
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

July 2024

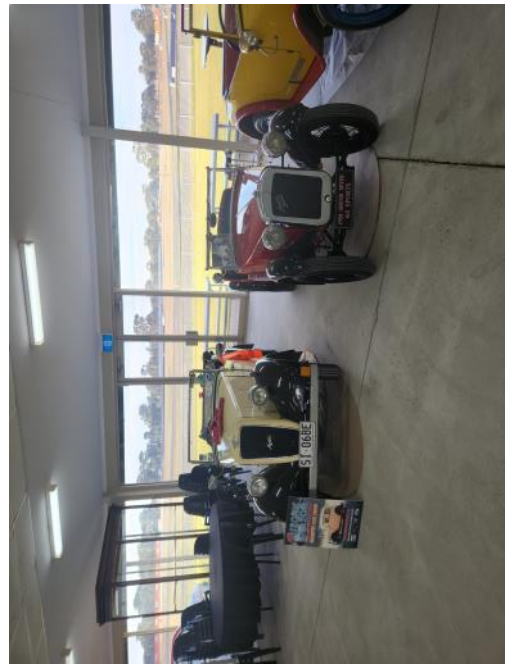


At Historic Winton 2024, the lead cars in the Sunday Parade, were Austin 7s. Photo Peter Knights

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Some of Lockie Story's photos of the display in the Corporate Pavilion and trackside.





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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

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|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| 3 | Wed | 7 | A | M.G.M./Spares (HW Sub Committee Election) |
| 6 | Sat | 7 | | Spares/B.B.Q. |
| 13 | Sat | 7 | A | Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven |
| 14 | Sun | | | Last Day of Winter School Holidays |
| 14 | Sun | | | O.S.T. 6 - Haunted Hills Moe |
| 17 | Wed | 7 | A | H.A.S./Spares |
| 21 | Sun | 7 | A | Xmas in July |
| 26 | Fri | 7 | | Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven |
| 28 | Sun | 7 | A | Frost Bite Run to OST |
| 28 | Sun | 7 | | O.S.T. 7 – 27 th Dale Shaw Trial – Rob Roy |
| 31 | Wed | 7 | A | URRRS |

**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 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 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

AUGUST

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|------|---------|---|---|---|
| 2-4 | Fri-Sun | | | VHRR Winton Festival of Speed |
| 3 | Sat | 7 | | Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven |
| 3 | Sat | | | Federation Delegates Mtg at Mildura VVC |
| 6 | Tue | | | MA State Council - Delegates Mtg |
| 7 | Wed | 7 | A | M.G.M./Spares |
| 10 | Sat | 7 | | Spares/B.B.Q. |
| 11 | Sun | 7 | | O.S.T. 8- 73rd John Pryce Memorial Trial - Lilydale |
| 16 | Fri | 7 | | Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven |
| 17 | Sat | | | Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day |
| 18 | Sun | 7 | A | HERITAGE RUN |
| 21 | Wed | 7 | A | H.A.S./Spares |
| 24 | Sat | 7 | A | Crazy Whist Night |
| 24 | Sat | | | AOMC Delegates Meeting - country venue |
| 25 | Sun | 7 | | O.S.T. 9 - Neerim South |
| 25-1 | | | | Federation Golden Oldies Tour - Federation |
| 25 | Sun | | | Marong Picnic - Federation |
| 31 | Sat | 7 | | Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven |

You can see a regularly updated 2024 Club Calendar on our website

Latest Updates in Green

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

Appeal For Your Attendance

Since our release from Covid lock downs we have organised midweek runs to a range of interesting and significant locations and venues.

These runs/events are supported by a dedicated group of members who reap the benefit of joining in, however I am concerned that many members including new members are missing some amazing opportunities.

Some examples are the Airways Museum, Ian Barton's Car & Memorabilia Collection and more recently the Synchrotron. Visits are always followed by lunch which provides another opportunity to socialise with other members and partners.

If you have not joined in before, please consider doing so, ladies are welcome and it is not compulsory that you drive your Austin 7. Please contact me if you would like to join in or have any questions.

John McMillan Mobile: 0408 994 510

Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

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.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“Well Done” The sun was shining and so was the Club. My congratulations to all officials and volunteers for making the 47th Historic Winton a success. From all reports the racing was close and exciting and the crowd was appreciative of the turn out of the group N cars.

Noel Wilcox again worked his magic in finding the hidden gems of yesteryear with vehicles like the Eldered Norman double V8 Aussie special and the 1955 Zephyr special.

Our thanks also have to go to the HMRAV for presenting wonderful historic motorcycles and outfits. Their racing was, as always, a crowd pleaser, and their cooperation in working with officials on various race-timing issues was much appreciated.

As we head towards 50 years of Historic Winton we need all the support possible from the club members to achieve this milestone. There are plenty of small jobs that do not require a large time commitment or attendance to committee meetings or attendance to the event. At this month's general meeting we will be calling for Historic Winton Sub Committee nominations.

In closing I bring to your attention the request from John McMillan for support of club events, on Page 5, and Page 10.

If there is no support for events then people like John will stop trying and the only ones that lose out are the members.

Len Kerwood

The salesman at Harvey Norman told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems.

Then it occurred to me, - I don't think that I know 5 people without any problems.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome five new members to the Club,

Luke Watson and Camryn Hill are having a go in the mud and have joined as OST Associates

Matthew Goninon, from Claremont Tasmania, is the son of longtime member John and gets to drive John's well travelled 1929 Chummy.

