
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

July 2025



Team Whitmor at Historic Winton 2025 - Photo by Russell Dickson

See success story on Page ???

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New Member—Ron Anderson, sent this photo, and he is also arranging supply of some parts, presumably to rebuild his motor.

I wonder if that may lead to a story.

See Observed Section Trial notes and Results - Well, at least they have fun, even if the photos are a bit fuzzy.



HW Club Tent Sales Crew

See report on Page 26





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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

JULY

2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares (HW Sub Committee Election)
5	Sat			First Day of Winter School Holidays
5	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
6	Sun	7	A	Christmas in July
9	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
12	Sat	7	A	Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
13	Sun	7		O.S.T. 6 - Neerim South
16	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Sun	7	A	Sunday Arvo at the Clubrooms
20	Sun			Last Day of Winter School Holidays
23	Wed			Committee Meeting
25	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
25-27	Fri-Sun			GT World Challenge Australia – Sandown
27	Sun	7	A	Frost Bite Run to OST
27	Sun	7		O.S.T. 7 – 28 th Dale Shaw Trial – Rob Roy
31	Thurs	7	A	URRS See BORDER RUN on 1-3 August

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

AUGUST

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

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.

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

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

Please do not send mail to the clubrooms

Spares are open:-

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

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

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

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

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, at mailorderparts@austin7club.org

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

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

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

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

You will find more detail on the club permit scheme on the Web Site

<http://www.austin7club.org>

LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

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

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, winter is finally upon us and it's a great time to do all those little jobs you've put off on your cars. The muddies will be appreciating the recent rains (and hoping for more!).

Our Winton de-brief has been done and feedback on improvements from this year have been noted in preparation for next year.

If you would like to model one of our A7 Glamorous Fluro vests, we would love to have you as a volunteer, where you would be ably assisted by members of our experienced team.

Also, your committee are studiously starting to look at many aspects relating to the future of the Club.

Our busy spares sub-committee turned up in good numbers (16 of them) to count grease nipples and other Austin Seven related "thingies" for the annual stocktake. Well done boys and girls.

Keep an eye on your Club Calendar for upcoming events this month.

So, get out and drive in 2025.

Glynis Gibbons President

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Saturday 19 July 2025.

A huge effort by 16 Spares personnel, meant that the FULL stocktake performed this year was a great success, 1190 different stock lines were counted (with about 18,000 items counted by 5 teams), many of the individual stock items are stored in multiple places, creating complexity. The variance was about \$800 which appears to be mainly from items exchanged, and possibly new items returned from deceased estates.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome three new members to the Club this month.

- ⇒ Ron Anderson from Maryborough in Queensland has a 1935 Australian bodied roadster that he is currently rebuilding the motor.
- ⇒ Also from Queensland is Richard Payne from Urangan who has a 1928 Chummy that is currently housed on Norfolk Island. (See photo)
- ⇒ Closer to home is Steven Barnett from Harcourt. Steve is well known to a number of members, being a highly skilled body restorer and coach builder. The quality of his work can be seen on John Neve's Wasp, Robert Neve's Sports and the body of the recently restored Tait race car, amongst others. Steve also has his own unique 1929 Special that he is building but you will have to wait to see it when finished.



Russell

Editor's Note: Richard Payne has already placed a Spares order to attend to the incontinence of his baby's back axle - and also to attend to the brakes.

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COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 2 July 2025

Our key Club Officials may seem to be the Club Committee, but without a host of other active helpers little can be achieved. SO, if you think that you would like to contribute to the Club, for example, by arranging a Club Event, or helping, perhaps conducting a training session, or maybe helping in Spares, ALL of these are great ways to help the Club, and other members, AND quite often you will learn more about YOUR club, YOUR car, or contribute your special skills to make the Club better for everyone.

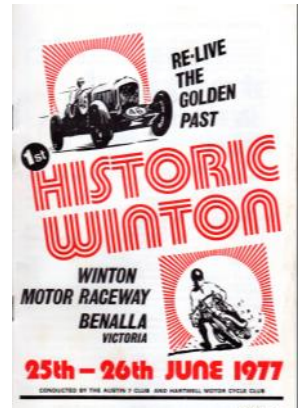
Monthly General Meeting – Election of Historic Winton Sub-Committee

At the July Monthly General Meeting it is proposed to form an Historic Winton Sub-Committee for the coming year.

