



# NEWSLETTER

**New Year -**

**February 2021**

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



## ***Watch out - the Younger generation is here!!!!***

Fellow A7RQ members welcome to 2021, a year that we are all expecting will be full of good things. For sure we had a bit of a hiccup with our first event falling slap bang in the middle of a short Covid lockdown but I'm certain that's not going to be the case all year. We've lots of events planned around Brisbane and out in the country so I'm sure there will be something for everyone. Personally I'm looking forward to getting back in the swing of our monthly meetings and all the enjoyment that they bring.

Even though we've not had an opportunity to drive together as a club I've still had the car out and I'm very pleased to say that Tate (aka Davo) has had his first taste of driving an A7. Having completed 40 of his mandatory 100 hours I thought it was a good time to put him in the Austin for a Sunday afternoon drive. I could tell you all about the bunny hops, stalls and the fact that I'm now scared to see what's sitting in the bottom of the gearbox, but I'd rather tell you about how much fun it was. Tate's waited a long time for his first drive and I think he enjoyed every moment of it. Truth be said I think I enjoyed it more than Tate and I'm looking forward to our next drive. In a year's time we'll see Tate driving in our monthly events and I'd ask our members if there's anyone in their circle they'd like to introduce to joys of Austineering? Giving family or friends the opportunity to experience the fun to be had in vintage motoring might be something you could consider as a 2021 goal? Looking forward to see you all again soon.

***President Steve Davidson***

## ***So Starts another Year!!***

This nasty old 'Rona still had a couple of twists in its tail, and at Christmas, we did not have our planned party as restrictions meant we were likely to be washed off the veranda by heavy rain, and just as things became rosy and cosy again in January, a sudden 3 day lock down put paid to a whole weekend's events, including our January Meeting (hence no minutes for that month) and the much anticipated New Year Brunch was also scrubbed! So this issue we have a couple of non Austin 7 articles to keep you reading, ENJOY!

***Editor Tim Braby***

### **A7 Register of Qld. Committee 2020 - 2021**

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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 2021 & BEYOND!!**

### **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.**

## **FEBRUARY 2021**

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**Friday 12th - Austin 7 Register 600th General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 14th - Austin 7 Register Club Valentine's Day Brunch.** This event will be a Breakfast menu Brunch commencing at 9.30am and is to be held at the Clubrooms, Carindale. Food will be supplied by the A7 Club but all drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates etc. are BYO. A Valentine's Day 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)) ASAP or no later than 1 February 2021 if they are attending. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s..



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> - Austin 7 Register Additional Event:** The Veteran Car Club of Australia (VCCAQ) have invited our A7 Club to a Breakfast to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms at 8am on 21 February 2021. The Breakfast will be followed by a short run around the immediate area. Cost for breakfast will be \$5 per person. For catering purposes, RSVP ASAP to Albert Budworth ph. 0429 780 980 or email [albertdianebudworth@outlook.com](mailto:albertdianebudworth@outlook.com) Participating Members are encouraged to drive their A7s, however, attending in your modern car is perfectly acceptable.

## **MARCH 2021**

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**Friday 12th - Austin 7 Register March General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 14th - Austin 7 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 21<sup>st</sup> - External Event: Chrysler Expo** at the Rocklea Showgrounds

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - External Event: Bayside Swap** organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am. (Worth visiting!)

## **APRIL 2021**

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register April General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register April Event:** Run to be organised by Lindsay & Sharon (ph. 0408 876 559). Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

## **MAY 2021**

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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration** CANCELLED

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register May General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - 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.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Austin 7 Register Rocky Run** organised by Greg & Kaye Shuker (ph. 0429 911 022). Run details, Rockhampton accommodation, general information etc. are located on our A7RQ website under the heading 'AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN 2021 & COUNTRY RUN 2021'.



