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# THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

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April 2025

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Sean Batagol with his grandmother, who is one of his pit crew, at the Australian Grand Prix, with the ex John Bowring Austin 7 Photo Barry Batagol

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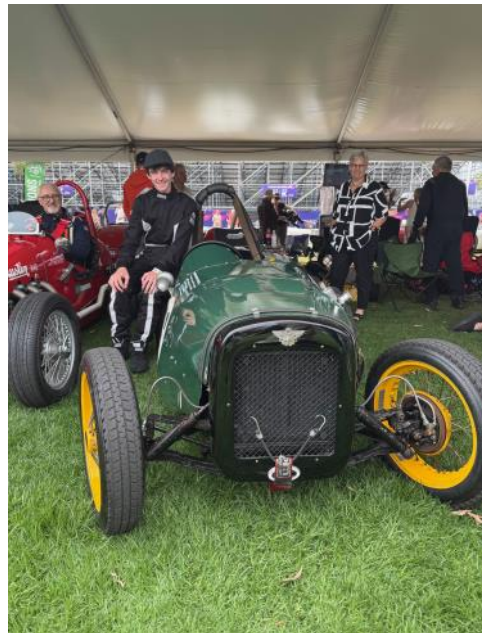


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The Bowring A7 Special - Winner's are Grinners

See story, about a young member making good, on Page 23 to 26





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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL

2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
4	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
4-6	Fri-Sun			GT World Challenge Australia – Phillip Island
5	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ
5	Sat			First Day of Autumn School Holidays
<del>5</del>	<del>Sat</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>A</del>	<del>Swap Day (Cancelled)</del>
9	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
11-13	Sat-Sun			SCCSA All Historic Mallala
12	Sat		A	OST Scrutineering - Lilydale
16	Wed	7	A	HAS./Spares / Guest Speaker Bruce Walker “My Career”
18	Fri			Good Friday
18	Fri		A	Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park - Austin 7 Club
21	Mon			Easter Monday
21	Mon			Last Day of Autumn School Holidays
23	Wed			Committee Meeting
25	Fri			Anzac Day
26	Sat			MSCA Super Sprint Round 4 – The Bend
27	Sun			Scoresby Picnic – Federation

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***Friday 18 April 2025.***

**MAY**

3-4	Sat/Sun		125th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally
4	Sun	7	OST 1 - Glenburn
4	Sun	S	V.H.R.R. Historic Hillclimb Rob Roy
6	Tue		MA State Council - Delegates Mtg
7	Wed	7 A	M.G.M./Spares
9	Fri	7	Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
10	Sat	7	Spares/B.B.Q.
11	Sun		<b>MOTHERS DAY</b>
14	Wed		Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
17	Sat		Federation Delegates Mtg host Mallee Steam Oil & Machinery Club at Woorinen
17	Sat	7	Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
17	Sat		Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
18	Sun		Murrabit Picnic - Federation
18	Sun		AOMC/RACV National Motoring Heritage Day
18	Sun	7	OST 2 - Woori Yallock
19	Mon		AOMC Delegates Meeting
21	Wed	7 A	H.A.S./Spares
23	Fri	7	Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour
23-25	Fri-Sun	7 AR	Historic Winton
27	Tuesday		Federation Picnic -
28	Wed		Committee Meeting
28	Wed	7 A	NO URRRS

**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](mailto:brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com)

## 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.*

## Club Calendar Information

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well by now members will have had their fair dose of warm weather. Those members with Austin Sevens will have found them getting a bit hot under the bonnet, whereas the muddies will have found the popular hollows and creeks as dry as a bone.

Well the good news is that the cool and damp weather can't be far away.

Historic Winton is also not far away and our wonderful Sub-Committee have been working hard to make this one quite unique with a revamp of the race details for an all car event. They would like to encourage all club members to come along to OUR event and support the Club. We are always looking for volunteers to help out on the weekend, but to also invite members and their family and friends to just come along and enjoy the event.

This year we are having a special display of A7s for the A7 club 75th anniversary.

The Friday heritage tour is also a winner with an excellent Friday jaunt amongst other likewise enthusiasts.

Ahead of Historic Winton, in April we are the organisers of the Good Friday Appeal Hot Cross Bun Run (in conjunction with other clubs) at Braeside Park, which is an opportunity to munch on the buns for a great cause.

There's also the Christmas in July and our Social Secretary Ron would like an indication of your interest (and perhaps your \$35 p/person) for this event.

Glynis Gibbons

As an active club, we encourage you to drive in 2025.

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

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

With the membership renewal period finished for 2025 we are within a couple of members of this time last year.

