru that decade they call "your Sixties". Next morning up early for John and I to embark on the second part of our journey, from Gympie to Toowoomba via Nanango, and Oakey. 3 and 1/2 hours over some nice and relatively quiet country back roads.

The Toowoomba Road Trip 11th - 16th September

Your intrepid 2017 National Tour Committee spent a week last month up in Toowoomba trialling all the proposed daily tours and meeting the owners and people who work in some of the attraction we have got lined up for you next April.



We tested out all the tour routes and found it was necessary to make some changes to avoid everyday modern traffic and roads that were too rough or hilly. Personally I found it most useful as I got to try my Austin Seven along with Will Knapp and his Chummy and Ross and



Rhonda Guthrie in their saloon out on some of the roads. One thing we soon found out was even though many of the roads appear straight and flat, some have long grades that will leave 3 speed Austins falling behind the 4 speed models. There is also a variety of road surfacing that drivers will have to contend with. No gravel, just that some have better bitumen than others!

On the first day, which was a Sunday, we went modern, shepherding Will in his 1929 Chummy with his mate Martin navigating. The little chummy went very well and did not hold us up at all on our trip out to Pittsworth where we will be parking in the showgrounds and visiting the historical museum. Next day, Monday, Ross and I cranked up our 1929 saloons (Will had to leave us as it was a work day) and drove out to the Highfields Historical Village, Goombungee, the **Double D Alpaca Farm** where we met Aileen and daughter Margaret who look after 350 alpacas. For Lunch we went back into Goombungee



for a hamburger a truck driver could not jump over! Tummies fed and Austins reenergized we drove back on country roads meet Suzanne Nation, the face of the **2nd2None** Winery for a discussion over a few samples of her award winning wines. Straight across the road to David Harriman at **Colonial Woodcraft** at Gumnut Cottage to see some extraordinary woodwork, all for sale too!

All today's visits are winners as attractions. I reckon everyone should have a pair of Alpacas in the back yard to keep down the grass, they are just so darn cute!!!

On the Tuesday we left the Austins rest and we tried out the run to the **Jondaryan Woolshed** and **Adora Downs**, features on the third rally day. The roads were less hillier and much straighter out this direction.

Wednesday we did the run to Allora to see the Pittsworth showgrounds and meet Shirley, a true daughter of the bush with her tales of

floods and stray stock.

I will pause and tell you a little of Allora, a quiet town that lays claim to 3 celebrities, past and current. First is the **Mary Poppins** house where **Pamela Lynton Travers** lived as a small 6-7 year old in 1905-7 in a house with the Australian Joint Savings Bank attached to its frontage. Here the young girl who would later delight the world with her stories of the Super Nanny Mary Poppins dreamed in an isolated world in between the stifling hot summers and chilling westerlies of Winter for many a long afternoon. Unfortunately it is also the house her father died in his early 40s after spending a day out in pouring rain. Within 7 days the furniture and horses were sold and mother bundled 3 daughters off to maiden aunts in Sydney, the house belonging to the bank. The house is still there but now a private residence. Other notables of Allora are **Laura Geitz**, Australia National Netball Team Captain, Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist and ANZ Championships Premiership Captain as well as **Wayne Bennett**, Premiership winning rugby league coach in the NRL!



From Allora we drove north back to Nobby, home parking near *"Rudd's Pub"* where there is a collection of Steele Rudd memorabilia and lunch on the 2017 tour will be at the Nobby School of Arts. I also must add that the cafe just down the road from the pub had the best burgers out of the 4 days we were on the road. In Nobby we will also visit the *Sister Elizabeth Kenny* memorial who was a pioneer in a controversial polio treatment that enabled many to regain use of their limbs instead of having to spend the rest of their lives in an iron lung. Interesting "Sister" Kenny had no medical qualifications what so ever but had the ultimate accolade when Hollywood made a movie of her life in 1947 with Rosalind Russell playing her part.