## **JUNE 2021**

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**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register June General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register Event:** Run to be organized by ..... Run to commence from Carindale Club Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse**. For details contact VCCQ. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event **Details To be confirmed later but Planning IS underway!!!**

## **JULY 2021**

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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register July General Meeting:** This meeting is to be held on weekend of 10 & 11 July at Country Run event.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register Country Run.** Run organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack (ph. 0438 192 788). Come for a leisurely weekend to experience the delights and history of Boonah. Come old, come modern. Stay a day or two or more. Come and see the toys that the Australian Champion Acrobatic Pilot has in his own hangars. The Boonah Motel Managers and the Showgrounds Caretakers are happy to welcome us for the weekend. Further details of venue/runs/accommodation etc. are located on our A7RQ website under the heading 'AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN 2021 & COUNTRY RUN 2021'.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Alternative A7 Register July Event - RACQ Motorfest.** Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest "British" entry point at ...am. Members may also independently travel to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. registration or speak to Robyn. Date to be confirmed!!!

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>nd</sup> - External Event - 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally.** Rally is to be held in Biloela, Central Queensland. Members are to make own arrangements for Travel, Registration & Accommodation. For information contact Cindy Cooper, Rally Coordinator. Phone (07)4992 2400 or 0429 383 296. **Date to be confirmed!!!**

## **AUGUST 2021**

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**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - External Event - Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 60<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Rally** in Lismore, NSW. Contact the Club President, Chris Loadsman (ph. 0417 630 244) for registration and rally details or talk to Ross & Rhonda Guthrie (ph. 0417 737 773) **Date to be confirmed!!!**.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register Club Weekend - August General Meeting & AGM** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register Event - A7 Club Weekend Saturday BBQ Lunch.** A BBQ lunch will be provided to members at the Club Rooms, Carindale, commencing at 11am. BYO drinks only – hot or cold. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965) by 10 July 2021.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Austin 7 Register Event - A7 Club Weekend Static Display.** Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts hall & grounds, corner Wynnum & Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping village precinct – UBD p24 Q1) Entry off Wynnum Road. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to make their own way to the venue. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch but there are many food shops & cafes adjoining the venue.

**Tuesday 24th - Sunday 29th - Invitation to Austin's Over Australia - NOW POSTPONED**  
**Newsletter No. 3**

Hi Everyone

Thank you for your patience and understanding. As you are aware, Corona virus is still with us and its unpredictability has led us to postpone this year's Austins Over Australia for twelve months. We plan to hold the event around the same time in 2022.

We are unable at this point to guarantee the safety of our participants, nor are we able to obtain solid dates and pricing from the local council and businesses supplying AOA. Similarly, we note that potential sponsors have been reluctant to participate.

We plan to re-assess the situation in August, keeping in mind the roll-out of vaccines, opening of borders and the broader ability for people to be safe around others. We will then update you on the situation and firm dates for 2022. As a result of our postponement, the following AOA 2023 event will also move back twelve months to 2024, to maintain the two-year spacing between national events. We are still intending to have the event at Port Stephens.

For those of you that have made bookings, we request that you contact the business and negotiate either a refund or credit for use in 2022.

**In short: AOA 2021 is moving to late August 2022 and AOAA 2023 is moving to 2024**

Regards,

Robert Miller Event Director & Karen Austin Secretary, Phone: 0492 814 128

Email: [austinsoveroz2021@gmail.com](mailto:austinsoveroz2021@gmail.com) Postal Address: 62 Bambil Road, Berowra NSW 2081

## **2022**

**Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April 2022 - Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally** Any queries contact the Rally Committee at [2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com).

All the other Austin 7 Clubs in Australia have already made bookings for accommodation to the event, and Queensland does not want to be left behind. 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, no deposit is required at this point, all that is necessary is contact details and your choice of accommodation will allocated. As of writing there were about 32 names who have chosen the Fig Tree..

You can contact Brian 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).

We did send out an email last year, but if you missed it please contact Tim Braby on 0405 740 418 or Rhonda Guthrie on 0417 737 773.



