
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

August 2025



Ruby & Ron Crellin at Austin 7 Heaven

Photo Brian Gibbons

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AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN

Above: Ron & John K - What could go wrong?

Right: Diff dismantling by Dick Unkles.

Below: John K, in his happy, helping members build rear axles.

Right: John S, our electrical wizard at work





Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 76th year

Foundation Patron of the Club

Col. A C R Waite,(dec.) MC, OStJ, DL, JP, Freeman of the

City of London 1894—1991., Life member of the British Racing Drivers Club.

Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

1-3	Fri-Sun	7	A	BORDER RUN Halls Gap
1-3	Fri-Sun			VHRR Winton Festival of Speed
2	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
2	Sat			Federation Delegates Mtg, at Border Freewheelers Club, Barham NSW
5	Tue			MA State Council - Delegates Mtg
6	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
9	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
10	Sun	7		O.S.T. 8- 74th John Pryce Memorial Trial - Lilydale
13	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
15	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
16	Sat			MSCA All British Day – Winton
16	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
16	Sat			AOMC Delegates Meeting - Maldon - date change
17	Sun	7	A	HERITAGE RUN/HISTORY TOUR
17	Sun			MSCA Super Sprint Round 6 – Winton
20	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Wed			Committee Meeting
23	Sat	7	A	Crazy Whist Night
24	Sun	7		O.S.T. 9 - Glenburn
27	Wed	7	A	URRRS (See Day Run Warneet on Sunday 14 Sept)
30	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
31	Sun			Marong Picnic - Federation

SEPTEMBER

3	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
5	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
6-7	Sat-Sun			All Historic Racing at Pheasant Wood Circuit
6	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
7	Sun			FATHERS DAY
7	Sun	7		O.S.T. 10 - Three Bridges
10	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
14	Sun	7	A	Day Run Warneet
17	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
19	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
20	Sat			First Day of Spring School Holidays
21	Sun	7		O.S.T. 11 - Woori Yallock
21	Sun			MSCA Super Sprint Round 7 – Phillip Island
21	Sun		S	VSCC Pre War Rob Roy Hillclimb
24	Wed			Committee Meeting
26	Fri			AFL Grand Final Friday
28	Sun	7	A	Drive & Be Driven Day - RROCA

Club Calendar Information

- A** Event counts towards the 750 Shield and Frank Walter Trophy
S Event counts towards the Sprint, Hillclimb and Doc Grosvenor trophies
7 An event conducted by the Austin 7 Club

Spares Hours Saturday - 12:00 Noon to 2:30pm

Spares Hours for MGM. - 7:30pm to 8:00pm sharp

Spares Hours for Hot Air Session. - 7:30pm to 9:00pm sharp

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Friday 15 August 2025.

**THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB ROOMS AND CLUB SPARES
are located at
UNIT 8/9, 19-23, KYLIE PLACE, CHELTENHAM NORTH.**

**All correspondence to the Secretary:
Austin 7 Club Inc. PO Box 462, MOORABBIN VIC 3189**

Please do not send mail to the clubrooms

Spares are open:-

M.G.M. from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. sharp

H.A.S. from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and

Saturday following the M.G.M. between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

(OR the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, at mailorderparts@austin7club.org

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

It is the policy of our Club that owners of Austin 7 Club Club Permit vehicles MUST maintain financial membership at all times.

Your Club Permit Officers are, our Membership Secretary Russell Dickson and Robert Humphreys.

Remember to plan ahead if you need a Club Permit Scheme application or renewal signed or issued.

**You will find more detail on the club permit scheme on the Web Site
<http://www.austin7club.org>**

LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

You can receive the electronic Lightshaft, the whole of the magazine is in glorious technicolour - if you are happy with only receiving your magazine in this form, then please let the Membership Secretary know.

The other redeeming feature, is, that you can have directions to a Coming Event, as close as your phone. Great for an opportunity to attract new members to a Coming Event.

Renewing your membership, is the time to update your subscription and select whether you want to pay for a mailed Lightshaft.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to another exciting month in the life of our Club.

Beanies and gloves are very popular, at the moment and hoods and side curtains are the order of the day for all but the hardiest sports car drivers at our recent events.

Our social events are being well attended and our fraternising with other Clubs has been reaping benefits. As such we have received an invite from the Rolls Royce Club to join them on a: "Club Drive and be Driven" day with their pre-war cars. They are keen to demonstrate their cars and have asked for rides in ours (details elsewhere in the magazine).

The National Rally is just over the horizon and, as Robert has espoused last month, when renewing a total Care package with RACV (and Shannons) it is recommended to check that all your cars are listed.

Finally, just a reminder that your Clubrooms are for the benefit of all club members and we encourage you to make use of them for non-club activities such as art and craft, birthdays, anniversaries and other appropriate events.

So, get out and drive in 2025.

Glynis Gibbons President

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For 2025 Committee, Sub-Committees, Delegates and other club contacts, see list later in the Lightshaft.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

With the OST season in full swing, it is good to have members from that section of the Club rejoining. We also welcome Ash Butler as a new OST passenger.

