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Learning new skills, to facilitate maintenance and repair of our cars, is as important as using our cars.

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The facilities at Austin 7 Heaven are a great collaborative effort, and a training ground for our members to learn the skills to maintain and repair their cars, produce new parts, and work as a team to help each other.

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#### Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 75th year Foundation Patron of the Club Col. A C R Waite,(dec.) MC, OStJ, DL, JP, Freeman of the City of London 1894—1991., Life member of the British Racing Drivers Club. Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### MARCH

2	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven		
2-3	Sat-Sun		S	Rob Roy Revival		
6	Wed	7	А	M.G.M./Spares		
7-10	Thur-Sun			VHRR Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport		
7-11	Thur-Mon		А	Austins Over Australia 2024		
9	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.		
10	Sun			Yarra Glen Swap Meet - VDC		
11	Mon			Labour Day		
15	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven		
17	Sun			Brighton Classic Car Show		
20	Wed	7	А	H.A.S./Spares		
21-24	Thurs-Sun			Australian Grand Prix		
23	Sat		S	Eddington Sprints		
24	Sun			Mortlake Picnic - Federation		
24	Sun		А	Kalorama Rally		
27	Wed	7	А	URRRS - Synchrotron		
29	Fri			Good Friday		
29	Fri		А	Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park		
30	Sat			First Day of Autumn School Holidays		
30-31	Sat/Sun			Wunghnu Picnic - Federation		

#### LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

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Sunday 17 March 2024.

THE LIGHT SHAFT

	APRIL			
1	Mon			Easter Monday
3	Wed	7	А	M.G.M./Spares
5	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
6	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ
6	Sat			OST Scrutineering - Lilydale
7	Sun	7	Α	Learn to Drive Day
14	Sun			Last Day of Autumn School Holidays
17	Wed	7	А	H.A.S./Spares
20	Sat	7	А	Austin 7 Heaven Training Day/Tool Up
21	Sun			OST 1 - Glenburn
25	Thurs			Anzac Day
26-28				Florence Thomson Tour
				COMPLE

#### COMING

MOTHERS DAY - 12 MAY, may be a good day to take your "baby" for a drive to visit one of your mothers or one of your elderly relations or friends.

National Motoring Heritage Day on 19 May, is a chance to road test your Austin 7, give the public a look at it, and prepare it for HISTORIC WINTON

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

A few dates are still tentative, or not confirmed

(Tentative Events/Dates are in Italics)

#### **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

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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

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# PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSIP RENEWAL ASAP Your renewal Notice was attached to the December Lightshaft If you did not keep it, please contact the Membership Secretary, Russell Dickson

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?" The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The graduate with a Commerce degree asks, "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I must apologise to Bill Sheehan for announcing at the February Monthly Meeting that Bill had gone blind. I am pleased that after a phone conversation with Bill I can report that some of his eyesight has returned, all be it limited, and as a result he has been allowed to return to his home. We wish Bill all the very best and trust that his sight continues to improve.

As we march into March there are a good number of activities to be had. There are a number of tool up days at Seven Heaven. There is the Rob Roy Revival followed by the VHRR Philip Island Classic and the Eddington sprints. For those who enjoy a rally there is the long standing iconic Kalorama Rally.

Another day out, is the Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run and the proceeds go to the Children's Hospital Appeal.

Finally I would recommend to you to take up the offer to visit the Synchrotron. Whilst there is a cost, let me assure you that this is one of the most scientific tools in the world and there are only a small number of them worldwide. Tours of this facility are very limited. You may ask what is a Synchrotron ?

\*Synchrotrons use electricity to produce intense beams of light more than a million times brighter than the sun. The light is produced when high-energy electrons are forced to travel in a circular orbit inside the synchrotron tunnels by the 'synchronised' application of strong magnetic fields..

The electron beam produced by the <u>Australian Synchrotron</u> travels just under the speed of light - about 299,792 kilometres a second. The intense light produced by the electrons is filtered and adjusted to travel into experimental workstations, where light reveals the innermost secrets of materials, from human tissue to plants to metals and more.\* ( extract from Australian Synchrotron Web site).

Len Kerwood 0419 504 233

# **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The deadline for membership renewals is 29 February. So if you haven't paid by then, this is the last Light Shaft you will receive and it will cost an extra \$35 to rejoin the club.

Thanks to all who paid promptly and didn't need to be sent reminders. It certainly makes my job easier. And we extend a warm welcome to the following new members.

Well not quite new but John Liston from Stoneleigh is rejoining, having last been a member in 1999. John has a 1936 Ruby.

Mike Barker from Oxfordshire in the UK also has a 1936 Ruby.

Georgia Columb of Malvern has recently acquired a 1929 Roadster from Bruce Maplestone. The car was previously owned by her grandfather Herb Johnson back in the 1980s. She joins along with children Charlie and Scarlet.

Dallas Bassett from Rye is building an Austin 7 race car which he hopes to compete with this year.