**18th July to 25th July 2022. Austin 7 Clubs Association UK rally**



**The Austin 7 Centenary Celebration & Rally**  
**18th - 25th July 2022**  
The Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire  
A week-long programme of activities and entertainments, runs, and displays,  
organised by The Austin Seven Clubs' Association  
**[www.A7centenary.com](http://www.A7centenary.com)**

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

# **MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS**

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

### **Meeting No. 598, 11th December 2020**

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

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

**Attendance:** 18 members signed the book.

**Apologies:** M Potts, D Barnett, I&M McCorkindale, J McCarthy, T&B McCulloch, E Moore, S Jordan

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the November meeting, then moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

**Business arising from minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs

Veteran Car Club re rules for clubrooms

Veteran Car Club re rent

Melbourne A7 Club re membership

**OUT:** Thank you card to Col Stubbing re book for library

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Peter Baker.

**Business arising from Correspondence:** NIL

**Treasurer's Report:** John acting treasurer gave the report and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.

**QHMC Report:** NIL

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has received an order from Melbourne. Sold Ted Bale parts, & will be closed over the Christmas period.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Doug has 3 wheels & a bumper for Trevor McCulloch.

**Editors Report:** Tim has the newsletter ready to post & has included the link to the website.

**Dating Officer Report:** NIL

**Web Master Report:** Neil has updated the web site including some 2021 events;

#### **Club Events**

13<sup>th</sup> Dec A7 Christmas Brunch, 9.30 am clubrooms

14<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentines Day Run, 8am Centenary Pool, organized by Lindsay & Sharon

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

19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May Rocky Run

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July Boonah Run

#### **Other Events:**

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Jan Allora Heritage Weekend, Show grounds

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School, 7am free breakfast

21<sup>st</sup> March Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Show grounds

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

#### **Past Events:**

15<sup>th</sup> Nov Ian & Valda's run in the Bayside area. Report in newsletter

**Library Report:** NIL

**General Business:** After a discussion about our Christmas Brunch & everyone checking their phones it was decided to cancel as rain, strong winds and flash flooding was forecast. Robyn to check if we can have the clubrooms on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Report of Cars &/or Cars troubles:** NIL

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to members having a birthday in December.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organizer:** NIL

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Meeting closed:** At 8.30 pm the meeting was closed with a Merry Christmas to all.



**Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc**

**Meeting No. 599, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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

Cancelled to due to the 3 Day Covid Shutdown in Greater Brisbane

*Robyn*

## **NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS**

### **Welcome To New Members**

David Cross comes from Beaudesert with Mobile 0409 492 202, email address gtkr@bigpond.com. David owns the very sporty 1963 Clements open wheeler race car based on an Austin 7 pictured below. David is interested to know if anyone has any history about his car.



Also Keith Ryan and Baby Brown live in Woolgoolga, they own a 1937 Austin 7 Roadster which is partially restored but in good order. Their Mobile is 0430 166 133, email keithryan2@bigpond.com.

I am sure our members would like to welcome they two new cars their owners to the Register.

### **Happy 70th Anniversary to Peter and Nell!!!**

In 1951 the Korean War was in its last stages, Brothers won the Brisbane Rugby Union Cup, while Souths were the League leaders. "Because of You" was top of the hit parade in 1951, the "Chiko Roll" was invented and Trolley Buses came to Brisbane. Also Peter and Nell Dorman were betrothed on the 10th of January, so a belated Cheers and Good Luck to Peter and Nell from the Club and its Committee!!!!

## **PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS**

**~~Club Christmas Brunch – cancelled XXXXX~~**

**~~Club New Year Brunch – cancelled XXXXX~~**

## **BVRC Australia Day Static Display & Breakfast 26 January 2021**

Australia Day 2021 was quite different to the previous year, when the notion of COVID in Oz was just in its embryo stage and was considered by most to be a minor virus. Little did we know at that stage how much



disruption the Virus would cause in the next twelve months. This Oz Day BVRC Static Display and Rally this year was very much a COVID-conscious event.

The morning of 26 January 2021 was bright with sunshine, with all participating vehicles and pedestrians required to register at the entrance gate prior to entry into the venue.

The COVID registration process ran smoothly, and we were all given a wrist band to signify that a record of our attendance was formalised.



Arriving in their A7s were Lindsay & Sharon, Doug & Robyn and young Justin. Those of us arriving in our modern cars were Neil & Karyn and Treasurer John.

