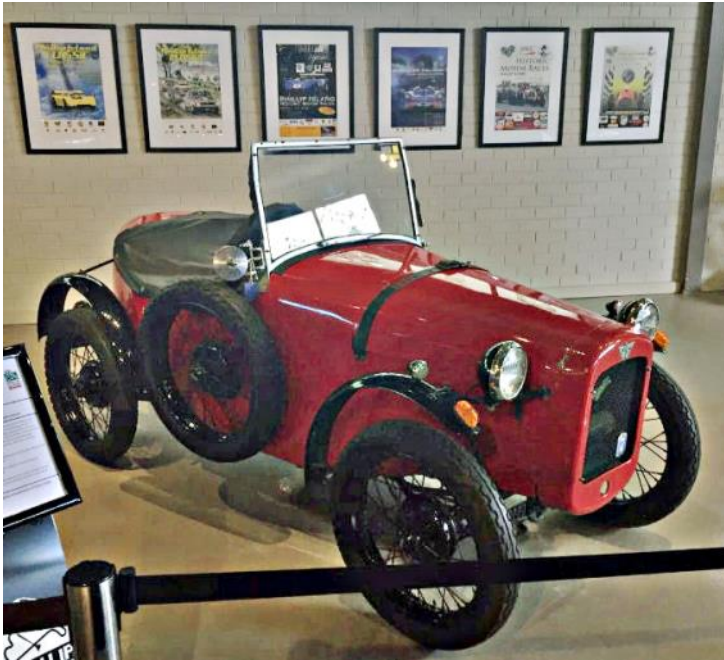

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December 2022



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PUB CRAWL

Bruce McGorlick reports that the issue was not terminal, for his Ulster Replica.



Sue McGorlick observed that “It was lots of fun when the rain stopped.”

All Photos Sue McGorlick





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

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| 4 | Sun | | | Year End Luncheon – Mulgrave Country Club |
| 7 | Wed | 7 | A | MGM / Spares |
| 10 | Sat | 7 | | Spares / BBQ |
| 14 | Wed | 7 | | Tool Up Workshop at 7 Heaven |
| 14 | Wed | 7 | A | HAS / Spares / Christmas Pudding / Awards Night |

JANUARY

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| 18 | Wed | 7 | A | Picnic in the Park |
| 29 | Sun | | | RACV Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm |

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | Wed | 7 | A | M.G.M./Spares |
| 4 | Sat | 7 | | Spares/B.B.Q |
| 11 | Sat | | | Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
<i>Austin 7 Heaven Workshop</i> |
| 15 | Wed | 7 | A | H.A.S./Spares |
| 17-19 | Fri/Sun | | | Begonia Rally “Blooming Gold” VCCC Ballarat |
| 26 | Sun | | | AOMC British & European Show
Yarra Glen with MG Concours |

Calendar continued on Page 4

COMING 2023 HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

9/12	Thur/Sun		VHRR Phillip Island Classic
18/19			Rob Roy Revival Hill Climb
25	Sat	S	<i>Eddington Sprints</i>
29	Wed	7	URRRS—King of the Mountain—Peter Brock Run

APRIL

7	Fri	A	VDC Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park
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EVENTS IN ITALICS are to be confirmed

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

At the Club’s Meeting and Spares Days there is an expectation that everyone will “socially distance” and applicable COVID-19 Rules will be respected and enforced.

Social distancing rules apply which may limit number of attendees

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

More Photos and news on the website

<http://www.austin7club.org/>

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By now most of you will know of the passing of Ian Jones from South Australia. Whilst Ian was not a member of our club he was one of those people well known within the Austin7 movement and quite a character. He covered many miles in his chummy at speed and it was not without its roadside maintenance issues, our condolences to Cheryl.

I am pleased to report that we have had an Historic Winton Committee meeting and people have put their hand up to assist which is much appreciated. However, if you would like to help out, rest assured that we will have a job for you either on the weekend or during the lead up to the event. We will have a new entry group this year with a good number of Tin Tops in regularity; these cars are coming from all over the country, with Ford , Holden , BMC etc. up to the mid 1960s.

As we say goodbye to yet another year don't forget to attend the end of year function at the Mulgrave Country Club and follow up with our Christmas Pudding /Award Night on the 14th.December

Have a safe Christmas/ New Year holiday and thank you all for your support, and supporting your club, we look forward to the Picnic In the Park on the 18th January 2023

Len Kerwood

We've all done the best we can do in 2022

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Sunday 15 January 2023.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No new members but plenty happening on the membership front.

