



NEWSLETTER

August 2026



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



“Austins Over Australia 2026”

L-R Greg and Kaye Shuker's 1926 Van, Gary and Robyn Ohl's 1928 roadster and the Moore's 1928 A7 Taxi at the Sunday static display at Maryborough.

Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

**Annual General Meeting - Friday 14th August - 7:30 pm
START!**

**Saturday 15th August - A7 Club Weekend - Saturday
Lunch & A7 Static Display PLEASE CONTACT ROBYN
A.S.A.P. IF YOU ARE COMING as we need numbers!!**

**Sunday 16th August - A7 Club Weekend Short Sunday
Run to Morning Tea. (TO BE CONFIRMED at the
Meeting!)**

Editorial Comments

Well “Tim-Tam” my Saloon has finally left for Melbourne, and it is nice to know that it is not going to be lonely as its new custodian, Russell, already has over a dozen Austin Sevens, including Mike Hawthorne’s Nippy Sports. Thank you to Michael & Helen Shegog who towed the car home to Victoria! As you can read our club members have been very busy with activities both in Maryborough and around Brisbane. And as this newsletter goes out we have our AGM coming up followed by the Club lunch. We also have some more important information about our big 60th Anniversary. Please consider this very important event in the club calendar, the organisers have gone to a lot of effort and pulled out all the stops on this one. So please put in your expression of interest and book your accommodation NOW!

Sackcloth and Ashes department:

Sorry I have not brought you my story on Tim Tam this issue, but I ran out of space!

NOTE: The 1934 Racer advertised in the June Newsletter is still for sale, price is now \$45,000 and the owner has sent thru a 4 page “Sales Portfolio” (sounds like a real estate job!) which is too large for our newsletter this time with all our rally reports. Contact me at my email address below and I can it send it on to any interested parties.

The latest Baby Torque from the West Australian Club had a link to a general video about the history of the Austin and it is worth watching.

Austin Seven: The £165 Car That Motorized Britain Before the VW Beetle - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYGD07yEO14>

While I was looking at that video I spotted another about a country drive in a 1929 Saloon in the UK.

[My Austin Seven https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyivnz7Nk0Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyivnz7Nk0Y)

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

We have a website at which you can view. 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.

austin7.org.au/events & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2026

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. EVENTS

I will endeavour to keep you regularly informed of A7 Reg. Qld updates as they occur by updating our website. Please let me know if you hear about any of the "External Events" that I



have listed on the A7 Website that have been cancelled or postponed.

Also Very Important: Make sure you have cancelled any accommodation bookings you may have had for any cancelled or postponed A7 Event.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions/comments etc. about our A7 Websites. Always check our A7 Register Qld Web site for possible recent updates/cancellations/postponements prior to attending any event. And IF IN ANY DOUBT - contact the event organisers to find out what the situation is.

Happy Motoring and stay safe & well.

A list of all the 2026 A7 Events is now posted on our A7 Website & our A7 Facebook site.

Neil Thyer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master.

Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.

Please check for updates on the A7 Register Website: <http://austin7.org.au/>

Do not forget it is always recommended that while on all Events and Runs, you carry your current Membership Card along with any information about the event you are attending. It will be necessary to produce this information if you are confronted, for any reason, by a member of the Police Force or a Transport and Main Roads Inspector while participating in an Event.

Friday 14th August: A7 Register Club Weekend – General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 15th August: A7 Register August Event: A7 Club Weekend – SATURDAY

LUNCH & A7 STATIC DISPLAY commencing at 11am at the Club Rooms,

Carindale. BYO Morning Tea. A lunch will be provided at around noon to members present. Food (BBQ Meats, Salads & Desert) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery, plates, cups etc. are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. It WAS essential for catering that you RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 0412 276 313) by 1st August 2026 and notify Robyn if you are displaying your A7

Sunday 16th August: TO BE CONFIRMED A7 Register August Event: A possible short Run to Morning Tea.

Friday 11th September 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 9th October 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 13th November 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 11th December 2026: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

Sunday 13th December 2026: A7 Register December Event: Details next Newsletter!



60th Anniversary Rally

Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc.

15th – 19th April 2027 - Stanthorpe Qld

Newsletter No. 1 (with updates)

Stanthorpe lies on the New England Highway near the New South Wales border 223 kilometres from Brisbane via Warwick, 56 kilometres north of Tenterfield and 811m above sea level.[5] Throughout your stay within this region you will experience this diverse natural haven, including tranquil natural parks, picturesque watercourses wineries, gourmet foods, lavender farms and much, much more..... All in Granite Belt Time.