Philip Michell of Darnum visited the Club rooms with the Morris Car Club. He was about to collect his new addition, a 1927 Austin 7 Roadster, so he filled out his membership application on the day.

Monica & David Wain from Ballarat have a green and black 1929 Chummy.

Russell

VALE Lachlan Wishart

STOP PRESS

Lachlan died on 8 June, at 83 years. Whilst he was only a member for about 10 years, he contributed a huge amount to the Club during that time, from about 2013 to 2022.

Lachlan was a valued member of Committee, as Treasurer, from 2016 to 2017, and his wise counsel during that time, and afterwards, resulted in a significant change in the manner in which the Club operated.

His Austin 7 projects provided much pleasure, even though he had limited time actually enjoying motoring.

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Friday 19 July 2024.

Editor's Ramble

Austin 7 Heaven — What a godsend to our members wanting to:-

- ♦ Work on their Austin 7, in a FULLY equipped workshop, AND
- ♦ Learn more about their Austin 7, and learn the variations, AND
- ♦ Get access to full workshop equipment to make or repair almost any mechanical, and car body part, AND
- ♦ Get expert training in using that equipment, OR/AND
- ♦ Obtain help, and support, from fellow members to improve/maintain/repair their vehicle.

The Editor has had his car at Austin 7 Heaven, the last few weeks, **with unstinting help**, AND ADVICE, for fixing his demolished clutch linings—such is the fate, when a 3 speed close ratio gearbox is joined by a relatively high ratio back axle and heavy touring loads.

Brian Gibbons, has solved that by sorting a 3 speed box, with just 2nd gear higher, keeps 1st gear for getting started.

So, I have a 3 speed close ratio gearbox left, same ratios as that used in an Ulster.

I had the new linings bonded to the flywheel and “clutch withdrawal plate” (using the Austin Motor Company name for that part).

Now all I need to do is get the car all reassembled.

Sounds easy, but year end stock-take, book-keeping, review of HW2024 processes, and a review of the Club's eligibility to continue to be treated as a “sporting organisation” is probably more important.

PS I refer to the Austin Motor Company “List of Spare Parts”.

EVERY Austin 7 owner deserves to treat their car to a copy of the appropriate/applicable original book for their car, as it adds to your knowledge AND they are FREE.

Editor's Ramble

Today I have been hard at work on my new Bathurst Racer – now some of you will say “What Humphreys? He’ll never finish it!

But here I am, sitting at my keyboard, typing yet another Editorial.

The Racer is all finished, I’m sitting on it, came from Officeworks – I wore the first one out, so I splurged on a new one, BUT, *what would the Chinese know about Bathurst?*

I assembled this Chinese made machinery in half an hour – no grease under the fingernails – no blood. Possibly created a record! It is a really good chair.

In between various tasks, and keeping a few appointments on the tennis court, and at the doctors, for myself and family, we also managed a semi-relaxing week in Bright.

Back to the grind in Melbourne, the BIG order from the UK had arrived, again the work of Brian Gibbons, so an assembly of a dozen members worked hard to get it all ready for stock. A big job considering that about **1,700 parts** were to be sorted, numbered etc.

So, we now have a lot of stock drawers, topped up. Thank heaven, Janne and I got all the electronic financial accounting system updated, so all those pristine bits are available to YOU, BUT – here’s the down-side, most are considerably more costly.

A very small sample is summarised in a report later in this Lightshaft, by Brian Gibbons.

Short stock fan belts, for Australian cars, are being made here. Perversely, our UK providers have fan belts that suit “Home Market” cars, but, “Export” cars had a few things different, like fan belts, shockers etc. SO, we will have those short stock fan belts available very soon.

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

An extract from Facebook

One of my customers with his 'daily driver'! An Austin 7 of unknown vintage to me.

Apologies if this has been posted here before, but this is only the second car this chap has ever owned in his life. He bought it for £25 in 1953 and has been his only car ever since.



He even taught his previous dog to drive it at car shows!

He is an absolutely brilliant old school engineer and has been massively influential in the number of steam boats still operating today, yet he has never owned a computer or smartphone in his life!

He isn't on Facebook obviously, but there may be one or two people in this group who know of him? I'll protect his privacy by not mentioning his name though. One of the most interesting people I have ever met in my life - and I've met more than my fair share of characters and public speakers!

Yes, know Rodger quite well. Top bloke and his dog back then was called whapet. That's a factory car, an Austin seven boat tail 2 seater. He drove down to Leicestershire to one of our club nights - 1933 I guess. Looks very like a RN or RP saloon.

Thanks to our neighbour, George

COMING EVENTS ???

Another Unique Opportunity

Thanks to the efforts of our fellow member Rob Storr we potentially have the opportunity to visit the manufacturing and assembly plant of Kenworth Australia located in Bayswater.

However, these visits cannot be arranged without having a list of members that would definitely wish to attend. Tourers are limited to groups of six per guide (12 per day) so depending on the level of interest we will need to arrange multiple visiting dates.

Please note the tour can be up to two hours, you will be required to walk 1.5 km including steps, potential trip hazards and be exposed to loud noise and warning alarms.

