
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

September 2026



Jake Filsell's OST Car at the
John Pryce Memorial
Observed Section Trial

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Hansen Award, for Best
Presented OST Car

See report on Page 29 & 30

Photo Jason

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Below: Photos of the event





Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 77th year

Foundation Patron of the Club

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

Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

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			POSTPONED 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026

OCTOBER 2026

3-4	Sat-Sun	7		2 Day Trial (OST #12) @ Gilderoy
3	Sat	7	A	Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
4	Sun	7		Cuppa & Chat
4	Sun		S	SCCSA Barossa Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb SA
4	Sun			Interclub Challenge Round 3 @ Rob Roy
4	Sun			Last Day of Spring School Holidays
4	Sun			Daylight Savings Time starts
6	Tue			Motorsport Australia State Council
7	Wed	7	A	M.G.M/A.G.M/S.G.Ms Elections, Fees, Formulas - Spares
8-11	Thu-Sun			Supercars Bathurst 1000 @ Mount Panorama
10	Sat	7		Spares & BBQ @ Clubrooms
11	Sun	7	A	Annual Austin 7 Rally—Mornington Tourist Railway
14	Wed	7		Committee Meeting @ Clubrooms
16	Fri	7		Tool Up @ Austin 7 Heaven
17	Sat			Federation Delegates Meeting @ Hamilton
17	Sat			Janne's All Day Craft Day @ Clubrooms
23-25	Fri-Sun		R	Baskerville Historics @ Old Beach, Tas
17-18	Sat-Sun		AS	Mt Tarrengower Hillclimb @ Maldon
18	Sun			Bay to Birdwood @ Adelaide and Surrounds, SA
21	Wed	7	A	H.A.S & Spares @ Clubrooms
23-25	Fri-Sun			Supercars Gold Coast @ Surfers Paradise
25-26	Sun		A*	Federation Baw Baw Picnic @ Darnum
28	Wed	7		Historic Winton Subcommittee @ Clubrooms
30-3	Fri-Tue	7	A	Bob Booth Pub Crawl (hosted by TBA)
31-1	Sat-Sun			128th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not the PRESIDENT's REPORT

The President has said that “after having a not so nice week, I forgot all about the President's Report, AND have been very busy with the Border Run too.”

Like most of the major touring events, conducted by the Club, the Border Run also has the added complication of involving multiple members from other Clubs, and at a location fairly remote from Melbourne.

This one has involved multiple return trips to Mildura, for the organisers, and Club members rarely recognise the dedication and time commitment. I would hate to think how many phone calls may have been fielded.

Perhaps it is time to see a few more dedicated Club Members volunteering to organise such events, to spread the load.

BUT 2 days after I pasted this missive in the Lightshaft, Glynis came good with the President's Report, which follows.

Rob.H. - Editor PTO



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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear members, what a busy time of year we are having. From my visit to the John Pryce trial, it was a suitably muddy affair, with some wonderful driving skills on display. We even brought home a good amount of mud under the Chummy (courtesy of the slippery driveway).

Your Club is giving you many opportunities to use your cars. The Border Run is almost upon us and I've been very busy putting this together, with hubby Brian, Steve Morgan and local Club members Daryl and Margaret Beasy we hope to provide the 82 participating VIC, SA, NSW and ACT Austin Seven enthusiasts, a relaxing and enjoyable four (plus) days in Sunny Mildura.

Meanwhile, your Club Spares team has been busy ordering new stock, which I have heard includes tyres, crankshafts and conrods. Bruce Shearer has volunteered to assist with the overseas ordering, whilst John Shiells manages the local new stock and local parts manufacture (when he isn't servicing many electrical requests).

I recently attended the 50th Anniversary of the AOMC. Accompanied by Past President: Len Kerwood and Editor: Robert Humphreys, we mingled with other Club's representatives and shared ideas over lunch.

With the Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) fast approaching in October, there is an opportunity for you to serve your Club in one of the many and varied roles available. New members with new ideas are always encouraged and even those that have served before – we all have something to offer.

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

Glynis Gibbons

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for October 2026 Lightshaft **closes** late on

Friday 18 September 2026.

EDITOR's NOTES

I have not seen a Lightshaft like this before, with FIVE Calendar events in one month cancelled, or postponed, and even one in the next month.

Perhaps the Committee needs to consult earlier in the year with potential leaders to arrange Directors, or even to change/amend the Calendar.

Perhaps we need more active volunteers to consider standing for Committee roles, or even offering to co-ordinate events, in a manner similar to John McMillan's committed activity on arranging all sorts of interesting URRRS.

Now's the time to consider what commitment you may make to the Club, to assist those that may be elected to Committee at the 7 October AGM and SGMs, or perhaps plan ahead to offer support to one of the Committee members, or perhaps to address a gap that you perceive in the Club's operations or management.

The Club is a complex organisation and you may have particular expertise that may assist in its operations and management.

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

This past month has been all about OSTs with the 30th Dale Shaw Memorial Trial and the 70th John Pryce Trial. Consequently all the membership action has been to do with the OST group.

We are pleased to welcome new OST Associate Members Sarah Watson, Campbell Foster, Timothy Hamond and Nigel Newman.

The Committee has reviewed the membership fees for 2027 and will recommend the following:

Full Member	\$65
Associate Member	\$65
Family Subscription	\$90
Joining Fee	\$35
Observed Section Trial Associate Member	\$25
Printed Light Shaft	\$60
Austin Seven Clubs Association magazine	\$45

The increases have been kept to a minimum but are necessary due to increased general costs, particularly with postage.