Rob Alsop from Moorabbin has purchased the ex Simon Read Austin 7 and has joined the Club having been a visitor a few times over the years.

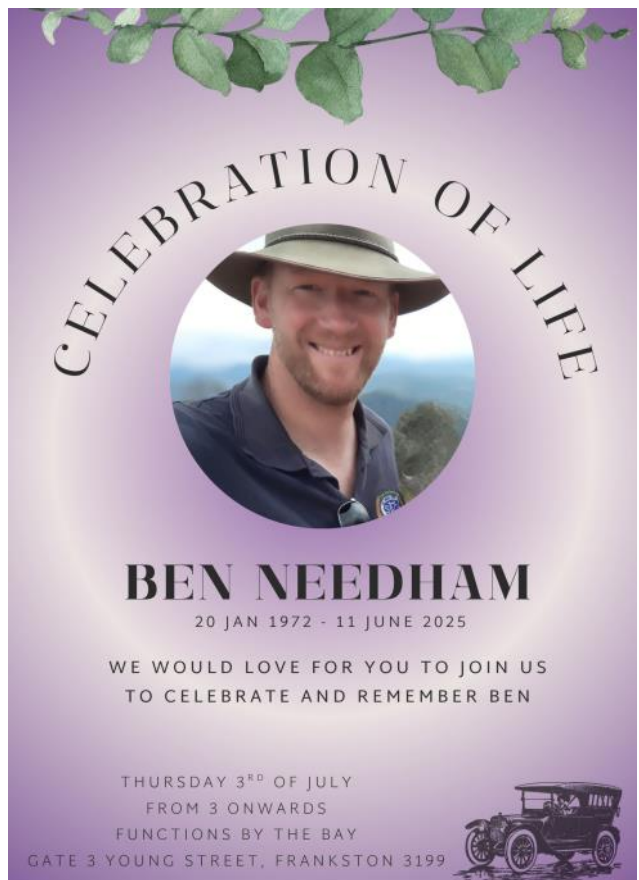
Also joining are Richard and Diane Cleveland from Ranceby who are looking to buy an Austin 7.

A warm welcome to all new members.

Russell

Ben Needham, was well known to many of our Austin 7 community.

A number of our members attended the celebration of Ben's life.



COMING EVENTS

Border Run 2025 - Halls Gap

August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

We will be staying at Halls Gap Holiday Park

Details were in past Lightshafts, and the event has probably started by the time you read this Lightshaft.

Perhaps local members may be able to visit us as we feast around the campfire. BYO marshmallows.

Looking forward to the tour to Dunkeld, eating choices for Lunch.



Sunday's run around the lakes and a visit to a winery should be fun

It's a sure bet that all will be relaxed and well conducted, with David Gear making all arrangements.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 2 August 2025

I wonder whether this date is an aberration, as Tool Up Days usually happen after MGM, and this now clashes with Border Run.

May pay to check - the Editor has run out of that commodity called spare time.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 6 August 2025

Perhaps this may be the first chance to hear how the reporting for our End Of Financial Year is stacking up.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 9 August 2025

Good opportunity to give your Austin 7 a run in the sunshine.

It's always an opportunity for new members to compare notes, and get hints on what they should buy from Spares to improve their car.

Now's the time to do work to get your car ready for the National Rally.

COMING EVENTS

OST 8 74th John Pryce Memorial Trial

Sunday 10 August 2025 – Lilydale

This trial is named in memory of John Pryce, who introduced the sport of Observed Section Trials to Australia, in 1950.

For a long time, John was one of the prime driving forces, not only within our Club, but in the whole of the Australian motorsport community, known as “Mr Motorsport”, his day job was as Competition Manager for BP.

80 Leonard Road. From Lilydale travel east on Maroondah Highway for approximately 4 km , turn right into Ingrams Road, travel 1.7 km turn right into Leonards Road, a further 1.7km enter property on left, look for OST signs.

It is asserted that his is the second longest running continuously conducted motor sport event in Australia.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 15 August 2025

Sooo, you bought some parts at Spares last Saturday.

How about a visit to Austin 7 Heaven, to get some encouragement/ assistance to fit those spares, or perhaps find an easier way to avoid skinning your knuckles. Quite often specialist tools can help, or alternately, a special way to adjust a fitting may lead to either increased life or effectiveness of some of the mechanical components.

Perhaps it may even be as simple as - “ Perhaps you need to adjust your tyre pressure?”

These opportunities can make the pleasure you get from your car significantly more pleasurable.

COMING EVENTS

JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 16 August 2024

I have opened the booking for - **WINTER WARMER**

There will be a card making session from 1.30 to 3.30 in the afternoon where you will be making 6 cards. The cost for this workshop is \$15.00.

The cost of just attending the all day scrapbooking session is \$40 and if you wish to do both sessions the cost is \$50.00. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea are provided.

I require payment when you book to come. and I can give you my bank account details when you contact me so you can pay me directly.

Please contact me as follows:

Email: janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au

Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316

To all of you who have a car under the Club Permit Scheme.

Check your date of EXPIRY of your Permit.