Please text, email or phone me if you are interested in being part of this unique opportunity

John McMillan Phone: 0408 994 510

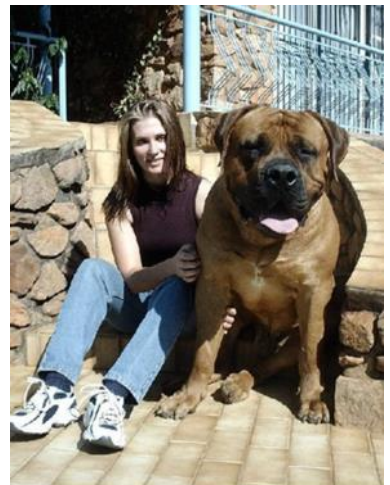
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Whether you own a dog or not, you have to really appreciate the effort of this lady to sell dog. Look at the picture then read the sales pitch below.

Dog For Sale – Free to Good Home – Excellent Guard Dog

Owner cannot afford to feed him anymore, as there are no more drug pushers, thieves, murderers, or molesters left in the neighborhood for him to eat.

Most of them knew Jethro only by his Chinese Street name, Ho Lee Schitt.



COMING EVENTS

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

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.

EVENTS FOR YOUR AUSTIN 7 IN 2024

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 2024.

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

COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 3 July 2024

It's not just a *meeting*, it's a chance to get to know fellow members, hear about the joys, and occasional pain, of your favourite vehicle.

Perhaps join us on-line, so you are up with the latest news.

You can also share your story about how HISTORIC WINTON 2024, surely still the BIG topic of conversation.

As usual, Spares is a good place to make a sensible investment, for the benefit of all your relations to fight over.

Election of Historic Winton Sub-Committee

At this 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.

There is always someone retiring, or **new roles to fill**. Many of these need your presence at the event, but others do not.

This past year we had a struggle to find someone to contact all our existing, and potential, SPONSORS/ADVERTISERS.

Spares Saturday 6 July 2024

Check out the additions to the Spares, AFTER a great BBQ snag.

See story, from Brian about a few treasures that arrived in the latest BIG shipment from UK.

We have had a huge influx of second-hand treasures, over the last few months. Buy a few, then ask a knowledgeable member how to fit it whilst having a coffee.

Also a great time to share stories, and learn more about your favourite car.

COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 13 July 2024

These FRIDAY Tool Up days, as usual, with a BBQ Lunch.

What a great place to brag about how your car went at HISTORIC WINTON, OR where you'd like to go next.

How to do it, is the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

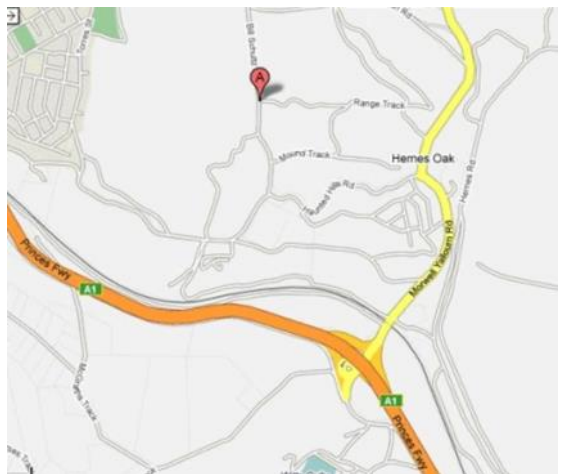
HELP is right there, as are the facilities, and many knowledgeable helpers at Austin 7 Heaven.

OST 6 - HAUNTED HILLS - Sunday 14 July 2024

Bryant Park, Bill Schultz Drive, Yallourn

This is your chance to not only enjoy a great motor sport event, but to also visit one of the most modern hillclimb circuits in Australia. The 1400-metre circuit can be used in a variety of configurations and has hosted THREE Australian Hillclimb Championships since its construction in 2008.

BRYANT PARK is the Gippsland Car Club's Hillclimb venue, located in the Haunted Hills, Bill Schultz Drive, Newborough, Victoria. About 135km east of Melbourne just off the Princes Highway.



Hot Air Session / Spares **Wednesday 17 July 2024**

A good time to pick up some Spares, and/or wise counselling on issues with making your Austin 7 run smoothly - if it works you can then tell others.

COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 26 July 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

FROST BITE RUN - Sunday 29 July 2024

This will be 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

We'll have some 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.

Since I've done a FROST DANCE, the remaining part of the day may be somewhat dependant on the weather.

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

Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings, hearing aids, glasses, and wig, will still fit, and what is more important, that Father Christmas suit will look more authentic.

COMING EVENTS

OST 7 - 27th DALE SHAW TRIAL - Rob Roy

Sunday 28 July 2024

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 in Clintons Rd, Rob Roy, Melway 264 K9.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 3 August 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

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.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 7 August 2024

I am sure that you may be starting to hear about planning for HISTORIC WINTON 2025, catch up on Club News—be urged to come on Coming Events, commiserate, or applaud recent Club Events, and socialise with other members.

Do not forget to make list, before, for the parts you need for your favourite love.

Spares Saturday 10 August 2024

Great to have snags back on the barby

I'm sure MORE second-hand treasures will be available. Buy some for your baby. Get to know some more about your car.

OST 8 73rd John Pryce Memorial Trial

Sunday 11 August 2024 – 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.

Come and enjoy seeing others avoiding the mud-holes, OR getting stuck.

A great day in the country. Bring a picnic lunch.

