



# NEWSLETTER



## December 2021

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



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS  
AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2021**

*(Yes it is not a Austin 7, but it is still a very nice looking old car!)*

### ***2021 Presidents Christmas Seasons Greetings***

Merry Christmas Members and welcome to our final newsletter of 2021. The festive season has commenced and my advice is to make the most of it, goodness knows we've all earned a bit of fun.

Like Santa's sack the newsletter is stuff-full of goodies to enjoy but one thing I will mention here is our current program to collate and secure our club records. Our club has a wealth of history and many members have done a fantastic job of recording our business across more than 50 years. In recognition of the value held within these records the Committee have committed to a project that will ensure our records are secured.

Already I can advise that Neil has worked with our IT consultant to ensure not only is the current version of our website backed up but all future versions will be automatically copied to a secure server that can be accessed when required. Furthermore, we have commenced the process of digitising our membership records

and a database of yearly membership has been constructed. The diligent record keeping of Peter Cahalane has formed the backbone of this task. Obviously there is more for us to do but this is a great start. Enjoy the newsletter, I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Party and for those who can't make it I look forward to seeing you in 2022. To all members and their families I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. My gift to you is a hope that 2022 will be the year that your Austin 7 runs without faults or failures.

**Steve Davidson - President of the A&RQ Inc!**



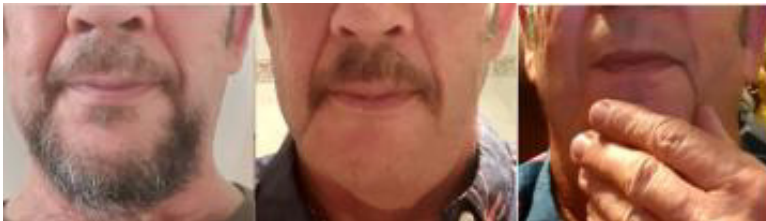
## ***The Editors Ravings***

We made it thru another year , relatively unscathed, by listening to the Health Authorities and staying safe, by staying at home as we were told and perhaps ripping into a few Covid projects and rebuilds.

It is nice to see new members and new cars surface this year in the Register.

The runs to Rocky and Boonah were both successful and illustrates how lucky we are in the Sunshine State, away from the sudden lock downs and deprivations of our Southern States.

This year another club that I am very involved with decided to support "Movember", which is in support of research into Men's Health, in particular Prostate Cancer and Depression/Beyond Blue. 4 of us signed up and on the 27th of November in front of 70 people fronted up to have our upper lips cleared of foliage.. All up we raised \$1300. I wish to thank the 6 fantastic



A7 club members who supported the cause. My total was \$247.

It is now getting a very busy time on the roads and in the shops as people rush around for presents and Christmas trimmings, so take care out there folks, either in your modern car or faithful Austin.

**Editor Tim Braby**

### **A7 Register of Qld. Committee 2021 - 2022**

<b>President:</b>	Steve Davidson 0418 814 501
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### **The A7RQ Inc. On Line**

We have a website which you can view at. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.

All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.  
**[austin7.org.au/events](http://austin7.org.au/events) & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.**

## **AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2022**

### **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 in these difficult times,

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

**Also note!! Some details/dates of these events are still to be confirmed.**

**A7 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 while participating in an Event.**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.



**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - A7 Register Event: A7 Club Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Food will be provided but drinks (hot or cold) are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965.

### **EVENTS FOR 2022 (The details and dates of some events are still to be confirmed).**

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

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022: A7 Register January Event: A7 Club New Year Party.** The New Year Party for 2022 will be Breakfast commencing at 8am and is to be held at the Colmslie Hotel, corner Wynnum & Junction Roads, Morningside. Members attending are to pay individually for their breakfast. If required, a menu can be viewed on line prior to the Breakfast. A New Year Raffle will be conducted on the day. Members are to notify Robyn (Ph: 3800 1965 or Email: [doug\\_robynclark@bigpond.com](mailto:doug_robynclark@bigpond.com)) no later than 30 December 2021 if they are attending. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their nametag and drive their A7. Ample parking is available on site.

**Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd January 2022: External Event: Allora Heritage Weekend,** organised by Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, to be held at the Allora Show Grounds. \$10/person/day. For more information phone: 07 4666 3693 or 0408 674 634

**Wednesday 26th January : A7 Register January Event: Australia Day Rally.** organised by BVRC commencing with vehicle entry from 6am and Complimentary Breakfast, tea & coffee from 7am at Ormiston State School. BYO chairs & cups. Raffles are drawn at around 10am. Runs commence around 10.30am through the Redlands Coast – finishing with a BYO Lunch in a park at completion of your chosen run. For more details or contact Steve on 0411 516 122. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel etc.

**Sat. 5th and Sun. 6th February : External event: Toowoomba Swap Meeting** to take place at the Toowoomba Show Grounds. Open to public from 6am both days. The Swap Meet closes at 6pm Saturday & 12pm Sunday. Admission is \$15/person on Saturday & \$5/person on Sunday. Parking is free. For further details contact Swap Co-ordinator, Bill Shepherd, ph. 0499 990 622.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing At 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 13th February : A7 Register February Event: A7 Valentine's Day Run** This event, organised by Lindsay & Sharon will commence from the Carindale Clubrooms Carpark at 9am. The run will stop for a BYO Morning Tea and terminate at the Wynnum residence of our hosts, Lindsay & Sharon, where a sausage sizzle (sausage & bread) lunch will be supplied. Members attending Lunch are to BYO other food (if required), drinks, plates, cutlery and seats. A7s will be parked in the front yard or as directed.