The Granite belt offers a fresh easy-living environment to while away the days. The air is clean, the sky is blue (hopefully), the temperature is cool and it's a beautiful place to visit.

Stanthorpe was developed around Quart Pot Creek which meanders from south-east through the centre of town and then out through the south-west, where its confluence with Spring Creek forms the Severn River. Quart Pot Creek forms part of the south-western boundary of the locality, while the Severn River forms part of the south-western boundary.[7]

The New England Highway passes through the locality from Applethorpe in the north to Severnlea in the south. Originally it passed through the town centre along the main street, Maryland Street. However, it now bypasses to the west of the main developed area of the town. The Stanthorpe–Texas–Inglewood Road connects Stanthorpe and Broadwater to the west, then travels south-west to Texas.[7]

The land within the boundaries of Stanthorpe is primarily used for urban purposes: housing, recreational, commercial and industrial with some underdeveloped land on the hillier slopes. Although an agricultural centre of the Granite Belt, there is little agriculture within the town's boundaries. Crops grown in the surrounding area include vegetables, apples, grapes and stone fruit. Wine is also produced in the area, and sheep and cattle grazing also prevalent.

Places we will be visiting, are as follows:

Truffle Discovery Centre – taste testing

A winery for a lunch

Lavender Farm

Amiens WW1 Soldier / Settler Display

4 days of adventure – driving along country roads.

Our Rally days are not long, most enjoyable, exploring country road drives.

As it will be BYO lunch most days, may I suggest

you pack a picnic box and chairs so you can relax under the autumn trees.

As most of our club members don't live in a cool climate area, April is the time of the year for autumn photos, and autumn fun.

Unfortunately due to catering accommodation we will need to limit the number of entries to 65 (130 people).

The most important item is to make sure you have booked your accommodation for the event. The Caravan Park only has powered sites available; we are not the only event in town on our weekend.

I know you'll loved the Granite Belt and trust you'll enjoy your few days of Austin 7 driving.



Brief run-down of our Rally- this is our plan to date.

Thursday 15th	1 - 4pm Registration – Top of the Town Caravan Park 5pm Welcome Reception – need Chairs BYO Drinks Top of the Town Caravan Park Camp Kitchen 6pm Pizza Evening 2 drops
Friday 16th	9am assemble Rally - Lavender Farm Morning Tea Afternoon – free to explore the town & museum
Saturday 17th	9am assemble Rally - Visit Truffle Farm Discovery Centre Lunch – Granite Belt Winery
Sunday 18th	9am Assemble Rally - Blue Pot Pantry Morning Tea Lunch BYO – Wallangarra – need your own picnic & chairs
Monday 19th	9am Assemble Rally – Morning Tea Lunch BYO - Amiens Soldier Settler Display - need your own picnic & chairs.
Monday 19th	Farewell Evening Dinner – R.S.L.

Your Rally Committee

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PS If you are travelling some distance to the 60th Anniversary Rally in Stanthorpe, I wondered if you would like to participate in two events that are very close together. I know it is the same town, but the “Pre 31 Rendezvous Rally” will travel bigger distances each day. (See details in Outside Events on Page 7) Remember you will need to book your accommodation soon.

If you are unable to come for the 5 days, due to work commitments, why not come for the weekend we would love to have you with us in Stanthorpe. This is a once in a lifetime event. We will never enjoy the clubs 60th Anniversary again. – Don't forget to book your accommodation.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rhonda Guthrie

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OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS



Thursday 20th – Sunday 23rd August: External A7
Register Invitation Event: The Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc. “Driving the past into the future” - Annual Rally

Calling all vintage, veteran, classic, and historic vehicle enthusiasts!

Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate the beauty, history, and craftsmanship of motoring heritage at the Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc. Annual Rally.

Date: Location: Lismore, NSW 2480

Based in the Lismore area, this rally will feature scenic destinations throughout the Richmond Valley, showcasing the region's charm and countryside. Participants will enjoy quiet country roads, thoughtfully selected and well suited to Veteran and Vintage vehicles, providing relaxed and enjoyable motoring conditions. We warmly invite you to join us for a relaxed and enjoyable weekend of motoring and fellowship. The rally will follow the successful format of our 2024 and 2025 rallies.