Memberships expire on 31 December and renewals will be sent out at the end of November. This year we are trying a new online renewal system, in line with the new Membership Class and payment structure. The online system, in its initial format, will not be a pre populated document so you will have to enter all the information as you go.

Hopefully this will make things easier in future years. - Thanks to Andrea Casabene, John Sheills and Tony Press for their efforts in getting this online system set up.

Remote members will have to indicate if they are converting to Full Membership, if they own an Austin 7, or Associate Membership if they don't own an Austin 7.

Family Memberships allow for a Spouse Membership and/or Junior Memberships. Spouse and Junior Memberships can only be obtained through a Family Membership. A Date of Birth is required for any Junior Members who must be under 21 years old and a child or grandchild of a Full Member.

Full and Associate Memberships come with an online copy of the Light Shaft. If you want the Light Shaft in printed format there is an additional charge of \$45.00 if posted to an address inside Australia and a sliding scale for copies mailed to addresses outside Australia. So if you want a printed Light Shaft, make sure you tick the appropriate box and pay for it.

So keep an eye out for your online membership renewal. If we don't have an email for a member a paper copy will be sent with the Light Shaft. Our

MEMBERSHIP REPORT cont.

preference is for payments to be made via EFT.

For Members who have cars on the CPS, memberships must be paid before 1 January or the permit becomes invalid and the car must not be driven as they risk hefty fines.

If you have any questions please contact Russell Dickson at membership@austin7club.org or on 0409 577 215.

Subscriptions will also be sent out for the Austin 7 Clubs Association magazine which will remain at \$30 for the four issues of 2023. This is a terrific little magazine from England with lots of interesting articles. Anyone else who wishes to subscribe should just let me know.

HISTORIC WINTON***ENTRY SECRETARY & EVENT SECRETARY***

We now have a team of experienced volunteers that will be able to liaise with Peta Lee, to assist with various parts of the Entry Secretary and Event Secretary roles.

However, an **EVENT SECRETARY** is still required.

Please let someone from the Historic Winton Sub-Committee know if you wish to help, either before the event, or at the event.

There are tasks that can be effectively performed, even if you are unable to come to the event, or can only come for a short time.

Vale Ian Jones.

Ian was a member of the South Australian Austin Seven Club.

Sadly, “Jonesy” passed away on the 14th November. Glynis and I generally only saw Jonesy on Border Runs. But on that count he was quite a regular, having attended them 47 times. He and his wife Cheryl were most recently attending them in an old vehicle of some description, but in the earlier days it would be his trusty



Chummy, with his dog hanging out from the back seat. Then he would decide to go to a National rally in, say, Queensland and decide the most logical way there was via Birdsville or Broken Hill. He’d load up the Chummy, with Cheryl and the dog and off they’d go. If he hadn’t prepared the car, he’d carry the bits to do it on the way (a spare crankshaft was not beyond the realm of the spares that he might carry). Jonesy was a practical, clever and sought after engineer (I don’t know his qualifications but he seemed to know a hell of a lot). He would patiently listen to your questions with interest and with a gleam in his eye give you his take on things. I would count him as a good mate and a funny bugger. We’ll miss you Jonesy.

Brian Gibbons

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Vale Grant Furzer

Grant Furzer was the “F” of JWF.

JWF were the builders of the Milano bodies, made of Fibreglass Reinforced Plastic, that graced many Austin 7s, and later, a range of other cars. The body was a very pretty shape, being a 7/8 version of a Monza Ferrari but they forgot the drivers were still full size.

You may also remember that John Fleming, who died recently, was the Victorian agent for JWF.

We almost always have one or two Milanos competing at Historic Winton.

Further in this Lightshaft is a condensed story of a recent book published about JWF.

**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. P O Box 462, Moorabbin. Vic 3189
*Please do not send mail to 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 between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the M.G.M. (or the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, 27 Peters Drive, Cheltenham Vic 3192

Or mailorderparts@austin7club.org

Wise sayings

Some things are just better left unsaid

And I usually realise it right after I say them

Vale Paddy Hopkirk MBE - 1933 to 2022

Paddy was a fierce and enduring competitor on the world stage, particularly in rallies.

His earliest car was an Austin 7 tourer.

He studied Engineering, but dropped out of Uni. To work for Dublin's VW assembly plant, and his earliest competition win was with a VW.

However, he then later drove for Standard, then Rootes and then BMC.

Most would remember him for his mastery of the Morris Cooper S, to win a Monte Carlo Rally.