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

**Sunday 13th March : A7 Register March Event: President's Run** to be organized by Steve (Ph. 0418 814 501). Run to commence from ?? Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March: External event:** : 35th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122.

**Saturday 2nd April 2022: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 9.30am at Clubroom, Carindale. (This meeting has been brought forward to accommodate the National Rally.)

### **Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April 2022 - Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally**

Hello Austineers

I am really excited to be able to send you our next Newsletter along with our Booking Form. As you can imagine organising the Rally has had its challenges due to Covid but we are now in a position to be able to send out the Booking forms.

At the end of the newsletter, you will find the link and a QR code so you can access the online booking form. Thanks to technology, all your information and booking preferences will be captured in a spreadsheet, and will streamline the entry process. It will also be far more accurate. Upon completion of the online form, you will receive an email "receipt" with a summary of your booking. It is our preference that everyone use this online form, but if you are unable to do so, please contact me and I will send out a paper copy. 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com or 0417 109 251.

Given our impressive vaccination rates, the committee is hopeful that all will go ahead as planned. However, as we have all learnt over the past two years, we must be flexible. With this in mind, we would appreciate completion of the entry form now (to give us a clear indication of who is planning to join us), but no payment is required at the moment.

In early 2022, the committee will look at the current circumstances relating to interstate travel and number restrictions on gatherings, and we will make a decision about the viability of running the Rally in April 2022. Once we confirm we believe it will go ahead, invoices will be issued for payment.

Please pass this email onto anyone who is interested and has not yet submitted an Expression of Interest. The newsletter (with booking form link) will also be on our website.

Looking forward to receiving your Booking form.

**Kind Regards**

**Andrea Casabene National Rally Chair**

**Any queries contact the Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.**

If you want to be with other Qld A7 folks, several have already put their names down at the Figtree c/park as the Qld Warrnambool Rally HQ, **DEPOSITS ARE NOW REQUIRED.** Please contact Brian and his crew at the BIG4 Figtree Holiday Park at 33 Lava Street Warrnambool Vic 3280, Telephone (03) 5561 1233 email [reservations@figtreepark.com](mailto:reservations@figtreepark.com) or look at [www.figtreepark.com](http://www.figtreepark.com). For any further info please contact Tim Braby on 0405 740 418 or Rhonda Guthrie on 0417 737 773.

**??? May 2022: External Event: DDV&VMC 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Celebration** (incorporating the QHMC Southern Qld Rally). Celebration to be held in Toowoomba, Queensland. For more information/registration phone: 0400 163 703 or (07) 463 3181. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED. Deferred from 2020.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**??? Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022: External Event: Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show** at Rocklea Showgrounds. Gates open 8am to 5pm on Saturday & 8am to 3pm Sunday. For more information contact Robyn ph. 3800 1965. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022: A7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest.** Static display from 10am to 3pm at Brisbane Showgrounds. A7 members may wish to meet at Centenary Pool Carpark for departure to Motorfest "British" entry point. Members may also independently travel to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. Registration.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022: External Event:** Our Club has been invited to a **Car Show & Family Fun Day** organised by the Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club. Event is to be held at the Mt Gravatt Show Grounds. Entry is \$5, kids free. For more information refer to this website: <http://www.sbhrotary.org.au/>

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022: A7 Register Event: Sunshine Coast Run.** Our A7 members, Trev & Bev McCulloch, have volunteered to organise an away A7 event on the Queensland Sunshine Coast. The 6 day event will use the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club Room at Nambour Showgrounds as headquarters for the event. More details will be available on our website as we get closer to the June dates.

**??? Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022: External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse D'Elegance** to be held at Sherwood Arboretum from 9am to 1pm on 26 June 2022. For details contact VCCQ. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED.



## **18TH JULY TO 25TH JULY 2022. AUSTIN 7 CLUBS ASSOCIATION UK RALLY UPDATES**

**Newsletter 22nd October 2021**

DEAR AUSTIN SEVEN ENTHUSIAST,

Following the frenzy that accompanied the launch of the online booking system we have sold out of on-site accommodation; sold out of sports facility tickets; and sold out of places for road-going Austin Sevens to go up the hill at the Prescott Festival on the Wednesday. You may of course still attend the Prescott event as a spectator.

So far as Centenary Event entry tickets and restaurant meals are concerned, there are still plenty to be had. And there is still a reasonable quantity of camping pitches

available, but...

**The number of entry tickets already sold and the ongoing rate of bookings leave us in no doubt whatsoever that we shall reach capacity in the not-too-distant-future.**

**There is also no doubt that we *will* have at least 1,000 Sevens attending. It's all really rather amazing!** I therefore strongly urge you NOT to delay booking your entry tickets and camping pitches as otherwise you may find yourself disappointed. If you are talking with other A7 enthusiasts please do let them know the situation.