Thursday 20th - Check-in and registration at Lismore Showground, from 1 pm.

Friday 21st - Early check-in, followed by a run to the Northern Rivers Military Museum and lunch in Casino.

Saturday 22nd - Rally run and BBQ lunch, with dinner at Lismore Heights Bowling Club.

Sunday 23rd - A short morning run followed by a farewell lunch at Lismore Showground. We look forward to sharing a wonderful weekend of driving, friendship, and classic motoring with you. If you will require accommodation, please start organising it early to avoid disappointment, as availability in the area can be limited during busy periods. Whether you own a historic vehicle, are restoring one, or simply enjoy the sights and stories of motoring's past, this event promises to be a memorable and enjoyable weekend. More information coming soon — for now, SAVE THE DATE!

Hosted by: Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Inc.

Contact: Rally Directors - Graeme Gill 0428 100 374 Email: Rally Secretary Sharin Gill nrvccsecretary@gmail.com

or contact our Club member, Rhonda Guthrie on 0427 175 099.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th August The Antique Machinery Restoration Society Queensland Inc. 48th Vintage Machinery Rally: At the Woodford Showgrounds, 38 Neurum Road, Woodford 4514. **For an entry form or inquiries : THE ANTIQUE MACHINERY RESTORATION SOCIETY QUEENSLAND INC., 280 BEERBURRUM ROAD, CABOOLTURE, QLD. 4510** Phone Chris Armitstead 0419 489 816, Ken Smith 0418 793 625, or Ross Edhouse 0417 604 853 **Or Email: amrsq1979@gmail.com. NOTE**
The Closing Date for Entries is the 14th of August 2026 .

Saturday 29th August OHMC Swap Meet for English, European, Military, Tractor, Machinery & Automotive Collectables at Veteran Car Clubrooms, Carindale. Gates open from 6.30am. Entry via Wright Street, Carindale. \$10/site, Display Vehicles \$5, Walk ins \$2, CASH ONLY. Food available. Contact 0413 553 173

Sunday 13th September 2026:

External A7 Register Invitation Event: The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld have invited our A7 Club to participate in the 36th annual Chrysler Expo at the Rocklea Showgrounds on Sunday 13th September 2026 from 7am. The Expo will include a Swap meet, Trade Sites and a diverse range of Vintage and Historic themed exhibits. For more information email: secretary@cryslerownersclubqld.com. Members are to make their own arrangements re registration & travel.

Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th September 2025:

External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the Annual Rally hosted by the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club to be held at 2 Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy. \$10 entry. For more details phone 0493 785 637 or email: info@kdvmc.com.au Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc.

Sunday 27 September All British Day St Joseph Oval, at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm for public. Gates open at 7am for exhibitors. Display vehicles \$20, spectators \$3, visitor car parking (inc. all occupants) \$10. Cash only. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (0412 276 313) for more details. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re.travel etc.

Sunday 27th September 2026: TO BE CONFIRMED External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to participate in the Distinguished Gentleman's Drive to

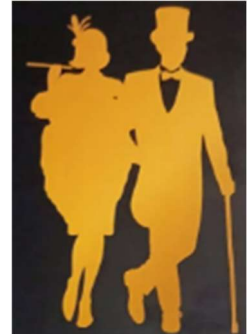
take place in Brisbane on 28th September. This annual classic car drive in dapper attire, is to raise funds and awareness for men's health issues. For more information visit the Web site: www.gentlemansdrive.com

Saturday 3rd to Monday 5th October The 11th Queensland Heritage Rally 2026 External A7 Register Invitation Event: presented by the Stanthorpe Historical Vehicle and Machinery Group at the Stanthorpe Showgrounds. Contact Garry on 0418 832 175, or on Facebook. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th October LAMA Annual Invitational Rally, External A7 Register Invitation Event: organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact The Secretary, email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Tuesday 27th April to Monday 3rd May 2027 Pre31 Rendezvous Rally, External A7 Invitation Event: The Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle & Machinery Group inc. extend a hearty invitation to all owners of pre-1931 cars, trucks and motorbikes to join them for the Pre 31 Rendezvous Rally on the Granite Belt. The 7 day event is limited to 150 eligible vehicles. Please book your accommodation early as Stanthorpe is a busy destination. Upon entering the rally you will receive your Rally Pack which includes a list of accommodation.