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, property on left under power line, look for OST signs.

COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 16 August 2024

These FRIDAY Tool Up days, as usual, with a BBQ Lunch.

Learn what others are doing, or fix your own car.

How to do it, is the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

HELP is right there, as are the facilities, and many knowledgeable helpers at Austin 7 Heaven.

JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 11 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

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

HERITAGE RUN - Sunday 18 August 2024

Where: McCrae Homestead 1851

11 Beverley Road McCrae Melway Ref 158 K10

Time: Meet for BYO morning tea on homestead veranda

10.15 am onwards followed by conducted tour. of the Homestead at 11am

Cost: National Trust Concession \$6.30 Adult \$9.00

Where else: 12—12.15 visit the restored McCrae Lighthouse

Melway Ref: 158 K10

(external only) before meeting for lunch at

The Pier Café (Greek cuisine)

889 Pt Nepean Road Rosebud

Melway Ref 158 F12 Parking centre of Pt Nepean Road

Expressions of interest to:

John McMillan Mobile 0408 994 510

Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 21 August 2024

Time for a natter with good mates, relive past times, contemplate what parts to buy next, or appreciate how much you have saved.

Crazy Whist Night - 24 August 2024

More details to come.

OST 9 - Neerim South - Sunday 25 August 2024

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..

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 31 July 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

**UPDATE SWAN HILL BORDER RUN
September 13th-16th 2024**

We continue our excitement around our upcoming Border Run in September and thank everyone for contributing to this excitement. We currently have 29 entries which equates to approx. 55 people. We appreciate your interest. Never too late to register.

We have had a few little hiccups – nothing we can't handle so please keep a look out for Bulletins sent to your emails.

We have just sent Bulletin 3 to all registered participants. Please contact us if you have not received this. Also contact us if you have not registered yet but would like to be on our mailing list. You may not be able to commit at the moment but would like to stay in the loop.

Currently, we are collecting information for our dining options and our activities so please return to Rob at rob.trucktorque@gmail.com asap.

If you have any queries, concerns, questions (there is no such thing as a dumb question) please contact Rob or Brian.

Looking forward to seeing you all and spending Great Austin Time together. Queries to:

Rob Storr
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Rob.trucktorque@gmail.com

Brian Gibbons
0418508611 (leave a message if unanswered)
Email via: secretary@austin7club.org



COMING EVENTS



SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

Join over 1500 antique, veteran, vintage and classic vehicles in one of the world's great historic motoring events.

We look forward to welcoming historic vehicles manufactured from the **early 1900s through to 31 December 1994.**

The Bay to Birdwood has been bringing generations together, celebrating history, and building relationships and lifelong friendships for over four decades. We

need you and your vehicle to help continue this great tradition.

Bob Booth Pub Crawl -

Friday 1 November to Monday 4 November 2024.

This year's Bob Booth Pub Crawl will be centred around Mansfield – famous for bushrangers and mountain cattlemen. We have secured a motel that can accommodate 23 plus rooms – hopefully we will book it out. There is plenty of space for Austins, moderns and trailers. A variety of evening meals are within walking distance.

A programme of scenic drives, visits to assorted enthusiasts and a Austin7 display in central Mansfield when the town will be buzzing with tourists and the local bush market. Not to be missed!

Several people have already expressed interest and we are eagerly awaiting more: bsmcgorlick@gmail.com or

Bruce on 0400 627 926 or Sue 0409 172 140

Bruce and Sue McGorlick

COMING EVENTS



Newsletter number 1. May 2024

Dear Austin 7 Enthusiast

The Austin 7 Club of South Australia has volunteered to host the next Austin 7 National Rally.

Due to the advancing age of both the cars and their drivers the decision has been made to hold the next Austin 7 National Rally in October 2025.

The Austin 7 Rally will be held from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025 at Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge is a bustling rural town sitting in prime position on the banks of the Murray River less than an hour from Adelaide.

The Murray Bridge area has a population of 20,000 large enough for all facilities to be available but small enough to be a country town with only 3 sets of traffic lights. Murray Bridge is centrally located to a number smaller regional destinations with quiet bitumen roads ideally suited to motoring in your Austin 7.

There is a good selection of accommodation available from Caravan parks, Cabins, Motels and Hotels within a short drive of our daily starting point.

The committee will be sending out regular updates and information will be available on our website.

austin7clubsa.com.au

If you would like to unsubscribe to these updates, please do so by return email.

Enjoy Vintage Motoring

Andrew Dawes & David Grear

INTO THE MUD - OST News

| Date: 19/5/2024 | | Lilydale | | OST 3 | | MA Permit: 324/1805/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Driver | | Crew Member | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total | Placing |
| Grant Campbell | | Lori Filsell | | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 88 | =1 |
| Cooper Schweiger | | Daniel Crosbie | | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 88 | =1 |
| Mark Filsell | | Jeff Webb | | 9 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 85 | 3 |
| Greg Cox | | Jason Stock | | 9 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 | DNS | DNS | 78 | 4 |
| Grant Della | | Gabrielle Della | | 6 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 77 | 5 |
| Rodney Wiersema | | Cassie Wiersema | | 6 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 71 | 6 |
| Nathan Hunt | | Luke Watson | | 6 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 65 | 7 |
| Jason Stock | | Nakita Stock | | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 50 | 8 |
| Paul Hunt | | Luke Watson | | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 36 | 9 |
| Iain Stone | | Nakita Stock | | 1 | 3 | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | 4 | 10 |