## UPDATE 2ND NOVEMBER 2021

There may be 56 shopping days until Christmas but there are just 258 days until we open the doors to the Austin Seven Centenary Event, and I can't help feeling that both periods of time will evaporate very quickly indeed!

It's interesting to see that many sales advertisements for Austin Sevens now carry a line about 'ideal for the Centenary next year' - and of course that's correct. What better reason could there be than to invest in an Austin now so as to be able to be part of the biggest event of its kind - ever?

You'll recall that we are aiming to have 1,000 Austin Sevens on site and that in the previous newsletter I told you there was no doubt we will achieve that number. As of this morning there are well over 800 Sevens booked in so I reckon that it's a dead cert we shall hit the 1000 mark before those 56 shopping days to Christmas are done. During the Centenary Event one thing is for sure - we won't be short of things to do and things to see. In fact it is quite likely that the biggest challenge will be deciding just what to choose from the range of activities and entertainments that will be on offer.

### WHERE SHALL WE GO?

Michael Ward (from the Hereford Austin Seven Club) and his team are putting together a list of locations of interest for Austin Seven enthusiasts and their families to consider attending during the week. In some cases there will be discounts on entry prices when you show proof of your Centenary Event booking.

The locations listed below will be added to and updated as and when more information becomes available.

Distances in brackets are from Moreton in Marsh and given as a guide. All the locations are within easy driving distance for an Austin Seven.

**British Motor Museum**, Gaydon. (21 miles) *Entry £10 for Centenary ticket holders 19th to 23rd July; public price £14.50 Open daily 10am to 5pm* [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk) 01926649649 (**World Class**)

**Sezincote House and Gardens**, (3 miles) *Visits on Wed/Thur/Fri standard price £7.50 Gardens (£2.50 child), 12.50 House and Gardens (£7.50 child) House visits must be booked via website* [www.sezincote.com](http://www.sezincote.com) *Opening times 11am to 5pm daily*

**Chastleton House and Garden**, (3.5 miles) *National Trust, £10.50, free to NT Members. Open daily* [nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton) 01608 674355 *Opening times 10am to 5pm*

**Hidcote Manor Gardens**, (11 miles) *National Trust, £15 (£7.50 child) Free to NT Members. Open daily 10am to 5pm* 01386 438333

**Cotswolds Distillery**, (7 miles) [www.cotswoldsdistillery.com](http://www.cotswoldsdistillery.com) 01608 238533

**Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway** (GWR), Toddington (14.5 miles) check availability and book tickets online if possible [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com) 01242 621405

**Blenheim Palace** (19 miles) *A discount code will be applied for the six day period;* [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) 01993 810530

**Cotswolds Motoring Museum and Toy Collection**. Bourton-on-the-Water (8.3 miles) *Open daily 10am to 6pm* [www.cotswoldmotoringmuseum.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldmotoringmuseum.co.uk) 01451 821255 ( **Very, very interesting, was the home of "Brum"**)

### FANCY DOING AN END-TO-END RUN?

Not part of the Centenary Event, but a welcome addition to celebrations during the centenary year, news comes from the South Wales Austin Seven Club that they are setting up an 'End to End' run from John O'Groats to Lands End - or vice versa - for 2022.

It will be relatively informal as there won't be any booking-in tents at either end, instead people will be required to take a picture of their car at either end and outside the Longbridge gates. The photos will form part of the certificate in addition to the names of the drivers that took part.

There is no set route or direction, but to help people take a safe approach to the run they need to take longer than 24 hours to complete it.

The photos must be taken between 1am on Saturday 9th April 2022 and midnight on Sunday 24th April 2022. A 16 day window will make it easier for people to book a holiday, take a more scenic route, or avoid bad weather.

If you are interested in taking part contact Peter Hales at [swa7csecretary@gmail.com](mailto:swa7csecretary@gmail.com) or visit the [events page on the Southwalesaustinsevenclub.com website](http://events.page.onthesouthwalesaustinsevenclub.com)

## UPDATE 19TH NOVEMBER 2021

Christmas is a'coming and no doubt you will soon be scribbling your note to Santa (or your wife/husband/kids etc) with your pressie wish list. Well, we can make that task all the more pleasurable because the Centenary regalia website is now open - and it has lovely clothing items that you won't want to be without next year, and

beyond. Details down below.

But before you rush off to take a look, please would you very carefully pay attention to the following:

**"I'll buy a ticket on the gate when I get to the Centenary Event..."**

Please be absolutely clear - **IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BUY TICKETS ON THE GATE.**

Every person coming to the Fire Service College for the Centenary Event will need to be in possession of a pre-booked entry. No ifs, no buts.

We have a strictly limited capacity for the event and once the entry tickets are sold out (which will likely happen in the next few weeks), that's it.

We have been saying it repeatedly and I'll say it again - **if you want to be at the Centenary Event you really should buy your entry tickets now.**

It would be helpful if you could let your A7 friends know this and also ask your clubs to make it known to all members.

This is not a marketing ploy, it's a genuine message to our subscribers because we don't want any of you to be disappointed that you can't get in.