ALSO check ALL details - including expiry date, addresses etc.

When paying ALWAYS retain your receipt.

Keep a scanned copy of your receipt with your logbook.

Please get a My VicRoads Account.

A My VicRoads Account also assures you of an email reminder for renewal of all your car registrations, permits and Drivers Licence.

Check your My VicRoads Account to ensure that your CPS cars appear - you may need to take some additional action, for this to happen, but it is worthwhile.

COMING EVENTS

HERITAGE RUN/HISTORY TOUR/MYSTERY TOUR

Sunday 17 August 2025

**Afternoon of local history at Frog Hollow in Somerville on the
Mornington Peninsula on Sunday August 17th at 11am**

An afternoon not to be missed!

Our own Robert Humphreys will kindly present the local history of the region at Paul and Leanne's BIG shed at Frog Hollow in Somerville.

Come and listen to Robert share his encyclopaedic local knowledge, while enjoying a warm snag and cuppa, as well as the company of fellow Austin 7 enthusiasts.

Following Rob's presentation, you will also have an opportunity to see the Classic Cars with Character collection - a study of the development of automotive technology.

Around 35 cars from all the decades of the 20th century will be on display, from very early 1900 hundreds to more modern examples of 1990's.

Paul will discuss the development of cars, highlighting the changes over time.

Please bring your own chairs and remember to rug up!

Robert's presentation will start at 11am.

If you wish to join the event, please email Paul or Rob on paulgoethel@hotmail.com or ring Paul on 0412 534 131
rhu78263@bigpond.net.au or ring Robert on 0427 772 281
to book in and get the address.

More Photos and news on the website

www.austin7club.org/

And you can check for up-to-date information on events and news.

COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 20 August 2025

Perhaps this is a good time to get a look at some of the items in our Club library, and some historical items owned by the Club.

Also a chance to buy Spares, or even better, help someone else to find a way to get their Austin 7 on the road.

Maybe also a good time to talk to a Committee member, to see how you can contribute to your Club.

CRAZY WHIST SOCIAL AFTERNOON **CLUB ROOMS – championed by Rob and Ivy**



Saturday 23 August 2025

Whist starting at 4.15pm (and finishing early evening)

LIMITED to 7 tables of 4# per table **(register EARLY)**

FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED

EMAIL INTENTION TO ATTEND TO

ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com

&

Cost at \$5.00 per couple for light snacks. Not an expensive afternoon out for some fun and frivolity

Payment by electronic transfer with "WHIST and your surname" as the reference to BSB 083 323 Account 81 131 6316

BYO drinks & any other nibbles

Also note, that if you have particular food/drink requirements, we ask that you self cater

Ron and Helen Crellin

OST 9 - Old Glenburn **Sunday 24 August 2025**

Get to know a form of motorsport that is out in the bush, leisurely but extremely skilful and competitive, over difficult terrain.

Bring a picnic lunch

From the Glenburn Roadhouse continue north on the Melba Highway for about 6.5 kms . Turn right into Murrindindi Road., travel approximately 2 km, turn right into Old Murrindindi Road , follow for about 2 km, property is on the left.

COMING EVENTS

URRRS - Thursday 27 August 2025

Not happening on this date, but see Day Run to Warneet on Sunday 14 September.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 30 August 2025

Are YOU the person that can help, or be helped, at these days - come and become inspired. Perhaps it will help you to get out with your Austin 7 - you may even be able to elicit a ride in someone else's Austin 7, that may provide an insight into how you can make your Austin 7 experience more exciting, or help them in the same way.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 3 September 2025

A lot has happened in the last 4 weeks, AND there are many exciting events, to hear about, especially for your Austin 7

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 5 September 2025

There is still time to attend to a few of those things that need adjusting before the Austin 7 National Rally, OR come and learn what others are doing in preparation. Possibly your aspirations are not as grand, but you simply want to go on one of the many day runs on offer.

Perhaps polish it so that you can outshine the Rolls Royce's at the Drive & Be Driven Day, on 28 September - a great interclub opportunity.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 6 September 2025

Good opportunity to give your Austin 7 a run in the sunshine.

It's always an opportunity for new members to compare notes, and get hints on what they should buy from Spares to improve their car.

Now's the time to do work to get your car ready for the National Rally, and a whole range of interesting events, enough to suit everyone, the family, and for some, their favourite pet.

COMING EVENTS

OST 10 - THREE BRIDGES Sunday 7 September 2025

This is a scenic area of Victoria, and an opportunity to share in a club activity.

Bring a picnic lunch

1020 Little Yarra Road. Proceed along Warburton Hwy to Yarra Junction. At the only set of traffic lights turn right into Yarra Junction Noojee Rd (Little Yarra Rd), proceed 10.2 kms, look for OST sign on right (an apple orchard) and proceed to the rear via the road, please do not go near the trees and park in the area signed parking. Melway Ref X912 S4. (OLD Melways 512 T3)

Run to Warneet - Inner Western Port Bay**Sunday 14 September 2025**

This run is an opportunity to discover parts of Western Port Bay you may have never visited before, and exercise your cars for the National Rally.