| Date: 2/6/2024 | | Strathewen | | OST 4 | | MA Permit: 324/0106/01 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Driver | | Crew Member | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Total | Placing |
| Grant Campbell | | Lori Filsell | | 10 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 9 | | 95 | 1 |
| Mark Filsell | | Jeff Webb | | 10 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 8 | | 93 | 2 |
| Grant Della | | Gabrielle Della | | 10 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 9 | | 88 | =3 |
| Cooper Schweiger | | Alicia Randle | | 10 | 9 | 9 | *2 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 6 | | 88 | =3 |
| Stuart Schweiger | | Brandon Schweiger | | 10 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 3 | *6 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 8 | | 86 | 5 |
| Rodney Wiersema | | Cassie Wiersema | | 10 | 9 | *6 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 2 | | 76 | 6 |
| Declan Caldecoat | | Camryn Hills | | 10 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 3 | | 69 | 7 |
| Jason Stock | | Nakita Stock | | 10 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | *7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | | 51 | 8 |
| Nathan Hunt | | Declan Caldecoat | | 10 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 2 | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | DNS | | 31 | 9 |

* = WD

INTO THE MUD - OST News

OST 4 Strathewen,

We were finally able to return to the Strathewen property after 5 years. With a lot of new growth creating some very different ground to what had been done previously, and changing conditions from the Saturday when we pegged to Sunday's competition. But under a mostly sunny but chilly sky a good day was had.

Sections pegged in wetter and some sloppy areas had dried up considerably overnight making them very different to what was expected, with much more grip at the wheels, giving all 9 drivers a perfect 10 on the first section.

Only 1 DNF for the day and a couple of minor breakages that were able to be repaired on the day or minor enough to finish the day.

On a score of 95 saw Grant Campbell and Lori Filsell take home the win, on 93 had Mark Filsell and Jeff Webb in second with a score of 88, we had equal 3rds for Grant Della and Gabrielle Della along with Cooper Schweiger and Alicia Randall.

From here we have a 3 week break before our next trial, OST 5 Narbethong.

See you in the mud.

Jason



PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON

HISTORIC WINTON 2024

The preparation

Prior to leaving for Winton, I spent some time and money preparing Mr. Magoo for the trip. New tyres, front end alignment, rebushing the rear end, and changed all the oils in the car. I was pleased to see no detritus in the oils, always a worry.



I then greased the whole car, installed an orange strobe to the spare tyre and two 12 v outlets. He was ready to roll.

To Devonport

I caught the 8.30 am ferry from Bruny and headed into Hobart to meet my wife Tracey for morning tea where all the shop girls came out to be photographed in my leather helmet and in the car. I then headed north, the weather being excellent (not raining) so I had the roof off as usual.

Arriving in Devonport I queued for the ship and played host to 3 young children, and their parents, the kids wanting to sit in “the olden days car”. The stevedores on the Spirit even gave me a choice as to which deck I wanted to park.

To Winton

Leaving the ship in pitch black, I met my friend Rachel for breakfast before navigating peak hour traffic across Melbourne to the Hume Highway. Most drivers are courteous, but there is always



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one..... Again, the day was great, a far cry from the last time to Winton when I got VERY wet. I had plenty of time, so I did some exploring on the way, including a visit to Puckapunyal and then into Seymour to pay my respects at the Vietnam Veterans Wall. It is quite a moving experience.

Once in Benalla I booked into my motel then headed out to the Track to help Walter with some setting up. There were already a number of interesting cars at the track, so I had a wander before retiring for the night.

Winton

Friday morning dawned clear and cold (lovely!) and I headed back to the track. There I joined some of the other Volunteers helping to set up for the weekend. Even this part is fun with convivial banter and some really bad jokes.



That evening my son Matthew joined me and we had dinner at the Bowls Club with the rest of the crew. Great night with excellent food. Then? Another early night. I swear that my son gets fan mail from the CSIRO due to his earth-shattering snoring.

Saturday morning and a very early and cold (Minus 3° C) start and out to the track to help Ron and his team with the parking. This is not a chore and we had fun, bad jokes, teasing and watching the vast array of interesting cars arrive. By mid-morning the job was done, and the rest of the day was ours.

I won't go into the racing, as I am sure that will be covered elsewhere, other than to say that it was a hoot. We spent time at the Austin 7 display, in the pits checking out the vast array of the weird and wonderful, catching up with people we hadn't seen for ages and getting lots of exercise.

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That evening we had dinner with the gang at the Golf Club and again a great night was had by all. Another early night then back to the track by 7 am.

Dawn arrived again cold and clear as we were heading to the track. Sunday was by far the busiest day, and again we were helping Ron. As the sun came out, we started shedding layers until we were in T shirts. A cracker of a day. Again, the cars were amazing and by 9.30 all the car parks were full.

I had smashed my D/S rear view mirror, so I went hunting for a new one. I found a great (read expensive) set which looks good and do the job. Rear vision is something one cannot do without. At middayish we lined up for the display laps around the track. I had 450 kg of people in my car and it did not like it. So concerned was I that I left the track after only 2 laps. Poor car!

After a huge couple of days, it was back to the room and take away for me and home for Matthew.