Thursday was heading home day for all of us but at first John and myself journeyed to Downs Steam, the heritage Railway Museum at Drayton, where tour attendees who have an interest in Railways may like to visit and where we hope to organise elegant dinner evenings out in a refurbished Sunlander Dining Car on some of



the evenings off. These are put on by the museum and will give you a chance to see the work the volunteers are doing to restore a Qld. Steam C16 Locomotive that was built originally in Toowoomba, a former Tasmanian Railcar that was burnt out by vandals but well on the way to becoming fully operational and the incredible Dreamtime Carriage that is a cut above any murals I have ever seen.

So all in all a most profitable week for all those attended, but there will a lot of work to do before next April to get the Tour to run

seamlessly, one way you can all help is get your entries in promptly if possible. We need to confirm numbers in order to make final bookings for venues and meals and the 101 other things a tour committee needs to do.

Some final notes and observations on staying in Toowoomba

Accommodation, yes there was still a good choice of accommodation available but it pays to shop around while you can, later you may not be so lucky. Originally I was going to stay at a long favourite motel in Ruthven Street, but found I got a far better deal in terms of quality and value only a block from Tour Headquarters. John and I looked at a couple of local motels near Tour HQ, and both liked the Clifford Park Holiday Motor Inn, right opposite the Clifford Park Race Course on Taylor Street. The owners said they will give a 15% discount to tour entrants, and if you contact me of 0405 740 418 or tim.braby@optusnet.com.au I will pass on the contact details. My unit for instance is equivalent in cost to an inner city motel room, but has a lock up garage, washing machine and a complete kitchen within a suite of rooms. It is not a new motel, but very comfortable and well appointed with plenty of parking out back for support vehicles.

Ouch, a Post script with a lesson for us all



When I finally was ready to hit the road home with the Austin on its trailer heading down the range, I heard an odd thumping noise as I was about to hit the top of the tollbar down the range, LUCKILY there was a little street on the left (the very last chance, my Guardian Angel was watching that day!) where I pulled off the main road just as the noise got a lot worse. I stopped and found the rhs tyre on the trailer had a radial split on the outside. The noise was the tread coming off and hitting the trailer mudguard and finally the tyre blowing out and chewing its self to bits. The road wheels both had plenty of legal tread but were just old and the sides were cracking due to age and sunlight degradation, and the spare was just as bald as the driver! I found I could not remove all the nuts due to arthritis in my hand and called the RACQ for help. I asked him for a good local tyre retailer and I went straight to Tyre power in Clifford Street, Toowoomba and they soon

had me fitted with THREE brand new tyres. I found the staff there to be very helpful and friendly, the same as everyone we met in Toowoomba and around in every little town we visited. Hopefully you will find the same country style welcome we did when you are visit the Darling Downs next year.

Tim

The All British Car Clubs Day 25th September



A few rain drops from above in the early morning was not enough to deter five enthusiastic A7 members from participating in the annual All British Day event at Tennyson on September 25th. The event had been rescheduled from the previous Sunday due to wet oval conditions. Proudly displaying their A7s were Doug &

Robyn Clark, Trevor Moore, Russell & Vanda Curtis, Peter & Sue Waller and Justin McKeering. Those of us that, for various reasons arrived in more modern vehicles were Neil Thyer, Ian & Valda McDowell, John Que, Tim Braby, Steve Davidson, Alan & Dorothy Roberts and Geoff & Sirilak Shepherdson.

As the morning progressed, the early threatening clouds dispersed and the resultant day turned out to be cloudless, warm and humid. A fine display of British machinery, both old and new was spread across the two St Joseph's College



ovals. Plenty of food and beverage (non-alcoholic!) stalls were located around the grounds. A7 members positioned themselves adjacent to their A7s to enjoy not only the spring weather but also the congenial conversation with fellow members and friends.



Soon after lunch, trophies were presented to successful participants in specific car categories. Congratulations go to Trevor Moore who took out "Best Commercial Vehicle" for his six wheeler lorry – well done Trevor. Another of our members, Ken Folliott, attending the event in his Rolls Royce, was also successful in winning "Best British Thoroughbred".