Hear about the history of the district and gain an understanding of the diversity which has a Ramsar listing as a wetland of international significance.

In case of unfavourable weather, we have hired the club rooms of the Warneet Motor Yacht Club, a small charge will apply. So, BYO food and drinks, as the club does not have a BYO license prefer this be a non-alcoholic day.

Tables and chairs provided, disabled access and toilets available. The club rooms are located on the water's edge to make your day even more enjoyable.

Time: from 11.30 am

Address 21 Rutherford Parade Warneet

Melway reference Map 142 E/12.5, (Key Map Reference Page 18)

To register your interest in attending or other information

Please call John McMillan

Mobile: 0408 994 510

Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 17 September 2025

Perhaps this is a good time to get a look at some of the items in our Club library, and some historical items owned by the Club.

Spares are open, as usual, waiting for your interest.

Maybe also a good time to talk to a Committee member, to see how you can contribute to your Club.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 19 September 2025

What, didn't you get there on 5 September, still time to fettle your Austin 7 for the myriad of good events coming

Let's outshine the Rolls Royce's at the Drive & Be Driven Day, on 28 September.

OST 11 - Woori Yallock - Sunday 21 September 2025

1805 Warburton Highway, Woori Yallock. Take the Warburton Highway (B380) to the traffic lights in Woori Yallock. The site is a further 2.0 km (approximately) on the left along the Warburton Highway opposite Lusatia Park Road (follow the signs).

Pre War Rob Roy Hillclimb - Sunday 21 September 2025

As the Vintage Sports Car Club proudly proclaim, "Our own Rob Roy Day!"

We commonly have a few of our brave, both very young, young, old and very old participating in this iconic event for early cars.

For those who may be young, or confused, the "Pre War" does NOT refer to the profusion of wars within your lifetime, BUT refers to the Second World War — SO - Pre 1939 vehicles.

COMING EVENTS

Drive and Be Driven Day - Sunday 28 September 2025

Starts at 10 am

An invitation event by the Rolls Royce Owners Club Australia, Vic

Drive and be driven is a fairly unique concept where people can ride in a wide variety of vehicles on a little circuit from our clubrooms in Rowville. All driving is on public roads and the naturally all road rules apply.

Our focus for this Drive and be Driven is prewar cars which I believe will complement the Austin 7s. I'm sure our members would love a ride in the wonderful variety of Austin 7s owned by your members too.

*Our Drive and Be Driven day will **start at 10 am***

*At **3/18 Laser Drive Rowville**, and we will be having some morning tea and a sausage in bread for lunch - our clubrooms including our display of RR aero engines will also be open for your members to browse.*

Looking forward to having the Austin 7 club join us for this unique experience.

Keith Mortimer, President 0403581479

OST 12 - Two Day Trial - Gilderoy Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 October 2025

Get to know a form of motorsport that is out in the bush, leisurely but extremely skilful and competitive, over difficult terrain.

Bring a picnic lunch

1305 Little Yarra Road. Travel along Warburton Highway B380 to Yarra Junction. At the set of traffic lights turn right into Yarra Junction-Noojee Road (Little Yarra Road), proceed for 13 km, property on the left. Look for OST sign. Melway Ref X912 T4

Save the date for this year's Annual Rally - 12th October 2025

Our Annual Rally event is to be held at The Briars Mt Martha, where we have secured an area for display, ample trailer parking and a cafe on site.

This is a beautiful destination that is not too far away from Melbourne, and offering great views and amenities.

A Special Commemorative Radiator Badge has been struck to celebrate our 75th year with a limited production run of 50 badges to be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Your Austin 7 Club committee has set the entry fee at \$36 for the day which includes the cost of this new badge as depicted in the graphic below.

All Austin's on the day will be eligible for judging.

David & Julie Jones
Rally Directors



The Austin 7 Club
Annual Rally 2025

When: Sunday 12th of October

Where: The Briars Mt Martha

Time: From 10 am till 3:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$ 36 per car

BYO: Picnic food, drink and chairs

The background image shows a scenic view of The Briars Mt Martha, featuring a brick building, a large tree, and a wooden structure in the foreground.

COMING EVENTS



Immediately before the National Rally, is the Bay to Birdwood - Sunday 19 October 2025

This event recognises Australia's most exceptional vehicles.

The judging event is on **Saturday 18**

October

The run to Birdwood is on the Sunday. Look online to book—but be quick, if you are serious.

National Austin 7 Rally 20—24 October 2025

See previous Lightshafts for details

Confirmation of Entry.

If you have sent your entry and have not received a confirmation either by email or Australia Post please contact Ralph Drage on 0418 846 082 or membership@austin7clubsa.com.au

Your Rally Committee members

Chairman Andrew Dawes 0427 751 488

Run Coordinator David Gear 0421 164 500

Entry Director Ralph Drage 0418 846 082

Treasurer Laurie Sutton. 0418 831 974



COMING EVENTS



In previous years we have had a contingent of competitors ever since it was called Geelong Sprints, then after the “revival”, we have had a small contingent who have enjoyed the event.