Russell

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.

MARRIAGEs, BIRTHs, & DEATHs

Editor's Note:-

It has been an evolving tradition over the life of the Lightshaft to announce various milestones in the lives of our Members, and we have also acknowledged significant points in the history and evolution of our Club.

However, we have rarely acknowledged similar events in the lives of our partners in our various operations.

The President's Report mentioned the 50th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the AOMC. A booklet was presented to each attendee at that luncheon, listing the milestones of the AOMC, as follows.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS INC

The AOMC was formed on 16 August 1976, so it was a fitting tribute that many current representatives of member Clubs were invited to a celebration on the 50th Birthday, and for a number of awards to be made in recognition of people who have made a major commitment and contribution to the success of the AOMC.

Everyone attending received a brilliant booklet telling the story of the gestation of the association and its work on behalf of the member clubs.

The booklet is well worth a read as it gives a good summary of the many achievements over the last 50 years.

A page of “**Statistics**” gives a very brief summary of the major achievements, as follows:-

- ♦ The AOMC commenced with 16 clubs – now there are over 250 clubs under the AOMC umbrella.
- ♦ The initial club membership fee was a mere \$10.
- ♦ AOMC Delegates meetings have been held at some 14 locations over greater Melbourne.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS INC

- ◆ AOMC Newsletter has over 1,000 recipients
- ◆ AOMC “Office” has operated from a number of locations over the years
- ◆ The AOMC organised Motoring Shows commenced in the early 1980s and since 1986 there have typically been 3 shows
- ◆ The American Motoring Show
- ◆ The British & European Motoring Show
- ◆ The Aussie Car Show
- ◆ The AOMC has supported the National Motoring Heritage Day since 2022
- ◆ The AOMC has run the RACV Florence Thomson Tour since 2022
- ◆ The annual Festival of Motoring has been held at Cruden Farm, Lanwarrin, since 2023, raising \$60,000 for charity
- ◆ Motoring shows and staging points have been held at some 15 locations – extending from Healesville to Cape Schanck.
- ◆ Seven Issues of the Club Permit Scheme Handbook have been published, with the eighth in production.
- ◆ Initially there were 3 Delegates meetings per year, now there are four.
- ◆ The AOMC has run many special interest Seminars covering a range of issues including Insurance, Taxation, Club Management, Finance Management, Newsletter Production, Marketing and Social Media, Club Permits and Modified Vehicles.
- ◆ The popular club restoration seminars have evolved into the initial Club and Trade Showcase at Shannons Victorian Headquarters and now the Club and Trade Expo at Penrite Headquarters in Dandenong South.
- ◆ Incepted the Apprentice and Business Support Program.

There have been 14 Presidents over the 50 years.

COMING EVENTS

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, and unfortunately some price increases.

Crankshafts and connecting rods are in transit,

The President and a few other members will be apologies as they will be on their way to the Border Run.

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

Please always use editor@austin7club.org

For articles to the Editor

All contributions welcome, especially from newer members

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

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.

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.

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

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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.

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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)

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OST 12 - Two Day Trial - Gilderoy Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October 2026 - LAST OF THE OST Season

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

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 3 October 2026

Everyone welcome at 3 Murdock St Clayton

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

~~CUPPA & CHAT~~ - Sunday 4 October 2026

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 7 October 2026

The MGM will also give extra updates on Coming Events

Annual General Meeting – Annual report

Wednesday 7 October 2026

The Annual General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:15pm on Wednesday 7 October 2026

The ordinary business of the meeting is:-

- ♦ to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the preceding financial year; and
- ♦ to receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Reform Act. 2012

Club Secretary

Special General Meeting – Annual Elections and Adoption of OST Formula

A Special General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:30pm on Wednesday 7 October 2026

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Officers and ordinary members of the Committee for 2027 and acknowledge the ongoing Auditor.

Nominations are invited for these positions, and a nomination form for the Committee positions is included with this Light Shaft.

Nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than 15 minutes before the time fixed for the start of the SGM.

Any proposed alterations to the OST Formula will be proposed for adoption.

Club Secretary

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wednesday 7 October 2026

A Special General Meeting for the purpose of discussing and voting on all types of membership subscriptions and joining fees will be held at 8:45pm on Wednesday 7 October 2026 at the Clubrooms.

The Committee has reviewed the operating costs of the club and has reviewed the membership fees for 2027 and will recommend the following:

♦ Full Member	\$65
♦ Associate Member	\$65
♦ Family Subscription	\$90
♦ Joining Fee	\$35
♦ Observed Section Trial Associate Member	\$25
♦ Printed Light Shaft	\$60
♦ Austin Seven Clubs Association magazine	\$45

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Spares / BBQ Saturday 10 October 2026

Perhaps spend the house-keeping money on something reprehensible, SPARES SATURDAY is the ideal opportunity—after all, a good “vintage” Austin 7 car is an ideal investment, and takes less room than a Rolls Royce.

