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In 1979 the first composite document was printed, followed by improved versions progressively including further information on the history of the Club.

This latest version should now be read in conjunction with the published “Going Strong”

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CLUB

“On 19th January 1950, those interested in the formation of the Austin 7 Club met to discuss details of its formation.”

Thus read the first minutes, when eleven Austin Seven enthusiasts met and formed an interim committee. Immediately the club embarked on an active and varied motor sport career with a series of club runs, treasure hunts, motorkhanas, hill climbs, border runs and observed section trials. Before the middle of 1950 a club badge was designed, and in July the constitution was adopted and a committee elected.

In the early days many of the competitors drove their Austins as everyday transport and quite often “improved” them to suit their requirements, as the Austin Seven was very adaptable to the “Special” builder. The various sections of the sport developed and competition rules and trophies evolved, together with formulae devised to regulate the construction of vehicles used in circuit racing and observed section trials. These formulae were later modified to obviate the necessity of using many Austin components, as their increasing scarcity put them at a premium for those wishing to restore Austins for the road. The 750 formula withered to a sprinkling of cars, but thankfully the genesis of the historic racing movement in the 1970s regenerated interest. Nowadays we see regular appearances by many original cars, augmented by more recently created examples.

The observed section cars, whilst no longer of Austin origin, continue to be competed under the aegis of the club, with occasional international competitions being fostered by our group, along with New Zealand and English interest.

The club’s credentials in motor race officiating and organisation were established from the early 50’s, providing flag marshalls and senior officials at many events and we were seconded at short notice to provide trackside communications at the memorable Albert Park races. Thence followed similar appointments at Phillip Island, Sandown Park and Calder. Notably, Fred Darling continued his involvement as chief communications official through all the Australian Grands Prix until his retirement after the 1999 event.

We cut our teeth as race promoters with the introduction to this country of the Six Hour Relay. Run initially at Fisherman’s Bend, the meeting then moved to Calder and later to Winton over a period of about ten years through the 60s. Then after a few years’ respite, we were back into it again with Historic Winton. Also in 1968, CAMS called upon us to conduct an open motorkhana at our Mickleham venue, which was the progenitor of the Victorian Motorkhana Championships.

A growing need for replacement parts for the Austins was recognised with the establishment of the Spares Garage. This has grown in range and quality to the stage where an Austin can now be refettled and maintained better than at any time since production ceased, and often with better than original parts.

Our club took a really deep breath in the early 1990s, and purchased the property that, with substantial modifications, became the clubrooms that we enjoy today. Opened in early 1995, this gave us a purpose-built auditorium, a properly set up spare parts department, committee room and library – something of which we can be justifiably proud. The clubrooms activities have steadily expanded, resulting in expansion of the clubrooms into the adjacent unit in 2014, most of the building alterations being conducted by a team of club volunteers.

The club is still as diversified as ever and, while the types of events conducted may have varied over the decades, we now have border runs, other extended runs, day outings and concours for the road cars. There is also a full calendar of racing, sprints and hillclimbs for the racers, a season of twelve trials for the O.S.T. cars, and the organisation of the prestigious Historic Winton historic races, Myrning Historic Car Sprint and, more recently, Wings & Wheels Historic Sprint at Maryborough.

OUR FOUNDING PATRON – A SHORT HISTORY.**Colonel A.C.R. Waite, M.C., O.St.J., D.L., J.P.,
Freeman of the City of London**

Arthur Waite was born in Adelaide in 1894 and left there with his regiment in 1914. He survived the Gallipoli campaign, fought in North Africa, was wounded in France and received the Military Cross. Whilst convalescing in hospital he met a volunteer nurse, Irene, eldest daughter of Herbert (later Lord) Austin. He married her in 1918 and six months later joined the Austin Company. He competed with success in Austin 20s, then later in Sevens, initially in 1923 in a fabric-bodied two-seater, then other cars.

In 1923 he drove an Austin Seven into first place in the International Grand Prix for light cars at Monza, Italy, and the next year he drove an Austin Seven to 3rd place at Le Mans in the 750 cc class of the Grand Prix du Voiturettes. This was followed by a number of successes in 1925 in the first supercharged “works” car, in which a number of Class H records were broken. He held many records for some years, including some set at Brooklands in 1926 in another Seven.

In 1927 he and his wife came to Melbourne to work for the Cheney organisation and organise Austin Distributors. On hearing of the upcoming first Australian Grand Prix in 1928, he requested a car be sent from England in which to compete. He was disappointed to find that his fully developed factory car had been sold and what he received was a Super Sports road model. However, the Austin Seven, the only supercharged car in the race, was the winner. A similar car is represented in model form on the Lex Davison Trophy, which was awarded to the winner of the Australian Grand Prix until that event became a World Championship round.

He returned to England in 1929 and in the subsequent year was made a director of the Austin Motor Company Ltd., (later British Motor Corporation Ltd.). At the same time he raced Austins, a notable success being the 750 cc class win in the “Double Twelve” race. In this he co-drove with the Earl of March one of the orange “TT” cars, which went on for a highly competitive season capturing several International Class H records. Then in 1931, in charge of the Austin racing department, he directed the preparation of a specialised side valve single seater car which Cushman drove to recapture, at just over 100 mph, a number of records set by M.G.

Colonel Waite subsequently retired as an Executive Director of B.M.C. in 1964, and passed away in 1991.

Within our memorabilia we are lucky enough to have one of Arthur Waite’s Trophies which was given to Brian Gibbons, and is being cared for by the Club. (See next page).

OUR AUSTIN HERITAGE

HERBERT AUSTIN EARLY YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

Our Austin 7 Club, in Melbourne, has a unique opportunity to celebrate, interpret and preserve part of the early history of Herbert Austin.

He came here as an 18 year old year old, in 1884, and matured in Melbourne, married an Australian girl, Helen Dron, and spent the first 15 years of married life in Australia, mostly in Melbourne.

His engineering skills also matured in Melbourne as he worked at various engineering works, completing his apprenticeship, and honed a variety of engineering skills at education establishments in Melbourne. He gained his initial experience in the internal combustion engine during this time.

His superior engineering skills resulted in his employment by the Wolseley Sheep Shearing Machinery Company, in Australia, and it appears to be during this period that he developed his interest in the design and construction of motor vehicles.

He returned to England in 1892, still working for Wolseley Sheep Shearing, then Wolseley Tool and Motor Car Co Ltd. He patented designs for a portable steam engine, around 1893, and for various oil engines and components shortly after and probably produced his first car in 1895 or 1896. Then in 1905 he formed his own company.

THE WAKEFIELD TROPHY

This trophy was one of the most important team trophies won by the racing Austin 7s, and in particular for the “dutch clog” cars. The story of that success was told by Bill Boddy, which is published in the Lightshaft of July 2006.

At a Show & Tell in 2005, Brian & Glynis Gibbons proudly presented the trophy to the Austin 7 Club and told the story of how they acquired the trophy.

In 1982 Brian and Glynis visited England, visiting Glynis’s father, Doug and Col. Arthur Waite kindly received them, and from this first meeting Doug and Col. Waite became good friends and met on a number of subsequent trips by Doug.

When Col. Waite passed away in his 96th year, in recognition of their friendship, Doug was offered one of the Austin Seven racing trophies. The trophy which Doug received was the Wakefield Cup, the Team Trophy for the 1933 Brooklands Junior Car Club race of 250 miles.

CYRIL ROBERT DICKASON MEMORABILIA

Cyril Robert Dickason was a versatile competitor in Austins and other vehicles during the 1920s and 1930s, as well as being a senior officer with Austin Distributors for many years. He was responsible for some of the greatest competitive successes of Austins, both as a driver and manager.

The Club is the proud owners and custodians of the CR Dickason Trophy Collection, composed of 27 trophies and a pair of goggles, and we have a copy of all the cuttings and photos from Dickason’s photo Album.

LIFE MEMBERS

From time to time, the Club has bestowed Honorary Life Memberships on those who have conspicuously served the Club. This is an attempt to briefly encapsulate the reason for the award of Life Member.

Most of the Life Members have subsequently continued to contribute towards the Club.

Fred Thorne (Nov. 1960)

Fred was one of the founding members of the Club in 1950 and was a member of the first eight committees, serving as President from 1952 to 1956, and again in 1959.

John Pryce (April 1962)

John was extremely active in all sections of the Club, but in particular with Observed Section Trials, which he introduced into the Club shortly after joining in 1950. John had competed in O.S.T.s in England, and continued to compete in Australia with participation from all members of his family. He served on committee from 1950 to 1958 and on the CAMS Track Safety Committee for a number of years. Having been President of the CAMS Victoria State Council for some years, John was recognised with the CAMS Award of Merit.

His passing was commemorated by renaming the Park Orchards Trial in his honour.

Frank Walter (Oct.1964)

Frank had served for more years on committee than any other member, 11 times at the time of award of Life Membership, and was also active across all interests of the Club. He ran the communication team at Sandown Park and built and/or maintained all the club's communications and timing equipment. He also served on the CAMS Victoria State Council and as the Club's CAMS Delegate for some years, and received a CAMS Service Award.

Fred Darling (Dec.1965)

Fred put in nine years as Vice President/Treasurer from 1956 to 1964. He ran the communications team at Phillip Island in its various incarnations, was on the communications team at Sandown, and was always either competing or officiating at most of the Club's events.

Trevor Cole (Sept. 1974)

Trevor had served seven years on committee and on a number of sub-committees. Being one of the most active Austin 7 racing drivers, he was awarded his Life Membership for his significant role as an ambassador for the Club.

John Whitehouse (Sept. 1974)

A committee member for four years, John was an active racing participant. He was awarded Life Membership for his role of introducing the Six Hour Relay Race to Australia, which our Club conducted from 1960 to 1972, and for his role as an ambassador overseas when, in collaboration with Bill Morling, he created the definitive 750 Formula car, which they successfully campaigned for a season in the U.K.

Dale Shaw (Sept. 1974)

Dale was Secretary of the Club from 1966 to 1971, having already commenced an active motor sport career. A gifted and innovative designer, Dale progressed through Austin 7 racing cars, and then diversified into O.S.T. cars, with which he dominated for many years, incidentally winning the Victorian Motorkhana Championship twice in one such car. It is a testimony to his workmanship that both his racing car, and some of his trials cars, are still extant up to 40 years later.

Dale was also responsible for introducing the annual Austin Seven Rally in 1967.

Graeme Logan (Dec. 1977)

Graeme commenced his service to the Club in 1968, served as Membership Secretary from 1969 to 1972.

Active in almost all facets of the Club his Life Membership was largely the result of his establishment of the spare parts section, which he ran from home for many years.