More recently the Club has had some displays, usually aimed at promoting the Club and Historic Winton.

Now is the time to volunteer to create a good display, so it is not a last ditch effort, and so that it gives a good boost to the many motoring enthusiasts who may be interested in OUR historic competition event, HISTORIC WINTON 2026.

HELP - Did you order a “Navy Polo Top - Size XL”

Please contact Janne Humphreys (0427 772 261), as the item is waiting for you.

CLUB VISITOR

If you know of a Member who is unwell or in Hospital please contact Bruce Walker, our Club Visitor. He will visit or send a card to the Member.

Contact Bruce on brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA AUSTIN 7 TOUR - March 2026

Calling for adventurous Austin drivers to a week of fun in Tasmania next March. Bruce and I are intending to organise a trip over on the ferry, then a week or so of driving around visiting lots of Tassie's delights. I have no pricing or details yet, but we will need to book the ferry when bookings open in early May. I will need expressions of interest now, then a follow up of money to hold the ferry.

Can you please reply and I will set up a signal group for all future plans and details. No need to bore all the members (or drive them nuts with envy!!)

Sue and Bruce McGorlick

bsmcgorlick@gmail.com

0409 172 140 (Sue) OR 0400 627 926 (Bruce)

"Good news" I have tentatively booked passage to and back from Tassie with our cars and cabins. It would make a very long day travelling during the day, so, Captains Call to travel overnight. Any violent objections need to be directed to Bruce and we can amend if necessary, but very soon. Cost of Spirit of Tasmania journey is roughly \$900 (depending on couples/singles per car, etc) per person.

Bruce says "signed Sue"

Working at an unemployment office has to be a tense job Knowing that if you get fired, you still have to come in the next day.

Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open.

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST5 Results

Date: 29/06/2025		Narbethong		OST 5		MA Permit: 325/2906/06									
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing	
Greg Cox	Nakita Stock	6	10	9	10	9	4	4	9	10	9	9	89	1	
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	6	8	9	7	9	7	4	5	8	9	8	80	2	
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	4	7	9	10	9	6	3	6	8	9	8	79	3	
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	6	8	6	9	8	7	4	5	8	9	7	77	4	
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	6	7	6	8	4	+3	3	7	8	7	6	65	5	
Declan Caldecoat	Luke Puckridge	6	8	6	+5	9	3	3	5	8	5	+3	61	6	
Jake Filsell	Jeff Webb	5	8	8	9	4	3	4	4	9	3	3	60	7	
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	5	8	2	DNS	8	6	4	1	9	9	6	58	8	
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	6	7	5	7	2	3	3	4	5	3	3	48	9	
Michael Atkins	Ash Butler	6	6	2	4	5	5	4	4	7	DNS	DNF	43	10	
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	4	4	2	4	2	2	3	4	3	0	3	31	=11	
Dave Atkins	Bob Atkins	5	8	2	4	4	3	4	1	DNS	DNS	DNF	31	=11	

+ = WD

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST6 Results

Date: 13/07/2025		Neerim South		OST 6		MA Permit: 325/1307/02									
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Placing
Greg Cox	Leanne Coakley	2	2	7	10	5	5	8	10	5	9	10	10	83	1
Stuart Schweiger	Brandon Schweiger	1	4	9	6	3	4	7	9	5	8	10	9	75	2
Nathan Hunt	Brandon Schweiger	4	4	6	5	3	9	4	5	5	6	9	10	70	3
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	3	4	9	6	4	3	5	1	4	9	9	10	67	4
Dave Atkins	Bob Atkins	3	4	9	6	2	2	4	1	4	5	8	10	58	5
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	4	4	9	3	4	2	4	4	4	6	5	8	57	6
Declan Caldecoat	Natalie Watson	1	4	4	2	2	2	4	5	5	5	7	10	51	7
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	2	3	2	4	5	4	4	DNS	2	6	7	8	47	8
Michael Atkins	Ash Butler	0	3	2	5	3	2	2	2	1	5	8	10	43	=9
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	3	2	9	9	5	5	4	4	2	DNS	DNS	DNF	43	=9
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	2	2	1	6	4	2	2	1	3	5	7	6	41	11
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	1	4	9	6	3	2	3	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	28	12
Matt Vickery	Declan Caldecoat	1	3	4	4	1	2	3	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	20	13

OST Report

OST 6 Neerim Sth

After a week of on and off rain, we headed to Neerim Sth in the hopes of seeing some mud! This was not the case, although there was a bit more slipping and sliding which is preferable to the very dry trials we have had so far this season.

With 13 entries we started the day with some very low scores in the first couple of sections, before the drivers started to come to grips with the sections and the scores started to climb.

After 12 sections and 3 car retirements we saw some new names and some regular names on the podium again. In 3rd place we saw Nathan Hunt with Brandon Schweiger on 70 points, a first podium for Nathan, so well done!, in 2nd place Stuart Schweiger and Brandon Schweiger on 75 points, Stuart's first podium this year and in his newly built car, an automatic! And in 1st place again for the 6th straight trial win of the season, we saw Greg Cox and Leanne Coakley on 83 points.