Last year VicRoads issued some Club Permit renewals with the wrong year and I've just spotted another one this year dated 2024 instead of 2025. Keep an eye out when you receive your CPS renewal that all information is correct and contact VicRoads if you find errors.

Russell

#### MEMBERSHIP REMINDER - SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due for payment before 31 December 2023.

If you have not paid your membership you are now UNFINANCIAL.

Notice is hereby given that all members who have not paid their outstanding subscriptions by the last day in February will cease to be members and will be removed from the Membership Register.

Should they later wish to join as Full or Associate Members they will be required to join the club and pay the **joining fee in addition to the annual subscription.** 

Please consider this as a notice in writing as prescribed in Club Rule 6.10.

# **Editor's Wafflings**

The back cover, this month, shows the Logan Ruby.

At HISTORIC WINTON we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the "gem" series of Austin 7s - the Ruby, Pearl and Opal - but that anniversary also applies to the "Open Road Tourer".

Heavens knows why the Austin marketing team could not come up with a name for this "gem" of a model.

Also in 1934, the Sports "75"/Speedy Type EK was released, and our export cars received larger front shock absorbers.

The type "65" received steel panels to replace the earlier aluminium panels, and the name Nippy was introduced.

Also Datsun released cars built on Austin manufactured low frame chassis.

Considering other important anniversaries for the Austin 7, 100 years ago, Austin made a speedometer available as an optional extra, shock absorbers were also introduced, and the first production Austin 7 Sports was introduced.

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With the progressive introduction of electronic "Lightshaft" readily available, and the constantly rising cost of postal charges, an alternate subscription structure was introduced, similar to the arrangements of many commercial publishers, thus entering a "User Pays" system for a mailed Lightshaft. The costs of mailing, particularly overseas and interstate, were rising regularly. From an Editors view, making a full colour edition available was also a significant improvement, appreciated by email recipients.

For an electronic version, an expanded number of pages has an insignificant cost burden, and gives the Editor a much expanded ability to add more reading content to our magazine, which has risen about 25% already, and will potentially rise further as further archival material becomes more readily available, much of that by Tony Johns, together with most informative reporting from workshops conducted at Austin 7 Heaven.

It is hoped that this will continue to expand, particularly if the Club can attract some good archivists and curators of our memorabilia and collections.

# **Editor's Wafflings**

With Tony Press's brilliant devotion to managing the Club's electronic offerings, aided by many others, most members now have regular access to newsletters and magazines from about 8 clubs and a few peak motoring bodies, together with what appears to be irregular offerings from about 20 others. All these add to interesting reading matter about the car movement.

I notice that the latest Mildura VVC "Bulbhorn" has a For Sale advert for an Austin 7.

Motorsport Australia "Speed Read" for Feb 2024 has reference to Technical Appendix updates which will undoubtedly affect most of our motorsport competitors, and our administrators and some Officials.

I also love the stories in Country Motor, a brilliant magazine, only available in electronic form.

So consider upgrading your computer skills, the comfort of your computer chair, and screen, and sit back and enjoy a constantly expanding access to helpful, informative, educational, and sometimes amusing motoring news.

Now to help make that better, please read on, about my appeal.

# **Club Archives and Memorabilia**

The Club is in desperate need for both a Archivist, and a Curator.

Many of our records and memorabilia are well catalogued, scanned, and recorded, BUT there is a need for further work to make these valuable items accessible to our members, in a manner that will enrich their understanding of the history of our cars, club and members, and our place in Australia's history. PLEASE READ FURTHER ON PAGE 30

A simple example is our cabinets of trophies.

I regularly see visitors and members peering at these artifacts, with little expectation that they will understand where they fit within the history of our cars, Club and members.

In fact, we quite often have good records to interpret the story, but it simply needs some devotion from someone that does not need any motoring skills.

See Robert Humphreys, or editor@austin7club.org

# Notes from the Editor

Like all clubs, there is a likelihood that new members can be a little confused by some of the references, and abbreviations used by "old" members, so this article from the past, will, at the least explain the origins of "URRRS". AND you get a bonus puzzle - *See answer on Page 23* 

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THE LIGHT SHAFT – AUGUST 1998

#### PRESIDENTS REPORT

As I reported last month, O.S.T. No. 6 was organised by Noel and Faye Stevens. This was a highly successful event and proves that if you do your homework, as Noel and Faye did, you too will have a great event.

My day started in great fashion. In Brian Gibbon's Ulster replica we proceeded to Mont De Lancy, an historic home and garden, located at Wandin. Here we caught up with another seven or so Austin 7s. After a most interesting tour and look around we headed off to Noel and Faye's.

Here we Austin Seven drivers were given a treat as passengers in the O.S.T. cars for one special section. 15 O.S.T. cars, 7 or 8 Austin 7s, plenty of people enjoying themselves and each others company – what more could you want as an organiser?