Heading Home

I woke on Monday am to find that I had left the roof off and there was solid ice all over the seats (and everything else) After finally cleaning the ice off and checking over the car I met friends at Zeus Café for breaky then tootled off toward Melbourne. I had one minor problem on the ring road, where my tired fuel pump couldn't keep up. A couple of shots of



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ether and I was on my way again arriving at the terminal about 2 hours before sailing.

Again, the stevedores gave me my choice of decks and, once loaded, I met with friends for coffee before bed. The crossing had a mild swell, just the way I like it, and I slept like a lamb.

The next morning, I headed off and had breaky at Deloraine before taking the longer road through the lake's country. I was hoping for snow, but it was just cold. None the less the scenery was spectacular, and I was well rugged up.

The trip was uneventful until I headed up the Southern Outlet in second gear. Again the fuel pump had a hissy fit and again I had to draw fuel up to the carbie with ether. I was soon on my way, and I got to the Bruny Ferry at about 3 pm. It was good to be home, but I had had a ball.

I had travelled just on 1000 miles with all my exploring and Mr. Magoo performed more than admirably.

Historic Winton is a huge event and relies on an army of volunteers. As I have said, it is not a chore and there are enough people so as you are not stuck all day. That being said, more is better. Half the fun was working with Ron and the crew and also the setting up. There are some real characters in the club, and I have found that the members will welcome you with open arms, volunteering is a great way to meet people and exchange information and bad jokes. If you haven't before, then give it a go.

Thanks to the organizing committee and those who put in so many hours so we can have a fun weekend.

Lockie Story

Bruny Island

Tasmania

PAST EVENTS - HOMESGLEN

Visit Holmesglen Tunnelling Centre 29th May 24

Seventeen members and guests attended another informative day covering behind the scenes activity making a significant contribution to the multiple civil engineering projects currently under construction in Melbourne.

After a detailed explanation using a model of the tunnelling head and the infrastructure supporting the removal of soil/rock and placing of the concrete lining we commenced a tour of all the training sections starting with onsite safety using technology to demonstrate all possible scenarios.



Some of the highlights:

Photo of the visiting team at the base of a drilling head (See inside back cover), demonstrates the size of the equipment and the unit in the photo is a small head others are much larger. Construction rates are two metres per day for the older and smaller units and fifteen metres per day for the larger units.

Another photo (Also inside back cover) shows the visiting team sitting in a container these are safety houses placed every fifty meters on site used in the event of danger and contain enough provisions to sustain all inside for 72 hours. The number of people in the work area cannot exceed the capacity of the containers.

There are currently ten drilling units working on multiple projects in Melbourne.

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The concrete lining segments (cast in Benalla) weight ten tonnes each and are lifted into place using suction equipment. There are ten plus segments used for each section of



lining. Using hydraulic

equipment each lining section is subsequently used to push the drilling head forward.

Photo shows a sample of an assembled section of tunnel, and lining segments

We were also able to see a completed section of the Metro Rail project (at the centre) complete with rail lines currently being used for fit out training mostly involving electrics.

Other sections covered were firefighting, driving earth moving equipment, setting up electric transmission lines and more.

Giving this visit was immediately after Winton and there was a limit on the number of visitors we are giving consideration to a second visit so if you would like to attend please send me a message to that effect.

John McMillan

Handy Hints—Clutch aligning

Handy Hints - A7 Clutch alignment Tool

3 days before Winton, the flywheel on dear old 'Austenite' came loose & after the flywheel was refitted the clutch also needed re assembly.

With most cars it's relatively easy to centralize the clutch plate with the use of a stepped mandrel that fits through the clutch plate & into the flywheel.

The clutch plate in the Austin 7 however has no central hole but has the spline attached to it & a simple mandrel can't be used.

Even though I've fitted many A7 gearboxes, centralizing the clutch plate has always been difficult.

Well... problem solved with a very easy modification to a washing machine pully.

The inside diameter was bored out to be a neat sliding fit on the spline on the clutch plate.

Without removing the pulley from the lathe, to guarantee concentricity, the front side of the v belt groove was machined to fit inside the pressure plate.

3 equally spaced cut outs around 20mm wide were then cut in the rim to clear the 3 clutch operating levers.

The clutch plate is fitted into the hole in the tool & the tool with the clutch plate is fitted into the pressure plate

The whole assembly is then attached to the flywheel.

It's easy to remove the tool after the clutch assembly is fitted to the flywheel, & the clutch plate is perfectly central.

Russell Clough

More Snippets and a blast from the past

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THE MONTHLY CIRCULAR OF THE

Austin 7 Club
VICTORIA

November 1957

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT:

PLEASE NOTE: The Sec's report was in early!! this month.
Not right on the deadline but 24 hours early!!

Since I last burst into print we have had quite a few things on the calendar so I will deal with them in order. Firstly we had the Chancott Trial run on Sunday October 6th by "Woodchopper" Dorman and others of the Ansett Touring Club. Unfortunately the list of competitors was very small, not at all the usual thing for this very popular event where 30 or more starters have been in it in the past. However, those who did compete had a very good day in spite of rather wet conditions at times.

Next was the Chop Picnic on Saturday night October 12th. Once again very poorly attended, I am sad to say. Where do all you socially minded types get to when this sort of thing is on? Those who do manage to come along always seem to enjoy themselves till a late hour even if the family chariot has to be pushed to start afterwards. (wonder whose chariot....EH.)