Geoff Taylor (Dec. 1977)

Geoff was Club Secretary for five years up to 1965, subsequently Comp. Sec. He is well known for his active participation and promotion of O.S.Ts, being one of the first to build a Special, the AusTen.

Tony Johns (Dec. 1977)

Tony spent several years on Committee in various capacities, culminating in his Presidency in 1973. Amongst other activities, Tony is notable for his tidy and extremely rapid conduct of a series of racing Austins, and spearheaded the legendary "raid", when a team of cars was built and taken to England, giving the locals a right shellacking.

John Bowring (Dec. 1977)

"Shanks" inhabited the Committee for six terms between 1958 and 1968, and is well known for creating and competing in the whole spectrum of cars, from O.S.T. specials through to racing cars.

David Lowe (Dec. 1977)

Competition Secretary for eight years from 1961, David was deeply involved in running the Six Hour Relay, being Secretary of the Meeting from 1967 to 1972, when our Club last conducted the event.

Bill Sheehan (Dec. 1978)

Bill served seven and a half years on Committee, three as President when awarded his Life Membership. He has raced, competed or rallied Austin 7s in most states and extensively overseas. Coachwork creator, raconteur and walking encyclopaedia on all things Austin he has built or restored over 200 Austin 7 bodies, Bill was responsible for creating Historic Winton and running it for the first two years. Bill also initiated and was responsible for obtaining the services of Colonel Arthur Waite as our Patron.

Robert Humphreys (1980)

Rob joined the Club in the early 1960's, and had served 8 years on Committee, and served on numerous sub-committees. Rob was active in O.S.Ts and motorkhanas but has now settled back into more Austin-like pursuits. He also contributed very greatly to the modifications to the Club Rules needed for the Club to become an incorporated entity.

Ilona Booth (1983)

Ilona is much more than just a pretty face, having a sharp intellect and a range of interests far wider than merely the sphere of vintage motoring. Her involvement with the Club encompasses the whole gamut, having joined the Club many years ago with hubby Bob. Ilona has been a trials passenger, Secretary of Historic Winton, Editor, as well as a driving force in encouraging a diversity of social events with their focus above the bonnet.

Brenda Campbell (1983)

From modest beginnings, as passenger for husband Grant in O.S.Ts, Brenda's organisational capacity soon became apparent. Her long tenure as Secretary of the Historic Winton race meeting coincided with its development as the pre-eminent event on the National historic calendar, and her polite but determined persistence has resulted in many improvements for historic racing generally.

Norma Brown (1986)

Norma appeared on the scene initially as “Stewie’s Mum”, but remained for years after his departure, cheerfully and tirelessly doing any mundane task, be it scorekeeping at an O.S.T., or any other chore. Norma was the Club’s first female Secretary. A jolly soul, and a jolly good sport.

Grant Campbell (May 1995)

Grant burst onto the scene in the 1970’s as one of those few “naturals” who start winning OSTs early. Trouble is, he hasn’t stopped winning yet, with numerous John Pryce Trials to his name, not to mention other trials and ’khanas. Grant’s input into the running of Historic Winton should never be underestimated, particularly in the design of programmes and artwork for both this and Arthur’s Seat. His and Brenda’s representation of the Club as our delegates to CAMS State Council is thankless work, but necessary scrutiny of those who would rule us. Grant’s often forthright and thought-provoking contributions at club meetings are welcome, even if they keep Committee on its toes.

Doug Veel (Nov. 1995)

Doug Veel is one of the “early birds” to join the Club, having first joined the club in 1951. In the early days he was noted for the number of different Austins he had owned, often buying one on the Saturday, competing in a Sunday event, and selling it the next week. He was also noted for the diabolical cunning with which he set the clues for Treasure Hunts. With a stint in 1993-4 as President and the posts of Vice Pres/Treasurer and Minute Sec. in early years, he has contributed much to the running of the Club.

Michael Shegog (1999)

This Club is fortunate in having members who can channel their expertise to the Club’s advantage. One such is Mike Shegog, who has put untold time and effort into the development of our Spares Department. Whether it be sourcing parts worldwide, or commissioning the manufacture of items not otherwise available, Mike has built this area into the envy of other historic marques.

Bob Booth (2000)

As lively as a cricket, with an enquiring mind and a gift for lateral thinking, Bob’s birthdate of Feb. 29th means that he is really only eighteen years old. Perhaps this explains his boundless enthusiasm. Always forthcoming with hints and encouragement for car builders young and old, Bob can create mechanical marvels from the most unlikely sources. His “can do” attitude inspires many in the Club

Rick Perry (2001)

Another one of the Club’s quiet achievers, Rick first came to prominence as a special builder par excellence in the sixties, with a succession of cars for the O.S.T, ’khana and clubman sports categories, along with his friend and rival Dale Shaw. Rick subsequently became more involved with Austins, while still finding time to campaign a succession of historic racing cars. His organisational flair manifested itself as Treasurer, for nine years, in developing our accounting system to a high standard, and his calm, pragmatic approach to management problems is invaluable in tackling issues that may arise.

John Cox (2002)

John has been an active participant in the Club, and particularly in Observed Section Trialling as both a competitor and official for many years. For most of this time he has been the key person in the preliminary work of preparing venues for coming OST events.

Noel Wilcox (2015)

His long term commitment to Historic Winton, his leadership, promotion and dedication to the enhancement of the event, has meant that a variety of attractions continues to increase the popularity amongst motoring enthusiasts.

Len Kerwood (2017)

In almost 50 years as a member. Len's extensive dedication to the Club has seen him lead the Club for 12 years as President, as well as organizing the Club's support group for the RACV Energy Breakthrough for the past 25 years, a representative on the Owners Corporation and a great ambassador for the Club.

NOTE Add John McMillan

SIR HERBERT AUSTIN AWARD

This is an award to recognize significant contribution to the objects of club, which was introduced in 2006.

Helen Shegog (2010)

For many years of service as Social Secretary, on the Historic Winton Committee and the 60th Anniversary Committee.

Robert Humphreys (2016)

Robert has served 30 years on the Committee, 40 years at Historic Winton in a variety of roles and has also organized many day runs and general administration of the club.

Graeme Logan (2023)

In recognition of his ongoing service, as an Executive member of Committee, commitment to Spares, and as a senior official at numerous events, and organiser and host at many club events. A constant contributor to the Club, and always happy to share his knowledge of all things Austin 7.

OBJECTS AND CLUB RULES

Approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria – 25 October 2013

OBJECTS:

To arrange for the association within a Club of persons interested in –

- (a) promoting and conducting amateur motor sport in a variety of spheres
- (b) ownership, restoration and recreational use of the pre World War 2 motor vehicle known as the Austin 7 and vehicles derived from the Austin 7
- (c) organising the supply and continued availability of spare parts for the Austin 7
- (d) organisation of the dissemination of technical information within the Club, and
- (e) promotion of social and other activities that will assist in the well-being of the association.
- (f) co-operating in the creation of a register of known remaining Austin 7s

CLUB RULES:**1 NAME**

- 1.1. The name of the Club shall be the “Austin 7 Club Incorporated” and is hereinafter referred to as “the Club”.

2 INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:-
 - “Committee” means the Committee of Management of the Club
 - “Financial Year” means the year ending on 30 June
 - “General Meeting” means a General Meeting of members convened in accordance with Part 9
 - “Member” means a Full Member of the Club
 - “Membership Year” means the year ending 31 December
 - “Ordinary Member of the Committee” means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Club under Rule 12.3
 - “The Act” means the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012
 - “The Regulations” means regulations under the Act
 - “The Club Colours” shall be Light Blue and Bright Yellow
 - “Eligible Vehicle” shall be defined as one of the following:
 - (i) A pre World War 2 motor vehicle known as the Austin Seven, or cars that were originally manufactured from Austin 7 components, or components derived from the Austin 7.
 - (ii) A motor car which complies with any “Formula” officially adopted by the Club
- 2.2 In these Rules, a reference to the Secretary of the Club is a reference:
 - (a) where a person holds office under these Rules as Club Secretary/Vice President of the Club – to that person; and
 - (b) in any other case, to the Public Officer of the Club
 - (c) words or expressions contained in these Rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretations Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The Club shall consist of all those persons, or bodies, who are members of any type of the Club on the date upon which these Rules shall be adopted and such other persons as may become eligible for membership in accordance with these Rules.

- 3.2 The Club shall consist of the following types of membership:
- (a) Full Members:-
A Full Member must be an Owner or co-Owner of an eligible vehicle with a limit in the case of co-ownership of two Full Members per eligible vehicle.
 - (b) Associates:-
An associate shall include all other persons interested in the Club, who, on payment of the annual subscription for Associates, shall be entitled to attend Club functions and meetings. An Associate shall have no other privileges of membership.
- 3.3 Associates shall include the following:-
- (i) Spouse Associate – any Full Member may nominate one Spouse Associate.
 - (ii) Remote Associate – a person who is precluded by reason of health or geographical location or for other reasons from attending Club meetings and events may, at the discretion of the Committee, be admitted as a Remote Associate. A Remote Associate will be entitled to receive a club magazine.
 - (iii) Junior Associate – a Junior Associate shall be the child or grandchild of a Full Member who is currently financial and be aged under 21 years, and be a dependant child.
 - (iv) Observed Section Trial Passenger Associate – a person being solely involved in the Club as an O.S.T. passenger may be admitted as an O.S.T. Passenger Associate.
 - (v) Club Associate – another incorporated association that has similar objects to the Club.
- Any Full Member or Associate or person who has rendered such services to the Club, or as in the opinion of the Committee entitles him to distinction, may be admitted as an Honorary Full Member for such periods, including his life, and upon such conditions as the Committee prescribes. An Honorary Full Member shall not be required to pay any subscription to the Club.
- 3.4 For the purpose of Rule 3.2, the Committee shall have power to request adequate proof of ownership before accepting a nomination for membership. If such proof is not produced, then the Committee shall be entitled to refuse membership and refund any subscription paid.
- 3.5 The Secretary shall, upon payment of the amounts referred to in Part 4, enter the nominee's name in the register of membership kept by him and, upon the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a Full Member or Associate.
- 3.6 Persons who have been members of the Club for a period of six months or more shall remain members, upon payment of the amounts referred to in Part 4, even though they may otherwise cease to be eligible under the definitions of the types of memberships.
- 3.7 A right, privilege or obligation of a person by reason of his or her membership of the association:
- (a) is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person;
 - (b) terminates upon the cessation of his membership whether by death or resignation or otherwise.

4 JOINING FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 4.1 The various subscriptions for all types of membership shall be decided by a simple majority vote of Members at a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 4.2 In addition, joining fees may apply to the various types of membership and such fees shall be decided in the manner described in Rule 4.1.

5 REGISTER OF MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept and maintained, a Membership Register in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each Full

Member and Associate, the register may be available for inspection by members on application to the Secretary, and in accord with Part 17 of these Rules.