In a previous Light Shaft it was suggested that Doug Veel was the founder of the URRRS Run. Whilst this is the case, after polite discussions with Doug he has acknowledged that the phrase was actually coined by me. For the historical record, URRRS stands for "Unemployed, Retired, Retrenched, Rostered-Day-Off, Sickies". If you are in any of these categories you may attend.

Last month both the Editor and myself appealed to you to seriously consider joining the committee, as several positions will be available next year. Please consider this request as the Club needs your support.

In closing I am pleased to advise that Ballarat has been booked for the 2002 Rally, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Austin 7. You have plenty of notice to rebuild your Austin. We can promise you an event to remember, but we will need your Austin 7s - 250 to 300 would be great.

Start rebuilding now !!!

#### LEN KERWOOD

#### AUSTIN 7 BRAIN BUILDING

What is the rational reason for this sequence of single-digit numbers?

8 5 4 9 1 7 6 3 2 0

If you are a responsible, practical Austin 7 driver, with the reflexes which you should have to drive an older vehicle ,you should be able to see the logic and therefore the solution.

# **Editor's notes from the Archives**

This extract from the July 1963 Lightshaft gave some food for thought, for Tony Johns, as the Derek Jolly car had an important role in our Club's racing history.

If your eyes are good, then the critical specifications of this Derek Jolly car is a sign of the dedication to reduce weight and eke out extreme performance.

solex; 16" tyres and wheels; 1 rear axle; 2 complete front axles; 2 chassis; body panels; 2 sets of instruments; sealed beam headlights; plus many other miscellaneous bits ... everything must be sold ... no reasonable offer refused. Contact: Les Caldwell, WF.2152 (evenings).

#### URGENT .

1937 Austin 7 sedan. Good goer, 6 months' registration. Contact: Russell Hook, 57 Airdrie Road, East Malvern. Phone: 211.4113

Austin 7 Racing Car - Ex Derek Jolly and Bill Reece car. Holder of Rob Roy Hill

Austin 7 Macing car - ix Derek Joily and Hill Reece car. Holder of Hob Hoy Hill Climb Record for Austin 7 car. Completely rebuilt throughout. Engine: 747 cc capacity, English sandwich cylinder head, alloy sump, fully balanced, English built inlet and exhaust manifold, tuned length. New con rods included in rebuild, crankshaft crack-tested and is O.K. Close ratio gearbox, hydraulic brakes all round; completely overhauled. Extremely light chassis. Whole car in racing trim and ready to race. Weight - 57 cwt. 4 new tyres. Wood, alloy steering wheel, full alloy body, Engine dynomometer tested at 35 B.H.P. All receipts for rebuild available. Price on application. Enquire: Div Cobbin, C/o Motor Improvements, 4 Ross Place, South Melbourne. Phone: 69.2454

#### WANTED TO BUY

Austin 7, Meteor for preference. Must be registered and in fairly good condition. Willing to pay £30 for right car. all in a D

Contact: Darryl Cleburne, 87 Alto Avenue, Croydon. Phone: 723.2204

#### RENEWALS, NEW MEMBERS & CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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954 1097	Ian Boyd, 4 Hill Street, Thornbury. N17 Kenneth Foster, Grove Street, Vermont.	874.5919	62.1691	1
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1051	John Nixon, 45 Victoria Crescent, Mont Albert. David Scully, 2 Mason Street, Reservoir. Ian Wilson, 6 Binnie Street, East Brighton.	89.4862 JU.5811 XB.6874	60.0521 JW.6275 62.0231	
	Peter Wilson, 17 Park Road, Glen Iris.	THE REAL		

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.

#### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 2 March 2024

A *new format* just for SATURDAY Tool UP. Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day

#### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 6 March 2024

Got news about a past or coming event, or had progress on an Austin 7 revival—come and share your news.

Also hear about progress in HISTORIC WINTON 2024.

Pick up any Spares you need for your A7.

#### **Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport**

#### Thursday 7 to Sunday 10 March 2024

#### Attention all members -

We are seeking a few Austin Seven competition vehicles or sports models to be part of an Historic Winton publicity display at the Phillip Island Classic on Friday March 8th to Sunday March 10th . We have secured a great undercover site within the Exhibition Centre which is locked every evening to ensure your vehicles safety and you do not need to be there for the entire weekend.

Weekend passes are available for the owners and they do not need to spend time on the stand if they wish to enjoy themselves elsewhere.

Display vehicles would need to be there on the Friday or early Saturday morning and removed on the Sunday afternoon.

There is also an open area in front of the Exhibition Centre for others that may wish to attend Phillip Island with their A7s - *this is a great opportunity to showcase both Historic Winton and the Austin* Seven Club.