Find all the spare parts to make your investment get plenty of interest, and give excellent performance (Everything a good investment advisor always touts) BARBECUE IS ON, which makes for fine dining, in good company.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 16 October 2026

Everyone welcome at 3 Murdock St Clayton

Having found any bugs, on the Border Run or Annual Rally, perhaps now is the time to do a pre-SUMMER service, perhaps in preparation to take a drive to observe our members competing at Mt Tarrengower Hill climb, and see our great Timing Team in action

JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 17 October 2026

I have opened the booking for - **SPRINGTIME ALL DAY CROP
WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME**

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

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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, Comercial, 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



The Austin 7 Club Annual Rally 2026

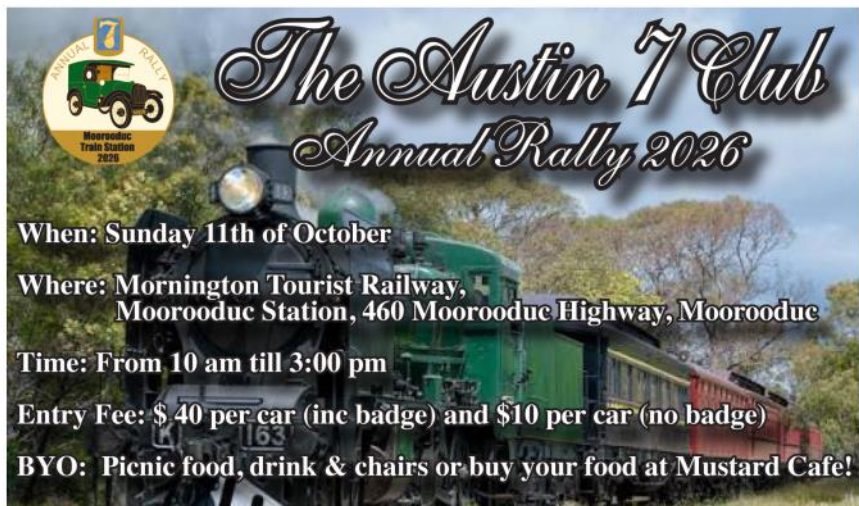
When: Sunday 11th of October

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!



MT TARRENGOWER**HILLCLIMB, MALDON****Saturday/Sunday 17-18 October 2026**

Bendigo Car Club organises a great event, and visiting, and shopping in the Historic Town of Maldon is a bonus. Maldon's heritage journey began in 1965 when it became Australia's first recipient of the National Trust's "Notable Town" classification.

The trip, from Melbourne, through historic towns of Kyneton, Malmsbury and Castlemaine just adds to the enjoyment of a day well spent touring.

It may be better if a Club Member could step up and arrange a Day Run

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 21 October 2026

Many of our members have plenty of hot air to share, or it may be simply a chance to share some quality time with other members, getting a few tips on making your Austin 7 journeys more enjoyable.

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

LONG PAST EVENTS

Extracts from Lightshafts 1976 - 50 years on.

MELBOURNE HERALD 'VINTAGE CAR' COMPETITION.

Many readers, particularly the Interstaters, may not know that the above Melbourne paper conducted a competition late last year where you had to identify a series of vintage car photos (one of them was of a 1925 Chummy) In talking to other Club members, I found that many of us had sent in correct entries, but the trick was to have your entry drawn out first, as there was 100 gallons of B.P. petrol for each of the first three names drawn out. Would you beleive that out of the thousands of entries sent in, two of the three successful people were members of our Club? There must be a moral there somewhere. (John Pryce who is Racing Manager for B.P. swears he had nothing to do with the competition, so perhaps collusion is not on) Anyway, congratulations to John Stevens and Tony Johns for a fine effort.

BILL SHEEHAN

This extract is about the initial sale by Ivan Bartlett of the "Buggeratti Special" after its builder had competed for a few seasons. The car is still competing, but changed.

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FOR SALE. O.S.T. Car "Buggeratti Special".

Very competitive car. Only driven on Sundays. Never above 3000 rpm., Fitted with 80 hp O.H.C. 1300 cc Mazda motor and gearbox and set of approved tyres in good condition. £500.00 complete OR £350.00 fitted with 1200 cc. Triumph Herald motor and gearbox.

Ivan Bartlett

Phone 233-3270 (Private)
560-7133 (Business)

FOR SALE. 1936 Van -forward of cab complete, in good condition - actual van body missing. Original engine available - various spares £600.00
For information on whereabouts contact

Peter Jones

Phone 790-2743

FREE. 1935 Austin 7 - complete chassis minus body except firewall and dash and some floor. Car is rusty and has non standard wheels. Engine, gearbox and

LONG PAST EVENTS

This blast from the past, just proves that, if you wait long enough, past members either die, or rejoin, OR are still participating even after 50 years.

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January / February 1976

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ATHOL'S FUNKHANA - 7th December 1975

After the long, windy drive out to Gisborne the few die-hards assembled at the venue for the annual funkhana. Athol, as usual, was full of 'nasty tricks' which produced some very interesting times. Mark Lamont managed to run his Renault once before putting the fan through the radiator after an engine mount broke. Hard luck Mark. Lyn Johnson had her first competitive drive, got herself lost a few times, but once she gets herself going - look out Ray! The Monk family, as usual, were well represented with Maurie, Margaret, David, Paul and Janet. Tom Gracie drove his Land Rover in one event before lunch and achieved the record time of 101.2 secs. - the fastest for that event being 24.8 secs. by Don Thomson. Grant was up to his old tricks lifting wheels here and there - giving me a few panic stricken moments - I'm sure he's trying to get one of those rolling pins!