Big Sevens seem to be the model of the month with Bernard Andrivon of Macarthur rejoining the club after an absence of about 25 years and Rod & Bev Phillips of Inverloch joining: all with Big Sevens. Rod came up to the Progressive Lunch at Drouin which was a great opportunity for him to meet some of the members and for us to meet him.

Another new member is Daud Ally from Lysterfield, who is looking to purchase an Austin 7 to rekindle his father's memory of cars he owned back in India. It was nice to meet them when they came down to the last Saturday Spares and BBQ at the Club Rooms..

A warm welcome to all these new members.

Russell

### 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>**

### CLUB WEBSITE

**More Photos and news on the website  
[www.austin7club.org/](http://www.austin7club.org/)**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

I am writing a whole lot later than usual, but family life (and preparations for Historic Winton) take priority.

I have today received an email, from our Minute Secretary (Tony Press) with a copy of Austin Magazine Australia, an excellent magazine from the Vintage Austin Register.

Which leads me to remind ALL members that they may be missing out on many such magazines, and other reminders, if you have not got an email address registered with the Club.

It is also worth mentioning the wonderful quarterly magazine, published by the Austin Seven Clubs' Association, usually about 48 pages, which you can subscribe to by contacting our Club Secretary. It always has a range of Austin 7 historical articles, events, technical info and news.

It is good to see many new members joining the Club, bringing fresh ideas to our Club. As usual many of these are taking advantage of our wide range of Austin 7 Spares, which are readily available at our "open hours" and by mail order.

It is also good that many of those newer members are also keen to participate in the wide range of events that the Club organises, or promotes.

Rob. Humphreys

## EVENTS FOR YOUR AUSTIN 7 IN 2025

If you have an idea for an event for our Austin 7s, or if you want to help run an event, but need help, let a Committee member know, and it can become part of the Club Calendar for 2025.

Perhaps you could even help to revive, or recreate, a form of event that was popular in the past but lacks an active organiser.

There is usually plenty of help and guidance available, by simply asking.



## COMING EVENTS

### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 2 April 2025

Come and share your stories about events attended, or volunteer to help with some function of the Club.

An update on our major events should be interesting, or perhaps you need to spend the shopping money on an essential item for the love of your life.

### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 4 April 2025

Perhaps this is time to get your Austin 7 in good fettle, for the Hot Cross Bun Run, conducted by our Club, this year.

**Tool Up:** *“to provide someone or something with the tools or equipment needed for making something, or to be provided with these tools or equipment.”*

### Spares / BBQ Saturday 5 April 2025

There are commonly a couple of Austin 7s at Spares Saturday, but it would be good to see more. Newer members find it helpful to see a reference vehicle, in the daylight, so that they can learn a bit more about what their Austin 7 should look like.

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WINTON



## COMING EVENTS

The next two weeks, after the Hot Air Session, can be challenging, as School Holidays bring all sorts of mayhem, and Easter Bunnies are hopping all over the place.

### Observed Section Trials Scrutineering - Saturday 12 April 2025

Hope you have all prepared your cars, and read Jason's words of wisdom, and information, in this issue. Remember, it helps the scrutineers if you get to this session, and it may alert you of something that you have missed.

### Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 16 April 2025

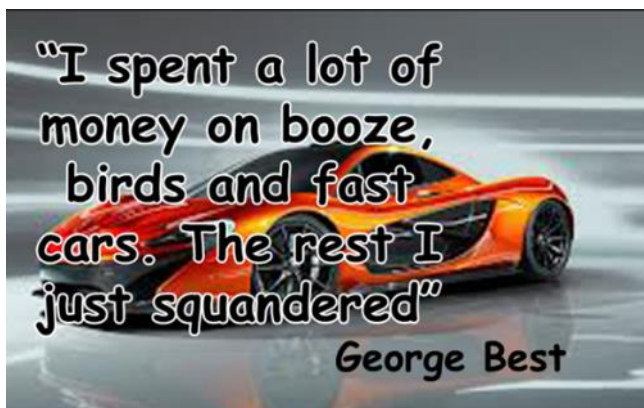
#### Talk by Bruce Walker - "My Career"

The Committee is livening up these sessions, as they were in the distant past, with some entertainment. Some talks, demonstration specials, or perhaps some films.

So, at this meeting, listen to Bruce's story.

Buy some parts, some for NOW, and some to go under the seat as an emergency supply.

There's also time to contribute to Historic Winton, or volunteer to assist on other Club activities.



## COMING EVENTS

### **HOT CROSS BUN RUN- GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL 2025**

**Annual Charity Event: Generous donations collected  
for the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal**

Whilst this is a cooperative joint event with other three Clubs, who take it in turn to host the event, and coordinate all arrangements.

