
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

August 2026



Ronnie Heagney's artistic spirit is in good working order, at Xmas in July Photo Brian Gibbons

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Left: Brian Gibbons working on “Lottie” at Austin 7 Heaven

EDITOR’s NOTE

Richard forwarded the photos below some time ago and I mislaid them, in my computer - apologies to Richard.

By our Foreign Correspondent, Richard Unkles

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Friday 15 August 2026.



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Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

AUGUST 2026

1	Sat		Federation Delegates Meeting @ Wunghnu
4	Tue		Motorsport Australia State Council
5	Wed	7 A	M.G.M & Spares @ Clubrooms
7	Fri	7	Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
8	Sat	7	Spares & BBQ @ Clubrooms
9	Sun	7	75th John Pryce Trial (OST #8) @ Lilydale
12	Wed	7	Committee Meeting @ Clubrooms
15-16	Sat-Sun	S	Historic Leyburn Sprints @ Leyburn, Qld
15	Sat		MSCA All British Day @ Winton Motor Raceway
15	Sat	7 A	Heritage Run McDermott's Workshop (John McM)
19	Wed	7 A	H.A.S & Spares - NICKEL PLATING AT HOME Host Graeme Logan
21-23	Fri-Sun		Supercars Ipswich @ Queensland Raceway
22	Sat		AOMC Delegates Meeting
22	Sat	7 A	Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
23	Sun	7	OST #9 @ Glenburn
26	Wed	7	Historic Winton Subcommittee @ Clubrooms
28	Fri	7	Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
28-30	Fri-Sun	S	GSCC Historic Hillclimb @ Grafton, NSW
28-30	Sat-Sun	R	All Historic Racing @ Pheasant Wood Circuit, NSW
30	Sun	A*	Federation Marong Picnic @ Marong
30-5	Sun-Sat		Federation Golden Oldies Tour

SEPTEMBER 2026

2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M & Spares @ Clubrooms
4	Fri	7		Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
3-7	Thur-Mon	7	A	Border Run to Mildura
5	Sat	7		Spares & BBQ @ Clubrooms
5	Sat		S	Cootamundra Sprints @ Cootamundra, NSW
6	Sun			Father's Day
6	Sun	7		OST #10 @ Glenburn Powerlines
9	Wed	7		Committee Meeting @ Clubrooms
12	Sat			AOMC Club & Trade EXPO at Penrite
11-13	Fri-Sun			Supercars The Bend @ Tailem Bend
13	Sun		S	VSCC Vintage Hillclimb @ Rob Roy
16	Wed	7	A	H.A.S & Spares @ Clubrooms
19	Sat	7	A	Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
19	Sat			First Day of Spring School Holidays
20	Sun	7		OST #11 @ Three Bridges
23	Wed	7		Historic Winton Subcommittee @ Clubrooms
25	Fri	7	A	Club Swap Day deferred to 2027
25	Fri			AFL Grand Final Eve
25-27	Fri-Sun		R	HSRCA Spring Festival @ One Raceway, NSW
30	Wed	7		URRRS @ TBA

Please always use editor@austin7club.org

For articles to the Editor

All contributions welcome, especially from newer members

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear members, with the cold weather well upon us, some of the Austins have had a rest, whilst others are getting test runs in preparation for coming events. We encourage you to get along to our winter activities, in particular, the OST trials.

A great opportunity for this is the 75th John Pryce trial, which takes place on the 9th of August at Lilydale. If we can gather enough cars there, they might even peg out a section for us (as they have done in the past).

Our Club has been busy purchasing new parts for the Spares Garage. We have also applied through the AOMC for grants to support our young club members in restoration and engineering activities. Len Kerwood and I will be representing the Club at the upcoming AOMC 50th anniversary lunch.

Many of you have been the recipients of some of the excellent woodwork created by our Life Member, Graeme Logan. This may be anything from a hood-bow to complete bodywork; there is very little that Graeme hasn't tackled. Graeme will be speaking at our August Hot Air Session on his craft, which should be a real treat for Club members.

