
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

August 2021



Warren Bonning with one of his recent Austin 7 sports creations

Photo Robert Humphreys

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More of Warren Bonning's creations, or projects Top Right: Single seater reproduction, campaigned by Max Robinson for some time, under rebuild for Leigh Goodall. Top Left: 4CV Citroen as refurbished. Bottom Left: Another s/c A7 sports creation. Bottom Right: Fred Michie competing in the A7 racer.

Photos Robert Humphreys and David Lowe





Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 72nd year

Foundation Patron of the Club

Col. A C R Waite,(dec.) MC, OStJ, DL, JP, Freeman of the

**City of London 1894—1991., Life member of the British Racing Drivers Club.
Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

30/1	Sat/Sun			<i>VHRR Winton Festival of Speed</i>
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
8	Sun	7		O.S.T. 8- 71st John Pryce Memorial Trial - Glenburn
8	Sun	7	A	<i>Day Run</i>
14	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
15	Sun		S	<i>V.S.C.C. Rob Roy</i>
18	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
22	Sun	7		O.S.T. 9 - Panton Hill
27/29	Fri/Sun			<i>All-Historic Racing – Wakefield Park</i>

The Club’s Meeting have recommenced but with an expectation that everyone will “socially distance”.

***This use of the Clubrooms is only possible if attendees
“CHECK-IN” their attendance with a “QR” code.***

Spares Hours Saturday - 12:00 Noon to 2:30pm

NOTE NEW HOURS FOR SPARES

Spares Hours for Hot Air Session. - 7:30pm to 9:00pm sharp

SEPTEMBER

<i>1</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>M.G.M./Spares</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>Spares/B.B.Q.</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>O.S.T. 10 - Dale Shaw Trial – Rob Roy</i> <i>Frostbite Run, combined with History Tour</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>Crazy Whist Night</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>H.A.S./Spares</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>Sun</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>O.S.T. 11</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>7</i>		<i>URRR'S</i>

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Tuesday 17 August 2021.

Austin Seven Clubs Association

The Online Archive

Handbooks, Parts Books, Body Parts Book and lots more.

Just download it to your computer - all part of our membership of the Association.

More being constantly added.

These references are a great way to identify parts for your Austin7.

Also it may help to determine the year of the various parts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we start August, we can only hope that for the good of the country and our wonderful club, that things improve. July was a month where we were all restricted and many events such as Christmas in July and the Frost Bite Run had to be cancelled.

Unfortunately we also lost long-time member Warren Bonning who passed away peacefully at his Mount Waverley home, as was his wish. Warren was a prolific builder of all types of classic cars including Austin 7s and was noted for his innovation by the racing fraternity. We also have a number of members who are currently facing their own health issues, and we wish them all the very best with their treatments.

With respect to coming events such as OSTs, club day runs, spares and MGM please keep an eye on your emails for any changes in details due to covid restrictions.

Whilst all events are important to the club and club members, there are some that require more effort to organise than others and therefore need your support. Two that come to mind are the Annual Rally scheduled for Sunday October the 3rd at Mornington Park; see entry form in Light Shaft. The other which may still seem a long way off is the National Rally 2022 Warrnambool. Entry forms will be sent out shortly so please action them A.S.A.P and have the Austin ready to go.

Thank you for your contributions to the Light Shaft and keep them coming. Keep warm and safe.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

VALE - NORMAN WARREN BONNING

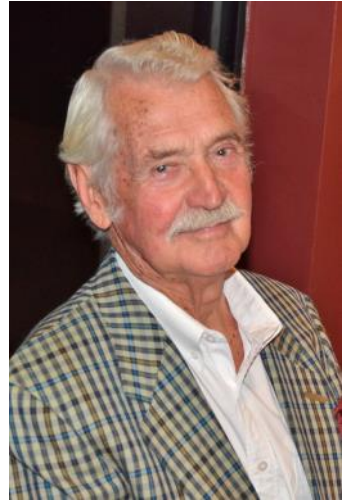
One of our great special builders has left us.

Known to all of us as Warren.

Warren was a prolific builder of cars, racing driver and Austin Seven enthusiast, and long-time member of our Club, and a great bloke.

Many of the cars he built, and drove, were Austin 7s.. Most of the other cars were veteran or vintage cars, with a few post vintage and classic cars, again many starting as a heap of parts, with some created of mixed origins.