***For 2025 year OUR Club is the host club.***

***Glynis Gibbons and Janne Humphreys are Directing the event, AND, Michael Lambert is coordinating our Club's volunteers for the event, so now is your opportunity to volunteer, if you have not already taken that action. - secretary@austin7club.org***

Volunteers are needed:-

- ◆ to welcome, and direct display vehicles, to their various locations, and to also direct visitors in "moderns".
- ◆ to collect donations for the Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.
- ◆ to arrange cooking and serving of grilled hot cross buns and drinks.

Other volunteers from our Club are arranging supply of the cooking systems, and all food and drink supplies.

*Hopefully, our Club can mount a good display of Austin 7s, and also take advantage of the opportunity to promote our Club and also promote Historic Winton. Come and join in our club display and have a great day out with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy the multitude of superb vehicles that are on display.*

WHERE - Rosella Oval, Braeside Park, Lower Dandenong Rd.,  
BRAESIDE

***Entry to park is at Melway Map 88 D8***

Rosella Oval is the last oval on the left hand side, before the exit back onto Lower Dandenong Road.

WHEN 9.00am till 2:30pm

## COMING EVENTS

### Flinders Motoring Heritage Sunday 20 April 2025

This is an annual event run by The Lions Club of Flinders

This event hosts a display of unique veteran, vintage, classic and modern motor cars, all displayed throughout Flinders Village. Now in its 9th year, the number of entrants and visitors has grown with up to 200 vehicles with over 2,000 visitors.

The entry fee is \$25 per vehicle. All drivers and passengers are free.

Entries: Email:

[fmh@flindersdistrictlions.com.au](mailto:fmh@flindersdistrictlions.com.au) or

Mobile: 0418 541 969

### OST 1 - Glenburn (Powerlines property) Sunday 4 May 2025

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

Bring a picnic lunch

### **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.



**2025**  
**FLINDERS**  
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## FEDERATION

### SCORESBY PICNIC CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Nation Steam Centre  
120 Ferntree Gully Rd  
Scoresby, VIC



Starts 10am

Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

#### Free entry

Vehicles 25 years & older are welcomed to park into the display area

Trade & Craft Displays  
BYO Picnic Lunch  
Steam Machine Displays  
Food Stalls  
Trophies for 5 Categories  
Children's Animal Farm  
Raffle Drawn 1pm  
Bring the Family



Enquiries:  
Gary 0418 140 844  
Len 0403 230641  
Ray 0409 216 273  
Trade Displays: Michael 0474 835 334

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Come and share your stories about events attended, or volunteer to help with some function of the Club.

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### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 9 May 2025

This is leaving it a bit late to tart up your car for the Historic Winton weekend, but well worth the effort.

### Spares / BBQ Saturday 10 May 2025

If you come in your Austin 7s on a Spares Saturday, it is an opportunity to compare features of your car with other Austin 7s, and it would be good to see more.

Newer members find it helpful to see a reference vehicle, in the daylight, so that they can learn a bit more about what their Austin 7 should look like. So you get a chance to tune your car, and help others.

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

**Check your date of EXPIRY of your Permit.**

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

**When paying ALWAYS retain your receipt.**

**Keep a scanned copy of your receipt with your logbook.**

**Please get a My VicRoads Account.**

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

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

## COMING EVENTS

### **JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 17 May 2025**

I have opened the booking for - *MERRY MAY*

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](mailto:janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au)

Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316

### **Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 17 May 2025**

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### **OST 2 - Woori Yallock Sunday 18 May 2025**

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

Singing in the shower is fine until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

## Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 21 May 2025

The Committee is livening up these sessions, as they were in the distant past, with some entertainment. Some talks, demonstration specials, or perhaps some films.

More news in next Lightshaft, but probably this will be an evening of helping to load the van with Historic Winton supplies.

So, for those who cannot attend Historic Winton, this may be your opportunity to understand a small, but essential facet, of the wide range of activities that lead to a successful event.

## HISTORIC WINTON VOLUNTEERS

Now's the time to volunteer to help at Historic Winton.

We need volunteers to train to take trackside/competition positions, such as Start Line, Scrutineering, Pre-Grid, and other positions to help organise the competition.

For many roles, that help the success of the event, you do not even need to attend the event, there are many tasks that simply need attendance to administration and promotion, in advance, and others that require help afterwards.

***This is always an opportunity to showcase what a well organised Club can achieve, and also provides an event that positively supports early motor sport categories, and members of a range of motor sport enthusiasts.***





SHARE THE PASSION



# BENALLA HISTORIC VEHICLE TOUR

Friday  
23<sup>rd</sup> May  
2025



Bookings are essential  
as numbers are limited.