Contact Noel Wilcox - 0413702558 03 54282689 noelwilcox@rocketmail.com

to book a display spottyofficer@austin7club.org

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# **COMING EVENTS**







A programme of events showcasing the beautiful city of Orange, our Austin Motor Vehicles, and a time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Contact details for this event: Tony Groom, Tour Director AOA 2024 Mob: 0412 036 774 email: <u>AOA2024@amvcnsw.com.au</u>

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#### Spares / BBQ Saturday 9 March 2024

Brouse the Spares, buy a few, then ask a

knowledgeable member how to fit it whilst munching a snag. A great time to share stories.

Perhaps consider talking to someone about a potential role at HISTORIC WINTON 2024.

#### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 15 March 2024

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

What project do you need help with, or some machining?

Or perhaps the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

BUT, still far, far better, are the facilities, and many knowledgeable helpers at Austin 7 Heaven.

#### Brighton Classic Car Show - Sunday 17 March 2024

A worthwhile chance to show your car, look at others, or blow the cobwebs out.

All proceeds to charities.

See www.brightonclassiccarshow.org.au, or talk to Wayne Styles.

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#### BRIGHTON CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sunday 17 March, 2024 Firbank Grammar Oval 51 Outer Crescent, Brighton



# **COMING EVENTS**

#### Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 20 March 2024

Come and share your triumphs, and frustrations, with others.

Have a natter about past events, or perhaps suggest how you could assist the Club, either in preparation, during, or after HISTORIC WINTON.

# 66<sup>th</sup> Kalorama Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

It is many years since we have attended this event as a club group. Our club logo appears on the promotional material so even more reason we should support organisers.

Location: Kalorama Memorial Reserve Mt Dandenong Tourist Road. Opens 10AM If you would like to arrive in a club group meet at: Greg Drummonds home 14 Stud Road, Bayswater

for 10am departure

otherwise make your own way to Kalorama.

Some indication that you maybe able to attend would be useful.

Please contact John McMillan

Home 5931 3876 Mobile 0408 994 510

Email mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

# URRRS

#### Wednesday 27 March 2024

Through the exhaustive efforts of our fellow member John Neve we have been granted the privilege of visiting

#### The Australian Synchrotron/ANSTO Research Facilities

at the Monash University Clayton Campus Corner Wellington Road and Blackburn Road, Clayton

10 AM prompt start.

The number of members able to join this visit has been increased so, the cost will be below the \$21.00 originally indicated.

#### Final details regarding meeting point and lunch arrangements will be emailed to members intending to attend.

Expressions of interest invited now.

Contact John McMillan Mobile 0408 994 510

Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

# HOT CROSS BUN RUN - GOOD FRIDAY 29 March 2024

#### Annual Charity Event: Generous donations collected for the

#### **Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal**

Rosella Oval is the last oval on the left hand side before the exit back onto Lower Dandenong Road. Please note this is a ONE WAY circuit.

See Melway Map: 88 E8

Come early to get try to park all our the cars together as a club. Look for the Austin 7 flag banners.

#### BYO Picnic chairs and tables, Lunch and drinks, sunscreen. No Alcohol is permitted.

This event is shared by the Veteran Car Club Vic (VCCAV), Vintage Drivers Club (VDC), Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA) and the Austin 7 Club Inc.

This year will be hosted by the Veteran Car Club Vic (VCCAV) Please come along and join in our club display and have a great day out with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy the multitude of superb vehicles that are on display.

# INTRA CLUB HOT CROSS BUN RUN

When: Good Friday, 29 March 2024, 9:30am to 1:00pm Where: Rosella Oval / Picnic Area – Braeside Park Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside. Melways 88 E8.

Free Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee provided, along with scintillating conversation.

Housekeeping: No animals are allowed in the Park.

#### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 3 April 2024

What a good chance to see a few of our remote members, who join us on-line. You can also share your story about past events, or hear a bit about Coming Events, hear about progress on administration of YOUR Club, or perhaps you may consider volunteering to help, in some role.

Also hear about progress in HISTORIC WINTON 2024, with only one more MGM before it all happens.

As usual, Spares is a good place to spend the house-keeping funds.

#### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 5 April 2024

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

What project do you need help with, or some machining?

Or perhaps the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

BUT, still far, far better, are the facilities, and many knowledgeable helpers at Austin 7 Heaven.

#### OST Scrutineering - Lilydale —Sunday 6 April 2024

A different format to previous years, as this is not combined with an OST competition event.

**70-80 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.

## LEARN TO DRIVE DAY - Sunday 7 April 2024

This event has been proposed by Greg Hallihan. The venue will be Graeme Logan's front paddock at Merricks North, which is familiar to many members as a popular site for Club Motorkhanas.

The concept is to give members the opportunity to bring along their vehicles (A7s, mudcars and anything appropriate) to be driven in a safe environment by family members. We encourage the younger members or non driving members (eg lady partners) of our club to take the wheel under the guidance of other family members.

There will be basic witches hat courses configured for negotiation by the drivers. This is to be a fun event (and not a competition), so that family members (other than the regular driver) can "get the hang of" driving our old, muddy or other interesting cars.

We especially encourage all grandparents to bring along their grandchildren for a fun day (driving Pop's funny car).