For details please contact the Rally Director Garry Ellis on 0418 832 175. Look for us on Facebook



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE FOR THE JULY 26 - JUNE 27 FINANCIAL YEAR

Last issue we reminded you all that club memberships are due, and you should have all received your invoices for the next financial years annual membership of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc. These payments were due by 30 June 2026. Unfortunately there are still a few "lost lambs" who have yet to make their way back to the fold. For those members without email addresses your invoices were posted. It is preferable that payment is via direct debit with your Surname and/or your invoice number as the bank reference. If for some reason your payment goes through without a reference, please let me know so I can match your payment in the accounting system as we had some payments with no idea who they were from. Looking forward to another year of enjoyment with you and your Austin 7's.

Sharon (sharonleacowden@gmail.com)

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 661, 12th June 2026

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.30 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 19 members signed the Attendance Book. (some members were at AOA, Maryborough)

Apologies: Trevor & Elaine M, Colin & Gay J, Murray & Fiona R, Merv & Margaret T, John Q, Ross & Rhonda G, Trevor & Bev MCC, Ian W, & Hugh C

Minutes: Robyn read the Minutes of the May Meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct Record. Seconded by Ewen. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN & OUT: Newsletters from other Clubs

QHMC Minutes for May & newsletter No 29 re National Motoring Heritage Day Forwarded
11th Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally, Stanthorpe, 3rd -5th October 2026

Email from James Stretch re Dating Certificate & proof of membership to Transport Dept.
Forwarded

Various Emails & phone calls re Motorfest

Email from Vintage Car Club re Austins going to Concourse. Replies

QHMC email re affiliation Invoice Forwarded

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed.

Seconded by Molly. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon informed members of the club's finances, asked for questions, then moved her report be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Lindsay. Carried

QHMC Report: National Motoring Heritage Day

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had made some good sales & another order will be sent to Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim was thrilled with 4 replies from England about the newsletter

Dating Officers Report: Tim replied to James Stretch request.

Web Master Report: Neil has the website up to date.

Club Events:

10-15th June AOA, Maryborough

14th June RACQ Motorfest. (6 A7's attended)

28th June VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood. (4 A7's attended)

Other Events:

18th - 19th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

19th July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

25th July Nambour Swap

Past Events:

16th May 2026 Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show, Bundaberg

16th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Clubrooms

17th May Run to celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day organized by Bayside Club

16th -17th May HYA Truck show, Rocklea Showgrounds (150 Trucks)

23rd – 24th May Sunshine Coast Motorkhana

23rd May Biggest Morning Tea organised by the Bayside Club

30th May Boonah Show

General Business: Sharon has 3 memberships paid but does not know who they belong to. Please put name or membership No on when doing a direct deposit.

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in June wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Raffle: Thank you to Steve for donating tonight's Raffle prize.

Supper: Thank you to Steve for tonight's Supper. July it will be Robyn's turn

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 10th July 2026

Meeting Closed: 8.05pm

Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No, 662, 10th July 2026

Held at the Veteran Car Club all, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President Steve Declared the meeting opened at 7.34 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 27 members signed the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC, Ewen C.

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the June meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Tim. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL.

Correspondence IN & OUT: Newsletters from other Clubs.

Bay to Birdwood, 31st December

Office of Fair Trading re changes. Forwarded

MYOB Invoice. Forwarded

Browns Plains Printers Invoice re Membership cards. Forwarded

AHMF Newsletter. Forwarded

Vintage Car Club re BBQ now working

Samford Valley Classic Car Show, 4th October

Vaughan Morrison from NZ re membership, wanting to buy parts. Forwarded

Ron Toy's passing

Gold Coast Swap, 19th July

OUT: Sympathy card to Daphne Toy & family

Get Well cards to Peter Dorman & Peter Baker

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by David N. Carried

If any member wished other Clubs Newsletters forwarded, please let me know.

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave the report on the club's finances, asked for questions, then moved it be accepted. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried

QHMC Report: Shannons has given \$600 to a Qld member. Not Austin 7

Spare Parts Report: Trevor only had a few sales this month. Stock take done but is considering doing it every 6 months.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim is always looking for reports & photos

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has the website up to date until October.

Club Events:

14th August General Meeting followed by our AGM

15th August Club Lunch & Static Display

16th August Possible Club run

14th Sept Club run

Other Events:

18-19th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

19th July Gold Coast Swap. Mudgeeraba Showgrounds.

