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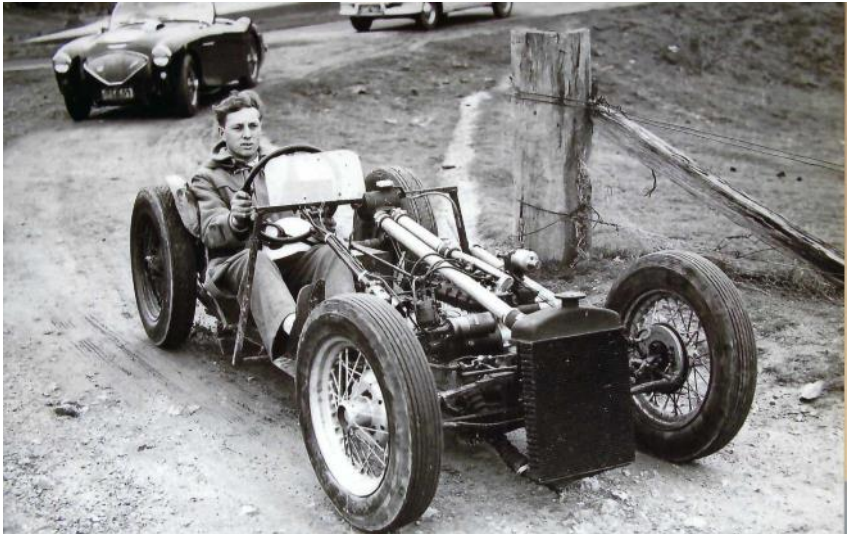
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January/February 2021

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Dale Shaw in the Mark 1 Dalshaw racing car.

See President's Report about the donation of the final Mark 4, to the Club, by Wayne Matthews.

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One of the Club's better known Austin 7 is for Sale - see advertisement in this Lightshaft.

I love that stonking great supercharger.





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

**Foundation Patron of the Club**

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**2021**

### JANUARY

20 Wed 7 A Picnic in the Park - NEW VENUE

### FEBRUARY

3 Wed 7 A M.G.M. by Zoom - No Spares  
6 *Sat* *Berwick Swap Meet DVHCC CANCELLED*  
6 Sat 7 Spares, but no B.B.Q  
7 *Sun* *Picnic at Hanging Rock CANCELLED*  
13 Sat Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day  
17 Wed 7 A H.A.S./Spares  
21 *Sun* *AOMC British & European Motoring Show*  
28 Sun 7 A Progressive Lunch

***NOTE The items in Italics are not confirmed, at this time***

***Spares Hours on 6 February 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm***

***Spares Hours on 17 December 7:30pm to 9:00pm sharp***

### LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

***TUESDAY 16 February 2021.***

**2021****MARCH**

3	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares <i>Format to be advised</i>
6-8				VHRR Phillip Island Classic
13	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q <i>Format to be advised</i>
14	Sun			VDC Yarra Glen Swap Meet
17	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
18/21				AGP <i>Deferred about 6 months</i>
27	Sat		S	Eddington Sprints
31	Wed	7		URRRS

**APRIL**

2	Fri			Combined Clubs Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park - A7 Club are hosting
2/5				Easter
7	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares <i>Format to be advised</i>
10	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ <i>Format to be advised</i>
		7		OST Scrutineering & Test Day, Lilydale
18	Sun	7		OST 1
	Sun	7	A	Day Run
21	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares

**The printing of an A7 Club Annual Calendar of Events has been deferred, due to uncertainty about what events are likely to proceed**

### **DID YOU THROW OUT THE MAILER?**

**It had your Renewal of membership reminder attached.**

**Please read the Renewal Form carefully and correct any entries that are incorrect and PLEASE add your email address if there isn't one.**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2021 a year that we all hope to see a return of life, as we all knew it. On the global scene we trust that the authorities and medical world can control this pandemic. Our thoughts are with all those, both nationally and internationally who have been affected by the virus and our fellow Australians who are unable to be with their loved ones.

Our Austin 7 community have been trying to help each other by sharing other car club magazines and articles from the past. The Club was able to conduct a Pudding in the Park event in December which was well attended, many thanks to the Crellins, Whites and Finns for all their effort.

Our Spare Parts have continued to operate in a limited format on a face-to-face basis and supported by our mail order facility.

Subject to Covid requirements, we will endeavour to bring Club life back to normal. In February there is an Around the Houses in a slightly different format. On the competition side, OST should be able to conduct their rounds of trials subject to Covid rules. At this moment events like Historic Winton and other motor racing formats are in the lap of the gods.