Recycling at its best.



One of his better known cars is immortalised in a painting at our Clubrooms, of the single seater racing car next raced by Fred Michie, and then Don Tomlinson (who donated the painting).

Another well-known creation of Warrens was the Gipsy aero engine special that Warren competed in regularly, and is now the favoured competition car of Noel Wilcox.

The list of Austin 7 specials is too long to remember. I know that I donated two very tired chassis to the cause. Leigh Goodall at one time owned three of these Austin 7 specials, some that he extensively rebuilt, particularly the single seater replica that was raced by Max Robinson for many years (See photos of the rebuild, inside cover).

Many of our Club members, who are regular tennis players also remember Warren and Pam as enthusiastic tennis players, at North Oakleigh Tennis

Club, and Warren was still playing with us as recently as 4 months ago.

Everywhere Warren went, he is remembered as a charismatic and knowledgeable good bloke, who was always willing to share his knowledge and memories.

Warren's latest project was an Alvis sports special, which I suspect remains uncompleted.

The last Austin Seven Warren built has been passed on to Hannah Greenwood, Warren's granddaughter, and was used as one of her wedding cars.

Vale Warren Bonning



The Austin 7 engine motorbike in 2010.

The Alvis Coupe that Warren rejuvenated and placed on Club Plates



VALE GERALDINE TYRRELL

Allan Tyrrell's wife Geraldine has died recently, and we wish Allan all the best at this time.

Allan has been a member of our Club for almost 70 years.

MEMBER LIST 2021 And EMAIL NOTICES

Please check all your details in the Member List, and tell the Membership Secretary if there are any errors or omissions - email

membership@austin7club.org

Please note that ensuring that the Club has your email address will also ensure that you get copies of lots of other car club magazines, many with brilliant articles, and

You will be alerted of any event cancellations, or special notices.



Editorial Ramblings

The heading says it all.

The Editor is slowly continuing to loose his marbles. (For younger members, ask an old fart, what “marbles” means).

Last month I published a Lightshaft without captions to a whole page of photos, on the inside of the back cover, which were, fortunately all taken by the Editor.

In addition, I printed the MEMBER LIST, by selecting the incorrect MS Excel “Print Area”, thus leaving out all those members with family names after VEEL.

I have arrived at MULTIPLE solutions to this issue:-

- ⇒ In the “centre-fold”, there is not a nude model (female or male), but there is:-
 - ◆ An Entry form for the Austin 7 Annual Rally, and
 - ◆ An addenda to the Member List 2021, for all those with family names after VEEL. Please add it to your Member List 2021.
- ⇒ Any applicant psychiatrists to sort out Humphreys’ head, please submit respectful help to editor@austin7club.org
- ⇒ All applicants for the position of Editor, please line up at my front door, with a full face mask and a chocolate cake, preferably black forest style. Just explain to any police officers that this is clearly of such urgency that it is a SIXTH reason for leaving home. However, please do not travel over 400km, as the cake will be stale by the time you arrive.
- ⇒ I had forgotten the fourth solution, but Janne contends that I am no worse that I was two month’s ago - Is that a compliment?

COMING EVENTS

SPARES

To comply with COVID requirements and being fair to others, Graeme Logan has asked that you come to Spares with a list prepared beforehand, to speed up being served, and enable compliance with our COVIDSafe Plan.

Please also be prepared to use the QR Code, from your phone, which saves the Club from needing someone act as "SIGN-ON MARSHALL".

OST 8 - 71st John Pryce Memorial Trial - Glenburn - Sunday 8 August 2021

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

DAY RUN - Sunday 8 August 2021

Watch this space for more News on this event.

OR watch for more on your emails.

JANNE'S ALL DAY CRAFT DAY—SATURDAY 14 August 2021

Previous attendees have been notified, and due to the COVID restriction on numbers , booking is essential.

Janne 0427 772 261

COMING EVENTS**OST 9 - Panton Hill - Sunday 22 August 2021**

253 Motschalls Road Proceed along Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Road to Panton Hill. Turn right at Long Gully Road. **Melways ref 264 B8.** Proceed along Motschalls Road and turn left into Turnung Road. Follow OST Mud Trial signs.