A second place in the 1968 London Sydney Marathon, in a Morris 1800, occurred because the leader, in a Citroen DS, was involved in a head-on collision with a spectator vehicle travelling on a closed section of road. At the time, Paddy was in second place, and arrived soon after the incident, and they assisted, and probably saved the drivers life, but then also travelled BACK to alert other rally drivers of the hazard blocking the road. This selfless action snatched a deserved FIRST place from him.

Paddy also competed in the 1977 revival of the London-Sydney Rally driving a Citroen CX to third place.

He had a huge range of motor sports successes, and was a legend.

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Editor's Wafflings

It must be the silly season.

My emails were full of Australian Geographic inviting “Take part in Australia’s biggest frog count” RACV invites “...deciphering parking signs, snakes in Victoria on the move, Christmas trees: real or fake, which cars were stolen more often”

Reading back to that, I thought that the first item should be delegated to an ACT member, who could visit the French Embassy.

I have observed a bevy of snake-oil sales persons assembled outside the polling booth, and I read the statistics on stolen cars and appreciate that we can all rejoice that the stealing of Austin 7s is at an all-time low, despite – no steering lock, no door locks, no alarm, no immobilizer, no tracking device, no windows to smash, no key. The exhaust does not have a catalytic converter (rich in platinum, palladium and rhodium - which is evidently a target for thieves).

But you may notice I did not comment on parking signs, which reminded me of one of my greatest whinges (and I know, you will say, I have many), in my role as an occasional pedestrian, I am always intensely annoyed at motorists who do not signal their intent to turn. I think that many seem to consider a signal is an “aide memoire” for the driver, rather than a very important notice of intent to all other road users.

Some call it multi-tasking, I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,

I read your article regarding electric vehicles with great interest. BP have published a report outlining that current oil reserves will be depleted within 50 years.

This will not be the end of oil extraction but this will be the end of low cost oil. Regardless of the problem with global warming, oil demand is growing to exceed oil extraction and will result in significantly increased prices and supply shortages. Australia currently produces virtually no transport fuel.

At the most recent Frankfurt Motor show VW only displayed electric vehicles. Europe is far more suited to electric vehicles than Australia.

The size of the automobile fleet is huge. I agree that there are limitations with battery powered electric automobiles. These limitations need to be addressed.

I am currently converting a 50 year old VW beetle to battery (LiMnCo) electric. I will be charging it from my solar panels.

The assumption that electric vehicles always require fast charging and the subsequent load a future electricity grid is overstated. My VW battery has enough energy to run my refrigerator for 5 weeks.

I have a picture of a tram traveling along Toorak road in 1925, long after cars were common. The only other vehicle on the road was a horse and buggy. My point here is that there were fuel supply issues in the early days of automobiles.

Letter to Editor

When I was a lad it was not possible to buy petrol after 5.00pm closing and on weekends. You had more chance then of an outback tour by horse and buggy than automobile. These deficiencies were overcome!

Internal combustion engines expel about 80% of the fuel energy out through the exhaust to atmosphere (except when stopped in traffic when 100% is exhausted)

My electric Beetle will use 1/5 the amount of energy than it previously did and at almost no cost.

Many of the automobile manufacturers have aspirational goals of moving away from fossil fuels.

Other than governments artificially influencing demand, real change will be driven by the price and supply of fuel.

I do enjoy my petrol powered cars but there is no doubt that a new future is looming.

Grant Della

IS MR BEAN'S PREFERRED TRANSPORT AN AUSTIN 7?

It is well worth searching the internet for Rohan Atkinson and Chariots of Fire, as Mr Bean joins the London Symphony Orchestra, for a performance during the 2012 Olympics.

A winning performance!

Reminds me of "Poor Johnny One Note"!

COMING EVENTS

SPARES

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

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.

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.

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

A7 Club Christmas Lunch 2022

Mulgrave Country Club

(Cnr Jells & Wellington
Roads, Wheelers Hill)



Noon Sunday 4 December 2022 in Panorama Room

Just a reminder!

TOOLUP AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN - Wednesday 14 December 2022

Come to Austin 7 Heaven at 3 Murdock St, CLAYTON SOUTH, from
10:00am, with BBQ lunch supplied at Noon.

Plum Pudding Night - Wednesday 14 December 2022

at the Clubrooms - a further
chance to celebrate a great year.

Annual Presentations of Club
Awards and Aggregate Trophies
will occur on this night.

A chance to have plum pudding,
with friends, or fruit salad for those
who prefer an alternate celebratory
feed.