***"I am coming in a classic/vintage car that isn't an Austin Seven, is there a special parking area?"***

We have been asked about this a number of times and the answer is that although we are pleased to welcome people with vehicles other than Austin Sevens there will be no special parking areas for them as we do not have the space - it's mostly taken up by A7s.

So other marques/models will be parked with the Moderns in a designated section of the site but only Austin Sevens will be in the main areas.

You may like to know that this week we booked in the entry for the 900th Austin Seven. Our 1,000 target is very close to being met!

#### **CONTACT EMAILS**

There has been an update on the Contacts page of the Centenary Event website. If you need to get in touch about a specific matter you can now email the relevant members of the organising team.

See <https://a7centenary.com/contact/>

#### **THE SHOP IS OPEN!**

#### **NOW YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON OFFICIAL AUSTIN SEVEN CENTENARY CLOTHING**

We have enlisted the services of 'The Office Way' in Nottingham to supply a range of branded clothing for the Centenary including caps, fleeces, polo shorts, etc. All carry the official Austin Seven Centenary logo.

To keep things simple all the items have a base colour of navy blue. Prices include postage and packing.

You will need to get your order in quickly if you want an item in time for Christmas.

Enjoy your shopping!

*Kind regards, Nick Salmon*

*For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Team.*

**August 2021 Austins over Australia Rally** to be held in Port Stephens, NSW. Postponed from 2021

Any queries contact the Rally Committee at [2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com)

## **NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS**

### **Welcome To our New Members**

New members welcomed;

Richard & Patricia Sorensen from Redland Bay &

Murray & Fiona Rix from Southport who own a green 1934 A7 Sports.

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7R2 MEETINGS**

**Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

**Meeting No 606, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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





**Meeting opened:** President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all

**Present:** 25 members signed the book

**Apologies:** T&E Moore, S Jordan

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the September meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Peter Baker. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** NIL

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs

Membership renewals

Phone call from Tom Newsome

Quote for cloth badges from Aussie Born, Beaudesert & Countrywide Embroidery, Clontarf

Membership change of address (Folliott & Duncan Logan)

QHMC reports & newsletters & affiliation renewal from

Warnambool rally re trophy

**Out:** Gift card to P&N Dorman re People's choice prize

Office of Fair Trading

Get-well Card to Ken Folliott

Phone calls & emails to various members re membership renewal

Email to Aussie Born re cloth badges & phone call to Countrywide Embroidery

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Russell Curtis. Carried

**Business arising from correspondence:** QHMC affiliation to be paid. Countrywide embroidery to be contacted for cloth badges. Moved by Robyn, seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** John acting treasurer gave the report on the clubs finances, & moved it be accepted. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Secretary now on mailing list so will receive reports.

**Spare Parts Report:** Steve gave this report on Trevor's behalf

**Second Hand Parts Report:** NIL

**Editors Report:** Newsletters ready to post. Emailed newsletters already sent.

Dating Officers Report: Tim has seen Jamie & Stacy Curtis car & congratulated them on job well done.

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

**Club Events:**

5<sup>th</sup> October Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group. 10am to 12 noon

30<sup>th</sup> Nov Automotive Craftsmen, 9.30 depart Boronia Hts. \$5 pp

12<sup>th</sup> Dec A7 Xmas party

**Other Events:**

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Oct LAMA, Gatton. CANCELLED

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Oct Montville Country Run, Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club

7<sup>th</sup> Nov Swap Meet, Car Display, Northern Suburbs

Leagues Club, Ipswich

**Past Events:**

11<sup>th</sup> Sept A7 BBQ & Static Display

19<sup>th</sup> Sept All British Day

18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Sept Qld Motorists Re-enactment Weekend, Warwick

Reports in the newsletter & on the web

**General Business:** members asked if they wish to have a BBQ at the clubrooms for Xmas;

*Response:* NO BBQ but cold Meat & Salad or have a professional caterer (to be looked into)

We are still looking for a TREASURER

New members welcomed; Richard & Patricia Sorensen & Murray & Fiona Rix

**Report on cars &/or car problems:** Lindsay Jordan's car is original & he is the 2<sup>nd</sup> owner.

Duncan Logan still working on his A7





**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in October, wished all the best.

**Raffle:** Valda had the raffle drawn

Sick members wished a speedy recovery. Ken Folliott & Sue Waller

**Supper Organizer:** Neil & Karen thanked for tonight's Supper.

November organizer: Ian & Valda McDowell

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting** 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Meeting Closed** 8.45 pm

### **Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

### **Meeting No 607, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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

**Meeting Opened:** The President declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all.

**Present:** 24 members signed the book & 2 Visitors

**Apologies:** S Jordan, P Baker, M Potts & A&D Lyons

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the October meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Merv Thompson. Carried.

**Business arising from Minutes:** Still looking for a Treasurer to take John's place.

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs

Duncan Logan unable to come to Xmas Party

Membership payments from D Barnett, D Pryor & D Cross

Receipt from QHMC

Email CW Embroidery re written quote for cloth badges.