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24th and 25th May 2025



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Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria



## COMING EVENTS

### Fish & Chip Run Sunday 15 June 2025

A good opportunity to take a tour to Mornington Peninsular, to Fish & Chips in Hastings.

More details will be in the next Lightshaft.

Janne Humphreys

### Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 18 June 2025

#### **A Presentation on cleaning metal parts with Hydroblasting**



1. Extreme pressure using water and glass beads will clean surface oxidation, oils and years of grime away
2. the final finish is natural, clean and bright
3. the surface has no contaminants left after cleaning and you have an original finish
4. the process is environmentally friendly and recycles the water and blast media
5. It will let me work full time at my factory and make some progress on my Austin Seven

Phillip Burns will give a presentation at the HAS meeting on Wednesday, 18th June, on the Hydro Blasting process and its differences from other blasting or cleaning processes. This process is environmentally friendly and recycles water and blast media. Instead of using caustic cleaners and wire brushes. Consider Hydro Blasting to restore and rejuvenate old car parts, making them look factory-new.

## COMING EVENTS

### Caulfield Racecourse - Glasshouse Bistro

Sunday Lunch on 6 July 2025

Start 12.30 pm

Booking for 40 persons made on your behalf in the Bistro – drinks at bar prices on the day

3 course Christmas in July

Traditional Menu as (Seniors)



### **ENTRÉE**

PUMPKIN SOUP w bread roll

### **MAIN**

TRIO OF ROAST turkey breast, leg ham, pork, yorkshire pudding & roasted seasonal vegetables w traditional gravy & cranberry sauce

### **DESSERT**

PLUM PUDDING w custard & cream

*Anticipated cost is \$35 per person*

Final cost subject to adjustment in June 2025 by Glasshouse

Your intention to attend required by payment at \$35 per person into the General Account BSB 083 323 and account 81 131 6316 and use

CIJ “your name” as reference

**Ron Crellin as YOUR Social Secretary**

I was walking in the jungle and saw a lizard on his hind legs telling jokes.

I turned to a local tribal leader and said, "That lizard is really funny!" The leader replied. "That's not just any old lizard ... he's a stand-up chameleon."



## Newsletter Number 4

# 10 months to go.

Have you booked your accommodation?

Christmas is just around the corner then it is 2025 the National Austin 7 Rally will be here before you know it.

The Bay to Birdwood is on the day before the start of the rally Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Please be aware that the format of the Bay to Birdwood has changed with cars up to 30 years old being eligible for the event. A link to entry forms for the Bay to Birdwood will be forwarded to you when they are available.

Entry Forms for our Rally will be released in March with a closing date of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

Preliminary events Schedule for Austin 7 National Rally 2025.

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Sign on 2pm-4pm

Welcome Dinner 6pm.

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2025**

Visit Strathalbyn including Gilberts Motor Museum, Collectable Classics and Antique shops.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2025**

Visit The Bend with Lunch and laps of the track.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2025**

Monarto Safari Park.

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Final Luncheon and trophy presentation.

We are finishing with a luncheon so everyone can bring their Austin 7 and not need to go home in the dark.

All runs are subject to change.

Merry Christmas

Andrew Dawes & David Gear

## Secretary's Notes

### First Aid and CPR

Recently some club members have expressed a desire to learn about the AED (automatic External Defibrillator) that we have at the club. The best way to learn about these devices is through a CPR course. We are currently looking for



expressions of interest in a combination First-Aid and CPR course to be held at the club rooms.

There are two options available:

Online theory component (2 hours @ \$110)

Full face-to-face (6 hours @ \$150)

Both courses will provide you with a recognised qualification (HLTAID009 and HLTAID011) that can be used in the workplace, with other volunteer organisations or even just to keep your family safe.

Scan the QR Code or go to <https://forms.gle/dKhcGJ199y7R4W9w6> before February 28 to help us determine what time and which course we can run. We will need 17 to 20 people to run a course and can run multiple courses if there is enough interest.



## Observed Section Trials News

Muddies,

Not long now until the start of our season. Just a few reminders that I want to pass on.

Please have your cars ready to for scrutineering at our face to face scrutineering day on SATURDAY 12th April. 9am start until 1pm. Please let me know roughly what time you plan to be there. It is a compulsory part of motorsport so please have your cars ready to go.

Our first trial is on the 4th of May at Glenburn Powerlines property, which is our new property. See the Club website for the actual address.

Please also make sure that your A7 Club membership is paid up prior to the first trial to help a smooth start to the season and less paperwork to be sorted by Leanne.