Greg Hallihan would appreciate some assistance with setting up courses (as this is a new thing for him).

Bring along a picnic lunch and some chairs (Graeme and Bev will provide the shade and facilities).

Date: 7 April 2024

Time: 10am

Where: 192 Bittern-Dromana Road, Merricks North (look for the Austin 7 sign).

Enquires Greg Hallihan 0409381900

#### Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 17 April 2024

Have you prepared your car for HISTORIC WINTON, particularly if yours is a model that will be celebrating 90 years young.

It would be great to see our Club putting on a good display of these very important models, as they are examples of the transition from "vintage type" vehicles, to post-vintage. All the **"gems"** -

Get your Rubies, Opals, Pearls and Open Road Tourers prepared, AND

Also ensure that we have a good representation of Nippys and Speedys.

Also have a natter about past events, or perhaps suggest how you could assist the Club, either in preparation, during, or after HISTORIC WINTON.

The phone rings and the wife answers.

A pervert breathing heavily says, "I bet you have a tight arse with no hair?" The wife replies, "Yes I do, he's watching TV ... who shall I say is calling?"

#### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 20 April 2024

The *new format* just for SATURDAY Tool UP.

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

#### OST 1 - Glenburn Sunday 21 April 2024

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.

#### Florence Thomson Tour - 26-28 April 2024

This Tour, for female drivers only, is now conducted annually by the AOMC.

For some information about its purpose, origins and history, see Page 31.

It commonly gets a full field, very soon after Expressions of Interest are first published early each year.

#### **RULES FOR A WRITER**

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Except when your foreign neighbour ,Keith, receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

Weird.

#### Swan Hill - Border Run Friday 13 to Monday 16 September 2024

#### See centrefold for Expression Of Interest



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

## THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

It is the policy of our Club that owners of Austin 7 Club Club Permit vehicles MUST maintain <u>financial</u> 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/

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## **COMING EVENTS**

It's time to consider how you can get your Austin 7 to Historic Winton 2024, AND help out as an official, but also potentially participate in:-

- $\Rightarrow$  The Friday Tour
- ⇒ The Display at the track, either in the car park, OR in the Corporate Pavilion
- $\Rightarrow$  Sunday Parade Laps

If you have a competition A7, and do not want to compete, display in the Competition Paddock may also have potential.



## **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.



#### CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR the 47th HISTORIC WINTON

Historic Winton is the largest event that the Club conducts each year, and it is the event that we get the greatest participation by:

- $\Rightarrow$  Club Members, and their families, as Officials, and
- $\Rightarrow$  Club Members, and former members, as Competitors.
- $\Rightarrow$  Club Members, and their families, as Spectators

There is a job for everyone, some of these do not require attendance at the event.

It is also worth pondering that this event is also an important event underpinning the finances of the Club.

BUT, it is also a great pleasure to see so many people enjoying them selves.



#### ANSWER TO BRAIN BUILDING:

Every day we use two primary systems to put things in order, one is numeric the other alphabetic. These numbers are in strict alphabetical order i.e. Eight, Five, Four, Nine ..., Zero

# **PAST EVENTS - Great South Eastern Rally**

#### The Great South Eastern Rally in my Austin 7

January is the time for the Great South Eastern Rally organized by the Post Vintage Car Club of Tasmania. Last year I entered and won my section. This year I went back but I do not know the results as yet.

To have a chance of winning the rally one has to pass all the check points and, prior to starting, estimate your average speed. Last year, as I had no clue I picked 30 mph, winning with an actual average of 29.8 mph.

This year the weather was perfect, not too hot, but no rain either. I drove from Bruny Island to the start at the Wrest Point Casino. From there we travelled via a circuitous route to Oaklands for lunch then via a number of very pretty roads to Richmond for afternoon tea, then finish at Cambridge. Then the journey home to Bruny

There were some  $2^{nd}$  gear hills, both up and down and a lot of tight bends. The country was beautiful, and the 70 odd cars involved made an amazing sight.



Everything from a 1920s Whippet and an Auburn Roadster to a P76, HK Brougham, a Lotus Cortina, a Rover 90, buckets of MGs but only one other Austin, an A 40 which delighted his driver when he overtook me.

Mr Dog and I had a great time, travelling 178 miles for the day. I have to say 178 miles of accelerating, braking, shuffling up and down through the gears and an overdose of Tassie Sun made me a very happy but very tired little Vegemite.

# **PAST EVENTS - Great South Eastern Rally**

I love driving my Seven and it gets driven at least once a week. I find that the more I drive it the better it runs. The only incident I had was going over a large bump and breaking the exhaust hanger. 2 mins and one coat hanger later we were back on the road.

See you all at Winton

Lockie Story

Bruny Island Tasmania

# PAST EVENTS - RACING IN BENALLA 1936

Hi Robert

This may be of interest, or may be not.

The link below is not so much about A7's.