6 CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1 A Full Member or Associate of the Club who has paid all moneys due and payable by him to the Club may resign from the Club by first giving one month's notice in writing to the Secretary of his intention to resign and upon the expiration of that period of notice, his membership shall cease.
- 6.2 Upon the expiration of a notice given under Rule 6.1, the Secretary shall make in the register of membership an entry recording the date on which the Full Member or Associate, by whom the notice was given, ceased membership.
- 6.3 Subject to these rules, the Committee may by resolution:-
 - (a) expel a Full Member or Associate from the Club;
 - (b) suspend a Full Member or Associate from membership of the Club for a specified period; or
 - (c) fine a Full Member or Associate in accordance with the Regulations, if the Committee is of the opinion that the person:
 - (i) has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules; or
 - (ii) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a Member or prejudicial to the interests of the Club; or
 - (iii) has failed to comply with any Regulations relating to a vehicle registration or permit scheme operating under the auspices of the Club
- 6.4 A resolution of the Committee in accordance with Rule 6.3
 - (a) does not take effect unless the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under Rule 6.3 confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause; and
 - (b) where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Club under this clause does not take effect unless the Club confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause.
- 6.5 Where the Committee passes a resolution in accordance with Rule 6.3, the Secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing:-
 - (a) setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
 - (b) stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after service of the notice;
 - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and
 - (d) informing the member that he may do one or more of the following –
 - (i) Attend that meeting;
 - (ii) Give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
 - (iii) Not later than 24 hours before the date of the meeting, lodge with the Secretary a notice to the effect that he wishes to appeal to the Club in a Special General Meeting against the resolution.
- 6.6 At a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with Rule 6.5, the Committee:-
 - (a) shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
 - (b) shall give due consideration to any submission to any written statement submitted by the member; and
 - (c) shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or revoke the resolution.
- 6.7 Where the Secretary receives a notice of appeal under Rule 6.5, he shall notify the Committee and the Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held within 45 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.
- 6.8 At a Special General Meeting of the Club convened under Rule 6.7:-
 - (a) no business other than the appeal shall be transacted;

- (b) the Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
 - (c) the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
 - (d) the Members present shall vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- 6.9 If at the Special General Meeting:-
 - (a) two thirds of the Members vote in person in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
 - (b) in any other case, the resolution is revoked.
- 6.10 A member of any type described in Rule 3.2 shall cease to be a member if he/she allows their subscription to fall into arrears for a period of two calendar months, provided that no-one shall be deprived of their membership pursuant to this clause unless the Secretary shall first have sent them one calendar month's notice in writing of the Club's intention to cancel their membership and they fail to pay their subscription together with all arrears thereof within the said period of one month.
- 6.11 Upon the expiration of a notice given under Rule 6.5, or upon confirmation of a resolution by the Committee in accordance with Rule 6.6, or upon confirmation of a resolution by the Club in accordance with Rule 6.8, or upon expiry of a notice given in accordance with Rule 6.10, the Secretary shall make in the Membership Register an entry recording the date on which the Full Member or Associate ceased membership.

7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 7.1 The Club will in each calendar year convene an Annual General Meeting of the members.
- 7.2 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in accordance with the Act, and on such day as the Committee determines.
- 7.3 The Annual General Meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- 7.4 The ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:-
 - (a) to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the last preceding Financial Year; and
 - (b) to receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club for the preceding financial year in accordance with Part 7 of the Act,
- 7.5 The Annual General Meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these Rules.
- 7.6 The Annual General Meeting shall be in addition to any other General Meetings that may be held in the same year.

8 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Club shall hold a General Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month of the year except January.
- 8.2 The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 8.3 The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of Members representing not less than 10 Members, convene a Special General Meeting of the Club.
- 8.4 The requisition for a Special General Meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the Members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the Members making the requisition.
- 8.5 If the Committee does not cause a Special General Meeting to be held within 45 days after the date on which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the

Members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than 45 days after that date.

- 8.6 A Special General Meeting convened by Members in pursuance of these Rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which those meetings are convened by the Committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Club to the persons incurring the expenses.

9 NOTICE OF MEETING

- 9.1 The Secretary of the Club shall at least 7 days before the date fixed for holding a General Meeting, cause to be sent to each member of the Club with voting rights, at his address appearing in the Membership Register, a notice by pre-paid post stating the place, date and time of the meeting.
- 9.2 The Secretary of the Club shall at least 21 days before the date fixed for holding an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting, cause to be sent to each member of the Club with voting rights, at his address appearing in the Membership Register, a notice by pre-paid post stating the place, date and time of the meeting.
- 9.3 In any notice for a Special General Meeting the notification shall state the nature of the business to be transacted.
- 9.4 At any Special General Meeting no business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting.
- 9.5 A Full Member or Associate desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the Secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next General Meeting after the receipt of the notice.

10 PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS

- 10.1 All business that is transacted at a Special General Meeting and all business that is transacted at the Annual General Meeting with the exception of that specifically referred to in these Rules as being the ordinary business of the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
- 10.2 No item of business shall be transacted at a General Meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these Rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- 10.3 Ten Members personally present (being members entitled under these Rules to vote at a General Meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a General Meeting.
- 10.4 If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a General Meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of Members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and (unless another place is specified by the Chairman at the time of the adjournment or by written notice to Members given before the day to which the meeting is adjourned) at the same place, and if at the adjourned meeting the quorum is not present within half an hour after the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the Members present (being not less than 5) shall be a quorum.
- 10.5 The President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall preside as Chairman at each General Meeting of the Club.
- 10.6 If the President and the Vice President are absent from a General Meeting, the Members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.
- 10.7 The Chairman of the Annual General Meeting or of a General Meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting

other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.

- 10.8 Where a meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the General Meeting.
- 10.9 Except as provided in Rules 10.7 and 10.8, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 10.10 A question arising at a General Meeting of the Club shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Club is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.
- 10.11 Upon any question arising at a General Meeting of the Club, a Member (being a member with voting rights) has one vote only.
- 10.12 All votes shall be given personally. Proxy votes are not acceptable.
- 10.13 In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 10.14 If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three Members, it shall be taken at that meeting in such manner as the Chairman may direct and the resolution of the poll shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
- 10.15 A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct.

11 VOTING RIGHTS

- 11.1 In these Rules, wherever the word “Member” is used without qualification, it shall be deemed to include Full Members only.
- 11.2 An Associate shall have no voting rights.
- 11.3 Any member of any type described in Rule 3.2 who is elected as an Honorary Office Bearer, may during such term of office enjoy all the privileges of a Full Member.
- 11.4 No Member shall be entitled to vote on any question personally or at any Meeting or poll or be reckoned in a quorum if his subscription is more than two months overdue.

12 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- 12.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee of Management as provided in this Section.
- 12.2 The Committee of Management :-
 - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Club;
 - (b) may, subject to these Rules, the Regulations and the Act, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by General Meetings of the members of the Club; and
 - (c) subject to these Rules, the Regulations and the Act, has powers to perform all such acts and things as appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Club.
- 12.3 The Officers of the Club shall be:-
 - (a) a President;
 - (b) a Treasurer; and
 - (c) a Club Secretary/Vice President.

- 12.4 The provisions of Part 14 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in Rule 12.3.
- 12.5 Subject to Part 6 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:-
- (a) the Officers of the Club; and
 - (b) 6 ordinary members;
each of whom shall be elected at a Special General Meeting of the Club in each year.
- 12.6 The six ordinary members of the Committee shall carry out the following duties:-
- (a) Membership Secretary
 - (b) Competition Secretary
 - (c) Social Secretary
 - (d) Minute Secretary
 - (e) Property Officer
 - (f) Editor
- 12.7 Each Officer and ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these Rules, hold office for the following Membership Year, next after the date of his election, but is eligible for re-election.
- 12.8 In the event of any vacancy occurring in the office of an Officer or ordinary member of the Committee, the Committee may, subject to the provisions of Part 8 of the Act, appoint a Member or Associate to fill the vacancy and the person so appointed shall hold office, subject to these Rules, for the Membership Year following the date of his appointment.

13 SUB-COMMITTEES

- 13.1 The Members of the Club may form such sub-committees as are from time to time found desirable.
- 13.2 Any sub-committee formed shall be under the direction and control of the Committee but shall be responsible to the Members of the Club at a General Meeting.
- 13.3 The President, Treasurer and Club Secretary/Vice President shall be ex-officio members of any sub-committee formed but shall not be considered as such in order to constitute a quorum.
- 13.4 A quorum for any sub-committee shall be the majority of the members of such sub-committees.

14 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

- 14.1 Nominations of candidates for election as Officers of the Club or as ordinary members of the Committee, or of an Auditor:-
- (a) Shall be made in writing, which shall:-
 - (i) be signed by two Members of the Club; and
 - (ii) be accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - (iii) specify the position for which the nomination is made.
 - (b) shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Club not less than 15 minutes before the time fixed for the start of the Special General Meeting for the election of office bearers.
- 14.2 Any Full Member or Associate shall be eligible for nomination as an Officer or ordinary member of the Committee.
- 14.3 If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations shall be received at the Special General Meeting.
- 14.4 If the number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

- 14.5 If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot shall be held.
- 14.6 The ballot for the election of Officers and ordinary members of the Committee and the Auditor shall be conducted at the Special General Meeting called for that purpose, in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- 14.7 For the purposes of these Rules, the office of an Officer of the Club or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the Officer or member:-
 - (a) ceases to be a member of the Club;
 - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code;
 - (c) resigns his office by notice in writing given to the Secretary; or
 - (d) is removed from office by General Meeting in accordance with Part 16.

15 PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE

- 15.1 The Committee shall meet at least six times in each year at such place and such times as the Committee may determine.
- 15.2 Special meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any four members of the Committee.
- 15.3 Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- 15.4 Any five members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- 15.5 A majority of the Committee members holding office constitute a quorum for the specific purpose of convening a Special General Meeting or consideration of filling casual vacancies in Committee.
- 15.6 No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same hour of the same day in the following week unless the meeting was a special meeting in which case it lapses.
- 15.7 At meetings of the Committee:-
 - (a) the President or in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; or
 - (b) if the President and Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- 15.8 Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee shall be determined on a show of hands or, if demanded by a member, by a poll taken in such manner as the person presiding at the meeting may determine.
- 15.9 Each member of a committee present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- 15.10 Written notice of each committee meeting shall be served on each member of the Committee by delivering it to him at a reasonable time before the meeting or by sending it by pre-paid post addressed to him at his usual or last known place of abode at least two days before the date of the meeting.
- 15.11 Subject to Rule 15.4, or 15.5, the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.