Thanks Athol for a great day, and to Keith Johns for arranging the use of the property.

DRENDA CAMPBELL

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Results of Athol's Funkhana.

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT	P/N
D. Thomson	20.7	23.5	30.4	32.3	24.0	41.0	24.0	30.1	dnf	dns	336.4	11
G. Campbell	18.7g	22.0	30.0	32.1g	25.3	35.7	24.2	07.0	39.7	52.1	357.6	9
K. Johns	19.0	25.0g	36.0	37.2	32.9f	44.9f	29.9	40.4	43.4	53.0	377.5	10
R. Johnson	19.1	24.0	30.0	30.6	27.9	30.7	27.4	42.2	41.1	52.7	334.5	5
M. Lamont	22.3	wd	wd	30.3	32.0	62.5	31.0	46.1f	40.4	74.0	460.0	15
J. Cox	10.2	22.5	27.6	20.1	21.4f	34.7	24.1	35.0	35.3	45.7	298.4	1
R. Humphreys	18.6	22.0	31.0	31.7	20.6f	37.9	25.2	41.0f	51.5f	49.3	353.4	0
G. Colgan	17.7	24.0	31.2	33.3	25.6	36.1	25.9	44.0	41.6	55.6	340.0	7
Marg. Monk	27.4	25.0	33.4	30.9	26.3	46.3	wd	38.0	50.6	65.6	414.3	12
L. Johnson	30.2	35.7	55.5	52.7f	wd	wd	51.2	05.9	106.0	wd	611.2	17
T. Gracie	19.5g	23.0	36.0	35.0(101.2)	50.3	29.9f	62.6f	40.5f	wd	wd	500.1	16
E. Cox	23.0g	20.7	40.3	41.4	34.2	47.7	33.2	52.5	59.5	67.7	433.2	14
A. Colgan	17.0	22.6	32.0	31.5	25.3	35.2	25.3	39.7	43.9	49.3	327.0	3
J. Booth	10.9	wd	37.9	35.0	34.4f	39.6	27.9	43.9f	41.1f	wd	420.7	13
D. Monk	wd	20.0	29.0	29.1	26.1	36.0	25.2	44.4	30.5	46.6	331.7	4
M. Monk	16.9	20.6	27.0	30.4	23.1	33.4	23.8	35.2	35.0	44.5	304.5	2
P. Monk	16.2	wd	40.3	30.1	20.7	34.9	24.6	33.1f	36.2	45.0f	330.6	6
J. Monk	-	-	-	-	-	50.3	30.6	45.3	50.9	01.3	250.4	10

PAST EVENTS

If you still have some Dunlop Silent 90 tyres, then this article seems to indicate that perhaps they are past their “use by” date, at 50 years young.

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THE LIGHT SHAFT

April 1976

BARGAIN

Order with 50% deposit to Alan Loughron \$32 per tyre for 4-75 x 16 original pattern Dunlop Silent 90. Get in early. Limited number available. No likelihood of any more.

May 1976 also saw the announcement of our Club's first Restoration Sub-Committee.

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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.

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

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

PAST EVENTS - Mc Dernott's

Mc Dermott's Workshop East Brunswick

On Saturday the 15th of August we all met in East Brunswick for a morning with Rob McDermott at his workshop.

Rob grew up in a wealthy family who ran an engineering business, he became addicted to Rolls Royce cars from an early age. Rob's first car was an Austin 7, which he still owns, he paid 10 pounds for the car which he believes was built for the 1934 motor show. It has a coach built body, timber frame and timber floor pan.



Rob started his business working on Rolls Royce's in 1971 and he purchased his first Rolls Royce, a Silver Ghost, at



the age of 14. Like his Austin 7, he still owns this Rolls Royce. For many years his business was located in Footscray and since he moved to the current building, his business has picked up substantially.

The current building looks like it dates back to around the 1920's and is a sizable building which is on two levels. The quality of Rolls Royce cars is well known, but the engines are so well constructed that they can last for 700,000 km, and when the engine is pulled

down most of the components are still good. The size of the engines and the heavy duty construction of the vehicles look more like something found in a truck.

There are quite a number of cars in the process of being restored, looking

PAST EVENTS - Mc Dernott's



around the building there are a large number of parts and Rob does his own castings for steering boxes and differential housings which he sells worldwide.

Rob's other passion is for Bristol cars. Again, there are a number of Bristols in the process of restoration. Bristol made 1,700 cars over various

models which were built since World War II, over a quarter of all cars made came to Australia. Bristol used high quality materials from aircraft manufacturing and were experts in lightweight cars. Most cars only had around a 2 litre engine, were developed in a wind tunnel, and were very fast for their day.



Rob has another warehouse he shares with his brother which has close to 200 cars in storage. Rob has a wealth of knowledge which he enjoyed sharing with us, he was interesting to listen to and those in the group agreed it was a morning well spent.

A big thank you to John McMillan for all his work in organising this event, as always John puts in many hours planning these events.

David Easton



OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 2 Results

Editor’s Note

You may recall that I initially published reports for OSTs 1, 2 & 3 in July Lightshaft, and in the August Lightshaft when I published reports for OST 5 and 6 BUT apologised that I only had Results for OST1 and OST 5 and OST 6 that I felt comfortable publishing.