Nominations are invited for positions on the Sub-Committee.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 5 July 2025

At the Spares Saturday in June, there were 3, different model Austin 7s, AND a much modified chassis. There were some interesting discussions about what was wrong with the chassis, and lots of comparative inspections and head-scratching. A great learning experience for both experts and novices, with no conclusion of “why was it modified?”



CLUB WEBSITE

More Photos and news on the website

www.austin7club.org/

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

COMING EVENTS

Caulfield Racecourse - Glasshouse Bistro

Sunday Lunch on 6 July 2025

Start 12.30 pm

For all who have booked, this a reminder.

Ron Crellin as YOUR Social Secretary



Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 12 July 2025

Time for a tune up?

If you have not been to Austin 7 Heaven, it is well worth a visit, since it has tools and equipment that most people do not have access to, but more importantly, there is expert assistance to train, help, or assist.

OR perhaps come and see how someone else is treating their project vehicle—there is always something interesting happening, AND it is a great way to learn new ways to give your baby some special attention.

OST 6 - Neerim South - Sunday 13 July 2025

End of Cowden Rd Once you are at Neerim South roundabout, turn right and take the Neerim East road for approx.. 600 metres, go straight into McDougal Rd, travel about 1.5 km to Wattle Lane, turn left into Wattle Lane for about 300 metres. Go straight into Cowden Rd. Property is at end of Cowden Rd. about 120 metres. Signs will be out..

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 16 July 2025

This is your chance for a natter with other Club Members, or perhaps we may have a mystery speaker. It remains a mystery to the Editor, at the time of penning this early Lightshaft.

Good opportunity to spend the house-keeping money on Spares, or even better, help someone else to spend theirs.

COMING EVENTS

Up for something different???



SUNDAY ARVO CUPPA AND CHAT – CATCH UP WITH OTHER CLUB MEMBERS IN A SOCIAL SETTING

WHERE – AT YOUR CLUB ROOMS – OF COURSE!

WHEN – SUNDAY 20 JULY 2025

TIME – 1 PM ONWARDS

FREE

COME ALONG AND BRING BYOG, IF DESIRED

TEA AND COFFEE SUPPLIED

SMALL TASTY AFTERNOON TEA SUPPLIED

Ron Crellin Your Social Secretary 2025 (socialsecretary@austin7club.org)
-for catering purposes

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 25 July 2025

Maybe it is time to get involved in caring for your Austin 7.

This day may be a suitable time to come and see how others are caring for their cars, and you may get a chance to get a few tips—there is always something to learn.

FROST BITE RUN - Sunday 27 July 2025

A picnic run, so make your own way to the start at 10:00am, or earlier, at:-

CoCoo Moon CaFé

Cnr Warrandyte Rd & Webb St WARRANDYTE - Melway 23F11

Morning coffee here, to thaw out the hands and nether regions, and then drive on via a scenic route to ROB ROY, with a few stops and diversions.

Lunch will be a BYO Picnic, at the MG Car Club's Rob Roy Hill Climb circuit, in Clintons Rd ROB ROY Melway 264K9.

The remaining part of the day may be somewhat dependant on the weather.

Our Club has a very important Observed Section Trial, on this day, so this is your chance to watch a bit of Mud Trialling.

After watching a few Observed Section Trial sections, it is proposed to drive on to either Yarra Glen, or even Healesville for afternoon tea. Depends on the weather and your preferences.

Rob. Humphreys 0427 772 281

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

OST 7 - 27th DALE SHAW TRIAL - Rob Roy

Sunday 27 July 2025

This Trial celebrates the life of one of the Club's most influential special builders, Dale Shaw, a brilliant designer of suspension systems, and much more.

The Dalshaw 750 Formula racing car, that the Club now owns was but one example, as virtually all the cars that were built to the 750 Formula had suspension systems either designed or influenced by Dale.

His many Observed Section Trials cars were not only highly effective, and successful in OSTs, but the earlier cars were also brilliant in motorkhanas.

Rob Roy venue can be found at the Rob Roy Hillclimb / MG Car Club venue at 375 Clintons Rd, Rob Roy, Melway 264 K9.

URRRS - Thursday 31 July 2025

Perhaps it is time for a few members to volunteer to suggest venues, or offer help to John McMillan, for the URRRS runs.

Meanwhile, this one is not happening.

HOWEVER, that is largely due to the Border Run happening immediately after, with all the required organisation, and many of the same potential participants. So read on!