On the same weekend some of our faster members had a bash at Fisherman's Bend with varied results. Jolly good luck to them and may their crank shafts never break!!

At the hot air session we were privileged to hear another interesting and entertaining lecture by John Fleming on the subject of "the top half of the engine." This month there will be another one, the lecture to end all lectures so John tells me.

Last but not least was the PIARC meeting on October 27th where at times, there seemed to be more Austins on the circuit than anything else. In spite of the very impressive number of entries very few of them turned out to race, consequently Austin Sevens formed a large proportion of those who did run. Unfortunately there were casualties amongst the boys and it must have been a lot of hard work to get the cars to the line. Alan Grosvenor had valve collets on the wrong side of the retainer. Mel Mason did his good Ulster gearbox and had to replace it with a standard 3 speed job. Eddie Mitchell suffered with a slipping clutch and another member who wishes to remain unknown wishes to purchase an inch and 5/16 pressure fed crankshaft. One of our other friends would probably manage a lot better if he used a stock standard motor for a change instead of the hot one which lasts about 10 miles before disgorging rings out the exhaust pipe.

Late this month there will definitely be a Gymkhana, a good one not far from the city so there will be no excuse for anyone to say their car is worn out by the time they get there. This is the last competition of the year so please let us make it a good one to end things off. Even if you don't want to compete by all means come along and see what it's all about. You will find it is lots of fun. Incidentally, we would like to see any intending comp license applicants and we like to see them demonstrate their driving skill before approving an application. See you later navigator ..

Trevor Cole.

STOP PRESS PAST EVENTS Mildura to Broken Hill

David Grear, from the Austin 7 Club of SA, reported on 23 June.

We have just returned from Broken Hill and it was chilly in the mornings.

We had 7 Austin 7's drive from Mildura to Broken Hill and return via Menindee about 1000km in the week with no real problems.

Adverts from 1957

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November 1957

FOR SALE: AT A FUTURE DATE:

1930 "Ace", running perfectly, bodywork excellent. Recently fitted with Oerds and new light shaft, new battery, plastic hood, and headlights; automatic distributor with high lift cam, oil coil, remote control gear change, tyres very good, 4 wheels are heavy '34 type; extra carpet and upholstery vynox, heavy canvas tarpaulin, other bits and pieces. To be sold after December 6th 1957.
R. MALCOLM FREEMAN JW 1420.

FOR SALE:

5 - 19" wheels and tyres. Austin A40 steering wheel, Austin 7 block, crankcase, cam shaft, radiator, bolts, nuts, differential, universal, fabric etc. etc. chassis. HELEN WALKER, 157 Spring St. Melbourne. FB 3596 or home BM 1225.

LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED:

At Ray Roy Motorbikana. 1 White crash helmet with the name F. Thorne inside it. Would anyone who wore this hat at the hill climb please contact Eavor Cole as he is anxious to return it to its rightful owner.

FOR SALE:

Austin 7 Special. MG type body, Holden shock absorbers on front, twin perspex windshields. All up weight is only 8 1/2 cwt. Price £85.
IAN VIRG 3, Mt. View, Pomeroy, Via Stawell.

FOR SALE:

I still have an unreg. 128 model cluttering up the street. If you want an engine, a diff, a radiator, come and take the car. Regeling starts at £12 1/2.
TREVOR GALE, 27 Bennett Street, Nth. Richmond.

FOR SALE:

The following parts available now from Merribridge Motors. All studs and nuts to suit alloy suaps. Alloy back plates for Hydraulic Brakes. Ball and Roller bearings. B.P. Batteries, new and rebuilt. Special Pistons. U bolts all models. King Pins and Bushes. Front Spring shackles. Rear spring shackles. Brake cables all models. H.D. valve spring. H.D. clutch spring. Big end and Tab washers. Valve guides all models. Valves standard and oversize all models. Axle shafts. Gasket sets. Most of the above are subject to 10-25% discount to financial club members only and most parts 2nd hand.

SPARES REPORT

Austin 7 Spares Report

New stock is now in spares. Your Spares volunteers have been hard at work stocking the shelves with affordable new parts to keep your restoration moving or keep your Austin 7 on the road.



Here is just a sample: **Tail lights**

#0482 – Lamp – D type Price: \$100

#0607 – Lamp boot round centre mount “Pork Pie” Price: \$160

#0481 – Lamp tail – Chummy round type double contact Price: \$150

Likewise, we have had a large influx of difficult to find second hand parts that are priced to sell.

SPARES REPORT



We are continually releasing secondhand part for sale, so pop in and see how we can help you with your car.

Also, over the coming months we will be running specials on our new parts, so watch this space.

New parts being labelled by spares volunteers.



Tony Press has kindly provided his engineering skills for the purpose of parts quality assurance.



PRESERVING OUR CLUB HISTORY

ARCHIVIST & CURATOR

The Club needs some people to carry on the excellent work done by Laurie Allan, who managed to scan all our collection of Club Newsletters, and catalogue all these documents, and many more, and create records of much of the collections of memorabilia that the Club has.

However, this needs much additional work, but is not urgent. That said, any volunteer/s can work at their own pace.

The primary aim is to progressively make Club Members aware of the vast amount of information that is available.

In addition, the Club needs a volunteer, to work in partnership with the Archivist, to act as a Collections Curator, or an Exhibitions Curator, to address how the Club should properly look after its collections, and also to progressively create adequate descriptive material so that our members can understand the relevance, and importance, of each item in the Club's collections.