Also, don't forget that the Club Annual Rally is just around the corner, so get your rally entries in. Look for details elsewhere in the magazine.

That's all from me for this month, so, get out and get your Austin fix in 2026!

Glynis Gibbons



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

EDITOR's NOTES

The AOMC forwarded the extract on the next page.

But it is worth repeating the financial implications for Australia's economy.

- ⇒ Australia's motoring enthusiasts pour **\$1.316 billion annually** into events, automotive related holidays and travel and racing - making it equal third largest category of spending in the category of events, holidays and racing.

But the next is even more staggering.

- ⇒ **\$9.9 billion** is spent on such things as bodywork, parts and accessories, mechanical repairs, fuel, lubricants, insurance, registration, publications and lifestyle.
- ⇒ Motoring enthusiasms also supports 42,000 direct jobs and generates **\$2.8 billion** in wages every year.

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



AUSTRALIAN MOTOR HERITAGE FOUNDATION™

Heritage vehicle enthusiasts spend \$1.3 billion annually on events, holidays and racing

According to the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation's (AMHF) landmark 2024 Automotive Heritage Economic Impact Survey, Australia's motoring enthusiasts pour \$1.316 billion annually into events, automotive related holidays and travel and racing— making it the equal third-largest category of spending in the sector.

As AMHF Chief Operating Officer Geoff Piggott puts it:

That \$1.3 billion isn't just passion — it's a serious contribution to Australia's economy.

And that's only part of the story.

The survey reveals a staggering \$9.9 billion total annual contribution to the Australian economy, driven by spending on such things as bodywork, parts and accessories, mechanical repairs, fuel, lubricants, insurance, registration, publications and lifestyle.

"This level of contribution is a reminder that motoring enthusiasts should not be overlooked," Piggott said.

Motoring enthusiasm also supports 42,000 direct jobs and generates \$2.8 billion in wages every year — a powerful engine for employment across the country.

The AMHF is now rolling out further insights from the survey, breaking down spending across key categories. Said Geoff Piggott:

Club Calendar Information

- A Event counts towards the 750 Shield and Frank Walter Trophy
- S Event counts towards Sprint & Hillclimb and Doc Grosvenor trophies
- R Event counts towards John Fleming Trophy for racing A7s
- K Event counts towards Ken Stuchbery regularity for all categories.
- 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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I'm not sure if it's the significant events coming up with the 30th Dale Shaw Memorial Trial and the 75th John Pryce Trial but we have had a couple of old Muddies re-emerge and rejoin. We welcome back Andrew Blanche, last a member in 2003 and Paul Monk, last a member in 2011.

Wayne Griffin is a neighbour of Robin Blackwell in Montrose. He has a 1931 Australian bodied saloon and is having the motor rebuilt by David Lowe. He is a regular visitor to Austin 7 Heaven.

The Holden family—Marty, Fay, Harry and Sam—from Gordon, ACT, recently purchased what appears to be, surprise surprise, a Holden bodied roadster (known as an “Opal”). Editor’s Note: See photos below

Welcome to these new members. We hope you enjoy your cars and the Club.

Russell



COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 5 August 2026

Probably have some more about final financials of HISTORIC WINTON, and a further report on the season of OSTs at Rob Roy.

The MGM will also give extra updates on Coming Events.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 7 August 2026

Good place for any new novice Austin 7 owner to get knowledgeable and practical help, demonstrations and hands dirty. Lots of a7 projects to look at and see what an extensive workshop can provide for you, particularly with experts to guide and teach appropriate work skills.

Tool UP days are also a great time to socialise with others, and/or check the various other cars that are there as reference material for your restorations/repairs.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 8 August 2026

I hope your Austin went well on the Frost Bite Run to the Dale Shaw Trial at Rob Roy, on 26 July, or perhaps earlier to the Bob Booth Garage sale.