The article is more about how in 1936 the Benalla community got together to organise a motor car race. No comparison the A7 Club's current Historic Winton efforts and organisation, the army of helpers that make such a great event happen.!

Motor racing was certainly different.

Rob. Parsons

<u>07 Apr 1936 - THE MOTOR RACE - TroveNational Library of</u> Australiahttps://trove.nla.gov.au > newspaper > article

Eg 1936 using Grader to shape the track, Grand stands being built, while the Hume Hwy was included as part of the course. Train time tables !

My understanding - it was a basic trianglular shape track, cars complete the 100 mile race event..

## PAST EVENTS - RACING IN BENALLA 1936

The Parsons and Phillips Ford V8 was racing at Benalla, Jack Phillips in one car while Ted Parsons snr (my Grandfather) in a standard Ford V8 tourer. News to me that two cars were raced. It was as I understood the first motor car racing event for these individuals, the catalyst to develop a Grandprix car, racing in state and interstate events until the war intervened.

As more papers become digitised, the more I will discover. (or confused)

I have the actual winning trophy with inscription -V.S.C.C , Benalla 100, 1938 E.J.Parsons, Ford V8, Time 1Hr.47mins. 58secs,

This win was in 1938 not 1936, but have never searched articles for events held in1936.

Back to the searching for me !!!!!

Both Austin's have lost their spark and are gathering dust in the workshop, like-wise myself, I'm rehabbing after some surgery. Planning to be on the mend for Historic Winton.

Hope you are going well and are in good health, may your A7 wheels keep turning.

Regards Rob Parsons

Editor's Note

My cousin, who regularly competes at HW, and competed at Myrniong, regularly joked that it was funny that his father had an Austin 7, and he ended up with v8s, and my father had v8s, and I ended up with Austin 7s - BUT, some of you may not see the joke!



Australian History—The way it was—A nostalgic look at the past - Paul Smith

The Winterbottom Motor Co assembled Dodge & Austin 7 cars in Western Australia in around the 1920s. Credit Ken Devine)



#### A request for regular lunch volunteers.

The committee are looking for regular volunteers to assist in providing lunches that are enjoyed by our members on the **Spares Saturday**, be it a BBQ or Sandwiches or other easy on the run lunches.

N.B. All costs are reimbursed.

Let's get back to enjoying our social family lunches in the rooms. Covid has nearly gone and we would like to welcome more members to come and enjoy a chat over lunch when the Spares Garage is open..

Contact John Shiells 0403 228 559

Regards, The Committee of The Austin 7 Club.

# 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.

# **SNIPPETS OF HISTORY**

The AOMC website gives the following synopsis about this annual celebration.

"In February 1905, Florence Thomson was the sole female entrant in the Dunlop Reliability Motor contest from Sydney to Melbourne. Mrs Thomson was one of the 16 entrants who successfully completed the five-day trial, driving a six horsepower Wolseley, over what was then nothing more than 562 miles of dirt track between the capital cities."







To celebrate the pioneering spirit and contribution of women to Australian motoring, The Florence Thomson Tour was created as an annual event in April 2017 by the RACV.

The tour is now proudly brought to you by the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) on behalf of the RACV.

This year the tour is based in Gippsland.

#### FOOTNOTE

For our members, it would be of some interest to know how much Herbert Austin may have been involved in the development of that Wolseley, given that we are told that he was still contracted to manage the Wolseley Tool and Motor Car Company until March 1906. He was, at the same time a Director of the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machine Company Ltd.

# **CARING FOR YOUR BABY**

## **TOOL UP/TRAINING DAYS AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN**

The lads were busy again this month with their various projects

- ⇒ Ted is rebuilding his engine and currently measuring and honing his bores for new +50 pistons.
- ⇒ Len Forster was busy pressure testing a cylinder head and block for John Shiells engine.







 $\Rightarrow$  Ivan Sanders

has been busy on the milling machine and lathe. Firstly, he was spot facing some new bronze water inlets for Club Spares and then chamfering John's new valve guides.

⇒ Jono, his son
 TJ and a visitor
 (John) were
 rebuilding an early
 steering box.

 $\Rightarrow \quad \text{JohnS was} \\ \text{welding (when he} \\ \text{found a new flint).} \\$ 



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# **CARING FOR YOUR BABY**

⇒ Robert Davis and Alan Cass were involved in repairing the mudguards for Russell Dickson's Australian Sports.



⇒ Meanwhile the sandblaster was getting a workout – with Courtenay Rumble excitedly

restoring a pair of 1923 beaded edge wheels for his replica project.



⇒ I was keeping my crownwheel runout down to 3 thou on my replacement rear axle project.



⇒ Greg was lending a hand to all projects, offering advice, encouragement and a bit of welding for Alan.



#### THE LIGHT SHAFT

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# **CARING FOR YOUR BABY**

⇒ Robert was a legend – giving his A7 roadster an airing AND cooking up a great lunch. If you need some encouragement with your Baby building or



maintenance, please come along.