It was surprising that the number of display vehicles in attendance at the Ormiston State School ovals was up on previous years, given that the Virus threat was still foremost in the minds of many people. The high quality of the 753 vehicles in attendance was noticeable.



As in previous years, the BBQs in the School under croft were sizzling and the odour of bacon, sausages and onions wafted throughout the area. Dual members of our Club and the Bayside Club were volunteer helpers at this significant event in our annual calendar. Librarian Lindsay and Second-hand Spare Parts Doug manned the BBQ, while the Librarian's wife Sharon and Secretary Robyn were busy selling raffle tickets for the many prizes on display.





**THE 'V' FOR VICTORY CHEF !**



**NOT ONLY A LIBRARIAN**

A free breakfast served to all present was up to its usual high quality. Bacon & sausages on rolls and tea & coffee were all on the menu and were consumed with gusto by an appreciative Oz Day crowd. The adjacent undercover tennis court area was the venue for the bands that entertained us throughout the morning, ticket sellers, book sales and free tea & coffee.

At around 10am the many raffle prizes were drawn. Unfortunately, no A7 members in attendance were lucky enough to take home a prize. Following the raffle draws and around 11am, several of the participating display vehicles headed off on one of the variety of rallies on offer around the Bay area.

Once again, our sincere thanks go to the Bayside Club for their hard work in organising this iconic South-east Queensland vehicle event.

**Neil**



## **AUSTRALIA DAY**

### **A Postscript**

**Drive that CLASSIC to the Bayside 'THE BEST PLACE TO BE'**

1200 people, 772 vehicles, parked and displayed. All visitors fed and watered on Australia Day between 7am (drive in) and 11am (drive out) all in 4 hours. This is all to happen in

the back paddocks of Ormiston State School.

**"GET OUT OF HERE".... "THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE"**

With that said, The BVRC Inc (the Bayside car club volunteers) are on a mission.

With field markers, star picket "knocker innera's", audio cables and speakers everywhere, gate attendants, check points, Covid forms and car parkers.

A BBQ team cook 80 kilos (1056) snags, & 40 kilos of bacon, Onion peelers & slicers 40 kilos (many tears). Raffle ticket sellers & ticket scrunches' for the draw (3000 tickets sold).

The man on the microphone.

Also Club Regalia (clothing) sales & promotion (BIG thank you to David & Family).

Tuckshop servers 80 dozen (960) bread rolls & 4 loaves of bread. Tuckshop directors inside & out (over 1000) visitors. Tea & coffee (over 300 cups) brewed.

Big Thanks to the Morris Minor Club (over 500 cold drinks sold).

Sponsors, prize donations, the prize wrappers & The Band. (a Big Thankyou).

Our Bayside Club 'Special Events Committee'. The backbone of our club.

Bin collectors & toilet cleaners.

Ladies & men that helped to put away (30) tables & (100) chairs after the event.

The washer uppers's.

Our Club Treasurer (Thankyou). Don't forget the man who took the day's events rubbish bags to the dump on his way home.

All cleaned up.....**GOOD WORK EVERYBODY**.....

Lock the buildings, shut the gate and click that padlock. Time to go home for lunch. (what a morning).

**(Why is Australia Day always so 'Dam Hot').**

When you get home have some lunch, a cold drink and a nana nap. Much later when you wake up in the afternoon, make a cup of tea, grab a ginger nut and a Monte carol biscuit, then sit down and have a quiet think about your voluntary efforts this Bayside morning.

Just think, all proceeds from the BVRC inc. Australia Day Morning go to a group called, ' **SAILABILITY**' **YOUR VOLUNTARY EFFORTS this Australia Day Morning will help to put 'BIG SMILES' on many kids faces for the future.**

## **Brisbane's Victoria Bridge – A Picture Essay by Tim**

The present Victoria Bridge opened in 1969 is now closed to all but pedestrians, buses and bicycles from 8:00pm on Sunday the 24th of January.

The BCC has said Victoria Bridge would be converted into three bus lanes and one lane will become a two-way bike lane, which could also be used by electric scooters.