On the subject of motor sport, in late October 2020 I received a phone call from Wayne Mathews in Queensland who had followed the late Trevor Cole's Austin 7 racing history (car No 93) since the age of 14. Wayne with his father had attended many of Trevor's races and often pushed the car to a start because Trevor did not want to carry the extra weight of a starter motor. After Trevor passed away late 2016, Wayne purchased the car and came to Melbourne to transport it back to the Gold Coast. That same day Wayne was told that he had terminal cancer. Wayne started to tidy up the car until he could no longer do so. It was Wayne's wish to donate the car to the Austin 7 Club in order to preserve Trevor's History. The car was transported to Melbourne and is currently at Seven Heaven, where several

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

people have continued with the tidying up, and the Club is organising a suitable display board. The car will be made available to promote motor sport and Club activities. We are hopeful that it will be in place at the new museum in Warrnambool when it opens to promote the National Rally.

Some Austin 7 members have contacted several people in their local area who have an Austin7 or vintage vehicle and have suggested they all take a drive to a nearby park or café. The committee would like to encourage all members to continue this practice and if we can assist in any way please ask.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

PS by Editor

The donated car mentioned above is shown on the front cover, in an early development form.

Len has now received some the logbook and other documents and a comprehensive history of the car, and its development will be published in a future Lightshaft.

Rob.H.



## Editor's Ramblings

You don't often get an Editor spruiking the advantages of reading publications from another publisher.

However, the important role of our club is to support our Austin 7 owners and car enthusiasts.

I know many of you are not "computer literate" and I would urge you to think of the benefits of expanding your skills.

Those members, who have supplied an email address to the Membership Secretary, will know that they get the following additional resources through your Club:-

- ⇒ Access to a range of Austin 7 Club magazines from the four other Australian Clubs, and sometimes from other off-shore clubs, and
- ⇒ Prompts about events that are about to happen, and
- ⇒ Changes to Coming Events, eg the effect of changes to COVID restrictions, and
- ⇒ Prompts to go to the Club's website to look at new information, and
- ⇒ Electronic Membership Renewals and prompts.

In addition, those extra skills, will probably give you access to a wide range of information about your baby Austin, and how you can feed it the correct "foods", change its nappy and make it better to handle. If your baby needs rejuvenation of its clothes, you will find advice on all sorts of cosmetic treatments.

My baby has needed regular treatment to treat incontinence and, like many of our older members, has occasionally required a re-bore, or had its pissed-ins changed.

All of these things are more readily available for those who are computer savvy.

Our Club is like an extensive Baby Heath Centre, unfortunately without the cute nurses.

**Editor's Ramblings cont.**

The Club is also arranging that we will continue to make computer access to our meetings available "On-line" by something called Zoom. For remote, or incapacitated, members this gives you an opportunity to "meet" other members and sometimes those members "take" us (using their computer cameras) to their workshop or car collection. This is a great way to admire other babies, without the smelly nappies.

Please consider your options and ask a "young person" to help you update your skills.

**More Photos and news on the website**

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

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

**COMING EVENTS**

The Editor has already encouraged you to get "computer savvy".

In these uncertain times of COVID restrictions, the ultimate format of some of the Coming Events can change, at the last minute.

Those who have supplied an email address are more likely to have received a timely update on a "late advice" about how events are to be conducted (or cancelled).

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You will note that General Meetings at our Clubrooms have not been resumed, as the COVID restriction on numbers is too limiting.

However, the Club is working towards refitting the Clubrooms, so shortly future meetings will combine both attendees, and electronic attendees. We'll have some big screens to view those who are attending by "Zoom".

## COMING EVENTS

**NOTE:** Spares Saturdays will resume, as well as Hot Air Sessions, but without any supper or barbecues, and strict control of the number of members in Spares, at any one time.

The Club's Meeting Room will also be limited to about 35 attendees, at any time, and 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.***

NOTE: The "old" system of paper "CHECK-IN" only permits about 17 attendees in our Meeting Room, virtually precluding most meetings.

### 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.*

### Monthly General Meeting - Wednesday 3 February 2021

We are AGAIN having the MGM via ZOOM.

If we do not have your email address, please advise [austin7club.events@gmail.com](mailto:austin7club.events@gmail.com) - so that we can send you a ZOOM invite to the meeting.

The meeting will commence at 8:00pm. Visitors very welcome.

Spares will not be open.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **SPARES (but no BBQ) - Saturday 6 February 2021**

Note the amended hours 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm

*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.*

### **JANNE'S ALL DAY CRAFT DAY—SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021**

Previous attendees have been notified, and due to the COVID restriction on numbers attending has already fully subscribed.

Janne

### **Begonia Rally - 2021 CANCELLED**

The Begonia Rally in Ballarat scheduled for February 2021 has been postponed, of course, because of the COVID pandemic.

The 50th Rally will now be held on **18th-20th February 2022.**

Nerene Backhouse, Begonia Rally Committee, 0427 348 060

### **HOT AIR SESSION/SPARES - Wednesday 17 February 2021**

The Club's Meeting Room will be limited to 35 attendees, at any time, and with an expectation that everyone will "socially distance".