Spares / BBQ is a good day to stock up on parts from Spares to do some regular maintenance, a Barbecue snag may be a further incentive, particularly since it may be a good time to get A7 maintenance advice.

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

OST 8 75th John Pryce Memorial Trial**Sunday 9 August 2026 – Lilydale**

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

Plan a bit ahead and try to get to this important anniversary event.

Talk to someone who attends.

Combined URRRS and Heritage Run**Saturday Morning 15th August 2026****McDermotts Workshop – Rolls Royce and Bentley**

12 Lincoln Street, Brunswick East. Melways 30 A5

Notice to all Western and Northern based members here is an opportunity for you to attend an event with a short travel time.

9.45-10 am latest, meet for morning tea at nearby French bakery with a difference (Google Alex Bake 3057). located at 10-12 Moreland Road (enter driveway) directly opposite the entrance to Storage King and 5 minute walk from McDermotts.

Tour commences 10.30 am, steps involved. Entrance to 12 Lincoln Street will be through a chain mesh fence/gate for off street parking.

On completion of the tour depart for home or return to café for lunch.

For the benefit of our host & bakery please indicate your intention to attend:

John McMillan preferably by Wednesday 12th August.

Phone:0408 994 510

Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 19 August 2026

DO YOUR OWN NICKEL PLATING ??

Better than the usual HAS,

Graeme Logan will be a guest speaker at the August HAS.

He will talk about Nickel Plating at home (or as he put it 'in the kitchen')

PS The Editor fouled up the notice for this event - it was supposed to be advertised in last month's Lightshaft.

HOW ABOUT A GOOD EVENT TO ATTEND

BUT also a chance to buy some parts, and get some advise, have a good chat on previous Club activities.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 22 August 2026

There is always more to be said about the Tool Up Days.

Talk to someone who attends regularly, you'll be informed that it's a great place to learn something more about Austin 7s, and a great place for a novice to get expert coaching in the best ways to do repair/maintenance tasks, and also get expert help in how to use the various machines that make all those tasks more precise, and improve and conserve your valuable car/s.

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COMING EVENTS

OST 9 - Old Glenburn Sunday 23 August 2026

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

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.

Bring a picnic lunch

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 28 August 2026

There is always more to be said about the Tool Up Days.

Read earlier Coming Events reports on these days.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 2 September 2026

Probably have some more news about our proposed 50th HISTORIC WINTON, and a further report on the season of OSTs.

New shipments of Spares have been arriving, introducing some new parts to out **huge** range of Spares.

The MGM will also give extra updates on Coming Events.

Mildura Border Run 3-7 September 2026

Thankyou to all those members that have entered for this event. We look forward to meeting up with the Austin 7 Club SA members, our remote Victorian members and those from NSW and ACT. By the time you read this, your organisers will have been to Mildura to confirm all the details.

Brian Gibbons

COMING EVENTS

~~**Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven — Friday 4 September 2026**~~

~~**Cancelled due to clash with Border Run**~~

Spares / BBQ Saturday 5 September 2026

These two events clash with many being absent on the Border Run.

***HOWEVER, for all those still in town, and working on your Austin 7s,
SPARES SATURDAY and BARBECUE IS ON.***

OST 10 - Glenburn (Powerlines property) Sunday 6

September 2026

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

1270 Kinglake-Glenburn Road Glenburn. Head down Melba Hwy/B300, turn left down West Bridge Rd. The property entrance is actually on West Bridge Rd, it is marked by a large Red Brick entrance on the left before the powerlines. A large Blue shed is another landmark to look for inside the property.

AOMC Club & TradeEXPO - Saturday 12 September 2026

Last years event was very successful, and our Club stand generated a lot of interest in our activities.

But with significantly more space at the Penrite site, our commercial supporters would have an increased opportunity to promote their services to the AOMC members.