STOP PRESS

At 30 June, the reported numbers for the Border Run, to date, are 19 from SA, and 10 from Victoria—but there may still be time for you to come.

Always a great social event, with the bonus of a scenic part of Victoria.

COMING EVENTS

Border Run 2025 **Destination Halls Gap** **August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.**

We will be staying at Halls Gap
Holiday Park

Accommodation is Cabins.

Details have been circulated to all
members by email.



Meals on Friday night at the Halls Gap Hotel , with Saturday night dining in the caravan park with a mobile kitchen supplying us a roast followed by fun by the campfire. BYO marshmallows.

Tour on Saturday is heading south towards the bushfire grounds to Dunkeld, which has a number of eating choices for Lunch.

Sunday's run is to north, around the lakes including a visit to a winery and back to Halls Gap for a choice of eateries.

Halls Gap has abundant wildlife and excellent shopping.

Please book your own accommodation on 03 5356 4215 OR
Hallsgap@nrmaparksandresorts.com.au

Once you have booked, please email David Grear at
president@austin7clubsa.com.au with the names of the members coming.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 2 August 2025

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

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

COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 6 August 2025

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

Spares / BBQ Saturday 9 August 2025

It would be great if a few more members would come in their Austin 7s. Whenever the A7s arrive it is common to see others comparing notes across the bonnet, or sometimes prone, looking at the brakes (or avoiding the oil leaks). For new members a reference vehicle is a great resource.

Now's the time to do work to get your car ready for the Border Run, or perhaps the National Rally.

OST 8 74th John Pryce Memorial Trial

Sunday 10 August 2025 – Lilydale

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

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

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



COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 15 August 2025

Sooo, you bought some parts at Spares last Saturday.

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

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

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

JANNE’S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 16 August 2024

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

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

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

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

Please contact me as follows:

Email: janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au

Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316

COMING EVENTS

HERITAGE RUN/HISTORY TOUR/MYSTERY TOUR

Sunday 17 August 2025

This will be a run to a venue on the Mornington Peninsula, so get your Austin 7 all prepared.

More news next month.

Rob.H.

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 20 August 2025

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

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

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

OST 9 - Old Glenburn Sunday 24 August 2025

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

Bring a picnic lunch

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



COMING EVENTS

URRRS - Thursday 27 August 2025

Perhaps it is time for a few members to volunteer to suggest venues, or offer to help John McMillan, for the URRRS runs.

Meanwhile, this one may not be happening = watch this space

Editor's Note: I hope the space gets filled.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 27 August 2025

Read about is potentially happening at these days.

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

For those members who regularly holiday, perhaps the first image may raise your expectations, or lower your satisfaction levels.

Serving A Snack on
Scandinavian Airlines Flight,
1969"



Alternately, you could build your own
mobile home, with a difference, based
on this 1922 model.

A Motor Home In 1922"



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

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

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

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

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

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

David & Julie Jones
Rally Directors



The Austin 7 Club
Annual Rally 2025

When: Sunday 12th of October

Where: The Briars Mt Martha

Time: From 10 am till 3:00 pm

Entry Fee: \$ 36 per car

BYO: Picnic food, drink and chairs

The background image shows a scenic view of The Briars Mt Martha, featuring a brick building, a green lawn, and a blue sky with scattered clouds.

COMING EVENTS

National Rally 20—24 October 2025

Newsletter number 7

One Month to go before entries close.

Accommodation update.

There are still a few rooms available at the Adelaide Rd Motor inn

Murray Bridge Tourist Park only has two-bedroom cabins available one-bedroom cabins all booked.

Avoca Dell Caravan Park only has budget cabins left .

Monarto Safari Park.

Please check their website to see if you would like to book other experiences with the animals.

www.monartosafari.com.au

Bay to Birdwood Run.

Entries will be available early June. I will forward you a link when they are available.

Confirmation of Entry.

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

Your Rally Committee members

Chairman Andrew Dawes 0427 751 488

Run Coordinator David Grear 0421 164 500

Entry Director Ralph Drage 0418 846 082

Treasurer Laurie Sutton. 0418 831 974



COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA AUSTIN 7 TOUR - March 2026

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

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

Sue and Bruce McGorlick

bsmcgorlick@gmail.com

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

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

Bruce says "signed Sue"

Bruce Walker, our Club Visitor, quite often gives us a report of those who are battling illness, but since his uninvited sojourn in hospital, it seems some other Club Members are encouraging rehabilitation.