And finally, yes I am going to bang on about it all year again, PLEASE get onto the Motorsport Australia portal and get stuck into the General officials course.

See you in the mud.

Jason Stock

Editor's Note

The details of the new Powerlines property is updated in this Lightshaft, to accord with the Club website.

I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

## OUR AUSTINS

### 1957 BOWRING AUSTIN 7 SPECIAL #86

#### Specifications.

*Engine 748cc, 4 cylinder side valve, normally aspirated, extractor exhaust, one SU carburetor,*

*4 speed gear-box, 4 wheel hydraulic drum brakes, 16" wire wheels.*

*Weight 330 kg and actual recorded top speed 154 kph*

#### History.

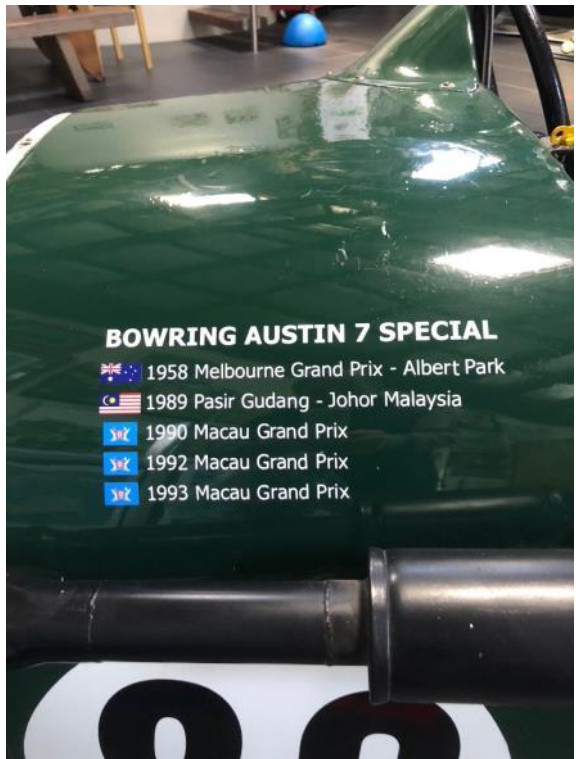
Built by John Bowring in 1957 from a 1937 Austin 7 Ruby to compete in the then Austin 7 racing class.

Competed extensively at Phillip Island, Templestowe Hill Climb, etc, where it held many lap records.

Raced at the 1958 Melbourne Grand Prix at Albert Park.

Purchased in 1988 by an expatriate Australian living in Hong Kong and competed in Pasir Gudang, Johore, Malaysia in 1959, Macau Grand Prix in 1990/1992/1993, Hong Kong, Singapore, etc.

*Purchased and bought back to Australia by John Bowring's son Craig in 2012 and it ran in the AGP Historic Demonstration in 2013.*



## OUR AUSTINS - Bowring A7 Special

### AGP Parade Batagol in Bowring A7 Special

The Editor received the following, earlier this year.

I thought you may like to know that my 16 Y.O. grandson Sean Batagol has been invited to drive our ex-John Bowring Austin 7 Special at the historic demonstration at this AGP at Albert Park.

Sean has been competing in the car over the past year at Rob Roy, Eddington, Geelong Revival as well as a few track days.

He is thoroughly enjoying the challenge and steadily improving his driving skills.

He was awarded the annual aggregate trophy for competition in December, at A7 Club, as well as winning the 2024 VSCC annual trophy for the best performance of a young driver.

We purchased this car a couple of years ago from Craig Bowring, (John's son), after it spent some 15 years in Hong Kong, where it competed at the Macau Grand Prix three times, Johore, Malaysia, Singapore, etc.

It needed some re-commissioning and sorting out after spending about 10 years at the Warrnambool Motor Museum, as cars should be driven and used, not stuck stationary in a museum, so we believe.

Barry Batagol





## OUR AUSTINS - Bowring A7 Special

*Editor's Note: Barry promised a report on Sean's participation in the AGP Parade - here it is!*

We purchased the car from Craig Bowring a couple of years ago for the use by our then 14 Y.O. grandson Sean so he could learn to drive properly which we feel is important whilst also bringing in some much needed younger blood into the historic scene.

The car needed considerable recommissioning and sorting out after sitting around for a number of years as cars need to be driven which we all know and understand.

Sean started off by driving down our farm tracks where we fitted 19" wheels to give some additional ground clearance and then progressed to Rob Roy, Eddington Sprints, Geelong Revival and a couple of track days at Calder and Broadford.

We have to ration out the time spent in the Austin 7 as Sean also has his schooling to consider which is a priority.