COMING EVENTS

AOMC Club & Trade

AOMC Club & Trade EXPO

Saturday 12 September 2026

Organised by the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc and hosted by Penrite Oil, the 2026 Expo will expand on our previous successful Expos.

In addition to providing a great facility for our Member Clubs to have a display area to promote their club (includes optional three display cars each), the Expo is focused on automotive suppliers and traders that provide products and services to motoring and restoration enthusiasts.

To ensure a successful event it would be appreciated if all our Member Clubs can nominate motoring businesses that are known by their membership to either register on the Trader Booking link below or send details to the AOMC so we can forward an invitation.

This is a unique promotional opportunity for both Member Clubs and Traders alike!

Hours: Set up for traders/clubs from 8am, out by 3pm, Public hours are 9am to 2pm.

Where: Penrite Oil Headquarters 110- 116 Greens Road, Dandenong South 3175.

Cost: Free participation and the AOMC will provide a 1.8m table and two chairs for trader displays.

Gold coin donation on entry.

Parking: Plenty of parking available at Penrite Headquarters.

Coffee and Food will be available on site.

COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 16 September 2026

DID YOU TRY YOUR OWN NICKEL PLATING ??

Perhaps, this will be a chance to chat about what you learned, AND APPLIED, from Graeme Logan's talk.

HAS is a great opportunity to just share your experiences with others, or get expert advice on whatever grabs your fancy.

Perhaps share some information about the projects others are working on, or NOT working on.

You may also care to find out how you can volunteer to help run the Club, and spread the load.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 19 September 2026

For new participants, a great time to come with a list of your projects, perhaps

Tool UP days are also a great time to socialise with others, and/or check the various other cars that are there as reference material for your restorations/repairs.

OST 11 - THREE BRIDGES Sunday 20 September 2026

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)

COMING EVENTS

BOB BOOTH PUB CRAWL 2026

To be held this year in Bendigo

Make sure you put aside **30th October to 3rd November**

This is the Melbourne Cup weekend and we want everyone to book in early to enjoy this great event

Arrangements have been made at the

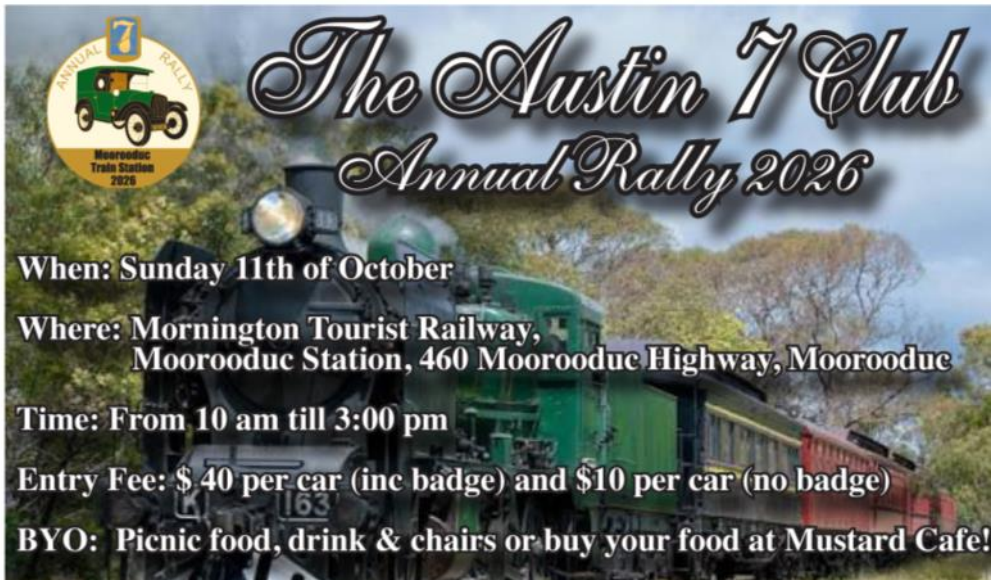
Park Lane Holiday Park - Junortoun . 03 5449 3335

This park offers 8 or more different styles of accommodation, so something for everyone.