The other reports, for OST 2 and OST 3 appeared to need

Date: 03/05/2026		Woori Vallock		OST 2		MA Permit: 326/0305/03											
Driver		Navigator		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Placing			
Rodney Wiersema		Cassie Wiersema		6	2	5	10	4	3	6	8	7	51	1			
Grant Campbell		Tyler Hubbard		4	5*	8	8	2	8	1	7	7	50	2			
Dean Hunt		Andrew Hamilton		5	5	3	8	1	5	6	8	7	48	3			
Jake Filsell		Glenn Linnane		9	5	0	10	1	4	4	6	7	46	4			
Grant Della		Declan Caldecoat		4	5	2	6	3	2	6	7	7	42	5			
Jason Stock		Nikita Stock		4	1	2	7	2	2	2	4	6	30	6			
David Atkins		Ash Butler		2	2	2	6	2	2*	2	2	5	25	7			
Stuart Schweiger		Tyler Hubbard		4	5	5	10	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	24	8			
Zoe Atkins		Michael Wiersema		5	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	5	23	9			
Paul Hunt		Natalie Watson		2	1	4	3	1	2	2	1	4	20	10			
Declan Caldecoat		Grant Della		2	3	1	0	1	2	2	2	3	16	11 =			
Greg Cox		Maddison Coakley		10	2	4	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	16	11 =			
Matt Vickery		Zoe Inglis		2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	0	15	13			
Nathan Hunt		Paige Pateman		4	3	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	9	14			
Leanne Coakley		Geoff Taylor		5	1	2	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	8	15			

* WD
! Roll

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 3 Results

Date: 24/05/2026	Glenburn 2	MA Permit: 326/2405/05													
		OST 3													
Driver	Navigator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Placing
Greg Cox	Maddy Coakley	7	9	10	7	8	9	8	7	2	5	2	4	78	1
Stuart Schweiger	Lucas O'Sullivan	10	9	4	4	3	9	7	8	1	4	9	4	72	2
Dean Hunt	Michael Wiersema	9	7	3	7	7	3	5	8	4	4	9	4	70	3
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	10	7	7	7	5	7	6	4	1	3	8	1	66	4
Grant Della	Gabby Della	3	7	5	5	7	7	7	6	1	6	6	4	64	5
Jake Filsell	Jeff Webb	10	9	10	7	4	3	7	8	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	58	6 DNF
David Atkins	Nakita Stock/Ash Butler	2	7	7	2	3	2	7	4	2	4	2	4	46	7
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	10	9	2	6	3	9	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	39	8 DNF
Declahn Caldecoat	Kyle Fursessedonn	2	7	3	6	3	0	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	21	9 DNF

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DNS - Did not start

DNF - Did not finish

some alterations.

So these pages now supply Results for the missing OST 2 and OST 3 and OST 4, together with Results for OST 7 and OST 8, and quite a few photos from Jo Stritch for the Dale Shaw OST 7, and a few more photos from Jason for the John Pryce OST 8

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 4 Results

Date: 14/06/2026	Strathewen	MA Permit: 326/1406/09													
Driver	Navigator	OST 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	6	9	8	6	2	9	8	7	7	7	8	4	74	1
Greg Cox	Nakita Stock	6	6	5	2	2	9	9	9	7	7	10	7	70	2
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	6	8	3*	7!	2	9	6	6	6	10	4	7	68	3
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	4	5	5	2	1	9	8	4	9	4	4	7	58	4
Jake Filsell	Chris Handley	5	2	7	0	2	8	10	4	9	9	9	0	56	5
Grant Della	Gabby Della	3	5	7	5	2	7	3	4	3	4	9	6	54	6
Dave Atkins	Ash Butler	4	6	7	5*	2	3	3	6	3	3	9	4	52	7
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	4	5	4	1	2	8	3	7	3	4	4	6	47	8
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	4	5	2	4	2	9	3	3	3	3	7	2	44	9
Declan Caldecoat	Kyle Fursessedonn	4	3	4	2	2	8	9	0	3	4	4	4	43	10
Dean Hunt	Tyler Hubbard	4	2	2	1	1	7	9	4	2	3	4	4	39	11
Matt Vickery	Zoe Inglis	3	3	3	1	1	2	3	6	3	5	4	4	34	12=
Zoe Atkins	Tyler Hubbard	2	3	2	1	2	3	5	6	6	2	5	3	34	12=
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	4	4	4	24	14

* WD - Wrong direction DNS - Did not start
! Roll DNF - Did not finish

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL REPORT by Jason

Ost Report 7 Dale Shaw and 8 John Pryce Memorial Trial

Recently we held the 30th anniversary of the Dale Shaw trial at the Rob Roy Hill Climb circuit. We had 14 entries for the day, and mostly blue skies, apart from one very brief downpour. Joanne Stritch, the daughter of Dale Shaw was the director on the day as normal, putting on a great day, with some fantastic sections. The first couple of sections were fairly dry, even with the downpour, but as we headed further down the gully things got muddier! A few car troubles for some drivers but all managed to complete the days action! 10 sections down and the podium saw Rod and Cassie Wiersema on top with 84 points, from Greg Cox and Maddison Coakley on 74 points with a tie for 3rd seeing Dean Hunt and Alicia Randall along with Cooper Schweiger and Alicia Randall only 2 points behind on 72 points!

Next up we celebrated the huge milestone of the 75th John Pryce Memorial Trial! This should have been done some time ago but due to the covid era we have had to wait! We had commemorative pins and booklets made up to help commemorate the day.