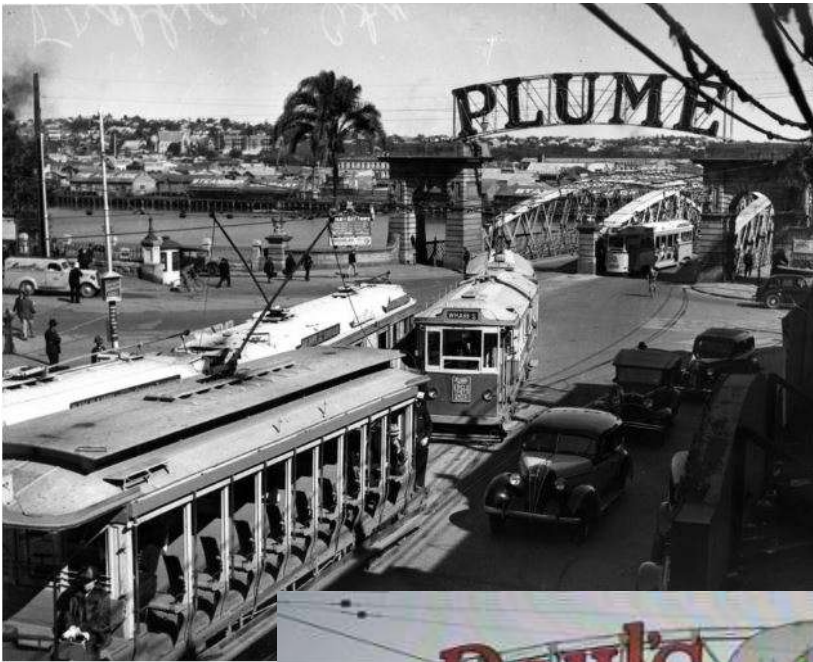
Rebuilt and washed away by floods, the Victoria Bridge was a vital link between the CBD and the busy southside of the Brisbane River as the following photos show.

From the John Oxley Library comes our first shot taken in 1890 of a horse tram pulled up next to the last wooden bridge, which washed away in the catastrophic 1893 floods and rebuilt in 1897 as the sandstone and steel truss version seen in the remaining photos.



Here at left Brisbane is out to farewell the Queensland Military Contingent in 1914. Photo Courtesy of the John Oxley Library , SLQ image APE-039-01-0008. The tram is a "Dreadnought"





Also from the John Oxley Library we have a shot taken in the mid to late 1930s with a c1936 Hudson Terraplane taxi and a gaggle of vintage trams including a "Toast Rack" followed by a rebuilt Dreadnought with enclosed cab and sides. Interesting the sign for Plume Petrol, was it use at the same time as the Pauls Ice sign below? The cars seem to all be late 1930s American designs

Looking north into the CBD (I think?) across the Victoria Bridge (around 1940?) we see 4 types of transport. It also seems the painters are at work on the LH truss of the

bridge. No PPE or warning signs. The Tram is No 438, one of the sturdy FM models. The Pauls factory was built in 1937 a few blocks on Montague Road. This colourised picture came off Facebook.



And Finally from the Qld. State archives we see the original 1897 Bridge being dismantled next to the new 1969 Bridge. The far tower of the old Bridge seen on the left of the far side of the Brisbane River still remains and there is a memorial plaque on it for a young lad who was killed in an accident there while taking part in the celebrations for the end of the First World War. Also preserved is a section of tram track..