Email re QHMC Minutes

**OUT:** parts sent to Wayne Styles

Email to CW Embroidery re order cloth badges

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Justin McCarthy. Carried

Business arising from correspondence: NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** John gave this report & asked for it to be accepted & any bills to be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Justin tabled the minutes of the QHMC Meeting & reminded members to carry with them their current membership card & run sheets. Also, if seatbelts are fitted to your car, please wear them. Some of the cameras on the roads are now point to point, so watch your speed.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor reported sales going OK & a order will be sent to Melbourne soon. He has car badges for sale \$50-00 each.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Doug sent a radiator surround to Wayne Styles.

**Editors Report:** Nil

**Dating Officers Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Neil has had Paul update the club website so more information can be saved.

### **Club Events:**

20<sup>th</sup> Nov Automotive Craftsmen, 9.30am depart Boronia Hts. \$5 pp

12<sup>th</sup> Dec A7 Xmas Party, 11am Clubrooms

8<sup>th</sup> Jan A7 Breakfast Colmslie Hotel

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School, B/f 7am to 9am

13<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentines Day Run organized by Lindsay & Sharon

13<sup>th</sup> March Presidents Run

More information available on club website.

### **Other Events:**

4-5-6<sup>th</sup> Feb Toowoomba Swap at showgrounds

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

**Past Events:**

9<sup>th</sup> Oct Tingalpa Pioneer's Chapel & Cemetery

**Library Report:** Nil

**General Business:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 meeting. Members going to Warrnambool will be away. Do we want our meeting on Saturday or Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> April & what time?

After a discussion the decision was Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 9am. Morning Tea to follow.

Steve is updating all the club data to a computer.

Justin McCarthy will be at the Noosa Hillclimb on the 27-28<sup>th</sup> Nov after his

A7 has a motor rebuild.

Tim is collecting for Movember.

John suggested everyone should send their expression on interest in for Warrnambool if attending.

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

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

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organizer:** Thanks to Rhonda for tonight's supper.

DECEMBER MEETING Everyone to supply a plate of goodies for supper.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Meeting closed:** 8.40 pm

*Robyn*



## **PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS**

### **DECORATION DAY, TINGALPA PIONEERS' CHAPEL & CEMETERY**

**9TH**

**OCTOBER**

**2021**

With a predicted temperature of 30 degrees, many A7 members were on the road early to meet up in their A7s at the Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel & Cemetery.

This event was the annual (Covid-19 compliant)

Decoration Day at

which our Club was once again invited to attend and display our cars by the Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group (FTCHG).

The Chapel grounds on Wynnum Road were, for this occasion, occupied by many interesting stalls with items both on display and to purchase, live music, a food outlet and most importantly, a coffee van. This 153<sup>rd</sup> annual event is to celebrate the history of the Chapel (first built in 1858) and Cemetery and particularly to pay respects to those local area pioneers who are buried there.



It was terrific to see the display of ten A7s and Lyn's big 20hp Austin. Those attending in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, ex-Librarian Alan, Trevor & Elaine, Merv & Margaret, Neil & Karyn, Ian & Valda, Hugh, Russell, Lyn and Steve & Jenny.

As the morning heated up, members retreated to the shady east boundary of the site armed with a cuppa and morning tea, some of which was purchased from the adjacent stalls. As usual, there was much interest in our A7s on display, and some members were kept busy explaining to visitors the attributes of our unique vehicles.



During the day, visitors were also entertained by the local choir, "Momentum", who dressed in a theme of jacaranda purple, followed by guitarist Brett Hammond. Second-hand book sales were also popular with our members. I estimate that Valda and Karyn would have purchased half the entire stock! Many visitors viewed the grounds and pioneer graves, while others visited the Chapel in which a Brisbane based "Ghost Busters" team monitored for any



'abnormalities' within.

As lunch time approached, the hot food van became the centre of attraction for the purchase of a variety of tasty treats and cold drinks. Cheerios were especially popular with our Spare Parts Manager and our ex-Librarian.

At around 1pm, our host, Donna, from FTCHG, thanked those present for attending the event and drew the Lucky Door Prize. She also presented the many donated raffle prizes to those lucky enough to have purchased the winning tickets. Unfortunately, no A7 members were lucky on the day. Following this, the vehicle noise on the usually busy Wynnum Road was enhanced by the departure of our A7s on their way home.

Our thanks go to Donna and her team for yet another highly successful annual event, and we look forward to our A7 club continuing its relationship with the Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel & Cemetery.

**Neil**





# **A7 Automotive Craftsmen Demonstration- 20 Nov. 2021**

It was a bright clear Saturday morning as we arrived at the Clarks' residence in Boronia Heights. We were prepared for a full day for our A7 November Run. As well as A7 members, also arriving were a few Bayside Club members and friends of the Clarks.

Our four members arriving in their A7s were Brett, Russell & Vanda & 'Louie', Steve & Jenny, and Lyn in his big Austin Tourer. In all, there were 30 of us setting out for the first event of the day, a morning tea and demonstration at the nearby workshop of the Automotive Craftsmen (AC).

At the AC we were warmly welcomed by our hosts, Sharen, Luke, Adam and Amy. After a



safety and familiarisation briefing by Sharen, we were invited to partake of a fabulous array of food for morning tea in the workshop foyer. Barista coffee was also supplied by Luke & Adam – men of many talents! At around 10.30am, we assembled in the AC workshop for a very informative demonstration of techniques used in the production of body panels for mostly up-market cars. In the workshop were several cars in various stages of repair, including an Aston Martin and a Lotus 11. After the very interesting demonstration by Luke and Adam on the techniques of metal fabrication, shrinking, stretching, blocking and planishing, Doug, on behalf of those present, thanked our hosts

for their presentation and hospitality.