**COMING
EVENTS**

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

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

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

OBSERVED SECTION TRIALS REPORT

OST 4 Strathewen.

Well we headed into what we hoped would be mud, it was very dry again, meaning the pegging had to be a bit creative. A bit of a battle for the cars with multiple breakages, some repairable then 1 that was not. And unfortunately one car that had to leave early.

The podium saw some familiar names who have all been there or about all season. In third place we saw Rod and Cassie Wiersema on 84 points, in second place Grant and Gabrielle Della on 89 points and once again Greg Cox and Leanne Coakley in first place on 104 points.

Next up OST 5 Narbethong on 29th June.

See you in the mud.

Jason

OST Chairman and Competition Secretary

OST 2 & 3 Results

Date: 18/05/2025		Woori Yallock	OST 2		MA Permit: 325/1805/07												
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total Placing				
Greg Cox	Leanne Coakley	10	7	7	8	4	10	6	10	5	6	9	82	1			
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	9	7	6	3	8	9	8	10	5	6	9	80	2			
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	10	6	5	8	4	7	8	10	8	6	6	78	3			
Declan Caldecoat	Camryn Hills	8	7	4	7	7	7	5	10	5	4	8	72	4			
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson	9	4	6	8	3	2	10	10	9	6	4	71	5			
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	9	4	5	8	4	4	6	10	1	6	9	66	6			
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	4	6	6	6	4	3	6	10	5	4	4	58	7			
Paul Hunt	Mark Lees	1	4	3	3	3	2	4	3	4	1	4	32	8			
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	9	3	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	12	9			

+ = WD

Date: 1/06/2025		Lilydale	OST 3		MA Permit: 325/0106/07												
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total Placing				
Greg Cox	Leanne Coakley/Jason Stock	8	10	4	8	9	9	9	8	7	10	5	87	1			
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	9	8	6	8	10	9	5	4	6	8	6	79	2			
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	9	10	3	8	9	10	5	4	6	9	3	76	= 3			
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	8	9	4	8	5	9	8	4	6	9	6	76	= 3			
Nathan Hunt	Blake Pateman	4	6	3	8	8	9	9	6	6	9	6	74	= 5			
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	8	9	4	9	8	8	8	4	4	9	3	74	= 5			
Declan Caldecoat	Paige Pateman	8	8	3	8	5	9	5	1	3	7	6	63	7			
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	9	7	4	8	DNS	8	2	4	2	2	1	47	8			
Jason Stock	Greg Cox/Michelle Scurr	1	2	3	6	4	9	5	3	4	6	3	46	9			
Dave Atkins	Bob Atkins	4	6	3	6	1	8	2	3	6	3	0	42	10			
Paul Hunt	Paige Pateman	2	1	3	2	3	2	1	4	2	2	1	23	11			

+ = WD

OST 4 Results

Date: 15/06/2025	Strathewen	OST 4				MA Permit: 325/1506/07								Total Placing	
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Greg Cox	Leanne Coakley	10	10	9	10	10	8	5	9	6	8	9	10	104	1
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	9	10	8	7	9	+5	5	7	7	7	5	10	89	2
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	9	9	6	7	5	8	5	8	4	7	6	10	84	3
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	9	5	9	8	5	9	5	8	6	6	5	5	80	=4
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	5	5	8	7	5	7	5	9	7	8	9	5	80	=4
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	9	6	7	5	10	7	3	9	6	7	5	5	79	6
Declan Caldecoat	Nathan Hunt	5	5	9	7	10	3	3	7	6	8	0	10	73	7
Dave Atkins	Bob Atkins	4	5	8	+1	5	3	5	7	5	5	3	8	59	8
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	9	5	9	7	4	4	3	4	3	DNS	DNS	DNF	48	9
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	5	5	6	1	4	1	3	4	4	3	4	7	47	10
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson	5	4	8	4	4	3	3	7	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	38	11

+ = WD



PAST EVENTS - Historic Winton

48th HISTORIC WINTON

Club Sales

Watching the weather forecast early in the week indicated overcast and

showery conditions for the weekend of the 24th & 25th of May, not a great outlook for the Winton event. Fortunately, by the time the "Sales" crew arrived at Benalla, early Friday afternoon, the weather Gods were on our side and we were able to setup the display with products and posters without any outside interruptions. All done and off to check into our accommodation ready for the weekend.