When he was younger Sean did several runs at the AGP as a passenger in the historic demonstration events in various cars including a Bentley Speed Six, Lotus Elan and an Austin Healey.

His goal with the Austin 7 was to one day run that in the AGP historic demonstration, which happened sooner than we all thought, as he was invited to run the car at the 2025 AGP event, "The Fabulous Fifties".

This involved three sessions of about 20 minutes each.



## OUR AUSTINS - Bowring A7 Special

Unfortunately, during the first session Sean spun the car and became beached in a gravel trap which caused both him and organisers much angst.

However, he learnt from that mistake and both he and the car performed well in in the second and third sessions.

The organisers must be congratulated in making a special effort to encourage young drivers to participate in historic motorsport, as if we do not do that then historic cars have a very uncertain future.

For this we should all do our bit, as much as possible.

Barry Batagol

## PAST EVENTS - ANNUAL RALLY

*Editor's Note:*

*Last month you saw the photos, but the Editor ran out of space, and time, to include David Isom's report about the Annual Rally.*

The 56th. Annual Austin Seven Rally was organised by Phil Hallo at the delightful Sages Cottage , Baxter and held on Sunday 13 October 2024. We had 34

Austin Sevens attend on the splendid sunny Sunday. Gum trees provided some shade for our picnic lunches and a decent coffee was available after a similarly decent wait , such is the popularity of the venue.

We all know each car is loved and cherished by their owners so judging the best in each category is quite subjective and difficult although Brian Gibbons and myself quite independently concurred closely in our judging.

## PAST EVENTS—ANNUAL RALLY

Here are the results ;

- ⇒ Transport, Greg Drummond ;
- ⇒ Commercial Original, Wayne Styles;
- ⇒ Sports Special, John Neave;
- ⇒ Most Original Sports , David Isom ;
- ⇒ Most Original , Karen Dickson;
- ⇒ Commercial, Ilona Booth;
- ⇒ Director's Choice, Richard Kempster; Most Original
- ⇒ Showroom, Roger Nation.

Overall, a lovely day out in our cars was had and thanks again to Phil for organising the event and to all of those who attended

David Isom.

### STOP PRESS

Many of our members are very passionate about preserving our heritage, so the plight of the Alma Doepel may be of particular interest.



Australia's oldest surviving wooden tall ship, is a vital piece of our maritime heritage. After many years of painstaking restoration at Docklands, the project faces a significant challenge.

Development Victoria has issued a notice to vacate the restoration site by the end of June. This places the entire project in jeopardy.

## PAST EVENTS - URRRS ComCater

Robert, Fiona and I were among the first to arrive and were met by Mark, John McMillan's son-in-law who was a little bit nervous, wondering whether we would be interested in the catering equipment he was about to show us, but we were happy to let him know that we were looking forward to seeing the equipment we never see at restaurants and other food outlets as it is mostly out of sight.



After a delicious morning tea, freshly baked that morning, we began our tour. I found the size of the cooktops and ovens alone was amazing and even imagining the size of the pots and pans used to cook such great quantities of food and the strength involved was remarkable.

All the equipment comes from overseas, mostly Italy or the US and Canada with the only equipment Australia can acknowledge is in the cheaper range where all the outer casings are made overseas and the inner workings are assembled here.

When a commercial kitchen is constructed using high end products it can easily cost \$50,000+ which is an



**PAST EVENTS - URRRS ComCater**

enormous outlay for a small business to handle.

Interestingly commercial kitchens need to operate using gas as this is more cost efficient, which begs the question of Victorians being asked to convert to electricity only in their homes.



All the food is monitored and kept under strict temperature control so that it can be held for use longer, which is another thing I wasn't sure about, especially when you think about take-away, such as at MacDonalads. Probably better not worry about it.

The latest piece of equipment which was shown to us was from Germany and is a steam /convection oven which has 20-30 shelves in it and can be programmed using an app to cook different foods on different shelves and we were treated to steak on one shelf and chips on the other.

Unfortunately with this type of machine chefs are becoming obsolete in many areas and are basically taught how to operate these machines using pre-packaged food which is a great shame.

After such an interesting visit we then set off for the Graham Hotel in Port Melbourne for lunch which was a delightful location and we didn't ask how the food was prepared.

Thanks to John for a truly great day

Janne Humphreys

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## PAST EVENTS - URRRS ComCater

*Editor's Note:- From a country member's view, travelling from near Mansfield.*

We set off at an unbelievable hour in the morning to go to Comcater in Port Melbourne, wondering if we were mad or maybe it would be interesting and informative. On arrival, after negotiating the

Melbourne traffic with all its' detours and crazy behaviour, we then had to pass the intelligence test set by John to actually find Comcater! We peered under semi obscured doors to see some familiar faces! Phew!