COMING EVENTS

PICNIC IN THE PARK - Wednesday 18 January 2023

VENUE: - Kingston Heath Reserve (locally known as the 50 Acre),
entry from Farm Rd, Cheltenham MELWAY Map 87F1

– on driveway to Ron Brownlees Hockey Pavilion, and Southern United Hockey Club (there is a sign on Farm Road).

Early birds at about 5:45 pm.

There are usually lots of Austins at this event, which is a great time to bring the family for a barbecue. There is good parking for the “baby”.

This is a good time to shake, or blow, the cobwebs out of your Austin ready for the New Year, and to also catch up with your friends after Christmas. A quick jog around the oval might be in order for those who indulged too freely during the festive season.

BYO everything. the BBQ is unfortunately too remote (at 450 metres, in the other end of the park.

Rob. Humphreys - 9583 6316

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.

After blowing out the cobwebs, at Picnic in the Park, this should be the next “must-do” event for 2023, with a nice drive down the Mornington Peninsula.



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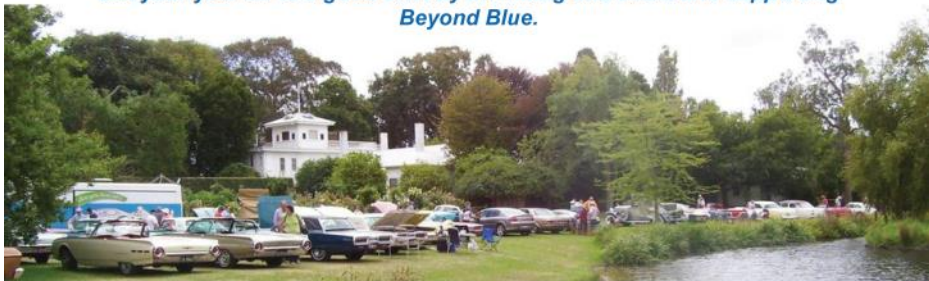
Festival of Motoring

at Cruden Farm

Sunday 29th January 2023

Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old.
Club displays welcome

Get your year off to a good start by attending this event and supporting Beyond Blue.



- **Display Vehicles Must Be Pre Booked** www.aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring
- Cruden Farm, Cranbourne Frankston Rd, Langwarrin
- The McClelland Drive gates open for display vehicles from 9am
- \$18 Entry for display cars (Includes passengers)
- Spectator entry and car park off Cranhaven Rd.
- Spectator Admission \$10 per person, Children free
- Funds raised by this event will be donated to Beyond Blue
- Childrens Entertainment, Music, Food & Trophies



Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs in associations with RACV
For further detail contact 0473 832 277
www.aomc.asn.au and aomc facebook

COMING EVENTS

JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2023

I have opened the booking for - Summer Fun All Day Crop.

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.

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

The final date for payment/booking is 19th January, 2023.

“Blooming Gold” 50th BEGONIA RALLY

Friday 17 February to Sunday 19 February 2023

Vintage and Classic Car Club Ballarat Inc. invite all veteran, vintage and classic vehicles.

There are interesting, and varied, activities over the three days.

British & European Motoring Show 2023

Sunday 26 February 2023

Note the change to Caribbean Gardens.

Lets try and get a good, and varied display of Austin 7s.

BRITISH & EUROPEAN MOTORING SHOW 2023

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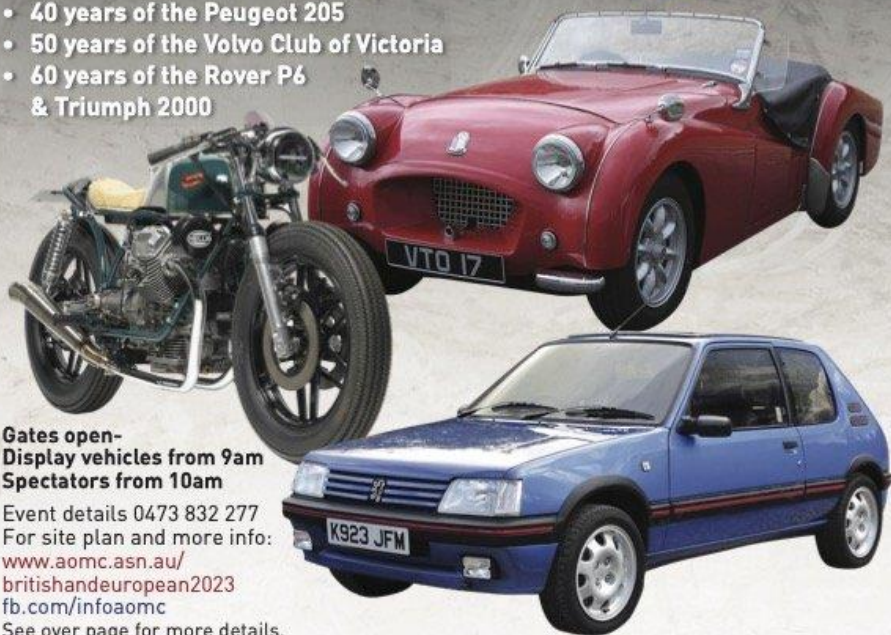


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Spectators from 10am

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[www.aomc.asn.au/
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fb.com/infoaomc

See over page for more details.