16 REMOVAL OF MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

- 16.1 The Club in General Meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee before the expiration of his term of office and appoint another member in his stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.
- 16.2 Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in Rule 16.1 makes representations in writing to the Secretary or President of the Club (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that they be notified to the members of the Club, the Secretary or the President may send a copy of the representations to each member of the Club or, if they are not so sent, the member may require that they be read out at the meeting.

17 SECRETARY

- 17.1 The Secretary of the Club shall keep or cause to be kept the following records:-
- (a) minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of
 - (i) each Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting and General Meeting, and
 - (ii) each Committee meeting, and
 - (iii) each sub-committee meeting,in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings;
 - (b) a Register of all Property belonging to the Club;
 - (c) a "Membership Register" of present and past membership;
 - (d) a copy of the Club Rules and Objects; and
 - (e) a copy of any Contract the Club may be party to.
- 17.2 The following records shall be available for inspection by members:-
- (a) minutes retained in accord with Rule 17.1(a)(i), and
 - (b) records kept in accord with Rule 17.1(b) and 17.1(d).
- 17.3 The following records may be available to members in whole, or part, at the discretion of the Committee and in accord with any restriction of access contained in the Act:-
- (a) minutes retained in accord with Rule 17.1(a)(ii) and 17.1(a)(iii)
 - (b) records kept in accord with Rule 17.1(c) and 17.1(e)

18 TREASURER

- 18.1 The Treasurer of the Club:-
- (a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Club and make all payments authorized by the Club; and
 - (b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Club with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Club.
- 18.2 The records referred to in Rule 18.1 shall be available for inspection by members.
- 18.3 Appropriate bank accounts shall be kept with a Trading Bank approved by the members in General Meeting, and all cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by any two of the following Office-Bearers, viz.; President, Treasurer or Club Secretary/Vice President, or other persons authorized by the Committee.
- 18.4 The Treasurer shall pay all expenses by cheque and shall be permitted to keep an amount of petty cash in hand as approved by a General Meeting.
- 18.5 The Treasurer shall present to each General Meeting of the Club a Statement of Accounts as at the end of the preceding month. At the Annual General Meeting the Treasurer shall present a summary and report of the accounts for the Financial Year showing clearly the net surplus or deficit and the financial position of the Club.

- 18.6 The books and accounts of the Club shall be audited annually by a qualified accountant, who was not a member of the Committee for the period covered by the audit, and who meets the requirements of Part 7 of the Act, elected as described in Part 14.

19 SEAL

- 19.1 The Common Seal of the Club shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- 19.2 The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and the Secretary of the Club.

20 ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

- 20.1 These Rules and the statement of purposes of the Club shall not be altered except in accordance with the Act.

21 NOTICES

- 21.1 A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Club upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his address shown in the Membership Register.
- 21.2 Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a document or in the newsletter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

22 WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION

- 22.1 In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Club, the assets of the Club will not be divided among the members, but shall be transferred to any succeeding association, or to any other association with similar objects to those of the Austin 7 Club Inc., as determined by a Special General Meeting, and shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

23 CUSTODY OF RECORDS

- 23.1 Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the Secretary shall keep in his custody or under his control all books, documents and securities of the Club.

24 FUNDS

- 24.1 The funds of the Club shall be derived from joining fees, annual subscriptions, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines.
- 24.2 The assets and income of the Club shall be applied solely in furtherance of the Club Objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Club.

25 BY-LAWS REGULATIONS AND FORMULAS

- 25.1 The Club at a Special General Meeting may make, repeal and amend By-Laws, and Formulas for construction of vehicles not inconsistent with these Rules. A breach of such By-Laws or Formulas may be cause for expulsion of a member of any type on the grounds set out in previous sections of these Rules.
- 25.2 The Committee shall from time to time make, repeal and amend Regulations not inconsistent with these Rules as they shall think expedient for the internal management and well-being of the Club.

26 DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

- 26.1 The grievance procedure set out in this Rule applies to disputes under these Rules between—
- (a) a member and another member; or
 - (b) a member and the Club.
- 26.2 The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.
- 26.3 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- 26.4 The mediator must be—
- (a) a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
 - (b) in the absence of agreement—
 - (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the Committee; or
 - (ii) in the case of a dispute between a member and the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- 26.5 A member of the Club can be a mediator.
- 26.6 The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- 26.7 The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- 26.8 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must—
- (a) give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - (b) allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - (c) ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- 26.9 The mediator must not determine the dispute.
- 26.10 If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise at law.

Moved F. Walter Seconded F. Michie
Carried unanimously
2nd. August 1989

As amended to accord with requirements of Corporate Affairs – Victoria
27th. January 1990
Graeme Logan, Club Secretary

As amended by resolution of a Special General Meeting of the Club
March 6th.1996
Basil van Dongen, Club Secretary

As amended by resolution of a Special General Meeting of the Club
April 5th. 2000
Greg Caldwell, Club Secretary

As amended by resolution of a Special General Meeting of the Club
April 5th 2006, ratified at SGM of 5 September 2007 and approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria on 4 October 2007. The grievance procedure in Model Rule 8 is deemed to apply.
David Lowe, Club Secretary

As amended by resolution of a Special General Meeting of the Club on 6 July 2011.

Part 26 has been added to consolidate the grievance procedure as required by Consumer Affairs Victoria, with defined terms altered to match these Club Rules. Approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria on 22 September 2011.

Rob. Humphreys, Public Officer

As amended by resolution of a Special General Meeting of the Club on 2 October 2013 and approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria on 25 October 2013.

Graeme Logan, Club Secretary

NOTES TO RULES

At next amendment remove reference to Public Officer in Rule 2(2)(b), and consider the updated wording in the current Model Rules and adopt where applicable.

Robert Humphreys November 2013

Rule 14.7 deserves to refer to Section 78 of the Act.

Indemnity Section 87 of the Act.

Rob.H. December 2022.

This next revision also needs to adjust the Rules to comply with the Associations Incorporation Reform Regulations 2023, and probably adopt suitable parts of the new Model Rules, that are a Schedule to the new Regs.

Rob.H. November 2023

CLUB COLOURS and BADGE

At the second meeting of the Austin 7 Club, on 9 February 1950, the Club Colours of Light Blue and Bright Yellow were adopted, followed by the adoption of the design for the Club Badge on 13 April 1950 (from sketches by Arthur Brown and Lindsay Francis). The “Club Colours”, are referred to in the Club Rules.

The initial badges were then manufactured by K G Luke & Co, then subsequently by Stokes.

Subsequently, as branches of the club were established in South Australia and NSW they also used our badge, and as independent clubs were formed in those states, they were licensed to use versions of our badge.

The Club Colours have recently been standardised to the Pantone Matching System and defined as follows.

Light Blue	PMS 2728
Bright Yellow	PMS 7548

Members involved with arranging printing, signs or apparel that features the Club Badges or Club Colours are requested to use these colours as closely as possible, and various artwork is usually available from the editor, who usually has a clean copy.

SUB COMMITTEES

There are several sub-committees established within the framework of the Austin 7 Club, to provide organisation structures, leadership and/or advice as applicable for the better enjoyment of the various facets of club activities. This is a brief run down of what is available. Incumbent members and contact numbers can be found in the “Light Shaft”.

Club building was established initially to co-ordinate the purchase and fitting out of our clubrooms, and latterly concerns itself with the ongoing maintenance of this facility.

O.S.T. committee is the body which sets the formula for trials cars, organises the trials, locates venues for their conduct and generally oversees this side of the club’s activities.

Historic Winton is the organising team behind our successful Historic Race Meeting, made successful by the huge amount of work they put in. This is virtually a year-round enterprise, what with chasing sponsorship, organising the event, the printing, the officials and the myriad details involved.

Hillclimb Committee, runs our Historic Myrniong Sprint at Myrniong each year. Although a smaller event than the previous Arthur’s Seat Hillclimb, in terms of numbers of entries, the temporary nature of the venue requires ongoing contact and cooperation with a number of local groups, making this quite a tricky venture to arrange.

Technical encompasses several noted sages, each with his own fund of knowledge in a specific area. Be it restoration, racing or trials construction, someone will have the answer that you seek.

Spare Parts is the life blood of the club when it comes to sourcing that hard to find part vital to getting your Austin back onto the road or track, as may be. When England looks to us for parts, we must be doing something right! Our mail order facility is available for remote or overseas members.

Mail out. You would not receive your “Light Shaft” or other distributions were it not for the efforts of these stalwarts, who are in the invidious position of going unrecognised until something goes awry. I haven’t noticed them in years.

Web Master – is not some sort of supervisor of arachnids, but rather the custodian of our websites. Just like the traditional role of editor, this person relies on input from members to fill and update these sites. The good part is that you don’t necessarily have to submit your contributions in person – you can send them electronically, or get some computer literate person such as your grandchild to do it for you.

CLUB SERVICES

The “Light Shaft”, our club magazine, is published monthly (except January), and includes news of coming events, reports on past events, technical articles and items of interest to the enthusiast. All contributions should be forwarded to the Editor, either personally or by mail or electronically, at the addresses shown in the “Light Shaft”. Deadline for copy is the Hot Air Session.

Spare parts are available at the Monthly General Meeting, on the Saturday afternoon following, at the Hot Air Session or by mail order. Information on other parts and services is available either from Spares or from the Technical Sub-Committee. There is also a range of club badges, clothing and other regalia obtainable through Spares.

The club library is operated as a reference library at the clubrooms. Enquire of a committee member at a meeting if you wish to gain access to the books and magazines therein.

The “Magazine of the Austin 7” is available on subscription, through the Membership Secretary. A quarterly publication from the Austin 7 Clubs’ Association (based in Great Britain), it contains a wealth of technical and historical information.

CLUB MEETINGS

Monthly General Meeting. This occurs on the first Wednesday of every month (except January). The formal business is dealt with, and may be followed by matters of general interest.

Hot Air Session. This meeting, held on the third Wednesday, is completely informal and as the name implies, gives everybody a chance to socialise and discuss their interests with other club members. From time to time, guest speakers and other novelties are organised for these nights.

O.S.T. Group Meeting. At times advised to OST competitors, the OST Group congregates to conduct business germane to their particular interests, and socialise.

The Committee is always interested in any suggestions or offers of suitable speakers, films or similar items of interest to enliven and enlighten any meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE AND WEBSITES

All correspondence should be sent to the club as follows:

Austin 7 Club Inc.
P.O. Box 462
Moorabbin, Vic., 3189

with the exception of mail order for spares, which should be addressed to the appropriate member of the Spares Sub-Committee, as specified in the “Light Shaft”.

WEBSITES

The Club's websites are:

www.austin7club.org
www.mudtrials.org
www.historicwinton.org

CLUB EVENTS

Full details are usually published in the "Light Shaft" with specific information available from the Director or Sub-Committee running the event.