25th July Nambour Swap

29th August QHMC Swap, Clubrooms

27th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

Past Events:

10-15th June AOA, Maryborough

14th June RACQ Motorfest

28th June VCCQ Concourse

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Colin J spoke about his visit to A7 Heaven in Melbourne.

Robyn reminded members of the AGM Nomination forms

Don't forget our 60th Anniversary Run in Stanthorpe 15-19th April 2027

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in July wished many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Raffle : Winners Karyn (Coles Myers Voucher) & Doug (tin of biscuits).

Supper: Thank you to Doug & Robyn for tonight's Supper.

August: Gail C.

Committee Meeting: TBA.

Next Meeting: 14th August 2026.

Meeting Closed: 8:09 pm.

Robyn



News of Members- A Farewell to Ron Toy

Ronald "Keith" Toy.

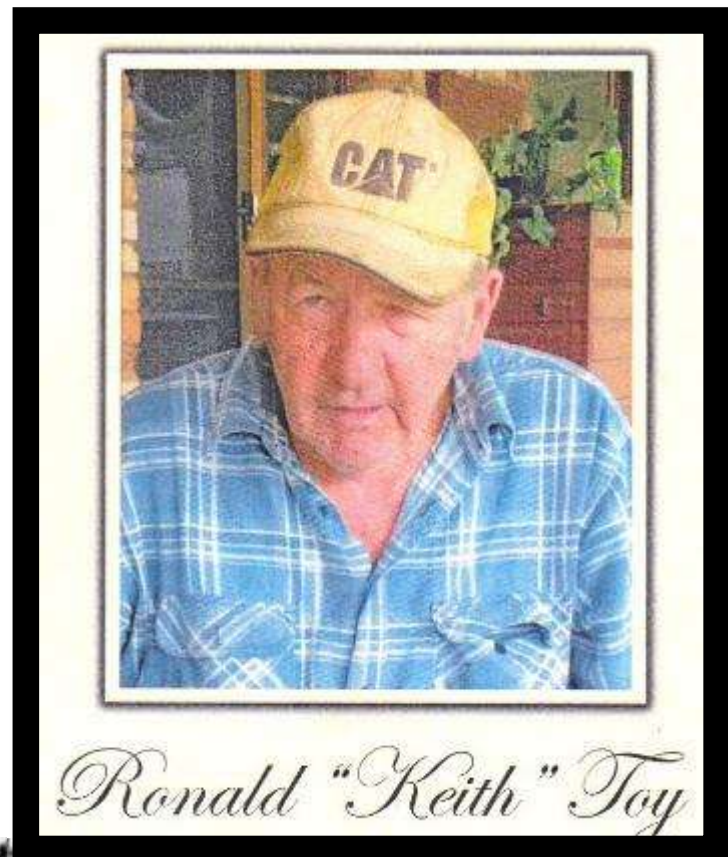
27th February 1945 - 16th June 2026

Ron was a foundation member of the Austin 7 Club.

He owned 3 Austins, a 1928 Austin 12 tourer, a 1929 Chummy & a 1929 Sports

On his wedding day he drove from the church to the reception in his sports. He even had a A7 on his wedding cake

In Daphne words, Ron had a good life. Along his journey he was blessed with the love of his family (Richard, Peter & Jean) & the great friendship that were kindled through his life. True wealth comes from doing what you love & Ron was in his element driving dozers, restoring old trucks & cars, square dancing & travelling the world over. His sheer enthusiasm was at the bottom of all his achievements; He had big dreams & thought nothing was impossible. The impossible



just took a little longer.

Ron did many trips in his Austin 7, even taking his 1929 Chummy to New Zealand, The car went on the same plane as they did.

He was on the first trip the club did to Longreach, but not always obeying the rules laid down.

If was not for Ron, Doug & I would not have been involved in the old car & truck movement

Doug & Robyn

PAST CLUB EVENT REPORTS

Austins over Australia - Maryborough 10 to 15 June 2026



After travelling from most parts of Australia, **Day 1** involved attendees meeting at the Tinana Football Club in the afternoon to register and collect their rally packs. The photo on the front of the rally booklet detailing members' particulars and car photos depicts some of Tim Braby's miniature and scale model cars. Once registered, there was a chance to catch up with friends and look over the Austin models as they arrived.



At 3pm the Meet and Greet was held, also at the Football Club. Finger food was served, with attendees bringing their own drinks.

(below L-R Mia and Campbell Guthrie with friend Claire in their 1937 Guthrie Family Tourer.)