OST 10 - DALE SHAW TRIAL**Rob Roy - Sunday 5 September 2021**

Clintons Rd ROB ROY Melway Map 265A10.

This is one of our two most important trials of the year, as it celebrates the life of Dale Shaw, who built so many successful Trials cars, but also sprint and racing cars, and was instrumental in freely advising Club Members, and others, on the design of superlative car suspension systems.

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

All correspondence to the Secretary:

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

Please do not send mail to clubrooms

Spares are open:-

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

H.A.S. from 7.45 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the M.G.M. (or the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

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

Or mailorderparts@austin7club.org

COMING EVENTS**FROST BITE RUN & HISTORY TOUR****Sunday 5 September 2021**

Deferred from July.

This will be a picnic run, so make your own way to the start at 10:00am, or earlier, at:-

CoCoo MooN CaFé

Cnr Warrandyte Rd & Webb St WARRANDYTE - Melway 23F11

We'll have some morning coffee here, to thaw out the hands and nether regions, and then drive on via a scenic route to ROB ROY, with a few stops and diversions.

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

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

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

Rob. Humphreys 0427 772 281

CLUB VISITOR

If you know of a Member who is unwell or in Hospital please contact Bruce Walker, our Club Visitor. He will visit or send a card to the Member.

Contact Bruce on brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

COMING EVENTS

CRAZY WHIST SOCIAL NIGHT at OUR CLUB ROOMS

Saturday 11 September 2021

with Whist starting at 7.15pm

LIMITED to 8 tables of 4# per table



Cost at \$5.00 per head or \$10 per couple (either way- not an expensive night out for some fun and frivolity) with a light supper to be supplied (depending upon our COVID restrictions in place at the time)

BYO drinks and glasses

Also note, that if you have particular food/drink requirements, we ask that you self cater

Please indicate by email to socialsecretary@austin7club.org of your intention to attend asap

Pay *preferably* by electronic transfer via BSB as “**WHIST and your surname**” as the reference to

Austin 7 Club Inc with details at BSB 083 323 Account 81 131 6316

Names to Ron and Helen are requested no later than HAS prior to Saturday 11 September 2021

Ron Crellin - Social Secretary 2021

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection *presents* **Rod & Custom Cars & Bikes**



Opening
Sun 11th
Sept
2021

**A DISPLAY OF UNIQUE HAND CRAFTED BEAUTIES
AT OUR MAFFRA MOTOR MUSEUM FROM JULY 11th
2021 UNTIL END OF OCTOBER 2021**



Museum open Fri to Mon 10 till 4
Daily during school holidays
Anytime by appointment (groups)



gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

2021 Bay to Birdwood Update

26 September 2021

Classics full, Veteran & Vintage spaces filling fast!

Participation in this year's event is motoring along and the response so far has been fantastic, thank you to all who have already entered. The quota for Classics is full (for now!). The Veteran and Vintage quota (pre-1950) has limited places left and they are filling fast.

As a precaution our current COVID management provision restricts total capacity for the 2021 event to 1400 (it is usually 1750). This cap is so that we have every chance of delivering the 2021 event with a fabulous Finish Festival at the National Motor Museum.

We recommend Classic vehicle owners register on the Reserve List now. When places become available, we will let you know.

If you own a **pre-1950 vehicle** and want to enter the 2021 Bay to Birdwood, we recommend you enter now, as places are filling fast. If you have any questions about entering please contact the event office [via email](#) or on (08) 8568 5019.



COMING EVENTS

URRRS
29th September 2021

For our next URRR's run we have been invited to visit Graeme Logan's workshop for an informative presentation on timber framing for vintage cars. Graeme will also speak about the challenges of some recent projects.

Time:10.30am

Location-192 Bittern-Dromana Road, Merricks North
Melway Reference 162- A11

Morning Tea provided on arrival.

Followed by lunch at the Dromana Hotel.

151 Point Nepean Road, Dromana
Melway reference 159-J5

To assist with catering/bookings can you please indicate your intention to attend.

presentation/lunch or both

John McMillan
Mobile: 0408 994 510
Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

COMING EVENTS

54th ANNUAL AUSTIN 7 RALLY

Mornington Park

Sunday 3rd October 2021

All entered cars will be judged for a trophy under the categories shown on the Entry Form, which is included as a centrefold in this Lightshaft.

Please nominate your car/cars within an appropriate category.