Sunday 26th February 2023

Event Central at Caribbean Park

Entry from Ferntree Gully Road, 1km north east of the Eastlink junction

COMING EVENTS

ROB ROY REVIVAL - Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 March 2023

Australia's oldest Hill Climb track has had an extensive rejuvenation.

The competition is for pre 1980 race cars, and spectators are encouraged to dress in pre 1980 period fashions.

Should be a great event.

The featured Marque is Elfin, with a minimum of 10 Elfins competing.

King of the Mountain Peter Brock Run

Wednesday 29 March 2023

The **URRRS** run on Wednesday the 29th of March will be a day run for your Austin taking in points of interest and will include the spectacular mountain views from the final resting place of Peter Brock. More details in February Light Shaft.

Len Kerwood

For the uninitiated - long-term member Doug Veel, created **URRRS**, a mid-week run, usually on each 5th Wednesday, and **URRRS** stands for:-

Unemployed, **R**etired, **R**etrenched, **R**ostered Day Off, **S**ickie.

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

EVENTS FOR YOUR AUSTIN 7 IN 2023

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 2023.



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AND

Planning ahead for 2024



Orange 2024

Austins Over Australia 2024
Thursday 7th March to Monday 11th March 2024
in Orange, NSW

Austin Motor Vehicle Club N.S.W.

BUT FIRST, PLAN FOR

HISTORIC WINTON 2023

46th HISTORIC WINTON

27th and 28th May 2023



www.historicwinton.org

Winton Motor raceway, Benalla, Victoria



52 years at Winton Motor Raceway

This year our Austin 7 Club will be promoting and conducting our 52nd motorsport event at Winton Motor Raceway.

Six were our last Six Hour Relay races, and the rest were HISTORIC WINTON.

Many of our members have been involved in almost every one of these events, either as a competitor, official, spectator, trader, sponsor, advertiser, demonstrator, displayer and many in multiple capacities.

One can only imagine how many hours of commitment were involved to conduct, and participate at all those events.

Many of our competitors have competed in both “our” events, and numerous others, since the inception of the circuit, and they have also witnessed, and benefitted, from the huge number of improvements to the facility.

Rob. Humphreys

PS I have personally participated in all 52 of those events, as an Official.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
HAVE A BREAK!**



PAST EVENTS TOOL UP AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN

Our social Tool Up workshop is proving to be most helpful for club members. Apart from the excellent BBQS and sweets, we are helping members solve their mechanical and electrical issues.



Most recently we did crack testing of items such as cylinder heads and steering arms - a very

simple but effective test.



Ted has almost finished his spare wheel carrier and

David has new MiG welding skills.



Richard has replaced a rusted panel for his Fiat.



In the meantime, Alan has demonstrated the method of making repair sections in Chummy mudguards.

There are plenty of friends to help you with all things Austin Seven, so come along for the BBQ and have a fun time

As stated previously we run fortnightly and our next gatherings are: **Wednesday 30th November and Wednesday 14th December.**

We will be there from **10am** and there will be a **BBQ lunch at noon.**



Brian Gibbons

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.”*

PAST EVENTS - PUB CRAWL

Pub Crawl Day 1 - Saturday 29th October 2022

Many members arrived in Pt Lonsdale rather wet after an atrocious day on Friday, several came by ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff. It was very pleasant to head off on Saturday morning in our cars with the sun shining although it didn't last all day!!

Our first stop, only a few kilometres from Pt Lonsdale was at "Suma Park" erected in the 1800s for prominent stud breeder and horse racing entrepreneur James Wilson of St Albans, Whittington, Geelong.

The existing large stable building was one of two weather board buildings used to house 24 horses which were shipped to Geelong on the railway adjoining the property (now the Bellarine Peninsular Tourist Railway) direct to the Geelong racecourse or onwards to Melbourne.

The existing Homestead retains many of the original features including detailed plaster ceilings, wood fireplace surrounds in every room and the



PAST EVENTS - PUB CRAWL

spacious rooms with 3.7 metre ceilings.