Our next trial is the first of our memorial trials, the Dale Shaw trial at the Rob Roy Hill Climb circuit on the 27th July.

See you in the mud!

Jason

EDITOR's Note

Yes, I know that the back cover is about a Past Event, and at time of going to press, the Results and any detailed report is still to come.

However, I note that the promotional flyer shows Dale and Wendy Shaw in the "Four Week Flyer" - the first of Dale's very successful OST cars. It is taken at Park Orchards OST in August 1966 (a 5th place out of 18 cars).

OUR AUSTIN 7s

Austin 7 Ute project in NZ

Hi Everyone,

We recently had the opportunity to purchase this 1929/30 project which came out of the loft in a barn in the lower North Island, and having done some research found they were quite popular in Australia.

We believe this is an Australian ute due to the one-piece windscreen and pillar design, which are the same as the Holden bodied chummies and others. It also has an Australian made “HAC” windscreen wiper motor attached. The body number is A9 9351, we can’t assess the chassis number yet as the body is sitting forward on the chassis in storage. Some of the parts which came with it were in Australian made containers too. There was no running gear but we have an engine gearbox and diff to complete the project.

We know that Winterbottom’s in Perth produced some and there were some produced in Melbourne also. Austin only built one prototype at Longbridge



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but did not put it into production.

Please, we need help with photos and measurements to ensure we get the body work correct, and any other information regarding these cute utes.

We are club members. Pat is really keen on this ute as it has doors, unlike our Ulster, and space for the supermarket trip!

Please contact us.

Pat Bren and Mike Stuart casports@actrix.co.nz

Editor's Note Mike's article has prompted me to bring forward this article from Tony Johns, about Winterbottom's in Perth, and also to republish a photo from the Dickason album.

An interesting 'Trove' find, the West Australian Austin agents, Winterbottom Motor Company in January 1928 published this story in the Sunday Times listing all the components included with the latest model Austin 7 supplied in CKD form.

Also a couple of photographs of both the outside of their building and the inside assembly line. The photographs were shared by Ken Devine.

Tony Johns

THE AUSTIN CHASSIS

A New Price Announced

The Winterbottom Motor Co. Ltd., Austin distributors for Western Australia, advise that the price of the Austin Seven chassis is now £165, but this does not exactly constitute an increase in price for it includes, as it did not formerly at £145, the following:—Engine bonnet, scuttle, windscreen, dashboard, dashboard instruments (including speedometer), front wings only, running boards, steel floor bottom, spare wheel, cover and tube, electric horn, battery box and battery, shock absorbers, usual tool equipment, two side lights, one tail light. It is felt that buyers of specially built bodies will benefit by the inclusion of this equipment with the chassis, as it will considerably assist in building local bodies for any purpose.

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The above photo, again supplied by Ken Devine, at Winterbottom's, shows Austin 7s being assembled.

It is the Editor's understanding that the car components described in the news article are typical of what was included with export market vehicles, by Austin, to the Australian market, to avoid the tax on complete cars.

Those import taxes (tariffs or whatever they were variably called in the Australian taxation system) were the making of our Australian motor industry.

I often wonder whether Herbert Austin's personal understanding of Australian conditions, reinforced by Arthur Waite's knowledge, was the primary reason for the various variations in mechanical components that

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were referred to in Austin Parts Books, as “Export”, “Export only”, “Overseas Chassis”, AND our own knowledge that our export cars received different wheels, not referred to in the Parts Books.

It also seems that our cars may also have received many of the “upgrades”, at various times, EARLIER than the Home market – this is supported by the Austin Service Journals.

Winterbottom were the equivalent of Austin Distributors in Melbourne



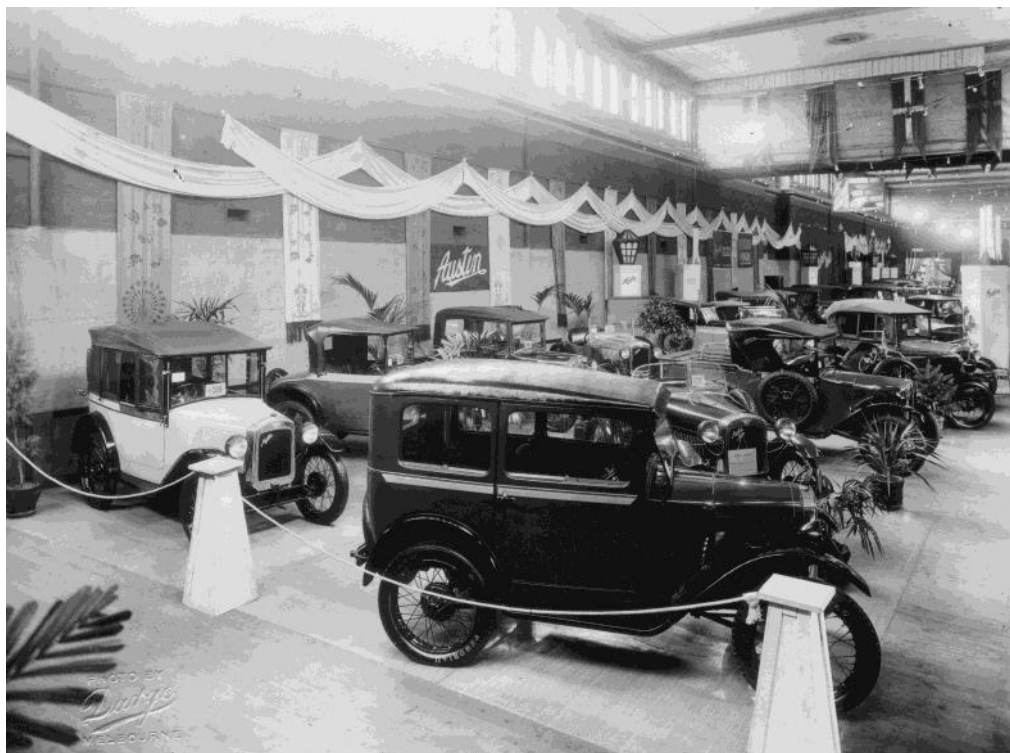
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Winterbottom
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Dodge bodies being assembled