Hours will be 7:30pm to 9:00pm

The same comments about Spares applies as for the Saturday Spares.

## COMING EVENTS

**2021 A7 Club Progressive Lunch**

**Theme: 50's/60's**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Morning Tea commencing at 10am**

**Morning Tea to be catered by A7 Club;**

**A7 Club, 19 Kylie Place, Cheltenham**

**Lunch commencing at 12.30 pm**

**Fat Bob's Bar and Grill, 80a Cochranes Road, Moorabbin**

**Lunch - your choice from the menu at Fat Bob's Bar & Grill plus drinks at YOUR cost on the day.**

**Afternoon Tea commencing at 3pm**

**Michael and Helen Shegog, 150 Parker Road, Parkdale**

**desserts served for Afternoon Tea also to be catered by A7 Club**

**Cost to be \$10 per head and payable as soon as possible,**

**A7 General Account BSB 083 323; account 81 131 6316**

**"YOUR NAME"- PROG LUNCH to be included as the reference - **CAPPED & LIMITED TO FIRST 40 PERSONS BY NOTIFICATION TO US AND/OR DEPOSIT TO ACCOUNT****

**BYO chairs for morning and afternoon tea**

**Ron and Helen Crellin -> [socialsecretary@austin7club.org](mailto:socialsecretary@austin7club.org)**

**COMING EVENTS**

**URRRS**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

On this occasion we will visit

**Ambulance Victoria Museum**

Factory 1/55 Barry Street Bayswater (Melway Ref 64 H5)

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30 start.

Entry fee \$7.50 per head

Includes Morning Tea, Formal presentation & Guided tour.

Lunch will be at a local hotel, details confirmed in March edition  
of the Light Shaft

For Morning Tea and Lunch booking numbers your intention to  
attend would be appreciated.

Phone John McMillan

Home 5931 3876

Mobile 0408 994 510

Email [mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com](mailto:mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com)

**MEMBERSHIP REMINDER**

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions are due for payment before 31 December.

You will have received your membership renewal, either attached to a  
mailed Lightshaft, or sent by email.

Please pay it early to reduce the workload on the Membership Secretary  
and others who help run the Club.

**Membership Secretary**



## 2021 Federation Golden Oldies Tour

The *Federation Golden Oldies Tour* is only open to Vintage vehicles (1919-1930). This Tour will travel through North-Central Victoria and will cover 1100km/680mile taking in Echuca/Moama, Deniliquin, Rushworth, Avenel, Seymour, Mitchelstown, Nagambie, Heathcote, Kyneton, Castlemaine, Maldon, Dunolly, Wedderburn and Bendigo. This is an opportunity to renew friendships with fellow Golden Oldies and visit museums, private collections and enjoy fun evenings and beautiful scenery.

At this time, we are seeking an **Expression of Interest** for people who would like to attend the Tour – please only complete the below if you are genuinely planning to attend the Tour. The decision to go ahead with the Tour will be subject to obtaining a sponsor and COVID-19 restrictions, and if there is a risk to congregate 120 people, offer accommodation or travel into NSW we reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel the Tour. **We will confirm on 2 April 2021** or advise everyone of a new date.

ENTRY FEE is planned as \$240per vehicle (depending on sponsorship) and **will be payable with the Entry Form (when the tour is confirmed)**

Entry will include 2 adults for lunch at Marong, the final dinner and breakfast in Bendigo, some entertainment.

EMAIL Expression of Interest to [GoldenOldies-Tour@outlook.com.au](mailto:GoldenOldies-Tour@outlook.com.au)

or MAILTo: Golden Oldies Tour, 41 Faradale Drive, Faraday, 3451

Questions? Call/text Anne on 0412848797 or Glenda on 0418345499



## 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 National Rally a great event, please contact the Rally Committee

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](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com)

## COMING EVENTS

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. The RACV Alpine Trial Centenary will be held from Saturday 20 November to Saturday 27 November 2021.

### HISTORY

RACV held a series of reliability trials between 1921-1926. The route of the inaugural 1921 trial ran from Melbourne to Lakes Entrance, Tallangatta, Mount Buffalo, Wangaratta and Healesville before returning to Melbourne via a final loop through Ballarat and Geelong. The trial focused on Victoria's Alpine region, advocating for both tourism and the construction of better roads and services to expand the touring potential of north-east Victoria. They were both reliability and efficiency contests. Hill climbing contests and fuel consumption tests were also included with automobile companies using the associated publicity to promote their vehicles. The RACV Alpine Trial Centenary event will follow, as close as practicable, the route of the 1921 RACV 1000 Mile Reliability Trial.

### 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.

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due for payment before 31 December 2017.