If we can get at least 10 early bookings, everyone from the A7 club will receive a 15% discount. (remember busy times can book out fast)

Look forward to seeing you all here for lots of fun and

Enjoyment. Helen and Colin Jordan

The poster features a green steam locomotive pulling a red passenger car on a railway track, set against a backdrop of trees. In the top left corner is a circular logo with a green Austin 7 car and the text 'ANNUAL RALLY', 'Moorooduc Train Station', and '2026'. The main title 'The Austin 7 Club Annual Rally 2026' is written in a large, stylized script font across the top right. Below the title, the event details are listed in a bold, sans-serif font.

When: Sunday 11th of October

Where: Mornington Tourist Railway,
Moorooduc Station, 460 Moorooduc Highway, Moorooduc

Time: From 10 am till 3:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$ 40 per car (inc badge) and \$10 per car (no badge)

BYO: Picnic food, drink & chairs or buy your food at Mustard Cafe!

All Aboard!

Austin 7 Club Annual Rally Sunday, 11th October 2026

The headline gives it away... we are going on a little train trip, after getting our Austin 7's to the **Mornington Tourist Railway** venue (aka Moorooduc Station).

Your rally directors have rediscovered this venue nestled between Moorooduc and Mornington on the once well used railway track that joined Frankston to Mornington.

Although much of the infrastructure such as a turntable and the heritage station in Mornington have been torn down to make way for Mornington Centro, the track still remained meandering through the bush to go from Moorooduc Station up to the outskirts of Mornington.

We envisage our members will travel to the station (off the Moorooduc Highway and near the Moorooduc Coolstores) to the grassy carparking area outside of the station. Plenty of trailer parking is available along with toilet amenities. We have arranged for the first 70 members/ family of our club to have a 1 hour train ride (round trip) that leaves the station at 12:45pm. For this reason we encourage early entries as first come first serve with a limit of 2 train participants per car, unless other arrangements are made at the time.

If you can't be bothered catering, the Mustard Cafe is just a short 10 min walk to the Coolstores where Coffee is available and a "catering" package is envisaged to be offered (something like \$15 for a Toastie and Coffee) and cake is available at counter prices. We need to give the proprietor some idea of numbers for catering purposes as this idea may not fly (so to speak).

The judging categories will be Transport (vehicle actively used), Showroom, Sports, Special, Racing, Commercial, Under Restoration, Most Original, and the highly coveted Directors Trophy for best car of the day. More details are to follow as they come to hand ... or we just think of something that we forgot.

Regards, David & Julie Jones, Rally Directors



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PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON

HISTORIC WINTON by Nathan Tasca

Firstly, congratulations on another absolutely incredible event over the past weekend for the 49th Historic Winton. As a competitor; every single official, marshal, volunteer, scrutineer or flaggie that I encountered was not only incredibly professional, but also incredibly accommodating. It definitely helped the flood of positive comments I heard over the weekend from the competitors I compared notes with.

On Sunday afternoon, a number of the marshals on the dummy grid walked around my car and a number of other cars at the front end of the Regularity 1 grid. On quizzing them, they were instructed to look for brake lights on the cars - stating that as of next year, according to the Clerk of Course's interpretation of the rulebook, that our cars would be expected to run a brake light at the 2027, 50th running of the event.

I asked to clarify whether it was a brake light, or a rain light (as per log booked car requirements). Their response was that it was a brake light. I pointed to the Historic Formula Ford across the road, and asked whether that car would require the same? Or the Group M/O cars that were further down. The instruction was, no - just Regularity, which I thought was a strange rule; even more so given that for every car on that grid predates the requirement for brake lights to be fitted as standard fitment as per road registration. Given the incredibly historic nature of some cars on the grid, I've heard from several owners that they'd leave their cars at home, rather than adversely modify their car.