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1930 Motor Show in Exhibition Building, a close examination shows a utility—third car in front row.



**At my age “GETTING LUCKY”
means walking into a room and
remembering why I’m there.**

**I have selective hearing.
I’m sorry you were not selected.**

**Haven’t we taken the idea that
“Anyone can be President”**

A little too far?



PAST EVENTS -

Historic Homestead, Ostrich Farm & Pub Run March this year

In appreciation of the effort made by our hosts at Barwon Park Homestead and to further promote our club I sent the team the two editions of The Light Shaft containing reports on our visit and I received the follow response.

“Morning John

Thank you for sending your newsletters. They arrived on Monday this week.

They are both in the lunchroom at Barwon Park where they can be perused by any of the volunteers or ‘trust’ people who frequent the Mansion.

It sounds like you had a great weekend around our area. It also seems you have a very active and interesting club.

I know John and Rosemary and indeed myself thoroughly enjoyed showing off the Mansion and sharing time with you all. Thank you again for the newsletters and your visit to Barwon Park. All the best for the future.

Doug, John and Rosemary”

John McMillan

At Austin 7 Heaven

How many does it take to change a tyre?

(Ed. Note: I am told it was not a success)



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Austin Seven Clubs Association The Online Archive

Handbooks, Parts Books, Body Parts Book and lots more.

Just download it to your computer - all part of membership of the Association.

More being constantly added.

These references are a great way to identify parts for your Austin7.

Also it may help to determine the year of the various parts.

***An original Parts Book, for your model is one of the most
valuable resources, especially for remote members.***

An original Handbook is also a handy reference.

OUR AUSTIN 7s on the Road

CLUB RUN ETIQUETTE

From VCCC Ballarat News

Editor's Note: I thought this article deserved repeating, with a few minor edits related to our regular club runs, mixing both old cars and moderns.

Please apply the following etiquette associated with Club runs where we travel as a group:

1 Runs when travelling as a group, such as Club runs, are run at a speed comfortable to the oldest/slowest car. As a leader can't see what is happening 10 or 12 cars back, it is your responsibility to adjust your speed to ensure that the car BEHIND you, is keeping up; don't worry about the bloke in front as he should be adjusting his speed to yours, and if we all do this it will flow up to the lead. Remember, we travel at the speed of the slowest vehicle. Ideally, the older cars should be near the front of the group, for those in later cars, please consider this. There is no prize for being second car to the destination. Modern cars should travel at the rear of the convoy.

2 When the group makes a turn, make sure that the member behind you has seen you turn. This may entail waiting at the corner, or just before it, until you see his blinker come on or him begin to slow and change direction. Again, the group ahead should slow down until you are back in their mirror.

3 Don't Tailgate Make sure that there is an adequate space between you and the car in front for modern traffic to overtake and get back in safely. The only exception to this should be when approaching an overtaking lane where you should try to close up the gap to the car in front so that modern vehicles who may want to overtake can get around a number of us in one move. Also, be aware of any modern vehicle following you and ease over to

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the left to allow them to pass safely.

4 If you are leaving the run for any reason, let the leader know and also make your intentions clear to the person behind you so that the leader doesn't think that you are lost and the car behind doesn't follow you. (I can recall a number of years ago a member realised he had left some medication at home and decided to call in and get it during a Begonia Rally, only to find about 30 cars following him around the residential streets to his home).

5 Breakdowns If a member's vehicle breaks down on a run, the car behind should pull over with them and the rest should continue unless you have sufficient mechanical knowledge or tools that you are able to be of assistance. Those that stop should ensure that they are well off the road and not creating a hazard to other motorists. Please ensure that someone has the leader's mobile phone number so that you can let them know what is happening, and you may also need directions once you have got things sorted out.

6 On most occasions, you are free to travel home at your own speed. This is the time to blow the cobwebs out of the exhaust if you so desire, but don't do anything dumb that could reflect on the Club. If we all adhere to these simple guidelines, everyone will have an enjoyable outing without causing stress to other road users.