An important early project is to create suitable descriptive elements to accompany all the items in the Dickason collection, and also convert the extensive record of this collection into a form that is readily available to Club Members and visitors.

Similar descriptive items are also needed for all of the Club's displays, including our trophies collection.

It is also planned that all our extensive electronic records of our collections should be progressively made more available to members, and that these records are systematically supplemented by the significant quantity of additional Austin 7 history that is being steadily researched by many Club Members.

Perhaps some of these roles could suitably become part of a study for a person seeking a tertiary qualification.

For more, talk to Robert Humphreys, at a meeting, or at 0427 772 281.

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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.

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.

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

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

Unfortunately, not available by mail order.

SPARES CLOSURE FOR STOCKTAKE

The Austin 7 Spares department will be closed for yearly stocktake and year end accounting adjustments.

NO MAIL ORDERS, OR OVER THE COUNTER SALES FROM.

After the H.A.S. on 19 June 2024, TO re-opening at the July HAS on 17 July 2024.

MARKET PLACE

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

FOR SALE

Peter Matthews is selling a number of his Austins.

1929 Standard Sports (aluminium/red).
\$30,000



1935 Sports Special (red). \$12,000

1936 Tourer (blue). \$15,000

Supercharged Austin 7 race car (green) ex
Tony Johns \$18,000

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MARKET PLACE

Low frame Austin 7 rolling chassis. Offers



1933 Austin 10 4 door sedan (red). \$12,000

2 off Austin A40 sedans. \$5,000 each
Contact Peter's daughter
Sue 0412 185 554



An elderly man was on the operating table awaiting surgery to be performed by his son, a renowned surgeon.

Just before they put him under, he asked to speak to his son:
Don't be nervous, son, do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me Your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife."

FOR SALE - Ken Walker's Austin 7

I'm writing on behalf of my mother, Jeanette Walker, and myself regarding father's 1924 AC Austin 7 Pramhood. Sadly Dad passed away in June 2022. He was an active member of the Canberra Antique and Classic Car Club and a past member of the Austin 7 Club for many years as well.

In finalising Dad's estate we have finally decided to sell his 1924 Pramhood, and Mum is keen for it to go to a good home where it will be regularly used and appreciated. The 1924 was Dad's great love having spent over 15 years sourcing, restoring or manufacturing every single part for the car—very much a labour of love; fortunately Dad was able to drive and enjoy the car for many years before he lost his licence at 90. Even though he had dementia when he finally passed at 94 the car still bought a smile to his face as well as the happy memories of this special Austin 7.

I know Dad would have very much appreciated the car going to an Austin enthusiast who would love, enjoy and care for the vehicle.

I have attached a feature article from the Australian Classic Car magazine from December 2012 that features Dad and his car. The car is in excellent condition and has been stored for the last couple of years. It is somewhat unique with its beaded-edge wheels and obviously the car is celebrating 100 years this year. I am happy to answer any questions (the best that I can).

Kind regards

Rob Walker

Canberra 0448 400 312



FOR SALE

Supercharger with SU Carby & Drive Gear

Ex Warren Bonning \$400

Eric Gorr 0409 939 113

FOR SALE - Roadster

ex Malcolm Hill Mt Eliza (\$9,000)

South Gippsland Owner was Greg Denovin
(now deceased). Wife is selling to assist her in
moving on with her life.

The engine is disabled however we believe there
is no real issues with it. Engine number
M188399

Whoever purchases the vehicle is up for the cost
of reassembly of the engine.

David 0418 553 000.

FOR SALE

Lucas 3 prong glass head light, able to be fitted



MARKET PLACE

to Austin 7 lights - \$250 for pair.

Pick up only.

Michael Shegog - 0419 007 033

shegoga7@gmail.com

**WANTED TO RENT**

Small flat, rooms, or backyard bungalow required by older club member.

Preferably in Mornington area.

House trained, non-smoker, sober habits, non-aggressive, reliable payer.

Phone Bill 0435 582 294

**FOR SALE. ALL AUSTIN SEVEN ITEMS.**

A7 starting handle to suit 29/30 model.

A7 set of new front and rear springs.

A7 reconditioned front end fitted with new king pins etc.

A7 original wheel brace.

A7 pair of new running boards to suit 1930 model.

A7 engine stand, rotating and able to be dismantled for storage.

A7 scuttle mounted petrol tank, painted and ready to use. 22-30 models.

Lucas dashlight as fitted after market.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

MARKET PLACE

For Sale Lloyd Hartnett panel van

We have a 1956 Lloyd Hartnett panel van that we are planning to sell, hopefully for restoration if someone has an interest for a restoration project or looking for parts. It was my late father-in-law's and has been stored in a shipping container at Mt Mercer (1.5 Hours from Melbourne, 30 minutes from Ballarat) for some time. It comes with a complete second motor and complete front end as well as many miscellaneous parts.

Attached are just a few photos of the car. It has no rust and is structurally sound with all panels in good condition.

Please let me know if you would like further images or details.

Michelle Goddard

jw-magoddard@bigpond.com



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>



Holmesglen Tunnelling Centre was a sample of an amazing tour organised by John McMillan—a brilliant targeted education centre.





HISTORIC WINTON



Austin 7s led the Parade on Sunday - Photo by Peter Knights

An Austin 7 racing - Photo by Chris Barbour