Saturday morning 8.00am, doors open, lights on and ready for the rush. A steady stream of spectators lined up at the tent to purchase their programs and have a look at this year's merchandise. Bruce had organised a line of printed Tee shirts for the first time and they did attract a lot of attention. Along with polo shirts, windcheaters and vests there was something there for everybody to check out. By far, the range of head wear was the big magnet as we almost sold all of the peaked caps, a large number of beanies and the good old Bucket hats, were very popular.

Sunday start at 8.00am with a hot egg and bacon roll and we were ready for the rush. A little quieter than the previous day, never-the-less a steady flow of customers meant that at the end of the day there were a lot less boxes to pack and transport home.

A great team of volunteers were hard at it as usual which makes for a very entertaining and enjoyable weekend.

Club Sales Crew



PAST EVENTS - Historic Winton

Assistant Secretaries Note:

As usual, I was , like many of the Historic Winton Sub-Committee busy from the end of the 2024 Historic Winton, as we will be this year, so we can always find a place for more volunteers, to spread the load.

Those volunteers do not need to be on the Committee, but it is a case of many hands make it much easier. The preparation before, and after, an event is probably more important than the actual activity at the event.

As Assistant Secretary I regularly roamed the entire WMR site, and observed many areas:

- ◆ where we could improve the experience for the participants,
- ◆ where we could improve safety, and
- ◆ where a few more helpers could make things better

In many cases, it may be that various other clubs, or groups, could help ease the duties of “our” team.

As the Club Sales Crew observed, the hot egg and bacon roll, prepared by the Rotary Kiosk crew, was appreciated, and was a really valuable starter to the each day.

The Assistant Clerk of Course’s ad hoc Parade Driver’s Briefing, whilst new, was an excellent reinforcement of the printed instructions that are always provided to Parade participants. It had been observed that many did not comply with the “rules”, thus making the Parade slower, and less effective. The briefing had the desired effect.

As Editor, I notice a sad lack of photos of the event, particularly those that show unusual aspects of the event, from the view of the off-track attractions, activities and PEOPLE.

PAST EVENTS - Historic Winton

For the significant numbers of Photographers and Media, I did not receive any specific reports about their personal stories about the event, and their favourite activities. Perhaps all of these were directed to electronic media, which, for many of our members and historic motor sport enthusiasts, may not be their preferred form of news.

I heard many spectators enthuse over the brilliant range of events and particularly the Mini Challenge, and the mix of vehicles in the Regularity Tin Top events. Memories of the 1960s races of the Minis and the range of challengers, of that era, appearing in the Group N #1, & #2 events.

Given the absence of the bike events, a number of spectators were clearly conflicted about what they would like to see in the paddock and Corporate Pavilion/Showroom, and what races they may miss.

PAST EVENTS - Historic Winton

To be, or not to Be?

As I was lying on the floor of the garage at midnight, zero degrees outside, looking up at the car that was still not running, with only three days to go before Winton I began to ponder what had happened in the last few weeks leading up to this point.

Eddington sprints had gone well but the car just didn't feel "right" and had a very slight vibration, a test drive into town the next day left me with a broken crankshaft just 300 meters from home.

With the sump off and my naivety in full swing I stared at the broken crankshaft and thought "well that's a quick fix", as soon as I undid a big end bearing bits of piston skirt started raining down on me. With each part I removed the horror began to escalate, the cylinder bores, timing gears, valves, camshaft, lifters and valves had decided to take an early retirement as well as a laundry list of other problems.

PAST EVENTS - Historic Winton

To be, or not to Be?

A phone call was made to Walter Raschle and later that day I was on the way to his workshop so we could tear down the engine and assess what would be needed and how long it would take to rebuild.

The main question was could it be ready for Historic Winton? In a nutshell, - yes, but with the amount of cars Walter was preparing for other customers there was just not enough time, he then very generously allowed me to do the spanner work and I became his part-time apprentice for the month.

Before I was a Veterinary surgeon I was a mechanic working on Alfa Romeo, Fiat and Ferrari in a workshop where we also built race cars and competition engines so I have built enough engines to know my way around. The Austin Seven Engine though is an entirely different beast and there was a steep learning curve in terms of modifications that need to be done prior to assembly to make sure that the new build will survive long term. It's fairly obvious that these motors are extremely basic and yet if not thoughtfully machined and assembled they will not last.