There are currently a number of major events that the club conducts, as follows:

Historic Winton. The premier Historic Car and Motorcycle race meeting in the country, since 1977, is a fixture on the national Historic calendar, on the last weekend in May.

HISTORIC WINTON is a registered Trade Mark owned by the Club.

The John Pryce Trial, formerly the Park Orchards Trial, has been a cornerstone of the club since the foundation year, 1950, and is held on the second weekend in August.

The Austin 7 Rally was first held at Chadstone Shopping Centre in 1967, and has graced a number of venues since. The date, like the locale, has floated, but is usually set in mid October.

A National Austin Seven Rally is held every five years.

The Myrniong Historic Car Sprint is an invitation multi-club event, conceived in 2003 as a fund raiser for Myrniong Community Hall by local farmer Graeme Hastings and Austin 7 Club member David Lowe, and is held in April each year for cars up to 1975 build, and includes period replicas. A classic car display adds to the day.

Extensive assistance is always required at these major events, and the organisers appreciate volunteers offering their services in good time prior to the event.

The club also conducts various other significant events, such as Border Runs and the Presentation Night dinner dance, along with day runs, motorkhanas, social outings, observed section trials and the like.

"HISTORIC WINTON" ORIGINS INCLUDING THE LOGO.

When I got the first meeting underway in 1977, there were many considerations apart from running a race meeting of the type that hadn't been done in Victoria before. For example one now pays a fee for the hire of the Winton circuit and everything comes supplied. Back then, one paid for the circuit and then had to arrange and pay for all the facilities - toilet-cleaning and pan collection, the public address system was only strung out as far around the circuit as you paid for, ticketing and Benalla staff to man the entrance gates, security and delivery of the takings (if any) to the Bank, etc etc and this took time and effort.

More importantly, we relied on Volunteers from our and other car clubs to staff the meeting and fortunately this situation has remained. We couldn't run a meeting without the people who help out year after year.

To assist and publicise the meeting I arranged

(a) a Saturday night dance in a Benalla church hall,

(b) a (legally permitted) parade of the racing cars driving through the Saturday-morning shoppers in Benalla & out to the circuit, and

(c) a fly-over of vintage aircraft during the meeting.

But prior to this, posters and a program had to be designed. I drew up a design and gave it to newspaper artist Alex Stirling to provide finished art work, bromides etc suitable for printing. He did as bid (including the wording, the car & motorcycle illustrations, the actual layout) except that he altered my type-face (font) from a Times New Roman style to the more distinctive style of lettering we know today. Both this format and the names are now registered as the Club's property. One thing, that someone over the years has deleted, I initially included the words "Relive the Golden Past" and backed it up with a Goldy-yellow paper on the poster.

To initiate such a meeting was a huge gamble for the Club, but perhaps due to my optimism I included the words - "1st. Historic Winton" on the poster, little realising just how many successful meetings were to follow.

Bill Sheehan,
Life Member.

The "Historic Winton" logo is a registered Trade Mark of the Austin Seven Club Inc.





**RE-LIVE
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HISTORIC WINTON

**WINTON
MOTOR RACEWAY
BENALLA
VICTORIA**



25th – 26th JUNE 1977

CONDUCTED BY THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB AND HARTWELL MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

To be updated

The Club Permit Scheme is a system that facilitates the use of old vehicles on the road by the issue of a registration permit under the Road Safety Regulations.

The Austin 7 Club is an Approved Club under the Scheme.

The Permit allows the use of the vehicle on the road for either 45 days or 90 days in any year, which is controlled by registering each day of use in a vehicle log book.

The club is required to keep a Register of vehicles that are participating in the scheme.

Applications for participation in the Scheme, and renewal of permits require submission through the club permit officer/s (who are shown in the Lightshaft).

Any permit issued by VicRoads is subject to the following conditions:-

1. The permit and the log book must be carried in the vehicle at all times
2. The permit holder **MUST** remain a financial member of the club
3. The vehicle must remain safe for use on a highway
4. A club permit label and the club plate or plates must be displayed on the vehicle
5. The permit holder must comply with the log book obligations
6. The vehicle must be made available for a vehicle audit if required by VicRoads

PROCESS FOR APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PERMIT

All ***initial*** applications for a Club Permit need to be accompanied by:-

- A VicRoads application form for Club Permit, and
- A copy of a current Certificate of Roadworthiness, and
- Two photos of the vehicle, showing a Front/Right view, and a Back/Left view.

RENEWALS OF CLUB PERMIT

The Club's comprehensive Register enables compliance with the Club's responsibilities.

To achieve this we need photos of your car - if you've already supplied them, they are not needed again unless you have changed the body or a major mechanical component.

CLUB PERMITS are NOT Transferable to a new Owner.

IT IS THE OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ADVISE VICROADS OF THE DISPOSAL OF THE VEHICLE AND RETURN THE CLUB PERMIT PLATES

If the Club Permit Officers become aware of a vehicle being used contrary to the Scheme, they are obliged to advise VicRoads.

CLUB TROPHIES

All trophies are contested over the calendar year, as specified in the Club Calendar for that year, and are awarded at the Annual Presentation at the year's end.

TROPHIES FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Trophies shall be awarded for all Competitive Club Events run throughout the year, in each of the classes nominated by the Committee, on the basis of numbers of entries received in each class;

For up to 6 entries	First place only
For up to 12 entries	First and second places
Over 12 entries	First, second and third places

Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Committee.

AGGREGATE TROPHIES

The Seven-Fifty Motor Club Shield

This trophy was donated to our club by the Seven-Fifty Motor Club, our contemporaries in England, and is awarded to the winner of the Austin 7 Aggregate Competition. The trophy was first awarded in 1961 although an A7 Aggregate Points Competition had existed since the first year of the Club in 1950.

Past Winners:

1961	Neil Johannesen	1983	Don Smith	2005	Tony Colson
1962	Ron Jackson	1984	Chris Athey	2006	Graeme Logan
1963	Giff Dorman	1985	Lionel Howard Snr.	2007	Graeme Logan
1964	Tony Johns	1986	Lionel Howard Snr.	2008	Bev Logan
1965	Neil Johannesen	1987	Lionel Howard Jnr.	2009	Robert Humphreys
1966	Dale Shaw	1988	Graeme Logan	2010	Graeme Logan
1967	Ken Innes-Irons	1989	Graeme Logan	2011	Robert Humphreys
1968	Ken Innes-Irons	1990	Brian Gibbons	2012	Robert Humphreys
1969	Ken Innes-Irons	1991	Graeme Logan	2013	Robert Humphreys
1970	Graeme Logan	1992	Brian Gibbons	2014	Doug Veel
1971	Graeme Logan	1993	Phil Cassie	2015	Russell Dickson
1972	Graeme Logan	1994	Graeme Logan	2016	Graeme Logan
1973	Bev Logan	1995	Phil Cassie	2017	Brian Williams
1974	Bill Sheehan	1996	Brian Gibbons	2018	Brian Williams
1975	Peter Trull	1997	Graeme Logan	2019	Graeme Logan
1976	Bill Sheehan	1998	Graeme Logan	2020	No award (COVID)
1977	Peter Trull	1999	Allan Hale	2021	No award (COVID)
1978	Peter Trull	2000	Noel Stevens	2022	John McMillan
1979	Ronnie Heagney	2001	Brian Gibbons	2023	Russell Dickson
1980	Len Kerwood	2002	Phil Cassie		
1981	Len Kerwood	2003	Gaeme Logan		
1982	Peter Trull	2004	Tony Colson		

SCORING FOR AUSTIN 7 AGGREGATE COMPETITION

Points are allotted only to fully financial members for taking part (by driving an Austin 7 unless otherwise nominated) in certain club events. These events are as appears in the Club Calendar and exclude Observed Section Trials and racing.

Points may be scored as follows:

- (a) **Attendance** at Annual, Special or Monthly General Meetings and Hot Air Sessions (in an Austin 7) each 1 point.
- (b) **Competitive-type events** (e.g. Treasure hunts, economy runs, scavenger hunts, motorkhanas, sprints etc.) See also (f) (i), each 3 points
- (c) **Day or Weekend Runs or Rallies** (e.g. picnic runs, camping trips, social runs, rallies, etc.). Each 3 points, comprising 2 points for completing the forward journey, 1 point for completing the return journey.
- (d) **Annual Border runs or Run** (e.g. Mt Gambier etc.). Each 5 points, comprising 3 points for completing the forward journey, 2 points for completing the return journey.
- (e) **Annual Austin 7 Rally** If includes weekend run as per (d), 5 points. In addition, for static display:
 - (i) if A7 is driven to and from, 3 points
 - (ii) if A7 is trailered or towed, 1 point per car, overall maximum of 4 points
- (f) **Alternative Points**
 - (i) For directing a competitive event (when not competing) maximum of 3 points
 - (ii) For directing Annual A7 Rally Static Display, maximum of 3 points
- (g) **Bonus Points** For placings in a competitive event, additional points:

		<u>Points for Placing</u>				
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
(i)	More than 4 Austins taking part	10	8	6	4	2
(ii)	4 Austins taking part	10	8	6	4	
(iii)	3 Austins taking part	6	4	2		
(iv)	2 Austins taking part	4	2			
(v)	1 Austin taking part	no points except any starting and finishing points				

- (h) For writing a published article in the "Light Shaft" under the categories of "My Austin", "Technical", or "Report on a Past Club Event", 1 point each, to a maximum of 3 points.

Notes for Guidance

A member will not be awarded the Seven-Fifty Motor Shield unless s/he has directed one of the above events during the year, or served on either the club committee or one of the sub-committees.

Points for forward and return journeys are only awarded provided they are completed during the period of the nominated date or dates set down for the event.

The Frank A. Walter Trophy

This trophy was donated by Frank, who served many years on the Club Committee and competed in all types of motor sport. The trophy is awarded to the winner of the Other Cars Aggregate Competition, and although a perpetual trophy was first presented in 1965, the competition has existed since 1953.