Suma Park features the Briseis door in original condition as the centre of a lead light panel, made in England for James Wilson. Briseis, a



filly, became the first horse to win the Victoria Derby – Melbourne Cup double, a few days later Briseis made further history by winning the Oaks to complete a treble that is unique in Victorian racing history.

Suma Park which also has accommodation buildings is now owned by Barrie Provan and is currently used for weddings and other functions. Devonshire tea was served in the conservatory with Barrie's granddaughter waiting on tables.



On leaving Suma Park we travelled to Queenscliff for some free time to explore and lunch if needed after our delicious morning tea.

All photos this page by John McMillan

PAST EVENTS - PUB CRAWL

In the afternoon we gathered for a tour of Fort Queenscliff Museum. Dating back to 1860 when an open battery was constructed on Shortland's Bluff to defend the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. The Fort, which underwent major redevelopment in the late 1870s and 1880s, became the headquarters for an extensive chain of forts around Port Phillip Heads.

Dinner on Saturday evening was at Portarlington Golf Club, a chance to do a little night driving in the Austins on the way home with a beautiful red sky!

Pam McMillan



PAST EVENTS - PUB CRAWL

More photos, by
Russell Dickson

Left Suma Park
interior.

Left All the gang on
the verandah

Right Queenscliff
Fort Tour

Lower
Disappearing gun at
Queenscliff Fort.



HINTS and TIPS

Hints and Tips from Old Blighty. With thanks to all contributors.

CRANKCASE/BLOCK REAR NUTS: I always seemed to have difficulty getting the back nut to the Crankcase/Block really tight, there seems to be so little room to get a spanner on and or to move round. So my solution was to use one of the 'long' nuts from the tappet



area (OK—I actually bought some more) to take the top of the nut into an area where there was more room around the nut to get a 1/4" W - 5/16" BS ring spanner on. However, even then I had to thin down the outside of the ring to ensure it went on OK. The photos show the difference in height.

With thanks to Sandy Croall (Cornwall A7C)

HINTS and TIPS

When you realise there may be a little too much **play in the steering**, don't think the worst. Frequently the problem lies with the Draglink ball and cup system in the Drag link bar. As the ball and cups wear they need not necessarily require replacing unless the gap between the cups has closed completely. If there is still a gap the problem could be improved with new springs.

The illustration shows a worn spring and a new spring.



Replace the springs and the situation is likely to improve dramatically. Don't ignore the problem. Fix it yourself if you can, or ask for help from member services or a friend. If, after new springs are fitted, the play is still too severe then look into the matter further until the problem is identified.

George Mooney



Important Information for your Club

ATO Interest in NFP Self Assessment for Income Tax Exemption Reporting

It has been reported that the Australian Tax Office has begun investigations into how to improve the monitoring of Income Tax reporting of the 70% of Not For Profit (NFP) organisations that are not charities and not sporting clubs, and this probably includes most car clubs. Current processes, such as the use of self-assessment for income tax exemptions, do not provide sufficient rigor or information for meaningful decision making on how to monitor this group of NFPs and a new reporting system is being developed by them. ATO research has indicated that few not-for-profits are aware of the need to self-assess eligibility. In fact, their research has confirmed that many organisations assume incorrectly they're automatically exempt because they are not-for-profit.

From 1 July 2023, not-for-profits that self-assess income tax exemption and have an active Australian Business Number (ABN) will be required to lodge an annual self-review return. The first return will need to be lodged for the 2023–24 income year, which means the earliest anyone will be required to submit a return is 1 July 2024. The return is not an income tax return but rather a form containing the information you would ordinarily use for self-assessing eligibility for income tax exemption on a yearly basis. This new reporting obligation is currently in development and will eventually become a requirement for relevant NFPs, including car clubs.

While the AOMC will endeavour to share information as it becomes available, and noting the long lead time in the above proposed timeline, all car clubs are encouraged to consider their own circumstances and discuss it with their accountants in due course to ensure their year end financial reporting continues to satisfy all applicable requirements.

More information about these developments, and other ATO matters relevant to NFPs can be found on the ATO website

<https://www.ato.gov.au/non-profit/newsroom/>

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/Newsroom/General/Straight-from-the-source---August-2022>

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Non-profit/Newsroom/General/Straight-from-the-source---October-2022>

Mark Fenton
AOMC Treasurer

Most of us are members of multiple Clubs, and may have read this item from the November 2023 edition of AOMC News.

It is a brilliant service that AOMC keeps abreast of such items of legislative and legal importance that potentially affects the member clubs.