As Car #2 off the Regularity 1 grid, and having been in the incredibly wet conditions that we ran in during Saturday afternoon, at no point - from my position, did I see unsafe actions on the track. In fact, over the entire weekend saw very few driving standards issues amongst our very large grid-even with 10 first-timers. Yes we had several reliability issues, as you'd expect with 100 year old vehicles - but these caused no major delays to the

program, no safety issues, no cause for any driver to feel unsafe on track. Perhaps even less than some other categories who had significant car-to-car contacts, or oil issues on track requiring extended cleanups

(Can I also add here that the track team cleaned that up to the point that as the 2nd car on track - not once was their grip issues. It was amazing)

Rather than asking our old cars to be irreversibly modified for the 50th running of the event; I'd implore the committee to split Regularity 1 into 2 fields and will personally involve myself in assisting with the chasing of 2 grids. A 'fast' and 'slow' group of Prewar Regularity could easily be achievable. I think we could easily see a field of A7s come out of garages to enjoy the 50th event. The VSCC had 50 members around the campfire in the camp ground on Saturday evening - all with cars that would easily enjoy the event.

Historic Winton continues to be the premier, circuit based event in Australia for J/K/L and Prewar Regularity cars - either sporting, racing or road-registered. Rather than pushing them away, I encourage the committee to lean into that record; encourage their inclusion and entice more and more owners to dust off that car in their garage, and enjoy a weekend of motorsport and camaraderie; experiencing everything that such an event continues to bring to the Australian vintage and historic racing calendar. We owe that to the last 50 years of Historic Winton and those that grew it from humble beginnings to the spectacle it has become today.

Kind regards, Nathan Tasca

Car #150. 1934 Singer Le Mans Special

Emu Creek. Victoria.

More Photos and news on the website

www.austin7club.org/

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

PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON

HW Thank You from AHSDC

Dear John,

On behalf of our Club, I would like to congratulate you on an extremely successful Historic Winton.

Many of our Club members made a weekend of it and enjoyed the Parade lap on both days. Russell Dickson did a great job of organising the display cars and it was lovely of him to take the time to introduce himself when he was so busy, even agreeing to a photo with one of our volunteers for our magazine. Thanks too to Ron Crellin and David Easton who were very helpful with our display arrangements.

Our thanks also to Noel Wilcox who, in conjunction with Emma Riddington, put together our page in your program.

We felt that it was appropriate to sponsor two races in our 60th Anniversary year and were not disappointed.

Looking forward to next year.

Bib van Oosterom, President,

Austin Healey Sprite Drivers' Club Inc.

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>

PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON

Austin 7 49th HISTORIC WINTON Race Meeting

Just a short note....I am from the Hunter Valley NSW and this was my third visit to Historic Winton. First two drove down in my Austin A40 Farina and this time in my 1959 Sebring Sprite. A big drive but really enjoyed the historic motor racing.

Many thanks for putting on a great event.

Cheers,

Robert Blayden

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.

For 2026 Committee, Sub-Committees, Delegates and other club contacts, see list later in the Lightshaft.

OST REPORT

Date: 19/04/2026	Warburton	MA Permit: 326/1904/05													
		OST 1													
Driver	Navigator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Placing		
Greg Cox	Maddison Coakley	7	9	5 +	9	10	9	9	5	9	10	82	1		
Jake Filsell	Glenn Linnane	7	5	8	7	10	6	9	5	8	9	74	2		
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	3	6	4	8	10	9	9	5	8	9	71	3		
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	9	6	5	7	2	8	10	5	8	9	69	4		
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	7	1	3	8	9	9	9	5	8	7	66	5		
Nathan Hunt	Paige Pateman	7	5	5	4	1	9	10	5	8	9	63	6		
Dave Atkins	Ash Butler	7	5	5	6	2	9	9	5	8	6	62	7		
Dean Hunt	Zoe Atkins	7	4	2	5	3	8	10	5	8	9	61	8 =		
Michael Atkins	Tyler Hubbard	9	2	5	4	9	7	9	5	6	5	61	8 =		
Matt Vickery	Zoe Atkins	7	5	5	3	8	7	9	4	8	3	59	10		
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	7	2	4	5	9	9	7	5	6	3	57	11		
Declan Caldecote	Cassie Wiersema	6	1	2	6	8	7	4	3	8	1	46	12		
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	3	2	3	3	0	3	7	3	2	3	29	13		