Past Winners:

1965	Geoff Taylor	1985	Lionel Howard Jnr.	2005	Helen Shegog
1966	Neil Johannesen	1986	Ken Innes-Irons	2006	Helen Shegog
1967	Keith Morris	1987	Lionel Howard Snr.	2007	Helen Shegog
1968	Keith Morris	1988	Rick Perry		/Doug Veel
1969	Dale Shaw	1989	Grant Campbell	2008	Geoff Taylor
1970	Dale Shaw	1990	Graeme Logan	2009	Helen Shegog
1971	Peter Mills	1991	Peta Logan	2010	Bev Logan
1972	Robert Humphreys	1992	Mike Shegog	2011	Janne Humphreys
1973	Robert Humphreys	1993	Nick Logan	2012	Graeme Burbidge
1974	Robert Humphreys	1994	Pauline Kent	2013	Helen Shegog
1975	Brian Winsall	1995	Janet Clarke	2014	Graeme Burbidge
1976	Athol Lamont	1996	Peter McLean	2015	David Lowe
1977	Lionel Howard Jnr.	1997	Ray Mitchell	2016	Geoff Taylor
1978	Laurie Allen	1998	Len Kerwood	2017	John Shiells
1979	Grant Campbell	1999	Greg Caldwell	2018	David Lowe
1980	Athol Lamont	2000	Greg Caldwell	2019	Geoffrey Stritch
1981	Athol Lamont	2001	Greg Caldwell	2020	No award (COVID)
1982	Mike Morris	2002	Mike Shegog	2021/2022	Stuart Schweiger
1983	Peter Weinstock	2003	Mike Shegog	2023	Alan Barnes
1984	Don Smith	2004	Rick Perry		

SCORING FOR OTHER CARS AGGREGATE COMPETITION

The scoring system for this competition is the same as for the Austin 7 Aggregate Competition except that for "Austin 7" read "Other Car" and delete points for static display at Austin 7 Rally.

In addition, up to 3 points are awarded for participating as an official in any Austin 7 Club event, and one point is awarded towards this trophy for payment of membership before 31st December.

SPEED & SPRINT EVENT TROPHIES

The John Fleming Trophy

This trophy was donated by John Fleming, a colourful club identity and regular competitor in speed events for many years in various Austin 7s. The trophy was originally awarded for speed events but this was altered in 1975 to include sprint events. In 2004 this trophy was returned to its original intention and awarded for speed events only.

Past Winners:

1961	Ian Wells	1967	Nigel Tate	1972	David Davidson
1962	Trevor Cole	1968	=J.Whitehouse/ =N.Tait	1973	Tony Johns
1963	Nigel Tait			1974	Not Awarded
1964	Dale Shaw	1969	Nigel Tait	1975	Tony Johns
1965	John Whitehouse	1970	Neil Johannesen	1976	Tony Johns
1966	Trevor Cole	1971	Nigel Tait	1977	Tony Johns

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB MANUAL

1978 Not Awarded
1979 Max Foster
1980 Warren Bonning
1981 John Heagney
1982 Richard Stanley
1983 Richard Stanley
1984 Richard Stanley
1985 Max Foster
1986 Philip Wheeler
1987 Trevor Cole
1988 John Heagney
1989 John Heagney
1990 Trevor Cole
1991 Tony Johns
1992 Ross Stewart
1993 Ross Stewart

1994 Trevor Cole
1995 Don Smith
1996 Graeme Clarke
1997 Graeme Clarke
1998 Trevor Cole
1999 Paul Schilling
2000 Glen Bishop
2001 Max Robinson
2002 Don Tomlinson
2003 David Bishop
2004 Grant Cowie
2005 John Heagney
2006 Grant Cowie
2007 John Heagney
2008 Paul Boatwright
2009 Grant Cowie

CLUB TROPHIES

2010 not awarded
2011 not awarded
2012 Peter Matthews
2013 not awarded
2014 not awarded
2015 not awarded
2016 not awarded
2017 not awarded
2018 not awarded
2019 not awarded
2020 not awarded
2021 not awarded
2022 not awarded
2023 not awarded

The Ken Stuchbery Trophy

This trophy was donated by Ken Stuchbery, for regularity competition. It is appropriate that the trophy bears his name as he has a long history associated with various marques, namely Austin 7s, MGs, Daimlers and Stutzes, as well as a history of competing in various types of motor sport. On a club level Ken has held several positions in the club, including president and club doctor.

The trophy is awarded to the winner of the aggregate competition for regularity events.

In 2017 this trophy has reverted to become an aggregate award for Regularity events at Historic Winton.

Past Winners:

2004	Noel Wilcox	2011	Russell Clough	2018	not awarded
2005	Glen Bishop	2012	Stuart Krug	2019	not awarded
2006	Glen Bishop	2013	Bill Morling	2020	No award (COVID)
2007	Glen Bishop	2014	Russell Clough	2021	No award (COVID)
2008	Bill Morling	2015	Stuart Krug	2022	not awarded
2009	Marcus Fakhry	2016	Stuart Krug	2023	not awarded
2010	Glen Bishop	2017	not awarded		

SCORING FOR SPEED EVENTS AND REGULARITY EVENTS

Points will be allocated for all events for Austin 7s (not including Big 7s) conducted at the nominated race meetings in each competition year, the meetings will be nominated by the Competition Secretary. Cars which, in the opinion of the Committee, do not conform with the spirit of the competition will not be awarded points.

For the Speed Event Aggregate, points will be awarded for all the racing Austin 7s (not including Big Sevens) as accepted by the Event Secretary for Historic Racing. A handicap system will be applied, by the Competition Secretary, to the scoring system for:

- Supercharged cars
- Cars with independent suspension

For the Regularity Event Aggregate, points will be awarded for all the Regularity Austin 7s (not including Big Sevens) as accepted by the Event Secretary for Regularity events.

POINT ALLOCATION

Three (3) points will be awarded to each driver, in each event as follows:

- (i) Two (2) for starting
- (ii) One (1) for finishing

Note that no points will be awarded to those who enter but do not start.

Additional points will be awarded for placings, in each event, as follows:

Scratch Races & Regularity Events:

When more than 4 Austins enter	10	8	6	4	2
When 4 Austins enter	10	8	6	4	
When 3 Austins enter	6	4	2		
When 2 Austins enter	4	2			

Handicap Races:

When more than 4 Austins enter	5	4	3	2	1
When 4 Austins enter	5	4	3	2	
When 3 Austins enter	3	2	1		
When 2 Austins enter	2	1			

When only one Austin 7 enters, in any event, the driver scores starting and finishing points only.

The Doc. Grosvenor Trophy

This trophy was created by the club in 1975 in memory of Doc. Grosvenor, who was the epitome of the good clubman and a real trier in all forms of motor sport, including OSTs

It is awarded to the winner of the aggregate pointscore for Road-Going Austin 7s in sprints and hillclimb events.

Past Winners.

1975	G. Smith	1992	Alan Tyrrell	2009	Bob Booth
1976	Doug Veel	1993	Doug Burnip	2010	not awarded
1977	John Needham	1994	Doug Burnip	2011	not awarded
1978	John Needham	1995	Doug Burnip	2012	Bill Morling
1979	John Needham	1996	Doug Burnip	2013	Allan Tyrrell
1980	Not Awarded	1997	Doug Burnip	2014	Allan Tyrrell
1981	Alan Loughron	1998	Alan Tyrrell	2015	Allan Tyrrell & Barbara Hill
1982	Alan Tyrrell	1999	Alan Tyrrell	2016	Allan Tyrrell
1983	Alan Tyrrell	2000	Alan Tyrrell	2017	Allan Tyrrell
1984	Alan Tyrrell	2001	Alan Tyrrell	2018	Not awarded
1985	Alan Tyrrell	2002	Noel Wilcox	2019	not awarded
1986	Alan Tyrrell	2003	Alan Tyrrell	2020	not awarded
1987	Don Smith	2004	Alan Tyrrell	2021	not awarded
1988	Cameron Hussey	2005	Noel Wilcox	2022	not awarded
1989	Alan Tyrrell	2006	Allan Tyrrell	2023	not awarded
1990	Alan Tyrrell	2007	Allan Tyrrell		
1991	Bob Booth	2008	Allan Tyrrell		

Sprint & Hillclimb Trophy

This trophy is awarded to the winner of the aggregate pointscore for racing Austin 7s in sprints and hillclimb events.

Past Winners:

2004	Glen Bishop	2009	John Marriott	2015	Phillip Hallo
2005	Glen Bishop	2010	John Marriott	2016	Ian Motley
2006	Glen Bishop	2011	Trevor Cole	2017	Phillip Hallo
2007	Glen Bishop	2012	Trevor Cole	2018	Phillip Hallo
	/John Marriott	2013	John Marriott	2019	Ian Motley
2008	John Marriott	2014	Phillip Hallo		

SCORING FOR SPRINT & HILLCLIMB EVENTS

Points will be allocated for all Austin 7s (not including Big Sevens) competing at each nominated Sprint or Hillclimb event in each competition year, the meetings will be nominated by the Competition Secretary. Cars which, in the opinion of the Committee, do not conform with the spirit of the competition will not be awarded points.

For the Road Going Austin 7 Sprint & Speed Event Aggregate, points will be awarded for all the road-going, registered or club permitted Austin Sevens entered in a meeting. All road equipment must be carried with the possible exception of windscreens which have been removed for safety reasons in some instances.

For the Racing Austin 7 Sprint & Hillclimb Aggregate, points will be awarded for all the racing Austin Sevens entered in a meeting.

A handicap system will be applied by the Competition Secretary for both Aggregates, to the scoring system for:

- Supercharged cars
- Cars with independent suspension

POINT ALLOCATION

Three (3) points will be awarded to each driver, per meeting as follows:

- (i) Two (2) for starting
- (ii) One (1) for finishing

Note that no points will be awarded to those who enter but do not start.

Additional points will be awarded for placings as follows:

When more than 4 Austins enter	10	8	6	4	2
When 4 Austins enter	10	8	6	4	
When 3 Austins enter	6	4	2		
When 2 Austins enter	4	2			

Points awarded for placings will be based on the best official time for each driver.

When only one Austin enters, in any event, the driver scores finishing and starting points only.

The Cord Rings Trophy

This trophy was donated by H. B. Sales and was awarded to the winner of the Austin 7 Sprint Event Aggregate.

However presentation of this trophy was suspended in 1975 when the Sprint and Speed Trophy for racing Austin 7s was combined into the John Fleming Trophy and the Doc Grosvenor Trophy for road going Austin 7s was created.

Past Winners

1961	Ian Wells	1966	Lachlan Sharp	1971	Russel Grabert
1962	John Robertson	1967	Tony Johns	1972	Russel Grabert
1963	Dale Shaw	1968	John Whitehouse	1973	Tony Johns
1964	Dale Shaw	1969	Neil Johannesen	1974	-----
1965	John Whitehouse	1970	Neil Johannesen	1975	Tony Johns

The Austin Distributors Trophy

This trophy was donated by Austin Distributors and was awarded to the winners of the Austin 7 Trials Drivers Aggregate Competition.

Points for the competition were awarded as for the 750 Motor Club Shield, but due to the abandonment of car trials necessitating a navigator the trophy has not been presented since 1973.