Whilst this event remains subsidised by the club, a fee of \$15 applies.

BYO Picnic lunch

10am onwards

RALLY DIRECTOR is Phillip Hallo

0413 185 576 or philhallo.hallo@gmail.com

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2021

See Form in the centrefold of this Lightshaft.

Open to ALL Austin 7s and derivatives.



Bob Booth Pub Crawl

‘A step back in time’

Friday 29th October to Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Calling for Expressions of Interest

This year’s Bob Booth Pub Crawl will be centred around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula and Greater Geelong area.

The base will be Point Lonsdale with accommodation at the Point Lonsdale Guest House - Est. in 1884 presenting some old-world charm with a nostalgic trip into yesteryear in 22 charming rooms.

You will in most cases have the luxury of an ensuite bathroom and tea & coffee making facilities with access to a lounge and conference rooms, bed configurations, room sizes and costs vary.

The guest house is double story with upstairs bedrooms accessed only by stairs as there is no lift.

A fully equipped guest kitchen adjacent to the main building will provide facilities for shared breakfast preparation. The grounds provide ample off-street parking area for **Austins only, moderns and trailers** will need to be parked off site on vacant **public land** a short walk from our accommodation.

The program will allow you time for some self-guided visits with many places of interest to see or perhaps a walk across the road to view the infamously treacherous stretch of water known as “The Rip”. There will be some night time driving for evening meals.

Room costs for 4 nights over 21 rooms range from \$440 - \$560. One room with additional facilities is available at \$760. Costs for evening meals and activities are still being finalised and will be advised as soon as possible.

Action required now.

Indicate your interest by email (preferred)

or phone John McMillan

Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

Mobile 0408 994 510

COMING EVENTS

RACV ALPINE RALLY - Saturday 20 to Saturday 27 November 2021

In 2021 RACV will celebrate the centenary of the RACV Alpine Trials, events that were significant milestones in Australian automotive history. To commemorate those milestones, RACV, along with the Vintage Drivers Club, will be organising an event recreating the original 1921 Alpine Trial.

Details of this Centenary Rally appears in past Lightshafts.

Federation “Golden Oldies Tour” News.

It has been decided to delay the Golden Oldies to 27 March 2022. This means that the tour will start from the Wunghnu picnic and will travel the same route from there and end in Bendigo on Sunday 3rd April 2022.

We realise this may be disappointing to some people however the decision was made based on current COVID restrictions and the impact this has on meal venues, the covid vaccination progress and sponsorship availability.

We currently have 65 cars who have indicated they would like to attend - appropriately 125 people, and we are happy to keep it open until 85 entries which will mean it will be the largest Golden Oldies so continue to encourage other Vintage vehicle owners to enter.

For those people who have indicated an Expression of Interest in the Tour **we will keep you on record unless you let us know you are not interested now that the date has changed** to next year. So please contact us only if you wish to withdraw your EOI.

We will update you later in the year on accommodation and meals etc and will open up the entries to allow you all to officially enter!

Thanks for your interest in the Tour!

COMING EVENTS

Geelong Revival 26 – 28 November 2021

The quarter mile sprint track along Richie Boulevard on Geelong's picturesque waterfront will roar to life on the weekend between the [F1 Australian Grand Prix](#) and the [Australian International Airshow at Avalon](#),

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival – its predecessor, the Geelong Speed Trials – have been around since 1956. Usually on the last weekend of November, and is a celebration of the rich motoring history of Geelong, Australia and beyond.

Accompanying the speed trials along Richie Boulevard will be a host of other displays, activities, entertainment and food, ensuring a fun day out for all members of the family.

For more information visit geelongrevival.com.au

More Photos and news on the website

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

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

To all of you who have a car under the Club Permit Scheme.

Check your date of EXPIRY of your Permit.

ALSO check ALL details - including expiry date, addresses etc.

When paying ALWAYS retain your receipt.

Keep a scanned copy of your receipt with your logbook.

**Renewal Notices are a bit flakey, as it appears that
VicRoads is becoming more reliant on YOU having a
My VicRoads Account.**

COMING EVENTS



AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022

Newsletter No 1 tells all about this exciting National event, for all Austin 7 enthusiasts, including Big 7s and Austin 7 derivatives.

It also comes with an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM.