The All British Day was once again an interesting and successful event on our A7 Register calendar - all the better for having won a trophy!

Neil Thyer

WITH TEAM ALFRED AT LAKESIDE

Justin McCarthy is back in the saddle , sharing the wheel with Russell Curtis at the recent HRCA Historic Lakeside.



Team Alfred did well, without any spectacular let downs, although the first and 3rd runs were slower than practice. But the name of the game is regularity and reliability and against a field of mostly 1960/70s Sports and GT Classics Alfred was the only one showing a torch for the Pre-War Motoring scene.

Results were

Practice 6 Laps Average Lap time 1 min 51 Secs. (Points were awarded for each 0.10 sec over time, 2 points for each 0.10 sec under time)

Regularity 1 Run 1 230 pts

Regularity 1 Run 2 138 pts

Regularity 1 Run 3 281 pts

It is planned to try a larger tyre size to enable Alfred to travel a bit faster!

A Letter to the Editor

Our 1938 AUSTIN 8/Big 7 UTILITY AESC UNIT 148

Austin Chassis 10989 was born in circa 1938 as an Austin Big 7 rolling chassis bare from the scuttle back at the Austin Motor Company's Longbridge factory in England and shipped to Australia.

T.J.Richards Motor Body builders in Adelaide adapted the rolling chassis to fit a wooden framed utility body (AUU13) to supply vehicles to Adelaide Electric Supply Company (AESCO) for their linesmen. This vehicle was given a unit number 148 and was badged as an Austin 8. It began service late in 1938 or early 1939. After WW2 in 1946 the supply of electricity was nationalised by the State Government and the utility joined the fleet of the Electricity Trust of South Australia (ETSA). This vehicle was retired circa 1955 to 1960 when modern steel bodies were perfected. The vehicle was purchased for use as a station vehicle on properties north of Terowie SA and after many years of service succumbed to general wear and tear and the elements and literally fell apart circa 1970. It was rescued and stored in a wrecking yard attached to the Mobil Service Station in Terowie run by H. Schultz



who was married to one of the land owner's daughters. Mr Schultz had intended to restore it but when approached decided that it was too big a job and offered to sell the ute for \$200 in 1985. The attached photo shows the vehicle with a tree growing through the floor, we left the tree there.

Once in Adelaide the work to rebuild it commenced and as time permitted the rolling chassis was completed by 1990 and the collection of missing parts continued.

With retirement and time to work on the car it was completed in late 2015 and was registered as an historic vehicle with the Austin 7 Club of SA with plate S225-BHT.

Jayne & Malcolm FLAVEL.



Gifts For the Complete Austin 7 Enthusiast

As I write this it is still late September, but the shops are already filling up with Christmas Decorations and our minds are beginning to think about buying some presents for the family, especially the Austin 7 enthusiast in the house. Well here are two items I found recently and well worth considering, if not this year, maybe next? The first is a fantastic large photo quality poster recently listed by the Austin 7 Club Inc. of Victoria. I asked Trevor our Parts Man to order me one and I can tell you it is magnificent! The photo does it no real justice, it measures 33" x 48" and depicts 55 Austin 7s with Australian Built bodies. My copy cost \$30, which include \$10 post and handling which is fair for such a large item. I mounted mine with double sided tape on a large piece of new corflute/straw board, the same material that real estate agents use for their signs.

Secondly is this tea towel I picked up in a gift shop in New Zealand during a recent trip. Part of a series that includes Traction Engines, Trams & Steam trains of New Zealand, this was the first time I have seen this particular towel and I was thrilled to see a 1929/30 Saloon just like mine in the middle! Cost was \$9 NZD and should available in any souvenir/gift/tourist shop in New Zealand. Maybe I should have brought some more?



Left - the Poster
Centre - detail of Tea Towel
Right Tea - Towel in its entirety

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