Past Winners

1962	Doug Veel	1966	Stan Rodda	1970	Graeme Logan
1963	Tony Johns	1967	Jeff Newman	1971	Graeme Logan
1964	Tony Johns	1968	Bill Morling	1972	Neil Johannesen
1965	Tony Johns	1969	Ken Innes-Irons	1973	Chris Athey

OTHER TROPHIES

The Colonel Arthur Waite Trophy

This trophy was donated to the Austin 7 Club by its foundation Patron Col A.C.R. Waite, MC., OstJ., DL., JP., Freeman of the City of London. 1894 – 1991. The trophy is awarded to the winning Austin 7 in the Group J & K handicap race at “Historic Winton”. This event is seen as the club’s premier event for Austin 7 racing cars.

The Athol Lamont Border Run Award

This award was initiated in 1993 in recognition of Athol’s contribution to our Club, and is awarded annually for the best presented car, not necessarily an Austin 7, on the Border Run.

The award will be judged by two members of each club.

Athol and his family were regular “Border Runners” over many years and he was as well known to many of the South Australians.

The Pommie Shield

This trophy was donated by the 750 Motor Club to commemorate the Australian 1981 Austin 7 raid to the United Kingdom. It is awarded to the driver of an Austin 7 who achieves the fastest laptime at “Historic Winton”

Neil Johannesen Trophy

This is not a perpetual trophy but is an award for the winner of the Novice Aggregate Competition and was first presented by Neil Johannesen.

SCORING FOR THE NOVICE AGGREGATE COMPETITION

Scoring is as for both the Austin 7 and Other Cars Aggregate Competition, but only novices are eligible. A novice is defined as a member who has never won a club trophy, either for an individual event or aggregate competition.

Rolling Pin Trophy

Rolling Pins are presented to Austin 7 Club members who have rolled a car, during an Austin 7 Club organized event or driving an Austin 7.

SERVICE AWARDS

An awards book has been created to contain all the duplicate copies of the Awards and Declarations for all previous Life Members and Sir Herbert Austin Award recipients and is retained in the Clubrooms.

Life Membership

The Life Membership Award is one which acknowledges any member's extraordinary contribution to the club over a prolonged period of time and that has made a significant improvement to the running/administration of the Club and to the Club's success.

Life Membership is the award of an Honorary Full Membership, for life, as provided in Rule 3.3 of the Club Rules.

Administration of the award.

A nomination in writing for Life Membership can be proposed by any full club member, except for the member them-self, or their spouse/partner.

The award is at the determination of the Committee (the award of life membership shall not be determined by a poll of the members).

Life Membership cannot be awarded posthumously.

Life Membership can be rescinded by the club, if the life member commits a serious breach of club rules or conduct unbecoming to the principles of the club.

A Life Member can choose to no longer be a Life Member; however they cannot be reappointed as a life member in the future.

Criteria.

To qualify for consideration for the award by the Committee the member must have-

- 1) have served a minimum of 10 years on the main committee AND
- 2) shown significant initiative, innovation and dedication to furthering the Objects of the Club, OR
- 3) been a director or chairman of a sub-committee for more than 10 years. Such a sub-committee must be regarded by the main committee of having fulfilled a role which was essential to the running and wellbeing of the club, and without the sub committee's efforts would have restricted the activity or benefit to the club members, AND
- 4) demonstrated initiative and enthusiasm "beyond the call" in the promotion of the club, the success of an event, and/or the advancement of the motoring movement.

Recognition for the Award

1. A Life Member lapel pin and
2. A certificate as per the award book and
3. Their name recorded on the Honour Board.

Sir Herbert Austin Award

Process

This award may be recommended by any financial member to the Committee. An Awards Committee comprising the President, Treasurer, Secretary and any 3 recipients of "Life Membership" or the "Sir Herbert Austin Award" will be appointed to advise the Committee on the recommendation.

The Committee will consider the written recommendation of the Awards Committee, and will make a decision.

Any award made by the Committee shall be accompanied by a declaration stating the reason for the award.

The award shall be presented at a Monthly General Meeting or the annual presentation event.

Recognition for the Award

1. A lapel pin specifically designed for the award to the recipient, and
2. An appropriately bound folder containing the certificate specifically designed for the award, appropriately dated and including the reason for the award to the recipient, and signed by the President.
3. A duplicate copy of the certificate shall be retained in the "Sir Herbert Austin Award" book, which will be permanently displayed at the Clubrooms.

Criteria

To qualify for consideration of this award, a member must:-

1. have served a minimum of 5 years on the Committee, AND
- 2 (a) been a director or chairperson of a major activity eg Historic Winton, Club Spares, National Rally, 6 Hour Relay Race, Arthurs Seat Hillclimb, Myrmiong Historic Car Sprint etc., OR
- 2 (b) been a Chairperson or Director of any one, or more, subcommittees for a minimum of 7 years, OR
- 2 (c) been a director of a minimum of 15 events eg Day Runs, Annual Rally, OST event, Motorkhana, OR
- 2 (d) been a chief official or Clerk of Course of a minimum of 15 major activities as defined in 2 (a).

Footnote

Life Membership Criteria- Criteria, for the award of Life Membership, has varied since it was introduced. New criteria was adopted, by Committee, on 7th November 2016.

Clubman Award

This award shall be considered by the Committee and may be awarded as a result of a nomination by a member.

The Criteria for making the award is that the member has demonstrated exemplary contribution to the objects of the Club.

Recognition of the award shall be in the form of:-

1. An appropriately bound folder containing a certificate specifically designed for the award, appropriately dated and including the reason for the award to the recipient and signed by the President.
2. A duplicate copy of the award shall be placed in the awards book permanently displayed in the Clubrooms.

Awards Book

An awards book is to be created to contain all the duplicate copies of the Awards and Declarations for all previous Clubman Awards.

Awarded:

The Clubman Award has been made a number of times prior to 2010, but inadequate records have been retained of the recipients of the past awards.

2010	John McMillan	2010	Bev Logan	2011	Tony Colson
2013	David Lowe	2014	Noel Wilcox	2017	Doug Veel
2018	Bruce Walker	2019	Laurie Allen	2019	Janne Humphreys
2021	Tony Press	2021	Peta Lee	2023	Geoff Taylor
2023	Gary Hawkins	2023	Brian Gibbons		

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL AGGREGATE AND OTHER OST TROPHIES**The 'Park Orchards'/John Pryce Trophy.**

This trophy was made and donated by Dale Shaw in 1977, as the perpetual trophy for the winner or winners of the annual Park Orchards Trial, the feature event in the trials calendar. This event was renamed the John Pryce Trial, in honour of its progenitor, on his passing.

Past Winners:

1950	Fred Thorne	1976	Dale Shaw	1999	Grant Campbell
1951	Lindsay Francis	1977	Grant Campbell	2000	Craig Hansen
1952	Doug Veel	1978	Don Hunt	2001	=Grant Campbell
1953	Alan Grosvenor	1979	Grant Campbell		=Sid Hirst (N.Z.)
1954	Doug Veel	1980	=Grant Campbell	2002	Grant Campbell
1955	Mick Bellair		=John Cox	2003	Grant Campbell
1956	Fred Thorne	1981	John Cox	2004	Grant Campbell
1957	Giff Dorman	1982	Grant Campbell	2005	Grant Campbell
1958	Frank Walter	1983	John Cox	2006	Andrew Stritch
1959	=F. Dorman	1984	=Grant Campbell	2007	Grant Campbell
	=John Stevens		=Peter Sortwell	2008	Grant Campbell
	=Stan Rodda	1985	Adrian Dekker	2009	Andrew Stritch
1960	Gavin Stringer	1986	Peter Hill	2010	Grant Campbell
1961	Neil Johannesen	1987	Grant Campbell	2011	Grant Campbell
1962	Neil Johannesen	1988	=Andrew Stritch	2012	Ryan Blanche
1963	Stan Rodda		=John Cox	2013	=Ryan Blanche
1964	Nigel Tait	1989	Terry Stritch		/Andrew Stritch
1965	Ian Wells	1990	=Greg Cox	2014	Grant Campbell
1966	Stan Rodda		=Mick Wills	2015	Geoff Stritch
1967	Harry Firth	1991	=Grant Campbell	2016	Grant Campbell
1968	Alan Smith		John Martinali	2017	Dean Hunt
1969	Graeme Hoinville	1992	Andrew Cox	2018	Ryan Blanche
1970	Dale Shaw	1993	Andrew Stritch	2019	Geoff Taylor
1971	Dale Shaw	1994	Andrew Cox	2020	No award (COVID)
1972	Graeme Hoinville	1995	Grant Campbell	2021	No award (COVID)
1973	Dale Shaw	1996	Grant Campbell	2022	Ryan Blanche
1974	Dale Shaw	1997	Geoff Taylor	2023	Stuart Schweiger
1975	Dale Shaw	1998	Nigel Newman		

The Geoff Taylor Trophy.

This trophy, donated by Geoff Taylor, is awarded to the winner of the OST Drivers' Aggregate Competition.

Past Winners:

1965	Bill Williams	1977	Grant Campbell	1989	Grant Campbell
1966	Ian Wells	1978	Grant Campbell	1990	Terry Stritch
1967	Ian Wells	1979	Grant Campbell	1991	Grant Campbell
1968	Ian Wells	1980	Grant Campbell	1992	Grant Campbell
1969	Dale Shaw	1981	John Cox	1993	Andrew Stritch
1970	Dale Shaw	1982	Grant Campbell	1994	Grant Campbell
1971	Dale Shaw	1983	John Cox	1995	Grant Campbell
1972	Graeme Hoinville	1984	Grant Campbell	1996	Grant Campbell
1973	Bill Morling	1985	Grant Campbell	1997	Grant Campbell
1974	Dale Shaw	1986	Grant Campbell	1998	Grant Campbell
1975	Grant Campbell	1987	Grant Campbell	1999	Grant Campbell
1976	Ivan Bartlett	1988	Grant Campbell	2000	Grant Campbell

2001	Grant Campbell	2009	Grant Campbell	2017	Grant Campbell
2002	Grant Campbell	2010	Grant Campbell	2018	Grant Campbell
2003	Grant Campbell	2011	Grant Campbell	2019	Grant Campbell
2004	Grant Campbell	2012	Ryan Blanche	2020	No award (COVID)
2005	Grant Campbell	2013	Grant Campbell	2021/2022	Grant Campbell
2006	Grant Campbell	2014	Andrew Stritch	2023	Jesse Stritch
2007	Grant Campbell	2015	Dean Hunt		
2008	Grant Campbell	2016	Grant Campbell		

SCORING FOR O.S.T. DRIVERS' AGGREGATE COMPETITION.

Points are allocated as follows, for each trial:

Starting	1 Point
Finishing	1 Point
PLUS	
1st	15 Points
2nd	14 Points
3rd	13 Points, etc. down to 15th, 1 Point

The competition is decided on aggregate points for three less trials than the total conducted in the season. (ie if 12 trials for season, points are aggregated for best nine trials).