We started with delicious pastries and tea/coffee- much appreciated after a long drive – and then John and Pam's son in law, Mark, took us on a fascinating journey through commercial catering. Equipment made in the US, Germany and Italy. None from Australia sadly, but that's a common theme. Nowadays these machines are made for push button operation by people who do not seem to need many cheffing skills. Blast chillers, steam ovens, fryers that clean their own fat/oil. Amazing. No wonder we can have all the meals at our local pub/golf club brought out at the same time. Apparently, these new steam ovens can cook all sorts of foods at once, in the same oven, programmed to have them ready at once! And, (horror!) chips can be cooked in a steam oven with no newspaper wrapping or fat dripping off them. All very healthy and totally compliant with OH&S requirements.

It was all sealed off with a delicious steak “barbequed” in the steam oven. It was voted a total success along with the chips, despite their lack of



## PAST EVENTS - URRRS ComCater

stratospheric cholesterol possibilities

After this we retired to the delightful Graham Hotel in Port Melbourne for lunch (which they had been doing since 1870). I was tempted to ask about their kitchen and equipment, but exercised enormous restraint and just enjoyed the meal that was presented.

On our way home we contemplated the day deciding that any of John's URRRS activities are really enjoyable and well worth attending.

Sue McGorlick

## PAST EVENTS - Homestead Run



Russell Dickson provided this great photo of the Austin 7s lined up in front of Barwon Park Homestead, and the Director of yet another successful event, John McMillan, supplied a whole lot more photos.

I'll give you those next month, hoping to also have a story about the event.

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## **Austin Seven Clubs Association**

### **The Online Archive**

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

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

More being constantly added.

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

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

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

***An original Handbook is also a handy reference.***

## NEWS FROM SPARES

### MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

*Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.*

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

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

**Robert & Janne Humphreys- [mailorderparts@austin7club.org](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)**

### SPARES

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

*Please be prepared to follow any current COVID restrictions.*

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

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

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

Unfortunately, not available by mail order.

We have two new shipments of Spares, which will not only replenish stock, but will add about 5 additional stock lines.

Watch this space for more news on these.

FedEx did a great job of stuffing us around on the customs clearances and providing documentation, partly stemming from our misunderstanding that we were getting TWO parcels, but actually received THREE.

<b>MARKET PLACE</b>
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**Regretful Sale**

1937 Austin & Ruby Roadster- ex Life Member Fred Darling

Not running since 2015, this is an older restoration that took place over many years. including

Full chassis restoration - front-end including kingpins, rear axle and keys, all suspension bushes, powder coated wheels, new tyres.

Engine overhauled with new pistons and rings, valve regrind, new timing gears, new bearings, seals and gaskets.

Body dismantled and retimbered, rust repaired, full repaint, new running boards, interior trim.

Fred made a number of changes to “genuine” specification in the interests of safety, security and reliability in modern traffic. Key modifications are:

12-volt conversion

SU carburettor conversion

Upgraded headlights, taillights and indicators

Hydraulic brake conversion

The bodywork is not pristine, having suffered a few minor bangs and scrapes during use and storage. Fuel is well and truly stale and other items may need attention given the time in storage. While the various deviations from original may not suit the purists, it is a complete car (less battery) and nothing is irreversible. Various spares can come with the sale if required.

My preference is for it to stay within the club if possible, looking for offers around \$10,500

VIN:251733

Eng. No: M252930

Last Registered:13/11/2014

Photos available

Mike Darling 0407 793 906

## MARKET PLACE

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

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### FOR SALE

1933 Austin 10

4 door sedan (red). - \$12,000

Contact Peter Matthews's daughter,

Sue 0412 185 554



**FOR SALE**

1926 chummy ,club registration , runs well. - \$23,000

Phillip Hallo - 0413 185 576



**FOR SALE - Tony Bradford's Austin 7s**

1929 Austin 7 Tourer:

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



1934-1935 Austin 7 Roadster.

Complete rebuilt 3 bearing motor. 4 speed Needham gearbox. Body paint fresh and new. New tyres. Upholstery and roof original. . Needs finishing.



\$ 8,000

For Judy Bradford -  
Contact Robyn Ridley  
0417 150 753

**MARKET PLACE**

**FOR SALE**

One pair of competition springs Flat and bound \$200



One rare 1930 oil pressure gauge in working order \$180

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

One small oval rear window with bevel



glass \$35

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

Len Kerwood 0419504233

**FOR SALE**

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

Located in the Australian Capital Territory.

\$24,000 ono, pick up only.