Things like how temperature affects the clearances and where additional studs can be fitted. Every bolt hole was retapped or helicoiled, every bolt replaced including bespoke head studs to ensure no water jacket occlusion and more consistent tension, new manifold studs, resurfaced lifters and all surfaces machined or honed. The flywheel was lightened and balanced and then torqued up to the crankshaft to be taken down to Up The Creek for a combined balancing act (thanks Grant and the team !)



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To be, or not to Be?

Five days to go

The simplest oversight in these motors will lead to a terminal failure and some of the processes that Walter runs through prior to assembly while seeming like overkill at first, once explained make total sense. An example of one of these is recalibrating the oil pressure valve in the crankcase and testing the re-machined and higher output oil pump in a test rig that monitors pressure at different RPM as well as being able to heat the oil up to test at normal operating temperatures prior to fitting in the engine. This is a process that ensures no first start failures in an engine where oiling seems to be controlled by divine intervention.

With the engine timed and sitting in the test stand it fired up straight away, after a few heat cycles we loaded it up and home I went to fit it back into Miss Minty. At this point time was getting very tight.

The first test drive and tune at home was on Friday morning with the plan of being at Winton in time for scrutineering that afternoon and somehow the planets aligned and we made it through with plenty of time to spare.

David Bishop had very kindly invited me to share a pit garage with himself and his nephew Mathew White (driving the 1937 Austin Seven Wasp special) as well as Dallas Bassett who while driving a 1964 Austin 1800 on the day also has an Austin Seven at home.

With the engine having only done fifteen kilometres the regularity practice session was taken very easy and I still managed 10 seconds faster than my best time from last year, with my times nominated and a very conservative and smooth drive so as to not put too much strain on anything I somehow won the first session being lapped twice by Mathew in the wasp which was running in a new differential put together by Walter.

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To be, or not to Be?



Walter and me with "our" trophy



As the engine wore in more, my lap times dropped and my chances of winning were gone but I was having too much fun to worry about that ! The Wasp with the Differential settled in got faster and faster with Mathew being fastest on track in Regularity One and seven seconds faster than his nominated time, not great for winning Regularity but I think he was having a great time !



The Wasp and Miss Minty, you can guess which one is faster !

The second session was won by Daniel Zampatti in a 1920 GN Touring, Daniel also owns a beautiful little Austin Seven as well.

There were a few technical difficulties over the weekend the worst for me being a stripped rear axle nut which meant that the car felt "unsettled" through the corners, when the nut was removed and I saw the damage and

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To be, or not to Be?

what was holding everything together I thought my weekend was over but luckily for me there was a man in the corporate building selling Austin Seven parts who had a brand new pair of uprated rear axle nuts (thanks again Walter Raschle).

It was a fantastic weekend shared with great people and the teamwork when obstacles were encountered made all the work and sleepless nights worthwhile.

Regards Mark Sycamnias



ABOVE:

The successful Team Whitmor competed in Regularity One at Historic Winton with results L. to R.

- ♦ Stewart Prain getting a third place in the Bob Booth Ulsteroid,
- ♦ Danny Morling a first in the Ulster that John Whitehouse drove at the first Historic Winton and
- ♦ Lachlan Morling, in the Tyrrell race car, being awarded the Youngest Driver.

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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.

CHANGES TO RACV TOTAL CARE

This article is for those who have RACV Total Care; and do not have all their vehicles nominated on their roadside assistance package or have a pre -1960 vehicle. If you rely on Total Care covering you in any car you drive then you need to read this. (Editor's Note: This is an edited precis of the article circulated to members by email)

RACV have changed the terms and conditions relating to the Total Care Emergency Roadside Assistance package, from:

The Total Care benefits described above apply to you, not only when you are driving the Vehicle nominated on your subscription, but also any other Eligible Vehicle.

TO

The Total Care benefits described above apply to you, when driving any Nominated Vehicle.

The impact of this is that you must now nominate all vehicles that you wish to have covered.

There are now two levels of Total Care; 1 or 2 cars, OR 3 to 6 cars.

Thankfully, this excludes cars with club plates, but those cars do still need to be nominated, and are limited to 15 Club Plate vehicles. This is where the challenge begins.

Michael wrote of his experience, so I tried, by logging into MyRACV.

I found I could now add another person to my cover, so I added Janne to my Total Care, and added Janne's car, but then found, as Michael did that Club Permit cars (or seemingly any car earlier than 1960 cannot be added).

That seemed to invite a whole lot of extra questions, so since I live close to RACV, I went there, with all the data about all my cars, policies etc.