The Dale Shaw Trial

To mark the loss of one of the sport's most influential and keenest constructor and drivers, this award was initiated in 1997.

Past Winners:

1997	Grant Campbell	2006	Andrew Stritch	2015	Andrew Stritch
1998	Andrew Stritch	2007	Andrew Stritch	2016	Grant Campbell
1999	Grant Campbell	2008	Andrew Stritch	2017	Grant Campbell
2000	Grant Campbell	2009	Andrew Stritch	2018	Andrew Stritch
2001	Grant Campbell	2010	Ryan Blanche	2019	Andrew Stritch
2002	Grant Campbell	2011	Ryan Blanche	2020	No award (COVID)
2003	Grant Campbell	2012	Grant Campbell	2021	No award (COVID)
2004	Grant Campbell	2013	Ryan Blanche	2022	Ryan Blanche
2005	Keith Mitchell	2014	Dean Hunt	2023	Jesse Stritch

The Grant Campbell Trophy

This trophy, otherwise known as The Rock, was donated by Grant Campbell as an encouragement award. It is scored as for the Drivers' Aggregate, except that any previous trial winner is excluded, and any win achieved during the season in question also renders the winner ineligible.

Past Winners:

1983	Craig Moyle	1995	Alan Peterson	2007	Paul Kane
1984	Craig Moyle	1996	Chris Muir	2008	Ryan Blanche
1985	Steve Mason	1997	Chris Muir	2009	Ryan Blanche
1986	John Martinali	1998	Dale Stevens	2010	Gary Hawkins
1987	Craig Moyle	1999	Tim Jackson	2011	Tom Howard
1988	Brad Stritch	2000	Kevin Hossack	2012	Tom Howard
1989	Rinie Wiersema	2001	Graeme Moyle	2013	Tom Howard
1990	Greg Cox	2002	Keith Mitchell	2014	Tom Howard
1991	Phil Fitton	2003	Graham Moyle	2015	Michael Wiersema
1992	Andrew Cox	2004	Mark Filsell	2016	Grant Della
1993	Phil Fitton	2005	Dean Hunt	2017	Stephan Della Bosca
1994	Keith Williamson	2006	Greg Cox	2018	Mark Filsell

2019	Cooper Schweiger	2021/2022	Mark Filsell
2020	No award (COVID)	2023	Geoff Taylor

The Excelsior Cup

The late Donald K. Thomson donated this trophy in 1978. Don was a founder of CAMS, its Secretary General until his retirement, and an avid follower of OSTs and in his latter years a competitor in OSTs. The trophy is awarded to the most improved OST driver.

Past Winners:

1978	Bob Booth	1994	Geoff Taylor	2010	Geoff Stritch
1979	Barry Osborne	1995	Andrew Cox	2011	Kade Stritch
1980	Peter Sortwell	1996	Geoff Taylor	2012	Tom Howard
1981	Ken Venn	1997	Not Awarded	2013	Grant Campbell
1982	Alan Hall	1998	Not Awarded	2014	Dean Hunt
1983	Frank Klemencic	1999	Tim Jackson	2015	Steven Della
1984	Terry Stritch	2000	Craig Hansen	2016	Grant Della
1985	Peter Hill	2001	Not Awarded	2017	Steven Della Bosca
1986	George Peters	2002	Graham Moyle	2018	Geoff Taylor
1987	Kate Bartlett	2003	Craig Hansen	2019	Stuart Schweiger
1988	Don Hunt	2004	Mark Filsell	2020	No award (COVID)
1989	Rinie Wiersema	2005	Dean Hunt	2021	No award (COVID)
1990	Nick Wills	2006	Grant Campbell	2022	Grant Della
1991	Eric Daffy	2007	Paul Kane	2023	Geoff Taylor
1992	Eric Daffy	2008	Ryan Blanche		
1993	Andrew Stritch	2009	Andrew Stritch		

SCORING FOR THE EXCELSIOR TROPHY

- The Excelsior Cup shall be awarded each year to the driver in OSTs who most improves his/her Average Section Score from the beginning of the season to the end. A replica shall be awarded for permanent retention by the winner.
- Drivers eligible for the award shall be only those who:
 - have competed in the previous year's competition, and
 - have entered as drivers for at least 50% of the sections run during the year of the award.(See Rule 5)
- The Average Section Score shall be found by dividing the total points scored by the number of sections in the trials entered (irrespective of the number of sections actually attempted). The A.S.S. thus ascertained at the end of a season, (save as provided in Rule 5), shall be the Final Section Average for that season, and also the Start Section Average for the next succeeding season. The difference between the two averages for any one season shall constitute the improvement or otherwise.
- Calculations of the A.S.S. shall be taken to the nearest 3rd. place of decimals.
- The OST Committee may, if the Start Section Average is deemed by them to be based on too few performances in the previous year, take into calculations of any particular case also the first, or the first two, trials in the following year, and the result so obtained shall be the Start Section Average for that year.
- The one same car shall be used by any one driver throughout any one O.S.T. If a driver changes cars for any reason, only the first car used will be ~~enalized~~ for this award. Scores attained with any other car in that particular competition will not be used in calculations of the average. Passengers may be changed at any time without prejudice to the award.
- The Section Average attained by any driver during the first year of his competition shall not be ~~enalized~~ as counting towards the award in that year, but shall, (subject to Rule 5 above), be his Start Section Average for the next following year.
- In the event of a tie in the final figure of improvement, all drivers involved in such tie shall be deemed equal winners for that year.

OBSERVED SECTION TRIALLING

Observed Section Trials events were introduced to Australia from England in 1950 by the late John Pryce and have since been conducted regularly by the Austin 7 Club Inc. whose Competitions Committee has developed the specifications, and Formula, for the cars involved.

Observed Section trials are intended to be of strictly amateur status and involve the cars traversing marked sections (the number depending only on the time available) of muddy or slippery surfaces or tortuous, steep, or otherwise difficult terrain. The purpose of each competitor is to traverse the whole of each section non-stop from a standing start without departing from the marked course or hitting any of the markers en route.

Sections, which may vary on length from 25m to 100m, are each divided into 10 parts, each marked by opposite pairs of pegs or markers. Points are awarded for the number of such pairs passed by the leading edge of a front wheel before the non-driving wheels both cease rotating. Pegs need not be at uniform intervals along the section – the distance apart determined solely by the estimated degree of difficulty; however they must always be widely enough spaced in each pair for it to be possible for cars to pass between without touching them.

The competition must not be timed, nor shall the highest speed attained be in any way a determinant of the competition: in fact, high speed is usually penalized by hitting markers, colliding with obstacles or leaving the course. The purpose is to maintain traction and maneuverability under difficult conditions.

Prior to constructing or modifying an OST Car, please check with the Austin 7 Competition Committee Representative to ensure specifications are relevant or in a state of imminent change. The OST Committee would be most happy to provide assistance with the interpretation and explanation of these specifications, or on any area of car construction.

The Club periodically adopts an Observed Section Trials Formula. This formula describes the constructional requirements for cars taking part in Observed Section Trials. Supplementary Regulations for individual events may be added to or subtracted from these requirements to meet special cases, but such alterations shall be kept to an absolute minimum.

This Formula will usually remain in force for the duration of the year of issue without alteration and will be reviewed annually in the final quarter of each year. Any amendments will be announced by 1st January, and the Formula as amended shall then remain in force for the ensuing 12 months.

Any car constructed to this Formula shall be deemed to comply for three years after a change has been made to this Formula, except where change has been made for reasons of safety.

REVIEW AND POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO FORMAT

Potential Amendments to content and format

Consider the format of any lists of awards/trophies, and whether the list is accompanied by:

- A brief description of its history and objects, and an indication of where any selection criteria, if any, can be found, OR
- A brief description of its history and objects, and a full description of any selection criteria

Consider whether a full record of Trophies and Awards is kept in multiple formats, being:-

- Separate system of bound awards books with supplementary photos, as appropriate, and
- A parallel electronic record, but also including ant supporting administrative systems eg where awards are manufactured, engraving done, and any sworn valuations of major trophies (for insurance purposes)

HW Trophies (Also see above)

Photos and history etc

Other Special Club Trophies

Photos and history etc

Collections

PAST Important Club Events

Arthurs Seat Hillclimb

Wings and Wheels

Myrniong Historic Car Sprint

National Rallies

NOTES AND AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO CLUB MANUAL

Amendment No.	Content of Amendment	Date
Amt. 1	Our Founding Patron Life Members – Correction of historical facts regarding members and events Club Events – Correct historical facts regarding the Austin Seven Club Rally	Oct. 2003
Amt. 2	Club Trophies Scoring, New Trophies, Old Trophies, OST Formula, OST Supp Regs, Aggregate Trophy winners	December 2005
Amt. 3	Club Rules amended, Aggregate Trophy winners, Additional event information, Add Sir Herbert Austin Award	January 2007
Amt. 4	Various minor amendments	February 2007
Amt 5	Athol Lamont Border Run Trophy	March 2007
Amt 6	Club Rules amended as approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria (“CAV”)	October 2007
Amt 7	Aggregate Trophy winners 2007-2008	December 2008
Amt 8	Aggregate Trophy winners 2008-2009	January 2010
Amt 9	Club Rules as approved by CAV	October 2010
Amt. 10	Club Rules as amended and approved by CAV	September 2011
Amt 11	Aggregate Trophy winners to 2011 and other amts.	February 2012
Amt 12	Aggregate Speed Event and Sprint event scoring amendments & minor amt.	April 2012
Amt 13	Aggregate Trophy winners 2012	December 2012
Amt 14	Club Rules as amended & approved by CAV	October 2013
Amt 15	Aggregate Trophy winners 2012 & 2013	December 2013
Amt 16	Aggregate Trophy winners 2014	January 2015
Amt 17	Club Colours, badges, OST 2015 trophy winners	January 2016
Amt 18	Life Member criteria, Privacy Policy, Club Permit Scheme update, Aggregate Trophy winners 2015 & 2016 and amts. To scoring	January 2017
Amt 19	Aggregate Trophy winners, Life Members, Clubman and other 2017 & 2018	March 2019
Amt 20	Aggregate Trophy winners 2019 plus various notes about proposed revisions	September 2021
Amt 21	Minor corrections plus Aggregate Trophy updated & reviewed to 2015	November 2022
Amt 22	Various amendments and Notes as precursor to review by various Working Groups proposed during 2022 and 2023 Aggregate Trophy updates to 2023 Various criteria for awards updated, and preliminary notes on future format, all by RJH Major Review of Club Rules to lead to potential NEW Club Rules, as a result of new Regulations	November / December 2023
Amt 23	Aggregate Trophy amendment – Arthur Waite Trophy 21 Sept 2016 Update awards 2024	December 2024