If you know of Austin 7 owners who are unlikely to receive news of the event, have a chat with them, and give their contact details to the Rally Sub-Committee, so that they can receive news about the event.

A copy of the Newsletter No 1 and the Expression of Interest is available on the website.



If you can help in some way to make our 2022 Austin 7 National Rally a great event, please contact the Rally Committee

AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022 SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair- Andrea Casabene, Peta Lee (Minutes), Graeme & Bev Logan, Tony Casabene, Russell Dickson, Greg Drummond, David & Judith Finn, Peter & Lesley White, Ron & Helen Crellin, Carole & Len Kerwood, Maria & Colin Cheesman, Robert Baudinette, Helen & Michael Shegog, Neil Rickard.



We are excited
And you are invited!

National Rally
Saturday 9th April - Thursday 14th April

Celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens
whilst exploring this beautiful part of Victoria
Come have a whale of a time in Warrnambool!

Enquiries: 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com

USING QR CODES

WHAT IS A QR CODE?

A QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response code) is a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional barcode) invented in 1994 by the Japanese automotive company Denso Wave.

A barcode is a machine-readable optical label that contains information about the item to which it is attached.

In practice, QR codes often contain data for a locator, identifier, or tracker that points to a website or application. A QR code uses four standardized encoding modes (numeric, alphanumeric, byte/binary, and kanji) to store data efficiently; extensions may also be used.

The Quick Response system became popular outside the automotive industry due to its fast readability and greater storage capacity compared to standard UPC barcodes. Applications include product tracking, item identification, time tracking, document management, and general marketing.

A QR code consists of black squares arranged in a square grid on a white background, which can be read by an imaging device such as a camera, and processed using Reed–Solomon error correction until the image can be appropriately interpreted. The required data is then extracted from patterns that are present in both horizontal and vertical components of the image.

***PLEASE ALWAYS LOGIN WITH YOUR QR CODE ON
YOUR PHONE WHEN VISITING THE CLUBROOMS***



City Gallery invites you to go behind the scenes of Australia's most important industrial design studio and birthplace of GMH iconic cars at Fishermans Bend, Melbourne.

GMH design at Fishermans Bend 1964-2020

Curated by Harriet Edquist

City Gallery (enter via Customer Relations)

Melbourne Town Hall

90-120 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Exhibition dates - 17 May to 31 August 2021

Gallery hours 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday
(closed weekends and public holidays)

Contact: citygallery@melbourne.vic.gov.au
melbourne.vic.gov.au/citygallery

Date: 27/6/21**21 OST 5 - Woori Yallock****RESULTS****CAMS Permit: 321/2706/C**

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Place
Gary Hawkins	Leanne Coakley	6	7	9	5	8	7	10	8	10	70	1
Dean Hunt	Alicia Randle	7	8	9	5	9	7	6	5	10	66	2
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	7	6	9	5	10	7	5	5	9	63	3
Stuart Schweiger	Rohnan Donahue	7	8	9	2	9	7	5	7	2	56	4
Geoff Taylor	Leanne Coakley	7	8	6	5	8	5	5	2	9	55	5
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	7	8	9	5	6	1	5	3	10	54	6
Stephen Della-Bosca	Gabriella Della	7	8	9	5	6	6	5	5	1	52	7
Grant Della	Gabriella Della	5	8	9	3	6	6	5	5	2	49	8
Mark Filsell	Ivye Stritch	5	3	9	4	6	1	5	5	10	48	9
Greg Cox	Jason Stock	1	3	8	0	6	7	5	7	10	47	10
Brandon Schweiger	Cooper Schweiger	5	8	5	2	6	1	5	3	2	37	11
Jason Stock	Greg Cox	4	2	4	3	6	1	3	5	1	29	12
Nathan Hunt	Daniel Hunt	5	2	5	2	6	1	3	2	0	26	13