*Tim Braby*



# **WITH DUNCAN IN THE ANTARCTIC - Part Two**

## ***A day in the life of a plumber at Casey Station***

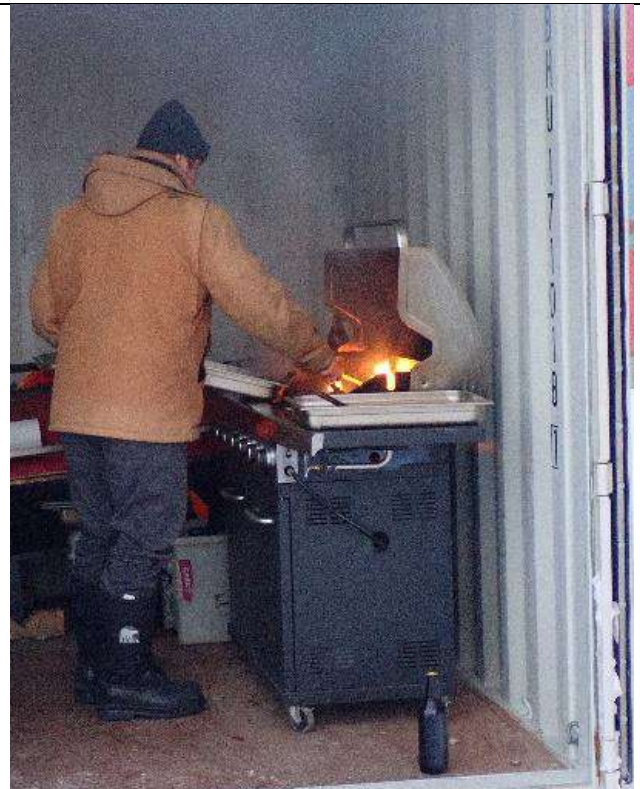
There are no scientists here this year due to COVID which means we are providing minimal opportunity to provide the science support the trades normally provide. We do go out onto the ice and measure the ice thickness at specified locations which gives an opportunity to get off station, ride quads on ice and as the season changes we get to witness the return of the wild life to start the next lap of the breeding cycles. Weekends give the opportunity to head out to one of four remote huts for a change of scenery and the opportunity to go for a wander and explore the terrain. We have to carry a survival pack (15-20kgs) whenever we go off walking so it is a fair work out.



The remnants of Wilkes Station. Abandoned due to the amount of snow build up that occurs. A lot of clean up still to happen. It is a good 60 years since it was in use, being opened in 1957 by the USA and handed to Australia in 1959, it has been abandoned since 1969 due to deterioration of the wooden buildings and fuel contamination.



Repairs to a fuel line The gun plumbing team



A taste of home. Barbeque feast. How good is this!



We did a trip across the ice dragging sleds. This one is an older timber one with leather bindings on the joints.

The sunlight reflected on either side of the sun is referred to as sun dogs

*(The sun dog is a member of the family of halos caused by the refraction of sunlight by ice crystals in the atmosphere. Sun dogs typically appear as a pair of subtly coloured patches of light, around  $22^\circ$  to the left and right of the Sun, and at the same altitude above the horizon as the Sun. They can be seen anywhere in the world during any season, but are not always obvious or bright. Sun dogs are best seen and most conspicuous when the Sun is near the horizon.)*



Weddell seals are large placid sedentary animals. Both adult males and females are about 3 metres long and weigh around 400–500kg. Alongside two male Sea Lions have a Stand off!! Some species can weigh up to 1,000 kg (2,200 lb) and grow to a length of 3.0 m (10 ft). They can be found in Australia and New Zealand.