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Editor’s Note

Apologies from the Editor, as this is the only report, on the first three OST for the 2026 season, that I feel comfortable publishing.

The other reports, for OST 2 and OST 3 appear to have an incorrect date or venue, or both.

I am also waiting for results for OST 4.

OST 5 REPORT

Narbethong

With a cold and chilly start to the day, we headed into the mud. 11 cars entered and all 11 finished the day, although a couple of cars needed some work on the run to finish! With some creative pegging in some new terrain and some of the regular areas pegged.

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 5 & 6 Report

Date: 28/06/2026		Narbethong		OST 5			MA Permit: 326/2806/06									
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Placing			
Greg Cox	Maddison Coakley	9	1	9	8	5	6	4	4	7	8	61	1			
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	4	4	9	8	6 +	7	2	2	7	5	54	2			
Grant Campbell	Tyler Hubbard	7	2	7	7	8	1	5	2	7	5	51	3			
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	4	2	6	8	5 +	2	4	4	8	5	48	4			
Jake Filsell	Jeff Webb	7	2	4	9	6	2	3	4	5	5	47	5			
Dean Hunt	Ash Butler	4	6	6	8	7	2	0	4	6	3	46	6			
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	4	2	5	8	5	3	2	2	8	5	44	7			
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	4	2	7	6	4	2	2	2	7	5	41	8			
Michael Atkins	Tyler Hubbard	4	2	5	6	5	3	3	2	5	5	40	9			
Zoe Atkins	Ash Butler	1	1	5	4	4	2	3	2	6	3	31	10			
Paul Hunt	Luke Watson	4	2	4	6	4	2	1	2	2	2	29	11			

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At the end of the day and 10 sections completed, the podium saw Greg Cox and Maddison Coakley on top on 61 points, Grant and Gabrielle Della in 2nd place on 54 point and in third place Grant Campbell and Tyler Hubbard on 51 points.

See you in the mud!

Jason

OST # 6 REPORT

NEERIM SOUTH

Our halfway mark of the season saw 11 entries make their way to the picturesque Gippsland area of Neerim South.

Chilly it was, but we were lucky enough to avoid the rain on the day.

We had 9 sections in the ground, and due to some challenging pegging, a couple were re-pegged to give the drivers opportunity to cover more

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 5 & 6 Report

Date:12/7/26	Neerim South		MA Permit: 326/1207/06						OST 6		Total Placing										
			Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing					
Driver																					
Greg Cox			Maddison Coakley	10	1	7	5	6	6	7	3	7	10	4	66	1					
Grant Campbell			Zoe Atkins	3	4	7	8	1	5	2	4	3	7	3	47	2					
Dean Hunt			Michael Wiersema	4	1	5	5	1	6	5	3	7	2	7	46	= 3					
Jake Filsell			Maddison Coakley	4	1	3	6	1	5	7	3	7	7	2	46	= 3					
Grant Della			Gabrielle Della	2	1	7	5	1	3	8	3	3	7	3	43	5					
David Atkins			Zoe Atkins	3	1	4	6	1	6	2	3	3	3	6	38	6					
Stuart Schweiger			Cassie Wiersema	3	1	6	4	1	5	4	3	2	5	3	37	7					
Leanne Coakley			Geoff Taylor	4	1	2	5	4	3	6	2	1	4 +	4	36	8					
Paul Hunt			Sarah Watson	2	1	2	4	1	2	5	3	2	4	3	29	9					
Declan Caldecoat			Kyle Fursessedonn	2	1	2	4	1	5	2	4	1	2	4 +	28	10					
Iain Stone			Kyle Fursessedonn	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	22	11					

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ground.