We then headed back to the Clarks' residence for our BYO lunch and a chat. When we arrived we were greeted by Trevor & Elaine and Lindsay & Sharon, who were present to join us for lunch. As usual, Robyn had prepared food and sweets for our indulgence, in addition to that which we had brought for ourselves.

At around 1.30pm, while some of those present headed home, the remainder of us set out for our afternoon 'adventure' – sheds to investigate and cars on display, followed by afternoon tea at the residence of Bayside Club members, the Doyles. Their residence was at New Beith, a suburb near



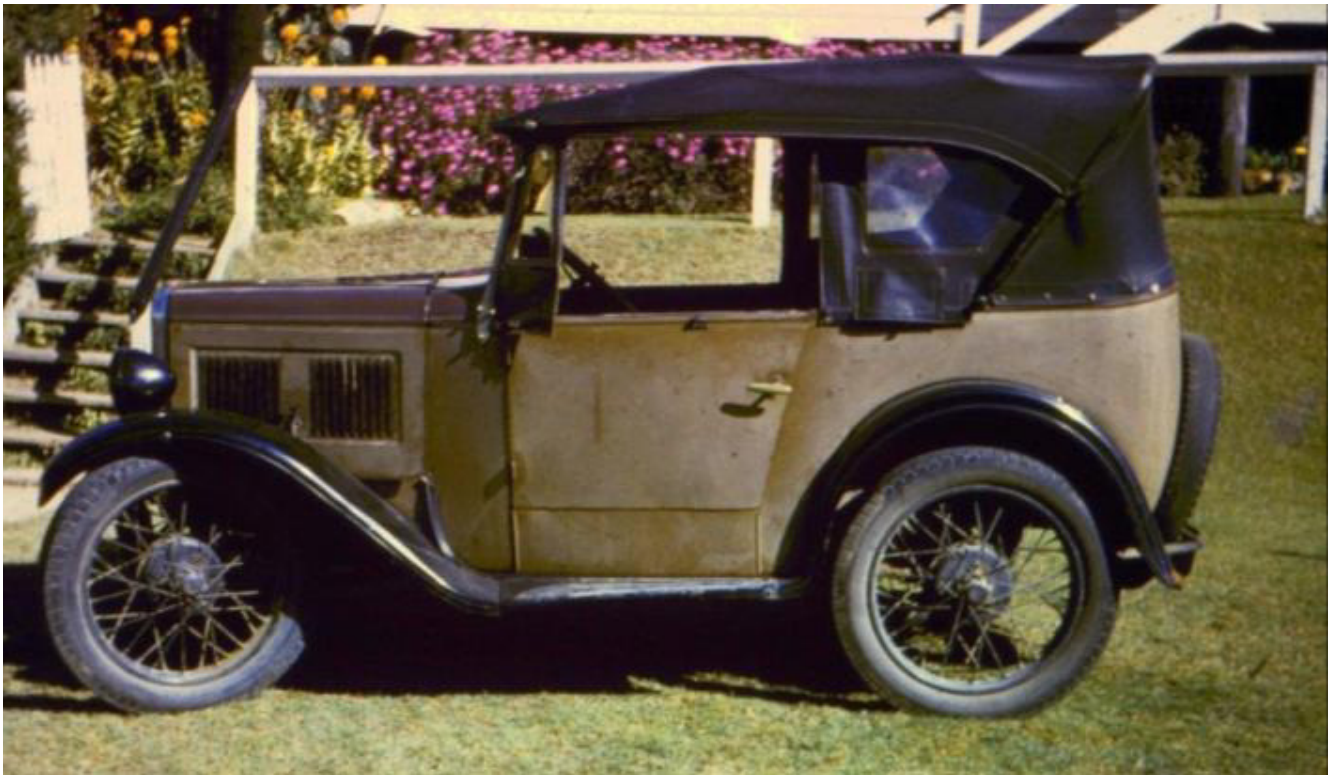
Greenbank, around 20-minutes' drive from the Clarks' residence.

Upon arrival we were greeted by Kevin & Beryl, and we proceeded to check out Kevin's shed of curiosities and model car display. After a while, we headed off to a property to the rear of the Doyle's' to view another shed's contents and classic cars belonging to the Gillbards. Andrew Gillbard not only parked their classic cars on the adjoining driveway for us to inspect, but also opened up another adjacent shed to reveal a hotrod parked beside a replica rock 'n' roll diner complete with jukeboxes and red vinyl bench seating.

Our thanks go to the Doyles and Gillbards for their hospitality and for allowing us to view their wonderful array of cars and memorabilia. We would especially like to thank the Doyles for supplying us with a delicious afternoon tea following our walk around the properties.