*Lots of these funny little fellows here!*

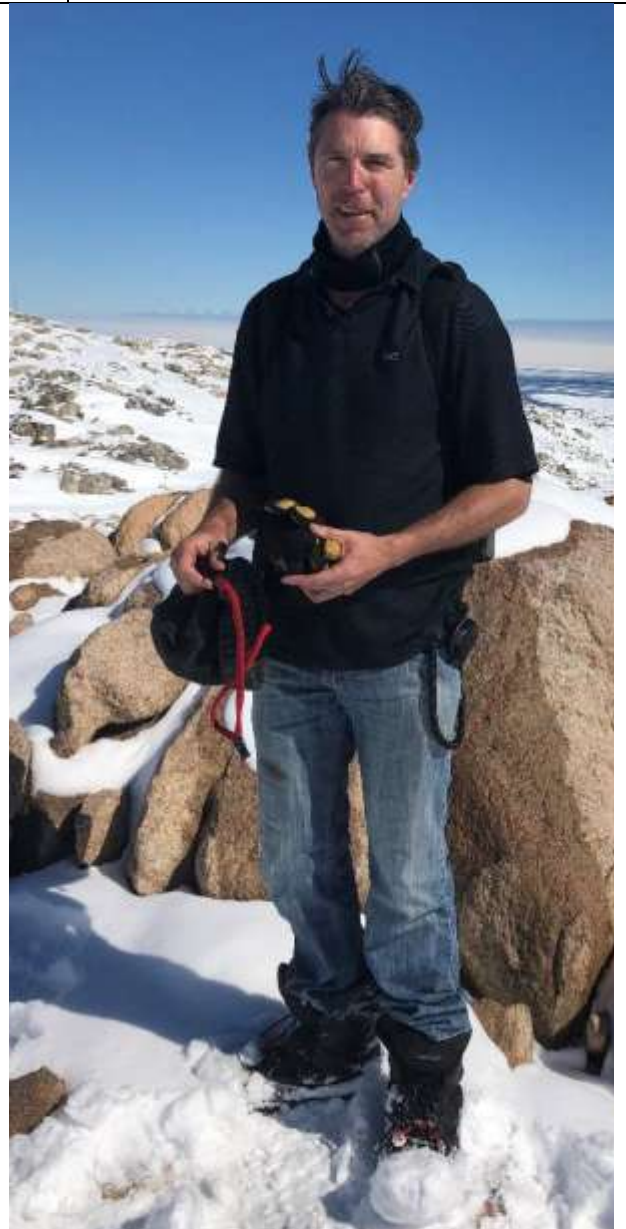


*Jack's hut with its throne with a view*



*Pasta making lessons to help pass the evenings and are popular, they are a great way to make the time go "pasta"*

*Right Duncan of Antarctica, photographer and plumber.*







*Perspectives. How small are we in the scheme of things?*

### ***Duncan Logan***

Photos and words supplied by our Man Right DownUnder, Duncan. Unfortunately the newsletter is not the best way to see these superb photos. They really give us a good idea of the stark beauty and isolation of life at Casey Station, at the Bottom of World. I would like to thank Duncan for sending these to the club so they could be shown to you all. ***Editor Tim.***

## **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 tell the Editor.**

### **FOR SALE 1929 Austin 7 Chummy Tourer**



Restored 1929 Chummy, valves lapped head skimmed and new head gasket 2 months ago. Full set of side

curtains, upholstery 9 1/2, paint 10/10, engine 9 1/2. Tyres plenty of tread but old. Drives nicely. Fun baby Austin! Have various spares for the car also, including books and manuals. I bought it from Windsor, Sydney about 25 yrs ago. \$19,900



Contact John Davies at "Braeside", 3964 Esk-Kingaroy Rd, HAZLEDEAN QLD 4515 0407141845.

### **FOR SALE 1928/32 Austin 7 Sports Special.**

12 months Qld. Historic rego., and a truck load of spares. "Pig sty" racing engine (England – Google them. <https://pigsty-racing.com/>) with billet crank, Carello style rods, Honda pistons, sports cam, alloy head. aluminium flywheel, and high volume / high pressure oiling system. 4 speed. New radiator and new Blockley tyres. All built by Joe. Come and see if you can fit in!! \$20000-00 neg.



Contact Joe Wilson 07 3378 5379 [jbwilson62@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jbwilson62@optusnet.com.au)

### **FOR SALE 1938 Austin "Big 7 " Tourer**

Painted red with black mudguards and cream seats and black folding hood.

Restored by Trevor Hebblewhite (motor, brakes, differential and gearbox reconditioned ) Brand new hood, done when car reconditioned., new tires fitted. Car called "Big Red" also "Red Back"

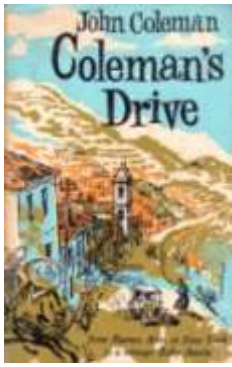
Currently on QLD. Historic plates QH3664. Owned by the Leach family for over 15 years. Price \$12,000 but negotiable.