We ran our teams event which is always a bit of fun and a number of us put in some extra effort to clean up our cars in a bid to win the best presented car award, the Crazy Craig Hansen award, which was won by Jake Filsell, who is actually driving the car once owned by Crazy Craig himself. But the prize we all really want is to have our name on the coveted JP trophy!

We had a great field entered for this event with 17 cars, sadly by the morning of the



OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL REPORT by Jason

trial 2 had pulled out leaving 15 cars to battle it out. As we headed off down the paddock, it became obvious we were in for a very muddy trial, after a week of rain heading into the weekend!

Some challenging pegging saw some low scores in some of the early sections although the first car of the day scored a great 10 points! Well done Paul Hunt! A few other managed this too.

After 3 sections we were down a car, with a possible gear box issue ending the day for one competitor. One more section before the lunch break, saw plenty of mud being flung and lots of slipping and sliding.

After the lunch break we headed back into the mud, for another 6 sections, but had to can 1 due to the difficulty of getting cars out once they stopped.

We finished the day with 2 sections on the side of the dam, but not in the water! Again some challenging pegging saw some good action including a slow and gentle roll over of 1 car, so another ROLLING PIN is on it's way!

The day saw Cooper Schweiger and Alicia Randall on top of the podium with 60 points, Mark Fillsell and Jeff Webb in 2nd place on 58 points and Dean Hunt and Michelle Scurr in 3rd on 57 points.

Next up OST 9 Glenburn!

See you in the mud!

Jason

Cooper Schweiger & Alicia Randall looking happy with their win, and the perpetual Trophy for the John Pryce OST



OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 7 Results

Date: 26/07/2026	Dale Shaw @ Rob Roy		OST 7		MA Permit: 326/2507/02									
Driver	Navigator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Placing	
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	6	10	8	9	10	9	8	7	8	9	84	1	
Greg Cox	Maddison Coakley	3*	10	8	8	6	8	8	7	9	7	74	2	
Dean Hunt	Alicia Randall	5	9	8	9	5	7	9	2	9	9	72	3=	
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randall	4	9	8	6	7	7	8	8	5	10	72	3=	
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	9	9	9	9	3	7	8	1	9	7	71	5	
Grant Della	Gabby Della	4	9	8	9	5	9	6	7	2	9	68	6	
Jake Filsell	Lori Filsell	9	9	8	6	4	9	5	1	5	9	65	7	
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	4	5	9	8	7	4	4	9	5	7	62	8	
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	8	9	6	4	5	7	1	2	4	4	50	9=	
Paul Monk	Campbell Foster/ Tim Hamond	7	5	9	5	2*	3	4	3	5	7	50	9=	
Declan Caldecoat	Nakita Stock	5	6	4	2	4	7	4	6	1	5	44	11	
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	1	5	9	5	3	4	2	3	1	6	39	12	
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	5	5	5	5	4	2	3	1	2	6	38	13	
Michael Wiersema	Michelle Scurr	7	6	7	8	5	9	8	5	8	6	69	DNPS	

* WD - Wrong direction
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DNS - Did not start
DNF - Did not finish
DNPS - Did not pass scrutineering

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 8 Results

Date: 9/08/26	John Pryce 75th @ Lilydale			OST 8		MA Permit: 326/0808/02									
Driver	Navigator	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Placing			
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randall	10	9	9	9	10	3	4	4	2	60	1			
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	8	6	8	9	10	3	4	6	4	58	2			
Dean Hunt	Michelle Scurr	4	2	8	9	10	3	10	7	4	57	3			
Jake Filsell	Justin Aylett	8	3	8	3	10	3	4	9	4	52	4			
Greg Cox	Leanne Coakley	5	2	8	7	10	3	4	6	3!	48	5=			
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	4	1	8	9	10	3	4	5	4	48	5=			
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	4	4	8	9	6	3	4	6	4	48	5=			
Dave Atkins	Zoe Atkins/Ash Butler	4	2	9	9	6	3	4	6	4	47	8=			
Paul Monk	Nigel Newman	4	3	8	9	10	3	0	6	4	47	8=			
Paul Hunt	Luke Watson	10	2	8	3	3	1	4	4	2	37	10=			
Nathan Hunt	Paige Pateman	5	4	6	3	8	1	4	3	3	37	10=			
Declan Caldecoat	Kyle Furredsonn	7	5	6	2	3	3	3	3	3	35	12			
Zoe Atkins	Tyler Hubbard	4	2	3	6	3	1	4	4	3	30	13			
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	5	1	6	4	10	1	DNS	DNS	DNS	27	14			
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	10	5	9	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	24	15			

* WD - Wrong direction DNS - Did not start

! Roll DNF - Did not finish

10 Point penalty

OST TEAMS 2026 @ OST8

BLUE TEAM		
Mark Filsell	58	58
Dave Atkins	47	47
Grant Campbell	48	48
Paul Monk	47	
		153

YELLOW TEAM		
Rodney Wiersema	24	
Cooper Schweiger	60	60
Nathan Hunt	37	37
Stuart Schweiger	48	48
		145

GREEN TEAM		
Jason Stock	27	27
Jake Filsell	52	52
Dean Hunt	57	57
		136

RED TEAM		
Paul Hunt	37	37
Greg Cox	48	48
Zoe Atkins	30	
Declan Caldecoat	35	35
		120

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Teams Results at OST 8



THE DALE SHAW TRIAL 2026

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Once again, our active OST group gathered at the famous Rob Roy Hillclimb grounds to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Dale Shaw Trial. This trial came about when long time and loved member of the Austin 7 Club, Dale Shaw, passed away in 1997. In honour of Dale, this car event was named after him and aims for a day of tough trialling with fair and unbiased sections calling on committed driving that is thoughtful and focused.