**PAST OBSERVED SECTION TRIALS -
OST 5**

Above: Left Geoff Taylor and Leanne Coakley

Above Right: Dean Hunt and Alicia Randle



Geoff Taylor and Leanne Coakley enter the



Date: 11/7/21 **21 OST 6 - Three Bridges RESULTS** **CAMS Permit: 321/1107/02**

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Place
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	6	8	8	10	7	9	9	10	9	9	8	9	102	1
Mark Filsell	Ivy Stritch	10	8	7	10	8	9	10	7	9	5	8	9	100	2
Dean Hunt	Declan Caldercoat	9	7	7	10	9	9	9	10	8	6	7	7	98	3
Gary Hawkins	Leanne Coakley	9	8	7	DNS	7	6	10	10	9	7	9	10	92	4
Stuart Schweiger	Rohnan Donahue	9	7	7	10	7	7	5	10	7	5	7	9	90	5
Grant Della	Gabriella Della	9	2	7	9	7	9	5	9	8	5	7	9	86	6
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	9	7	7	10	7	7	4	7	7	9	7	3	84	7
Geoff Taylor	Leanne Coakley	9	7	DNS	7	6	9	9	10	8	6	8	2	81	8
Nathan Hunt	Declan Caldercoat	8	2	6	10	7	5	4	7	8	5	6	9	77	9
Brandon Schweiger	Rohnan Donahue	10	2	5	7	7	7	4	7	5	9	6	7	76	10
Stephen Della-Bosca	Gabriella Della	9	2	6	7	7	9	4	9	2	5	6	8	74	11
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	2	2	2	7	7	2	3	4	5	5	6	3	48	12

PAST OBSERVED SECTION TRIALS - OST 6



Above: Nathan Hunt & Declan Caldercoat

Below: Dean Hunt & Declan Caldercoat



Above: Stuart Schweiger & Rohnan Donahue

Below: Cooper Schweiger & Alicia Randle



PAST OBSERVED SECTION TRIALS - OST 6

OST 6 Trial at the Three Bridges property showed 12 competitors, with slippery conditions and several hill climbs. In 3rd place we had Dean and passenger, Declan, with 98 points; 2nd place we had Mark with passenger, Ivye, with 100 points; and in 1st place we had Grant and passenger, Lori, with the top score of 102 points.

Thanks to the peggers for some good challenging sections and to all the competitors, officials, trainee officials and to Geoff for running a smooth event and an excellent trial.

With special thanks to Bob, the property owner for allowing our club to trial at the Three Bridges orchard.

Cooper Schweiger

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME



The AOMC have alerted clubs to changes affecting Club Permit Scheme vehicles, but also a number of other Vehicle Standards that may be of interest to our members.

Read through the list above carefully, and as can be seen, each information sheet can be downloaded, from the VicRoads website.

Whilst VSI 33 is the most important applying to Club Permit Scheme cars, some of the others may also be of interest, as related to your wider motoring activities.

If you have a motorcycle, VSI 4 is equally relevant.

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

DOWNLOAD INFORMATION SHEET

The Department of Transport (DoT) has made updates to several VSIs. The updates directly support DoTs continued focus on safety and will ensure road users in Victoria are safer than ever before.

There were six VSIs open for consultation:

- VSI 1 Bull Bars
- VSI 5 Conversion of Vehicles to Motor Homes
- VSI 6 Requirements for A – Frame Towing of Vehicles
- VSI 8 Guide to Modifications for Motor Vehicles
- VSI 26 Roadworthiness Requirements
- VSI 33 Guidelines for Modifications to Vehicles Operated Under Victoria's Club Permit Scheme

There were six VSI feedback forms, one for each VSI, the opportunity to provide feedback is NOW CLOSED as of **Friday 5 March 2021**.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Safer Vehicles team via vehicle.policy@roads.vic.gov.au

Thank you

Safer Vehicles and Future Vehicle Technology

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

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

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

Remember to plan ahead if you need a Club Permit Scheme application or renewal signed or issued. You will find more detail on the club permit scheme on the Web Site

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

Past Events

Fish & Chip Run

After several days of heavy rain, and forecast to continue, 22 members decided to run the risk and drive down to Tooradin for the Fish and Chip run. All were rewarded with beautiful sunshine and no rain.

Parking in the designated meeting area is very limited so Ron Townley decided we could get our cars through a gap in the barrier to the lawn section with the result that all the Austin 7s were lined up with Evans Inlet as background.

Needless to say the cars attracted the usual interest from the public.

Austin's attending 9, including 2 from the Logan family one with L Plates attached and 3 moderns.

Thank you to all those people who attended.

John McMillan



Past Events

URRRS visit to Ambulance Victoria Museum

With a late rush of interest 34 Austin 7 & A30 club members attended a very informative visit to the Ambulance Victoria Museum in Bayswater.