Please contact Maggie Leach (daughter of owner) on 0432 575 633.

email [maggiemai69@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemai69@gmail.com)







**FOR SALE "Coleman's Drive"** book by John Coleman, story of an epic trip in a Vintage Austin 7 along the length of South American, conquering the Andes. A must have Classic book for anyone interested in the Austin 7. 256 pages, printed 1962. Contact Mike Hawthorne on 07 3358 4367 (Brisbane)

**For Sale Ruby running board covers** (for 1934 to 39 Austin 7 with painted radiator cowl, not chrome radiator models)

Ken Bell bought a pair of rubber running board covers for his 1934 Box Saloon, not realising the new ones he ordered from Melbourne are for the Ruby which was introduced later in 1934. Ken is now a motivated seller and can be contacted on 0428 458 575 should your Ruby have need of a new set of lovely running boards.. He lives at Stretton, on Brisbane's Southside



**Wanted Ruby model Austin 7 Speedo** (drum type, rather than needle type). 63mm across the Bezel. Please contact Ron Anderson of Maryborough on Mobile: 0490 795 079 or Email: ronand0647@icloud.com

**Wanted 1928-30 Chummy or Roadster** with coil motor, (not magneto) in running and registered condition wanted by a motivated buyer. Prefer a local car (greater Brisbane area) and do not want a car that needs to be finished. What offers please? David Barnett on 0414 015 145.

**For Sale Austin 7 Cylinder Head Gaskets** - Made of Klingerite 1000 to early (low compression) pattern, can be trimmed for later head if needed. Price \$35 each plus post or \$150 for a pack of 5 plus post. Telephone John Smith (0480 274 512) Cooran, Nth. Sunshine Coast. (I also have 5 left at home at Aspley, will bring to meeting- Tim Braby)

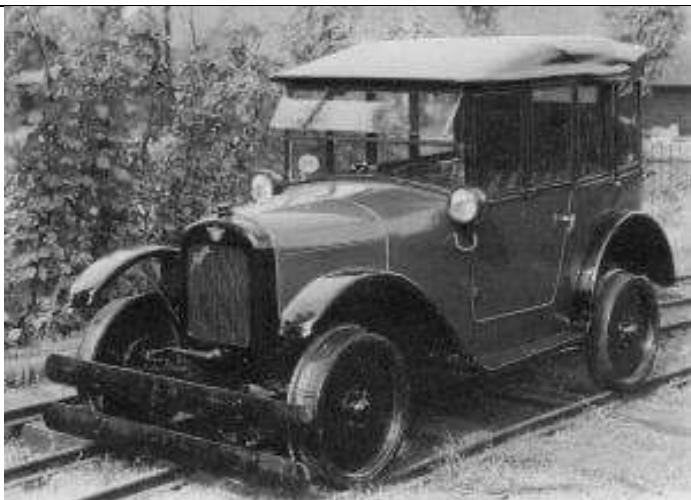
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### **Photos from the Archives - Austin Rail inspection Cars**





I was sent this photo on the left, and I went looking thru my library and have found a photo of the same vehicle in the book, "The Immortal Austin 7" and found this information. A normal c1927 Austin 7 Chummy Tourer, was converted to run on railway track by D.Wickham of Ware, 24 miles north of London, in Hertfordshire. The wheels fitted are solid cast iron, and the constant hammering driving on solid rails put a lot of strain on the Austin's skinny hubs and wheel bearings. The steering wheel was also removed, making for an unnerving experience for the driver who was used to being in control of his steering! The heavy bumpers would have been useful on wet rails when the little 7" diameter x 1" wide cable brakes would have quite a job! This was a very short lived experiment Later versions were a proper designed rail car using commercially available Austin engines designed for boats and other applications.

The other vehicle is a much more unusual 1938-40 American Bantam Pick-up. This is the car that is the missing link between our little British Austin and the All-American Jeep. The Bantam is developed from the American Austin of 1930-31 which was a licence built version of the Austin Seven, and the American Bantam Company developed the first prototype for the GP (Jeep) reconnaissance vehicle!

## ***Two Austins in Peril***



"The Love Shack" - A very sad Austin 10 Litchfield with a burdensome load and below A poor little 1930 Chummy seen in India 11 years ago.