Many of you will recall that Income Tax has affected our Club, over a

number of years, and was a regularly moving target, as the various tax rulings regularly varied the application of the rules, particularly through the 1980s and 1990s.

We paid Income Tax, for many years, based on the funds derived from non-mutual Income activities. The principle of mutuality means that income derived from member activities is not taxable. As a result of these rules, we paid income tax of about \$15,000 per annum, based on income mostly related to public admission charges and competitor entry fees from non-members competing at Historic Winton and a couple of other competition events.

Since about 2011, the ATO provided a Self Assessment for income tax, as a sporting club.

When the Club engaged a Club Accountant, in 2017, we were encouraged to seek an exemption, and a full argument (with full supporting analysis) was prepared, which resulted in the lodging of a self-assessment as a sporting club, resulting in approval and refund of about \$15,000 for the previous tax year.

Since that time a brief review of the empirical analysis, which supported the self-assessment, has occurred annually. Whilst the number of sporting events that the Club has conducted has varied slightly since 2017, the argument is still valid in 2022.

We should be well prepared to prepare a Not-For-Profit return, when required.

Robert J Humphreys



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MA HISTORIC MOTORSPORT PROMOTERS GROUP

Noel Wilcox

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alternate John McMillan

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

Even if you want a hard copy, consider updating your email, and requesting an electronic copy as well.

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/>

NEW FROM SPARES

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.

TROUBLE WITH YOUR MAGNETO?

The Magneto Man

Andrew McCallum 0408 592 636 bugatti37a@gmail.com

37 Roberna St

MOORABBIN VIC 3189

(Not far from the A7 Clubrooms)

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

MARKET PLACE



FOR SALE - TRAILER

Located in Brighton - \$650
Nigel Tait 0407 521 629

FOR SALE

Tandem Car Trailer

Solid smaller car carrier.
Dimensions of load area, Tracks
are 3100mm long and
take to 1500mm width.
ATM is 2000 kg.

Includes ramps, override
brakes and 3 speed
webbing winch. Tilting
A frame. Collect Moorabbin. \$4,400

John

M: 0403 228 559

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"I don't want to worry you, but the guy who delivered the pizza was your financial planner."

MARKET PLACE

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

FOR SALE

1935 Austin 7 tourer

Ready to go

New pressure fed crankshaft

New Pistons plus 0.060"

New Mini valves

New Timing gears

New Electronic Distributor

New Springs

New bushes & Kingpins

New radiator

4 speed Needham gearbox



Perry Exhaust

LED blinkers

5 new tyres

12 Volt generator

New trim and roof

Hydraulic brakes

\$25,000

John Franklin 0418 340 433

GEARBOX REPAIRS

To ALL AUSTINs, including F.W.D.

Special Ratios and Standard Ratios

Austin 7 - 4 speed boxes with better ratios from \$1,700

Changeover or yours rebuilt

John or Ben Needham

OLD CAR GEARBOXES P L (03) 9553 3203

MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

Bucket seats - professionally upholstered

Dark brown vinyl with foam padding upholstered by Grant White.

Based on brand new steel seat frames from the Austin Seven club.

Approximate size: 360mm wide x 450mm deep x 500mm high



The seats come with approximately 6.5 square metres of vinyl - estimated to be enough for a back seat and side panels. - **\$850**

Stuart Steinfort 0419 114 222

FOR SALE

Austin 7 sports, ex the late Geoff Weiland. presently owned by Geoff's wife.

The car regularly appeared to Winton.

Contact is Michele Conlon, the niece of the late Geoff Weiland

Initial indicative Price is \$13,000

For details contact Tony Press

FOR SALE

Brand new Vintage Radiator Company core for a Ruby. Ordered in error Landed cost here was over \$1000. Looking for offers.

Jim Runciman M 0419 847 888 E runcimans@westnet.com.au



FOR SALE - Complete 1937 Ruby Sedan:

It is with sincere sorrow, that I offer my Austin with spares and garage equipment.