Our thanks also go to Doug & Robyn who arranged this eventful day, and who not only again opened their house to accommodate us, but also supplied some additional catering while we were there. *Neil*

## **A SEARCH FOR MY GREAT AUNT'S SEVEN**



### ***Hello Members of the A7 Register***

My great aunt, Miss Hanna Phelps Robinson purchased a 1931 Tourer new when she gave up side saddle horse riding. It remained with her until the late 1960's. Soon after it was sold the next owner Mr O. Orr from Torwood, Qld. made the unfortunate mistake on his entry form when he entered the first ever Austin 7 National Rally, held in Melbourne in November 1972 by claiming he had owned it for 20 years, when in fact it was still in my family until a few years before the rally. He was not aware of the connection of the car to the co-organiser of the rally! At the time I had my own 1928 Chummy and as my aunt's car was not vintage I did not take up the offer to inherit her Austin even though it was my first introduction to Austin 7s in the late 1940's.







*Tony also has found photos taken at the 1972 A7 50th rally of Ossie and his wife with a trophy, perhaps the long haul award?*

the passengers door. To the best of my memory the hood was never folded, the paintwork in my photographs would be the original and it was always garaged. Towards the end of her ownership my aunt would always take my great aunt for a Wednesday outing, stopping somewhere for lunch.

Regards **Tony Johns Melbourne.**  
[tonyjohs98@gmail.com]

## **DATING NEWS**

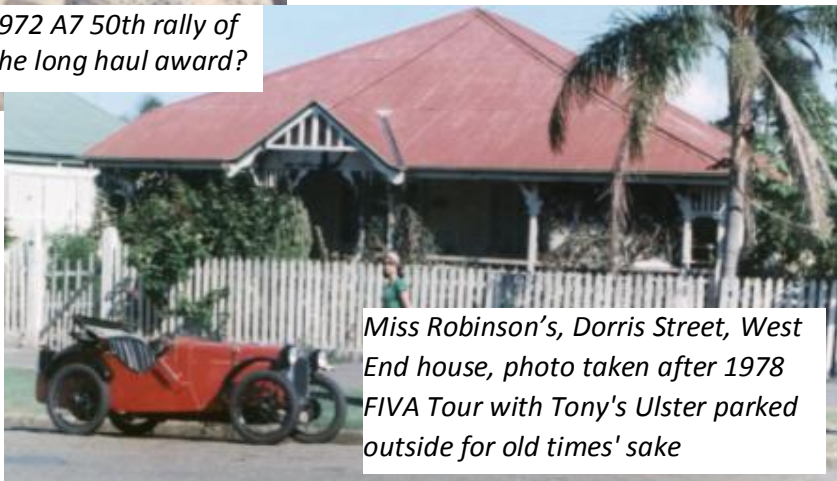
*The Austin when still on the road, the young lad is now fully grown!*



*servicing information. Another gives specs on brake linings, points, plugs, valves, bearings etc. When telling people you have an Austin 10, mention it is a Cambridge Roadster and if they know their old cars, they will be familiar with which Ten it is. There is a later 1939 to 47 model, but it is a different car." The body possibly may be by Charles Hope.*

I am interested to learn if it is now owned by a member of the club and would like to see a recent photograph.

The body was built by 'Queensland Motor Bodyworks' and fitted with unusual side curtains that were in the style of Holland blinds mounted on two pieces of timber built into the hood. The clip to hold the side curtain in place can be seen on the top of



*Miss Robinson's, Dorris Street, West End house, photo taken after 1978 FIVA Tour with Tony's Ulster parked outside for old times' sake*

Late in October our parts man Trevor was contacted by Roger Liddle in Ingham saying he needed 2 front springs for the front of his "Austin 7" Trevor told him it could not be an A7. Then Roger replied it was always known as an A7.

Roger and his wife Heather sent some photos but they show the car has rod brakes and different springs in the back. The photos were sent to the Editor, and finally armed with the original engine number I was able to identify their Austin.

Writing back I said

*"Looking at the photo of the engine number 1G131202, it is a late 1937 Austin Ten/Four (1G133158 is the first of the 1938 models). I have books that give specs on this model and some*



*Above Picture from an original sales brochure of an identical Roadster sold by Larke Hoskins in Sydney*





The Ten as it is now, with restoration commenced. They are after a pair of Cambridge front springs.

**Tim** (PS I have sent the Liddles two books on the Austin 10)

## **STALE FUEL**

Many of us store unleaded petrol in a can for several weeks and there is always a few gallons (whoops; several litres) in the car's tank as it stands unused between outings. I have been told that petrol 'goes off' after about three weeks, but what effect might using stale fuel have on a 'Seven'? I did a 'Google' search for 'stale fuel' and found some information on several question and answer sites.

***To précis the answers I found:*** Apparently you can store fuel in a sealed container, kept cool and out of direct sunlight, for around six months before it starts to deteriorate. If the container is not properly sealed, or is frequently opened, the fuel will start to evaporate and some of the light components in the fuel can be lost. The light components include butane and as they are lost, the fuel loses its volatility, and the car is difficult to start.