After a magnificent morning tea provided the museum volunteers, Chas Martin, the driving force behind the creation and ongoing development of the museum gave a very detailed account of the development of the ambulance service in Victoria from the post-world war 2 period to the present.

Following the presentation we were able to inspect a range of retired ambulance vehicles ranging in age from the world war one period to the 80's to 90's, along with all the supporting equipment used.



Cars attending 1 x Austin 12, 1 x A30 and 4 A7s including David Isom who drove his Chummy from Williamstown.

To those of you who attended thank you for your support.

John McMillan

PS The next URRRS will be held on the Wednesday 29th September, watch the for details in the Light Shaft

David Isom (chummy), Robert & Ivy Davis (Roadster), John Shiells (Open Road Tourer), and Brian Gibbons/Greg Hallihan (1927 Top Hat Saloon).

Competition Matters

This recent experience may resonate with other members.

Martin Stubbs

Martin sent the following email to Motorsport Australia

To whom it may concern. I know that Covid has thrown a spanner in motorsport activities for all enthusiasts and we are now trying to participate again. My particular interest is competing in the historic events which I have been doing since 30th September 2006. License No: 1064682.

I am now keen to resume these activities but there is a problem in entering as clubs no longer send out invitations with entry forms and we have to get them direct from Motorsport Australia.

From my recent experience this has been a nightmare of communication, this is not a criticism of your staff who have tried to help including using your portal which was a failure in trying to use the password system. What was suggested just didn't work and the whole experience was very confusing.

I know I'm part of a disappearing generation but our money and our continued participation still contributes to motorsport and everything should be done to assist us.

There must be a simpler way??????????

Martin Stubbs

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about."
-- Winston Churchill

Our Austins

My Austin - Anthony Szell

I purchased 'George's Green Machine' from Pam Keil from Port Lincoln in late January 2020. George's Green Machine was one of two vehicles Pam was selling. I'd been looking for an Austin 7 for some time and generally 'missed out' on the good ones. I regularly looked for them in club newsletters and on their websites. I even thought of buying one from England and having it shipped over that is until I worked out the cost of transport.

When I first called Pam, another person was considering putting in an offer on this Austin. Following a discussion with Pam she mentioned that she would follow the possible sale up with the other person and to my luck, I was able to purchase it.

Moving the Austin from Port Lincoln to Canberra then became the next issue. Few car carriers would agree to move it as it would not fit on an open carrier and they did not want to drive to Port Lincoln with an enclosed carrier for

one car. I liaised with some of the Adelaide Austin 7 club members as an alternative to getting it moved. Eventually I found an Adelaide car carrier who would move it and George's Green Machine left the seaside for the hills (and cold and frosty winter morning). A couple of thousand dollars later and a few days on and the Austin was in Canberra in my garage.



My Austin - Anthony Szell

In the first month or so I spent the majority of my spare time looking up and buying spare parts, manuals and asking for information on Austin 7s. Tony Press helped me out and recommended David Lowe to help with some of the restoration work. Mostly that was just an engine rebuild however David has given her the once over and anything that needed doing is being done.

The Austin has been in Melbourne for a few months now and I get regular updates from David on her progress (and bills for this work). The updates include photos of the Austin and while I have not seen her in a while, the photos of her look great.

I'd always wanted an Austin 7. I remember watching them in the Bay to Birdwood Rally in South Australia and were amazed by these little cars and how they got up the steep Adelaide Hills' roads. My dad is also an auto electrician and each



My Austin - Anthony Szell

school holiday I would go to his work and work on cars (or sweeping the workshop as I had to do each morning). I eventually got an 1959 Oval window VW Beetle and that started my interest in restoring and driving older cars. They are far more interesting than new cars to me. This will be my fifth 'old' car. Beetles and Fiat 500s were my past projects. This one is going to be my last and I wish to have her when she turns 100 in a few years' time.