The Director (and this story writer) Joanne Stritch, is Dale's daughter and has been involved with this trial's instigation since day dot, competing in the first few years and officially directing for many years since. Joanne pegs all the sections and has become familiar with the terrain here at Rob Roy. Side note - there were a lot of kangaroos keeping Jo and her dog Fly company this year whilst pegging, to the point that they were hopping thru the sections as they evolved! And the kind little furry friends didn't knock any over either prior to the Sunday event - yay!!

Fourteen 'keen as mustard' entrants this year and amazing sunshine to bless our event, with plenty of rain in the lead up - which all mixed together to create the recipe for a great event. As a special celebration for this milestone, we had ex-Muddy Mark Taylor as MC, racing photographers Racenuts and their crew of three in amongst the action, videographer Cliff from CLens Media (watch out for his YouTube video), a photo board showing Dale's Austin 7 career and commemorative metal badges for all competitors, officials and helpers to keep as a memento. And hopefully many stopped and had a look at the banner down amongst the sections, which featured many of our past muddies competing at a DS Trial over the years.

What more could we ask for to top off a celebratory event? Well, some kick ass driving for one, and we got this in spades as all the drivers took on the first section with gusto, a nice little pipe opener, not too technical, which tested the traction of the ground whilst testing the brain has had enough fuel to focus!

Onto the second section with more technical asks, more traction needed, a



Declan Caldecoat and Nakita Stock - Splashing thru the puddle obstacle Section 2

puddle to splash thru, some interesting holes at the six and seven and a very technical but simple nine to ten for those that understood the question. And what a joy it was to see two drivers commit and get that ten line exactly right. It's driving like this that makes this passionate director smile a little smile. Side note - it was both a front and rear engine that got a ten. Plenty of traction available for everyone, that is for sure, just the way we like it.

Section three was pretty much a sideways hill climb with a few twists around trees in the early stages and the higher pegs involving the need to negotiate some wombat holes in the steep climb up the hill. Plenty had a mighty fine crack at this section and the earlier worries about the lack of grip around the four to five peg quickly dissipated. The sneaky crab drive across the steep hill from five to six wasn't complained about either, with the drivers knowing a little RH fiddle brake to hold the car straight kept the line. Plenty of high scores on this section.

Probably the tightest section of the day was section four, but room was available for those needing it, with not many using it. The simple drive up the hill from seven to eight caught many unaware with eight being a failing point, and many getting to the nine pegs.

The director's favourite section of the day was section five, and wanting to cash in on the morning dew to assist with the challenge, we squeezed this one in before lunch. This section used all the advantages of the terrain, with wide pegs and plenty of undulation and wheel placement challenges to keep the drivers thinking. This section pretty much pegged itself and to the director



Leanne Coakley and Geoff Taylor - Daughter and father duo focusing thru Section 5

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is pinnacle of what a section should look like. Basics like keeping the front wheels straight to continually navigate the undulations whilst keeping the momentum going on a twisting track with hilly terrain truly asks for a driver to keep the brain focused at full concentration. The eventual winner of the day was the only driver to stay on the ball and score a fabulous ten.

After a lovely lunch break in the sun, chatter and raffle draw, the drivers were treated to a kind warm up section, with some fun mud driving and hard revving hill climb course. We can't be trialling at a hill climb event without our own hill climb, can we?

After this we had section seven, the mud section of the day and the most favoured and fun area for the drivers.

Added to the wheel spins and sideways action spraying all the onlookers, the drivers had a serious seven to ten to negotiate down into the guts of the gully and around in a big wall of death loop to tackle the hard climb exit; with a ten waiting over a ditch. Only the brave would get there as the exit required some



Grant Della and Gabby Della -
Enjoying a muddy slide on Section 6



Paul Hunt and Natalie Watson -
Blasting thru Section 7 and having
fun in the mud!



Grant Campbell & Lori Filsell - S7
negotiating one of the muddy corners
with serious intent.

serious momentum. The drivers all edged closer to that ten as the section progressed and everyone threw their heart into the effort. One driver made it out of the gully but couldn't quite get the ten (great effort) and the crowd was definitely cheering him on. Big smiles for everyone.



Left Stuart Schweiger and Cassie Wiersema - Successfully thru the seven peg and about to score the only nine on Section 8

Section 8 was a tricky, cheeky section which started with the drivers spinning around some rabbit holes, then over a

Michael Wiersema and Michelle Scurr - Flying over the rabbit holes Section 8

standard 4wd ditch for the four to five, some sideways driving thru the six up a small bank and then the biggest challenge, the seven drop into the gully and eight to ten up a side gully embankment. We got the biggest mix of scores on this section with high scores, some brilliant driving in the middle, and some mental blanks scoring lowly (no offence drivers!). This pegger aims to challenge drivers on all accounts, mental and driving province. It was a bit hairy watching some of the drivers charge the rabbit holes and hearing all the loud car clunks and passengers' oohs and aah's clunking along too!