Day 2 was a free day to explore the historic City of Maryborough, such as the Port Area and the Maryborough Street Markets, with information sheets provided. (some lucky people travelled on the replica 1873 'Mary Ann' train!- Ed.)



On **Day 3**, attendees met at the Tinana Football Club for a drive to visit Hervey Bay. Several of our members drove their A7s, even though some rain was expected. The organisers had marked places to look at and visit; however, Elaine and I visited friends and older members Trevor and



Donna Hebblewhite, with a pleasant drive back to our motel. (there was some rain, but the sun came out later- Ed.)

Day 4 was a drive to Tin Can Bay. Merv and Margaret Thompson and Elaine and I decided to leave at 8.30am for the 70 odd kilometre drive. On reaching the Bay, it was the normal stop then a coffee shop, followed by a drive around town with fish and chips for lunch. On the way back home, we called into the town of Poona, where Merv backed down the boat ramp to the water's edge to test the brakes on his Austin 7 (video taken). It was a safe drive back to our abode before going to the hotel for dinner; other members went to the RSL or just stayed at their camp.



Day 5 was the Static Display held at the Brolga Theatre Car Park, located in Maryborough on the banks of the Mary River. It was a lovely, sunny day with ten Austin 7s lined up together with all the other Austin models. Rocker Cover car racing, coffee and a sausage sizzle all made for a pleasant day. (the local papers promoted the event so there was lots of spectators, especially as the weather was warm!-Ed.)



At left is David and Dianne Young's 1929 Chummy which won the "Best Austin 7 Trophy"!

At 6pm, it was off to the Maryborough Town Hall, dressed in our finery, for the Presentation Dinner with the theme 'Shawls and Braces'. As well as dinner, there was a raffle draw and awards. The raffle, tickets for which had been sold over the week with proceeds going to the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, was drawn, with two lucky people each winning beautiful hand-made quilts. For the awards, congratulations to Dave and Diane from



our Club for winning Best Austin 7 with their 1929 Chummy.

Thank you to the organisers the Austin Motor Vehicle Club of Queensland for a most enjoyable event.

Trevor

Note The next AOA will be at Warrnambool, Victoria in 2028. *(It will be a great venue!!!!)*

RACQ Motorfest Sunday 14 June 2026



Following an early morning fog over Brisbane, the day turned out to be a beautiful and crisp winter's day. For most of the day, the sun was shining for the annual RACQ Motorfest event, held once again at the RNA Showgrounds in Bowen Hills. As usual, arriving prior to the public opening time of 10am was a wonderful variety of vehicles, ranging from the most modern and electric to classic, vintage and veteran.

In the John Reid pavilion was a display of the older roadside assistance RACQ vehicles, along with veteran and vintage vehicles.



Displaying their A7s were young Justin, Doug & Robyn, President Steve, Ian W, Brett and Ewen. Other A7 members in attendance at the event were Tim, Greg, Alan and Neil. Despite Doug & Robyn's Chummy experiencing overheating problems en route to the venue, they managed to arrive in good time for the opening. Our thanks and gratitude go to

Ewen for his assistance in getting the Chummy home to Boronia Heights safely on his trailer at the conclusion of the event.

On the RNA Main Arena and surrounds were around 650 other vehicles on static display to be admired by the thousands of visitors. This also included our member, Peter, displaying his classic MGB.



At around 10.30am, the RACQ Managing Director and CEO, David Carter, opened the event from the Main Arena Stage. For the rest of the day on the Stage, there were presentations, awards and live music to keep Motorfest visitors entertained. At around 3pm, after a lovely

day in the warm winter weather, the vehicles began to depart for their home bases. Our sincere thanks go to the RACQ for their splendid effort in providing this terrific annual event – a highlight for many motor enthusiasts and their families! *(Aerial photo courtesy of the BVAC "Vintage Views" magazine, our little Sevens are in the white shed in the top left!)*

Neil

VCCQ Concours d'Elegance – Sherwood Arboretum – Sunday 28 June 2026



Despite the overcast sky and forecast of rain, there was a very good display of vintage and classic cars at the Vintage Car Club of Queensland's annual Concours d'Elegance at Sherwood Arboretum. Some of the cars' owners had also made the effort to dress in period costume such as this couple with their WW1 era ambulance, a c1915 Model T Ford (left).