NOTE

Perhaps in heavy traffic areas, in towns, perhaps modified behaviour is required, so that all the platoon can navigate, as a group, if there are frequent complex turns, and traffic signals potentially breaking up the groups.

NEWS FROM SPARES

MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

Please note Spares Banking Details, located at the bottom of our Invoices.

Bank branches are making banking cheques difficult, and Credit Card payments, without card, are a risk to the Club and the member.

Robert & Janne Humphreys- mailorderparts@austin7club.org

SPARES

*PLEASE come to Spares **with a list prepared beforehand**, to speed up being served, and make it easier on our volunteers.*

Please be prepared to follow any current COVID restrictions.

PLEASE When you visit Spares try to make all your purchases ***in a single transaction.***

This makes the book-work much easier for our volunteers, and respects other members who also want to make purchases.

**The Club proudly supports
Penrite Oil and stocks Penrite
Vintage Car Oils exclusively in
Club Spares.**

Unfortunately, not available by
mail order.



MARKET PLACE

*Market Place advertisements will normally appear
for FREE in two consecutive Lightshafts Editor*

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FOR SALE

1933 Austin 10

4 door sedan (red). - \$7,000

Contact Peter Matthews's daughter,

Sue 0412 185 554



FOR SALE

1926 chummy ,club registration , runs well. - \$18,000

Phillip Hallo - 0413 185 576



FOR SALE - Tony Bradford's Austin 7s

1929 Austin 7 Tourer:

Full original history available. Motor refurbished. Needham 3 speed close ratio gear box. Upholstery fair. Roof as original. Tyres Blockley. Brass headlights and radiator cowl. Needs 6 volt battery. - \$17,500.

For Judy Bradford - Contact Robyn Ridley 0417 150 753



The last of the second-hand parts from the estate of Neil Johanesen, has been collected and is steadily being priced and added to stock.

So if you are looking for a special part for a current, or potential future restoration, now is a good time for a huge range of spares.

This space is for you to advertise the useless junk in your shed.

MARKET PLACE**FOR SALE**

One pair of competition springs Flat and bound \$200

One 4 speed gear box disassembled few parts missing,
Gears look good \$ 100

One small oval rear window with bevel glass \$35

One rectangular rear window frame with back plate no glass \$ 40

Len Kerwood 0419504233

**FOR SALE**

1929 Austin 7 chummy - Mechanical restoration completed in 2022. Includes restored parts and other items.

Located in the Australian Capital Territory.

\$22,000 ono, pick up only.

Contact Anthony Szell,

- 0403 758 030



FOR SALE

Bob Booth designed and built single seater Austin Seven Supercharged race car.

Looking for expressions of interest in a beautiful body that has renowned performance and could respond rewardingly in the right hands.

Initial queries to: Ilona on 0422 158 225

**PARKING AT CLUBROOMS**

In the interests of all members could those attending meetings please park only ***in the marked spaces***. Please leave the forecourt for ***AUSTIN 7s ONLY*** and any ***handicapped members***, and please make access available for those ***delivering or collecting*** goods or club equipment.

DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS

FOR SALE Austin 7 - 1929 Chassis and 1934 - 3 bearing motor.

Engine, chassis, gearbox, brakes, diff all completely rebuilt.

Engine balanced Electric in hose water pump.

All work carried out by Walter

C/W : Replica Meteor Body with bespoke frame for this body and this car.



Seat frames, instruments (some NOS) and a number of parts.

\$14,500.00 OBO.

Must go. I need the cash to work on Auggie (Big 7)

Lachlan Story 0429 837 507



FOR SALE

Austin 7, Egan bodied saloon,
older restoration, current owner
40 years and believed to be the
only surviving example in Oz.
\$26,950.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412

**For sale, the world famous (in****Australia) Min.**

1927 Austin 7 chummy built by Bob Booth.

This is the chummy that Bob and Ilona Booth did some of their big trips in, notably to Cape York, Innaminka, across the Nullarbor and around Western Australia and New Zealand as well as others.

A true piece of Australian automotive history.

For more information please text and I'll call you back (I work nights every 3rd week).

\$26,000 Iain Stone

0458 708 062



FOR SALE

Fibreglass nose piece and grill for works type single seater. \$250-00, ONO.

contact Brian Hussey 0418 561 910.

brihus@bigpond.com

**FOR SALE**

Supercharger with SU Carby & Drive Gear Ex Warren Bonning \$400

Eric Gorr 0409 939 113

FOR SALE An accumulation of A7 '29/30 Roadster with A30 engine.

Contact Steve Rodis srodیس@netspace.net.au





Above & Below Colin at work on his engine rebuild.

Barbecue lunch at Austin Heaven - good to see Bob Atkins (centre) involved in the Club after an absence of 40+ years



A7s at Spares Day — John Shiells, Rob.H. and Robert Winspear (BBQ King)

29th
**The Dale Shaw
Trial 2025**



Rob Roy Hillclimb
375 Clintons Rd
Smiths Gully
Sunday 27th July
10am - 4pm

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Photos by Racenuts