(I do not want to separate)

\$20,000.00 (NEG)

Eng. M229690. Chassis: 285350. Miles on speedo: 12779

SPARES included:

*1 X complete 3 bearing engine, No: M281493
(slipper big end bearings)*

1 X 2 bearing crank case No M244285

1 X 3 bearing crank case No: M283634

2 X 'D' type diffs

2 X 4 speed gear boxes

6 X 16inch wheels (some tyres)

1 X steering box incl steering wheel

1 X '37cylinder head

1 X 37 alloy cylinder head (John Fleming?)

2 X starter motors

1 X generator. (rewired to 12volt)

1 X 2 bearing crankshaft



1 X complete zenith carby

Comes with specialist Austin tools

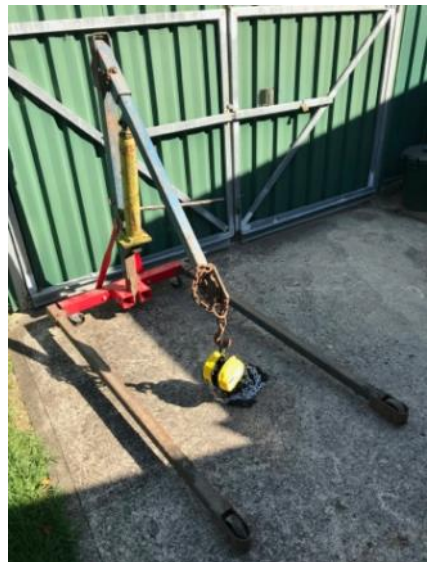
Many various bits & pieces.

Convertible engine stand/crane

Incl. Iton block & tackle

Russell Hook, Albury

0403 443 064 rlmhook@me.com



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

Separately to car:

Trailer, heavy duty single axle, with over-ride disc brakes, hand winch and tie-down rings, 3 new 8ply tyres, loading ramps.

Also 2 wheel clamps.

(Built for my Austin 7)

\$2,800.00

Russell Hook, Albury 0403 443 064
rlmhook@me.com



FOR SALE - Trailer

Rugged trailer,

With electric brakes ,heavy duty tyres , aluminium planks

takes an Austin 7 with ease, could fit a wider car or mower.

Registered until March 2023.

Asking \$ 2,800

Ken Innes-Irons 0413 744 337
kennetha7@bigpond.com



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE - Radiators

Honeycombe – 12 ¾” x 12 ½”

Honeycombe – 16” x 12 ¾”

Zigzag late model – 17 ¼” x 12 ½”

Fin – 16” x 12 ½”

Fin – core only no tanks – 16” x 12 ½”

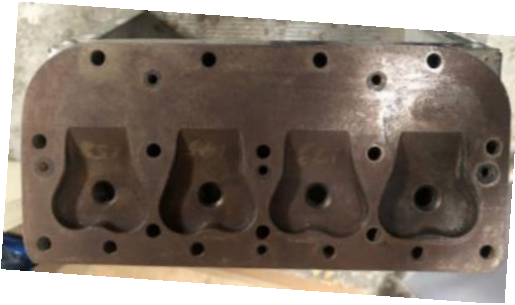
Neil Johannesen (03) 9802 3010 0412 038 601 nhejo@optusnet.com.au

WANTED

Drain tap for J Richards & Sons, Croydon, England

1929 tall radiator

Neil Johannesen (03) 9802 3010 0412 038 601 nhejo@optusnet.com.au



FOR SALE

Austin 7 Head special new with long reach spark plugs over valves for better performance. \$300.00 plus freight.

Michael Shegog 0419 007 033

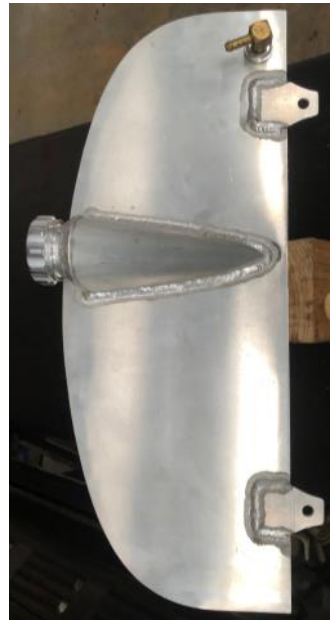
Great Xmas gift for the man that has the lot.

Chummy aluminum fuel tank new with screw on cap (for safety) Built by licence fuel tank maker, \$900.00 plus freight.

Michael Shegog 0419 007 033.

Brake drums for 19”, cast iron new pair \$300.00, plus freight

Michael Shegog 0419 007 033.





PUB CRAWL Ex Ilona Booth Chummy, with new owner Ian at the wheel.

David Isom Comet, with full weather gear in place, waiting for the ferry.



Above: Phil & Julene Hallo, braving the wet weather with no lid.

Right: Ilona Booth about to embark, as a passenger, in her utility, with driver David Isom.

All photos David Isom



46th HISTORIC WINTON

27th and 28th May 2023



www.historicwinton.org

Winton Motor raceway, Benalla, Victoria



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