- $\Rightarrow$  Our next workshop is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- $\Rightarrow$  All welcome, bring your friends too.

Cheers, Brian Gibbons and Michael Shegog (A7H Manager)

Tool Up: "to provide someone or something with the tools or equipment needed for making something, or to be provided with these tools or equipment." From an anonymous Wisconsin State Trooper

I'm not a fan of all electric vehicles. Too many variables affecting battery consumption.

Definitely not suited for cold climates.

The following experience just cements my distaste for EVs, especially Teslas.

I got sent to a motorist assist the other day, at the start of our snowstorm. Tesla on the side of the interstate, dead battery. So, I arrive on scene and the occupants have the right-front door open. They tell me that they can't open any other doors, because the battery is dead. Sure enough. Can't open the doors from inside or outside. The driver also can't get her license out of the glove box where she put it during their trip. Because the glovebox opens electronically... and the battery is dead. You actually have to use the computer in the center of the dash to open the glovebox. They said they had 10% battery left, should've been plenty to get from that location to the charging station nearby. Then all of a sudden, the whole car shut off and they coasted to the shoulder.

So now I have to find them a tow. No one wants to tow EVs. Finally found one company to do it. 8-mile trip to the charging station in Tomah. \$1,000! Normal vehicle on the flatbed would've been \$150.

So now we're at the Tesla superchargers. Guess what. Can't open the f'n charging port because the battery is dead!!! The ports open, you guessed it, electronically!!!  $\Box \Box \Box \Box \Box$ . And we also can't open the doors now (had to close the one open door when it was loaded onto the wrecker). The owner's manual is in the on-board computer, but the battery is dead.

I got the occupants to a store where they'd be warm while calling the rental company to figure out how to charge this POS, so I'm not sure of the outcome. I had to leave for a crash report.

EVs may be the way, someday, but certainly not today!! I'll stick with my dinosaur burner.



703. Laughs from the Shows. (Source. 'What ever became of the Baby Austin, by. John Underwood)

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#### **INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PERMIT**

Given the responsibility for compliance with eligibility, the Club does not authorise CPS applications for MODIFIED vehicles, other than Austin 7s and their derivatives, since the Club Permit Officers would not have sufficient experience to judge eligibility, and are now required to attest to eligibility.

# *An applicant for a \*Club Permit for any vehicle other than an Austin 7 must be a Full Member of the Austin Seven Club Inc.'*

The Club Permit Officer will request a statement from any applicant for new CPS vehicles that are NOT Austin 7s, to state that the vehicle is not modified outside the Regulations, or the VSI 8 or the VSI 33, whichever are applicable, and that any vehicle manufactured after 30 June 1975 meets the ADRs.

#### TO APPLY FOR A NEW PERMIT

Your Club Permit Officers will require the following with your CPS application:-

- ♦ MUST be on the VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- MUST be accompanied by a VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles Form
- MUST be accompanied by a current Certificate of Roadworthiness (within 30 days of the Declaration Date) - The alternate VicRoads "Guideline Vehicle Safety Inspection Checklist" is NOT accepted, as the Club does not have any authorised CPS Scrutineers.
- Dated photographs of front, driver's side, back, driving positions (side on with driver's door open), and where possible - Chassis number, engine number, car number and a photo of ALL modifications.
- An application for a "modified" Austin 7 MUST be accompanied by a VASS approval certificate
- An application for a "modified" Austin 7 motorcycle MUST be shown to meet the Standards applying to Motorcycle & Mopeds VSI 4

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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.



# MARKET PLACE

# Market Place advertisements will normally appearfor FREE in two consecutive LightshaftsEditor



## FOR SALE

Austin 7 utility. \$3,500, in Shepparton Phone 0418 184 918

## FOR SALE - 1929 Austin Seven

Built as an OST car and driven twice Rebuilt motor Electric start and water pump

New Needham Close Ratio box, Chassis, brakes diff, front end etc all done

Comes with frame and body for a Meteor replica, a choice of instruments (new or reco) Assorted wheels, body panels, seats and other spares.

More photos on request (Also see photo on P42)

I was going to complete it but I now have an Ulster to play with.

\$12,000 or best offer

Call Lockie 0429837507







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## **MARKET PLACE**

FOR SALE - Melbourne. Austin 7 Meteor 1929 Special. Pressure Fed Crank Shaft 1 1/2" Gear Box3 Speed close ratio. Diff late 8/42. Hydraulic Brakes. 12 Volt System. Austin 7 Instruments. Extractors 1 1/4" SU Hood



\$30,000. Michael Shegog. 0419 007 033. <u>shegoga7@gmail.com</u>

#### FOR SALE - Trailer

Rugged trailer, with electric brakes ,heavy duty tyres , aluminium planks - takes an Austin 7 with ease, could fit a wider car or mower.