Contact Anthony Szell,

- 0403 758 030

**FOR SALE**

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

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

Initial queries to: Ilona on 0422 158 225

**PARKING AT CLUBROOMS**

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

**DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS**

**FOR SALE**

" **Miss Hetty** " our delightful 1929 Meteor Style Sports Special. Constructed in the early 1980's and sparingly used during the past 40 years.

Recently converted to 12 volt electrics during an extensive and exacting refurbishment by the well renowned Walter Raschle.

Current A7 Club registration and ready for some summer fun.

Contact Noel Wilcox (03) 5428 2689 or [noelwilcox@rocketmail.com](mailto:noelwilcox@rocketmail.com) for further details - \$15,995 ONO

**FOR SALE**

Supercharger with SU Carby & Drive Gear

Ex Warren Bonning \$400

Eric Gorr 0409 939 113

**FOR SALE**

Lucas 3 prong glass head light, able to be fitted to Austin 7 lights - \$250 for pair.

Pick up only.

Michael Shegog - 0419 007 033

shegoga7@gmail.com

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





**FOR SALE - 1936 Austin 7**

I've had this car for 40 years, it came to me with rolling chassis pushed round the corner, with everything else, in boxes, balanced on top.

Merv Grear (David's father and a legendary mechanic ) rebuilt the engine, the gearbox has SA A7 close ratio cogs, and it has a few new bits, recently LED lights, new tyres, all genuine bits through the club.

Usually starts first go, is a joy to drive, but not a concours car. Good upholstery, better than average paint, and can be driven and enjoyed.

The car has a well documented history, from new.

\$15,000 ONO,

Ian Leitch, Highgate, SA 5063

0417 812 514

**FOR SALE**

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

contact Brian Hussey

0418 561 910.

[brihus@bigpond.com](mailto:brihus@bigpond.com)



Once upon a time there was a King who was only 12 inches tall. He was a terrible King, but he made a great ruler.

Donington Auctions have a matching pair of Austin Sevens being sold at No Reserve in forthcoming Collector Car & Number Plate Auction from March 23 -30, 2025.

From long-term ownership by our Sydney vendor, a long-time club member and enthusiast, the Sevens were painstakingly restored some years ago and used sparingly ever since.

The older of the two is a 1925 AC 'Chummy',

while the younger RP Deluxe Saloon dates from 1933. Both are estimated to sell in the \$20,000-30,000 range and are available for viewing at Donington's Amaroo Park facility in Annangrove, NSW.

<https://online.doningtonauctions.com.au/m/lot-details/index/catalog/237/lot/52821/1933-Austin-Seven-Deluxe-Saloon-NO-RESERVE-Location-Sydney?url=%2Fm%2Fview-auctions%2Fcatalog%2Fid%2F237>

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### For Sale

#### A 1927 Austin 7 Chassis and Running Gear complete and assembled but not rebuilt.

A list of what I have. 4 x 17" and 2 x 20" wheels. 2 crank cases, 2 x 3 speed and 1 x 4 speed gear box. 2 rear axles. 3 cylinder blocks. 3 cylinder heads. 2 carbs. 4 pistons. Cam shaft, crank shaft. Fuel pump and starter motor. 2 screens, glass broken. Numerous body panels and chassis parts springs etc. Radiator surround. Being 90+ years, components will need to be repaired and rebuilt. The chassis in the photo is complete the engine is not complete, parts bolted together for display. The crank case in a 2 bearing and the other is 3 bearing.

Chassis No. E836; Crank case No. M49377 and M49577.

Asking \$3200 but more than happy to consider genuine offers. Too many other projects to complete and not enough time.

Regards,

Alistair Macdonald; Ph 0408690019



Can't afford a real GBE?

The above advert is taken from  
"Cough & Splutter" March 2025

### FOR SALE.

Lucas st38 genuine [pork pie] tailight. \$150.

Magneto, rotates freely. \$150.

Lucas SM3 switch panel, brass. \$250.

Oil button for dashboard, new old stock. \$200.

Wheel brace, genuine. \$45.

Ignition coil, New Bosch 6 volt, black colour. \$90.

Seat frame, new, old stock \$475.

Running boards, 1930, new old stock. \$110.

Starting handle, 1929/30 type, new old stock. \$100.

CW&P 9/44, new old stock, OZ manufactured. \$700.

Carburettor, SU 1,1/8", as found. \$175.

Austin 7 engine stand, \$250.

Fuel tank, 22-30 type, repaired and painted black. \$450.

Steering wheel, pre 1933 type, repaired. \$400.

Radiator shell, restored. \$995.

Running board brass kick plate, new as cast. \$100.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

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