Service, at a desk, was superb, extremely helpful.

Ended up with reverting to ONE Total Care Card (my wife's). Could have nominated up to 6 Drivers.

CHANGES TO RACV TOTAL CARE

Saved on renewal of my Total Care.

My wife's card remained a 2 car option, with BOTH our daily driver cars nominated, BOTH our Names nominated, and, with a bit of manual work, all THREE Club Plate vehicles added.

Was warned that it may take a day to appear on MyRACV.

Was pleasantly surprised to find that all the changes had occurred.

I have saved on the second Total Care, and ALL the changes were viewable.

BUT, (why is there always a BUT) since the cars are all on my wife's Total Care, I cannot view the details on my RACV login. I can still see the other policies that are in our joint names.

So, it worked for me, to a limited extent, but when I arrived home from RACV, I had a RACV response about how to do all this, if I did not visit RACV.

Hi Robert,

Thanks for reaching out.

You can add up to 15 club plated vehicles to your Total Care subscription at no extra cost.

To add your club plated vehicles, you'll need to give us a ring as we unfortunately can't assist with this over email.

You can reach our team seven days a week on 13 72 28, 7am–11pm.

If you're overseas, the number to call is +61 3 8627 0122 from 7am–11pm, AEST daily.

Enjoy your day.

Thanks,

Jack

RACV Care Team

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

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*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.

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

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

Unfortunately, not available by
mail order.

MARKET PLACE

*Market Place advertisements will normally appear
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FOR SALE

1933 Austin 10

4 door sedan (red). - \$9,000

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 cowlings. Needs 6 volt battery. - \$17,500.

For Judy Bradford - Contact Robyn Ridley 0417 150 753



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

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

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

MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

One pair of competition springs Flat and bound \$200



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

One small oval rear window with bevel

glass \$35

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



Len Kerwood 0419504233

FOR SALE

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

Located in the Australian Capital Territory.

\$22,000 ono, pick up only.

Contact Anthony Szell,

- 0403 758 030



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

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

DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS

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

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

Engine balanced Electric in hose water pump.

All work carried out by Walter

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



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

\$14,500.00 OBO.

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

Lachlan Story 0429 837 507



FOR SALE

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

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

1927 Austin 7 chummy built by Bob Booth.

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

A true piece of Australian automotive history.

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

\$26,000 Iain Stone

0458 708 062



FOR SALE.

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.

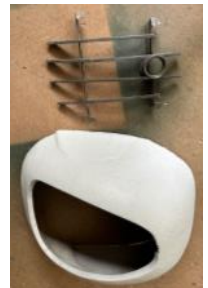
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Fibreglass nose piece and grill for works type single seater. \$250-00, ONO.

contact Brian Hussey 0418 561 910.

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Supercharger with SU Carby & Drive Gear

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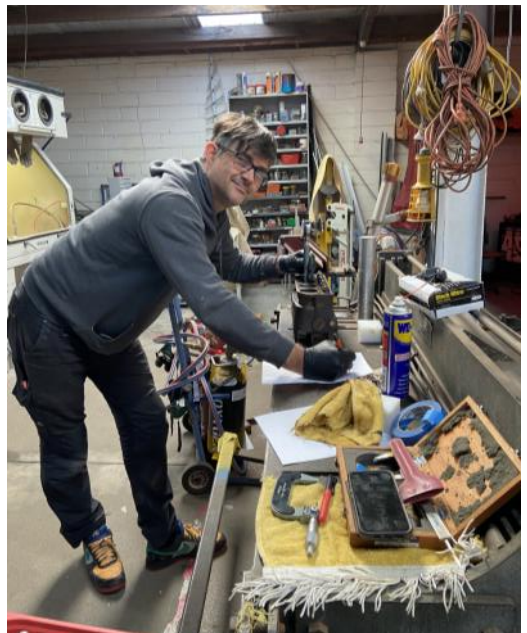


At Austin 7 Heaven

1. BBQ Time
2. The all girl pit crew
3. Nippy hood-bow stowing, with Glynis



4. James Spencer—block inspection service





At Austin 7 Heaven

Left: Master cylinder rebuild by Michelle

Above: Michelle enjoying her new brake master cylinder



Left: Greg inspecting and measuring crankcase.

Bottom L: Our country member Phil, from Darnum ('27 Roadster)

Bottom R: Rob & Ted and those pesky clutch fingers