Registered until March 2023. \$ 2,800

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

(See photo in past Lightshafts)

#### **WANTED**

A Mark 2 Ruby Windscreen (Must be MK2 the earlier one does not fit.) Frame is only required new glass will be cut. Tim Williams 0427 570 293

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# **MARKET PLACE**

#### FOR SALE

I have the following 3 books for sale.

- 'Original Austin 7' by Rinsey Mills. One book Mint condition, \$50 and one book Excellent condition, \$45.
- 'The Austin 7 Manual by Doug Woodrow' in near mint condition-\$75.

John Keane, Blackburn, Melbourne 9877-7754

Bus Hrs Email: <u>oldercarrepairs@bigpond.com</u>

#### FOR SALE

The following three vehicles owned by Mr Des Chick of Wangaratta will be offered unregistered at auction shortly. Club members are invited to offer for any of these cars prior to auction. Contact <u>trevorchick@yahoo.com</u>

1923 20 HP Rolls Royce

1927 Chevrolet Tourer

1927 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 - project car, running chassis only





## March 2024

# MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

Austin 7 Sports (Black Bess)

1929 model with some later parts

Body by Bill Sheehan

Recent extensive overhaul by Walter Raschle: in first class mechanical condition

Extensive competition and touring participation as detailed elsewhere.

Don Smith 5422 7335

Car can be viewed at Kyneton \$20,000.



View at Spares Garage. Pick up only. \$150 ONO

Contact email: <a href="mailto:spares@austin7club.org">spares@austin7club.org</a>



## FOR SALE\_Hoist\_Engine Stand

Club Spares Garage - Special tool for sale.

Engine Hoist and Engine Stand Combination

Hydraulic 1 1/2 Ton mobile crane fitted with a stand to hold an Austin 7 engine. (Block & tackle not included)



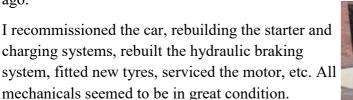
#### THE LIGHT SHAFT

#### March 2024

## MARKET PLACE

#### FOR SALE

My brother has decided to move on his 1930 Chummy. He purchased the car from Peter Mathews a year or so ago, it had been in storage since the Orange National A7 Rally 17 years ago.



Paint is good to fair, interior, top, side-curtains, etc are excellent. Apparently the original restorer had the engine worked on, it went very well when I drove it. There are a number of spares with it.



The car went through a roadworthy check ok and was put on full reg.

It is now unregistered and will be sold as such.

He is looking for \$25,000 or sensible offers.

Please contact Leigh Whitfield for further details. 0407 884 869 or griffinvale@hotmail.com.







## March 2024

# MARKET PLACE

## FOR SALE

1929 Chummy Restoration

Offered for sale is the restoration project of the late Neil Johannessen.

This is a Holden body (including the Holden bodyplate).

The car is mostly dismantled. All the bodywork has been completed and painted in Maroon. The paintwork is in good to fair condition.





Almost all of the mechanical parts are available.



The chassis, rear axle and wheels have been restored as have all the instruments and the radiator shell. It currently has 15inch spoked wheels, but a set of original 19" wheels are included.

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# **MARKET PLACE**

The engine, gearbox and front-end require restoration as does the trimming, but the hood, side curtains and front seat frames are there.

An easy restorer.

The car can be viewed at Austin 7 Heaven and enquiries through John Shiells.

Asking price \$8,000



## FOR FREE

Austin 7 windscreen I didn't want to throw it in the garbage so hopefully someone can use it?



If anyone is interested they can contact me on <u>apr@iprimus.com.au</u>.

We are at Mount Martha where it can be picked up. I don't want anything for it. This Austin 7 Windscreen is in unmarked, good order, free.

Ken Anderson





# MARKET PLACE

## FOR SALE

1935 Austin 7 tourer Ready to go New pressure fed crankshaft New Pistons plus 0.060" New Mini valves New Timing gears New Electronic Distributor New Springs New bushes & Kingpins New radiator 4 speed Needham gearbox Perry Exhaust



LED blinkers 5 new tyres 12 Volt generator New trim and roof Hydraulic brakes **\$\$ BEST OFFER \$\$** John Franklin 0418 340 433

## FOR SALE. ALL AUSTIN SEVEN ITEMS.

Windscreen, for saloon, grey primer condition.

Windscreen, [chummy] repaired, glazed and painted black c/w pillars.

Petrol tank, [chummy] repaired and painted black.

Wheels 19", [four] painted black fitted with new Avon tyres.

Axle, front, reconditioned with new King pins etc, painted black.

Seats, [chummy] a reproduction pair, grey primer.

Instrument set ie, PA speedo, switch panel, oil button and patent plate. Will separate if required.

Steering column, reconditioned.

Steering wheel, in fine condition.

Engine, 1930 c/w new crankshaft, dismantled.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.



Russell Dickson saw this unique High Tension solution at a recent car show.

Who says you need insulation on wires?

Impress her with something expensive





Below & Right: See FOR SALE on Page 43







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Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria









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