Even after the wet weather we have had, the sections were slippery under foot, but unfortunately no mud.

Grant Campbell had a miraculous save on one section, showing his incredible car control when in a tight spot.

The trial was won by Greg Cox with navigator Maddison Coakley, who had a good day , finishing on 66 points, an impressive 19 points ahead of 2nd place Grant Campbell with Zoe Atkins on 47 points

We had equal 3rd place, only 1 point behind on 46 points, being Jake Filsell & Maddison Coakley and Dean Hunt & Michael Wiersema.

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 5 & 6 Report

We now move onto our 2 prestigious events on our calender.

The next being the 30th running of The DALE SHAW TRIAL , at Rob Roy Hillclimb venue on the 26th of July.

Followed by the 75th running of the John Pryce Memorial Trial at Lilydale on August 9th.

Hoping to “see you all in the mud”.

Steph Cox

HELP NEEDED

Position Vacant – Lightshaft Advertising Manager

We need some help and I’m not just meaning psychological!

Not long ago we used to have a small amount of advertising in the Lightshaft, and we’re looking to start doing this again.

Don’t worry, we won’t start advertising fast-food, streaming services or electric vehicles (although I think we could make an exception for the Austin Arrow if it’s released in Australia), we’ll limit ads to things that are aligned with the club and our shared interests.

If you’re a retired advertising executive, currently finding your day job leaves you with spare time, looking to get into the advertising or marketing industry, or just want to help out the Club, we’d love it if you could email editor@austin7club.org and volunteer to help with sourcing and managing advertising in the Lightshaft.



"Phew! Fooling some of the people all of the time is damn hard work."

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

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***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.

MARKET PLACE

MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

Payment for Mail Order parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

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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

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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.

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.

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1946 Austin 16 For Sale

Chassis No. 1170 – early post-war

SA Reg AUST-16 (SA Club Rego)

Engine: 2.2 litre (Austin's first OHV went into A70, bored to 2.6l for Austin-Healey 100/4 and Atlantic)

Complete engine rebuild and new clutch October 2025

Seen at many Border Runs – will be at 2026 Mildura Border Run (if not sold prior) Give me a call for full details. I'm not asking "the world" for it.

**Contact: Martin Lewis (Austin 7
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0414 727 893**



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FOR SALE

1934 Austin 7 Special

This vehicle was owned and driven by my late father, Roger Gaunt, and was actively campaigned at Historic Winton 2023 & 2024, where it appears in official race field documentation.

Vehicle Summary

- 1934 Austin 7 Special (Austin Ruby chassis)
- CAMS / Motorsport Australia Certificate of Description
- Recognised Historic Vehicle
- Pre-war style open wheel race car configuration

Historic Motorsport Background

The car was driven by Roger Gaunt at Historic Winton, one of Australia's leading historic motorsport events, confirming its place within the historic racing community and its suitability for

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Chassis/Body No: N.S.	Swamp Volume: 780	Vehicle ID: 15.3.97
Category: 5	Formula Group: 1K	Date of Issue: 25.2.97
Year of Manufacture: 1934/81		Log Book No: H0315
Recognition Document No: K008.02.09		Issued on: 25.2.97
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ongoing club and event participation.

Condition & Presentation

The vehicle is running and operational, presenting as a complete and functional historic special.

It has been stored indoors, maintained as part of a private collection, and preserved rather than heavily used.

Additional Inclusion

Included in the sale is a purpose-built custom trailer, designed specifically for transporting the vehicle.

Price Guidance

The vehicle is being offered at \$49,000, including the trailer.

I am happy to provide CAMS documentation, additional photos and video, and arrange inspection by appointment.

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