The Austin 7s of Doug & Robyn; Young Justin; Murray with his friend Steve; Ian W with his son Jared; and Brett from our Club were on display, and a number of other Club members also attended the event – Molly & David; Greg & Yuriko; Dick & Patricia; Ian & Valda; Twink; John; and Neil & Karyn.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Brass Roots Live jazz band, and attendees were able to purchase food and drinks from a coffee van and a food van. There was also, of course, the beautiful Arboretum to explore.



This year not only did the public and other car enthusiasts admire our A7s on display, but our vehicles were sketched by members of the Urban Sketchers Brisbane group. The sketches were amazing

(refer to the Concours photos in the Gallery section of our website, above is an ink and wash sketch of Doug and Robyn's "Albert").

with awards for various categories being presented around noon, but unfortunately none of our



A7s were among the winners. Following the award presentations and speeches, attendees and cars began to head home. Everyone was pleased that the forecast showers had held off for the duration of the event, with just a light shower at the end that developed further as the cars headed home. Thank you to the Vintage Car Club of Queensland for organising this event, which was very much enjoyed by our members in

attendance. *Karyn*

Old Wheels in Motion — Biloela 17th -19th July 2026

Friday

The cars and caravans came flocking into a sunny but breezy Biloela on Friday. All the action was at the Heritage Park on the edge of town, where exhibitors were setting up their displays of 'old wheels in motion' – cars, tractors, trucks and machinery – as part of the 2026 Old Wheels in Motion Rally organised by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club (CDMPC).



Club stalwarts, Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine and Ian & Valda were there unloading their A7s, together with Greg & Kaye from Mt Morgan. Attending the event for the first time, without their A7, were Neil & Karyn. The event also provided Trevor & Elaine with the opportunity to catch up with Elaine's brother, Glen, and his wife, Rosemary, who were also in attendance.

On Friday evening, dinner was provided for the exhibitors in the CDMPC Shed at the Heritage Park. There was a selection of delicious hot meats, baked potatoes with sour cream and cheese, and coleslaw. The dinner celebrated the 30th anniversary of the CDMPC and acknowledged key individuals and the support of local industry. A huge anniversary cake was cut and served as dessert.

Saturday



Despite the sunshine, Saturday morning was a cold 8 degrees. At around 7am, some Club attendees gathered for breakfast in the Shed – bacon, eggs, sausages, toast, coffee and tea.

By 9am, the general public was arriving to view the exhibits. Not only were there the displays of old



vehicles, tractors and stationary engines, but also market stalls, chain saw sculpturing, the Heritage Park Museum in the silo building, a butter making demonstration and tractor pulling.

At about 11am, many of our Club members gathered in the Shed for lunch, which was available to purchase.

Fortunately, we had an earlier lunch, as by noon the queue was very long.

We were entertained by the music of a three-piece band and by a bush poet.

At 1pm, the Grand Parade of vehicles took place. Our A7s were towards the head of the Parade, followed by classic cars, tractors and other farm vehicles. In the evening, a Presentation Dinner was held in the Shed.



Following speeches and presentation of awards, we were entertained by guitarist, Ashley Cooper, and later by a duo. Dinner was a selection of homemade soups, roast meats and vegetables, and either apple crumble or sticky date pudding for dessert. A special one-off anniversary plaque was auctioned, with Elaine's brother, Glen, as auctioneer. The plaque sold for over \$1000.

The highlight of the evening was the firework display, put on especially to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the CDMPC.



Sunday

We again gathered for breakfast in the Shed in the cold light of the early morning. The morning involved viewing the displays and stalls again, another Parade and more chatting. Neil & Karyn headed for home, while the rest of the crew stayed until the 2pm finish, when they loaded their A7s back on their trailers, ready to travel home early next day.

Dinner for the A7 crew, along with Robin from the Heritage Truck Association, took place at the Home Settlers Hotel, where everyone

enjoyed a variety of meals in the pleasant bistro dining room. The gathering provided an opportunity to reflect on the success of the weekend and share stories.

A huge thank you to the CDMPC, especially Cindy and her band of volunteers, for their organisation of a most enjoyable weekend.

Karyn

The Tail end & Two little New Zealand Gems



MARY BLUEBUSH (after a weary wait at a tram shed), "But look here, Bill – have we *gotter* wait here for Trams whether we want one or not?"



Photo of a nicely turned out Austin 7 Ruby Ute seen just outside of Queenstown in New Zealand with the Editor's Great-niece, Ella, during the July School Holidays.

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