Getting near the end of the day, section 9 was a great test for every driver to tackle the technically and mentally challenging wall of

Cooper Schweiger & Alicia Randle - Attempting the wall of death Section 9 Placed =3rd



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death thru the water from the three to six pegs. This required lots of planning on entry and driving up out of the gully before spinning around in the water to leave room to get thru the exit. If the driver was hesitant about the wall of death there was guaranteed failure and hitting of pegs. After that there was negotiation of the gully and then a very tough climb up the hill to the ten peg. We had a good mix of results with all skill levels getting tested and hopefully some confidence and learning achieved for future events.

Last but not least the last section of the day, which had the favourite car jump ramp (to which everyone drove very sensibly – what’s going on drivers?) and then a loud blast up the damp gully with line options, to a fair and achievable exit followed by an eight to ten of what this

writer thought

tough but achievable and worthy of the final chance to score points and win the trial if needed. Everyone put their best pedal forward with the lowest score being four and

Left: Rodney Wiersema and Cassie Wiersema - Successfully climbing out of the gully Section 10 Placed 1st



Above: Paul Monk and Campbell Foster - Determinedly taking on the wall of death Section 9

Below: Jake Filsell and Lori Filsell - Giving Section 9 plenty of revs Son and Mother duo



plenty in the seven to nine range with one ten. The section played out as hoped with no single fail points along the route.

The day ended with glorious sunshine, perfect for packing up the trial and cleaning up the people. Many thanks to the MG Club for the use of this wonderful property and the support you give this director in the set up. She couldn't do it without you.

Many thanks to the committee for behind-the-scenes communication and support on the day (champions), the officials that made the day so much fun and worked well with this writer, the drivers that drove and worked out the sections the great, the good and the ugly, the passengers that navigated, bounced, yelled, cheered, and laughed you kept us officials entertained, the Austin 7 Club for its support and historic members that attended, the families and crowd that attended in support of your loved ones, and my partner Rudi for keeping me company in my set up.

This has been the celebratory event full of the joy that I had hoped for in my wildest dreams, and I'm proud of us all for every part we all played in it. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart and congratulations to the winners –

1st Rodney Weirsema and Cassie Weirsema

2nd Greg Cox and Maddison Coakley

=3rd Cooper Schweiger and Alicia Randle

=3rd Dean Hunt and Alicia Randle



Above: Greg Cox and Maddison Coakley - Blasting down the gully Section 10 Placed 2nd

See a full copy of the Results on Page 31

I bought the Dalshaw 4x4 Week Flyer from Dale—So called as it supposedly took 16 Weeks to build—and I had a few wonderful seasons of OSTs and Motorkhanas in the mid 1970s that I will never forget. Editor

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

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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.

COMING

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN 7 ENTHUSIAST

Sporting Austin Sevens in Australia

After more than three years of research and writing I am pleased to have now completed my book on *Sporting Austin Sevens in Australia*.

It was my intention to create a serious quality book, not a coffee table book with pretty pictures, but a historical work that captures the role Austin Sevens played in motor sport in Australia.

Starting with a reliability trial in October 1923, Col Arthur Waite's win at Phillip Island in 1928 and ending with the UK Raid in 1981. There are more than 75,000 words (420 pages) and close to 500 photos.

Tony Johns

The Club will have a supply of these in plenty of time for an ideal Christmas present for the Austin 7 enthusiast.

Watch this space !!

NEW SPARES or BACK IN STOCK

I fully intended to get photos of all our new stock items, but ran out of time.

However new stock is about to arrive

1 5/16" splash fed crankshaft and white-metalled rods to match.

1 1/2" Phoenix splash fed crankshaft

1 1/2" Phoenix pressure fed crankshaft

1 1/2" Phoenix con-rods with shell bearings

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."

CartoonStock.com

MARKET PLACE

MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

Payment for Mail Order 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.

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.

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

Experienced Machinist Wanted

2- 3 days per week

Interesting work for quality restorations

McDermott's Workshop, Brunswick East

Phone Robert 0416 074 120

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

Unfortunately, not available by mail order.

SPARE PARTS List - July 2025

Is available on the website.

Printed copies are \$5

or, alternately -

Print your own, at a size that suits your eyes,

Oppress not the cubs of the stranger,

But hail them as sister and brother.

For though they be little and fusby,

It may be their Bear is their mother.

- Rudyard Kipling

‘The Law of the Jungle’

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

Make / Identity and Model: AUSTIN 7 SPECIAL		Log Book No: H0315
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
Registration No. (Rally Cars): —		
RECORD OF VEHICLE OWNERSHIP		
Owner first registered with CAMS or (address): W. BOYDING 14 McLAUREN ST MT WAVERLEY VIC 3149	Date: 4.1.82	CAMS STAMP
DATE	OWNERSHIP	TRANSFERRED TO
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11.12.96	KEVIN WEDD 94 CENTENNARY	DYE MILL PARK VIC 3092
16.4.98	MAX BOBINSON P.O. BOX 46	ESTHAM VIC 3095
ON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP THIS LOG BOOK MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN 14 DAYS TO CAMS FOR TRANSFER		
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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.

Chris Gaunt 0412 107 205

cgaunt50@gmail.com



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



The Austin 7 Club *Annual Rally 2026*

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!

CHAPTER 2

The Austin 7 lands in Australia

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An extract from “Sporting Austin Sevens in Australia”

A book brilliantly researched story supported by brilliant photos.