Apart from driving slowly around Canberra and annoying other motorists on the weekend, I intend to take her on a few short trips around Canberra/southern NSW. As I am fairly tall (6'2") fitting in her comfortably for long trips is possibly going to be an issue. And while I have not driven her yet, I have rolled up and down the street in her. Pushing her up the street was relatively easy and most of my neighbours were out watching (and laughing at me) as I did it. I was also hoping to find a few other Austin 7 owners in Canberra and connect



My Austin - Anthony Szell

with them. There is a lack of old cars in Canberra and when I drove my other old cars around, people would watch with interest and wave at you (or in the case of my Beetles – punch each other in the arms when they saw me).

So hopefully when Melbourne gets out of lockdown and David can finish fiddling with my Austin, she will be put on the back of an enclosed car carrier for her third trip and will return home so I can go for a drive!



Pam mentioned that David Searles from the Adelaide Austin club may have a few older photos of George's Green Machine. I know that she went to Kangaroo Island once. I have copied David into this email and he may be able to share a little more of the history or pictures of George's Green Machine with you for your article.

Anthony Szell

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NEWS FROM SPARES

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From time to time some members have pointed out that there are some big jumps in our prices. This is because in some cases it has been 10-15 years ago since we last had them made, been made by a friend of the Club at mates rates or in the case of imported parts they sometimes attract the attention of the Customs people who then add a tax.

We point out on the front of our parts catalogue that prices may vary without notice as new stock arrives.

On the table behind the roller door in spares there is a whole lot of bits and pieces of stuff. I would like to clear this area out, so come and pick over it. Prices are very cheap or free.

Graeme Logan

0409 963 091

More donations are needed of useable parts. Can you assist with those obsolete bits and pieces down the back of the shed you no longer need. Panels, Suspension, Engine, Gearbox, Tools all required to top up our stock for you the members.

One's trash is another's treasure .

We want to continue providing this essential service to all our members both near and far.

There was a power failure in a Dublin Department Store last week - and three hundred people were stranded on the escalators for more than two hours!

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FOR SALE

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John McMillan 0408 994 510



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE • THE AUSTIN 7 FLEMING SPECIAL.

Based on a 1931 Austin 7 this purpose built racing car was constructed in Melbourne by John Fleming. John commenced racing it in 1958 and sold the car in 1961. Since then the car has had 9 owners all of whom have campaigned it. The car has had a CAMS log book since their inception and now also has a CAMS Historic Certificate of Description. I have owned the car for the past decade.

In order to minimise the car's weight [320kgs] the specification of this racing car is very basic. There are no non-essential ancillaries; however I have fitted a starter motor. This means that the performance is pretty good for a non-supercharged 802cc motor. The A7 engine is fed by two 1¼"SU's and has a purpose built "bunch of bananas" exhaust manifold. A 4-speed close ratio Needham box is fitted and drives through a standard A7 rear-end setup.

An enclosed purpose made trailer comes with the car.

This A7 Special is fun to drive and handles predictably. A combination of light weight and modern motorcycle tyres ensures that the times recorded at any speed event are only limited by the ability and bravery of the driver.

The car is situated in Brisbane and will be sold on an as is/where is basis. The asking price is \$17,500.00 o.n.o. including the trailer and a second differential.

JON VOLLER. 0400 194 347.

MARKET PLACE



The Austin 7 Fleming Special

The theory of intelligence.

Well you see it is like this. A herd of buffaloes can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back of the herd that get killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive consumption of alcohol kills brain cells. But, naturally it attacks the slowest and weaker cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

And that is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

Makes sense to me

MARKET PLACE

Or SITUATIONS VACANT



McDermott's Workshop.

Although now better known for his Silver Ghost restorations and repair and service on later model Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Bristol cars, previous member Robert McDermott is still involved in Austin 7 restoration and still owns the 1934 Roadster that he purchased when he was a small boy.

His Footscray workshop currently have **3 positions available** that may be of interest to club members.

- ◆ One for an interested person experienced in mechanical repairs,
- ◆ A second position for an enthusiastic young person wishing to start an apprenticeship,
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Robert can be contacted 9362 0291 or 0416 074 120

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restaurant.**

I washed my hands.

Opened the door with my elbow.

**Raised the toilet seat with my
foot.**

**I switched on the water faucet
with a tissue.**

**Opened the bathroom door to
leave with my elbow.**

And when i returned to my table

**I realized.... I forgot to pull up
my pants!!!'**

MARKET PLACE

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OST 6

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Above & Below: Stephen Della-Bosca & Gabriella Della in action at OST 6





Greg Cox and Jason Stock

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