*Fuel in the car tank can last for up to four weeks before it becomes much denser. When this happens, the engine is effectively over-fuelled and there's an increased chance of carbon deposits onto spark plugs and inside the combustion chamber.*

*Others stated that fuel will go off in the fuel tank quite quickly once it's a couple of weeks old and felt that the brand of fuel was a contributory factor. One recommended that it is good practice to add about 25% fresh fuel to the tank every few weeks. Extract from article by Doug Castle CA7C Seven Focus October 2008 pp2-2*

*Fine, so perhaps it is best with a little used historic car to keep the fuel level in the tank relatively low, and only fill up with as much as you will need for the outing; ie do not refuel before arriving home from a run and then leave the car standing for several weeks but fill up before the run.*

*The low compression 'Seven' engine was designed to run on low grade petrol available in the 1920's/30's apparently equivalent to 74 Octane, so 95 Octane unleaded petrol that might become a 'stale' 91-93 Octane fuel is still well above the original design criterion for our engine.*

*Extract from article by Doug Castle CA7C Seven Focus October 2008 pp2-2*

Wayne continues

*"After experiencing the stale fuel issue with my chummy, camping generator and lawn mower I had the opportunity to be invited to a 'talk' on the matter by an industry leader and as a consequence changed what I am doing.*

*Probably like most Austin 7 folk I add 'Flashlube' to my fuel to reduce the incidence of valve damage and I add a small quantity of two stroke oil to my fuel to assist with the problem of sticking valves as I don't use my Austin regularly but Penrite have a new product called 'fuel stabiliser' which I have been using successfully for some time and it extends the life of unleaded fuel for up to a year. It is also recommended to add it to fresh fuel only.*

*Apparently the higher the octane the faster the fuel goes off but as I always use 91 grade without ethanol it works for me."*

Wayne Styles. (for more information please read "LETS GET TECHNICAL" article in the October 2018 A7RQ Newsletter, this can found on our website)

*(Funny thing is though, my cars play up, but my old lawnmower which had not been started up for 12 months sitting in a hot and humid shed started up first pull, without a top of any fuel, fresh or stale! Editor Tim)*

## **AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD** **MERCHANDISE AUSTIN 7 REGISTER** **OF QLD** **MERCHANDISE**

All Merchandise can be purchased from the  
Spares/Tech. Officer, Trevor Moore.



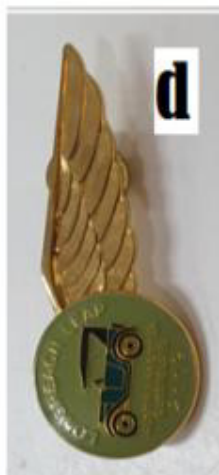
Ph: (07) 3848 5575 OR Email: [temoore@live.com.au](mailto:temoore@live.com.au)

### **PRICES:**

a	CLOTH BADGE:	\$10	NEW ITEM (75mm tall)
b	Lapel Badge:	\$7:50	(30mm tall)
c	Dash Badge, 25th Anniversary 1967 - 1992	\$5	(35mm tall)
d	Longreach Leap Badge 2009	\$8	(60mm wide)
e	Brass Car Badge	\$50	(85mm tall)
f	A7 baseball CAP:	\$20	NEW ITEM



Additionally official A7 Register Name Badges can also be obtained from Rhonda Guthrie for \$10 each email Rhonda at [guthrie45@bigpond.com](mailto:guthrie45@bigpond.com) (the photo above is of an old badge, the new ones are a lot better!) Rhonda tells me that the pricing may be vary with future availability.





## **A NICE FIND**



Reading thru at the online version of the Victorian Light Shaft Magazine, I noticed this lovely radiator/Bumper Bar badge advertised featuring a red Ruby Saloon. It was made for the Austin 7 of Victoria's 40th Anniversary rally. The badge was still unused in its original packaging, but I can tell you it is now fitted to a matching red Ruby saloon! The seller had inherited the club car badge



The writing on the badge is 1950-1990 FORTY YEARS in burgundy red on gold with "Ruby" on the car number plate. The badge is numbered 103 of 150 badges were minted by the Austin 7 Club and released for sale at the Club's Ruby (40) Year Reunion, at Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards, on 21 January 1990. 150 badges were minted. *Tim*

## **Trevor's New Toy**

Trevor has been very busy during the lockdowns working on his 1928 Pram hood Chummy, that originally belonged to Brett and Amanda, it looks like the upholstery and hood are now the major items to finish off.

Well done to Trevor and Elaine on another fine restoration from "Trevor's Trove of Treasured Transport".



## **Austin 7 Classifieds**

**Please note: to avoid congestion, adverts may only be printed for 3 issues (6 months) depending on space. If you have also sold or found that item you wanted PLEASE do tell the Editor.**



## FOR SALE 1930 Austin 7 Roadster



In running order and for sale as is with trailer, \$23,000 . Please contact Brett and Amanda Wilson

63bawilson@gmail.com  
mobile 0413 848 909  
Lakewood (just south of Port Macquarie)



## FOR SALE 1932 Austin 10/4 Saloon

Not driven for a few years due to other interests. Long term storage in a dry garage but owners say engine will need checking over for any corrosion. Former club car. Two tone blue with black interior. Nice solid old car with sunroof, clock, luggage rack and indicators. 1100cc side valve motor with 4 speed gearbox. Spares may be available. Asking \$12000 ONO.

Please contact Daphne and Ted Bale on 0411 241 557. Car at Ferny Hills



## FOR SALE.

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Contact. Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

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Merry



Christmas

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