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

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

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

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

Secretary

Better Days  
are coming



A Dr. on TV said to have inner peace we should always finish things we start & we all could use more calm in our lives. I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiumun scriptins, and a box of chocletz. Yu haf no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all who need inner piss. An telum u luvum.

Wegards

Jym

## For all Special Builders

One sometimes needs inspiration about the type of Special you should build.



### THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

*Owners of Austin 7 Club Club Permit vehicles **MUST** maintain financial membership at all times.*

Your Club Permit Officers are, our Membership Secretary Geoff Taylor (Russell Dickson in 2021) and Robert Humphreys.

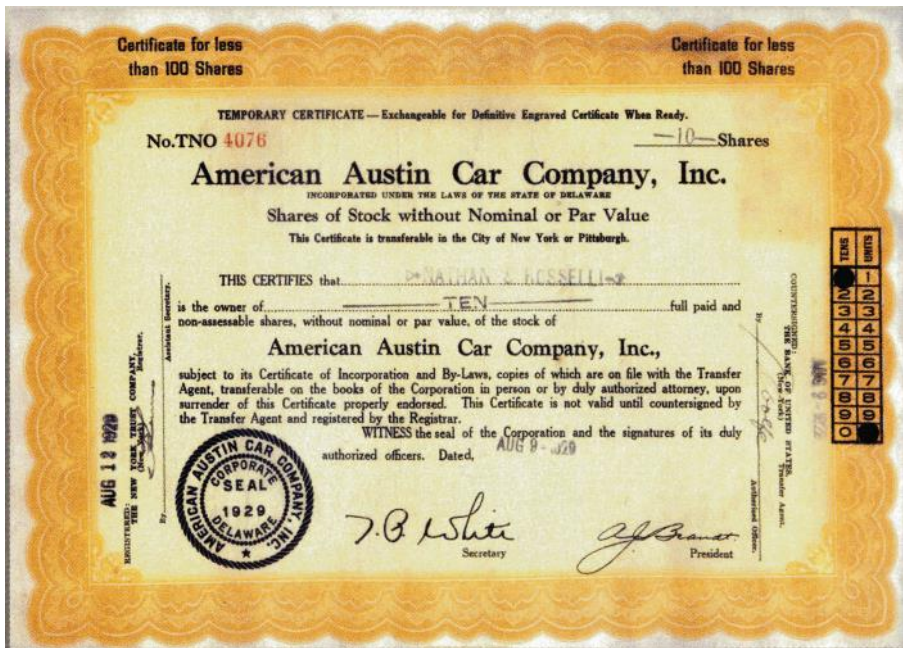
**Remember to plan ahead if you need a Club Permit application or renewal signed or issued. You will find more detail on the club permit scheme on the Web Site**

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

**When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.**

**To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.**

## THEIR AUSTINS



## American Austin Car Company

### Share certificate from Classic & Sports Car

“The Austin Source Book” by Bryan Purves, page 278 gives details of the history of Austin’s negotiations, starting in 1926, with the intent of finding someone to manufacture Austin Sevens in USA.

The American Austin Car Company was incorporated on 28 February 1929, it had been granted an exclusive licence to manufacture and sell Austin Sevens in the USA during a ten year period. With authorised capital of a million shares, of no par value, with the American issue amounting to 350,000 shares, subscribed at \$12.50.

Purves relates the ups and downs of the company, and in this article leaves us with “... the factory closed early in 1932 with debts of well over a

million dollars and a stock of 1,500 unfinished cars.

This is clearly not the end of the story, as Purves continues to report, in later chapters, a wide range of cars and some military vehicle designs, still built by the same company, based in Butler.

I'll leave the story of the resuscitation of the company, and the morphing into the creation of Bantam, with the later American designs to another time.

However, it is interesting to ponder, the body designs of the off-shore versions of the Austin Sevens appeared to adopt more modern styling than the English versions. Rosengart, BMW and Datsun produced cars with more modern styling. However, one could easily point to a myriad of other body builders who did the same, and recycled the standard model into something more desirable.

Rob.H.

### **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](mailto:brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com)**

**9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.**

Job Interviewer: "So, tell me about yourself." Me: "I'd rather not. I kinda' want this job."

I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

## MY AUSTIN

Rod Sharp in SA. wants to sell his car, which is a Melbourne car. Rod was thinking that although he has couple of potential buyers in SA, being a Melbourne car for most its life, it would be nice for the car to return to Melbourne.

It's maintained but unrestored. It is a 1931 that has not been modified aside of the 12v conversion.



Engine no. M 140655 (now also the chassis no., as determined by Trevor Cole, when he did a RWC to transfer ownership from my father to me).

Original rego. no. 133 522. I still have the plates (see attached), still valid in my name (confirmed by VicRoads on 7.12.20).

I have located the previous transfer documents:-- it was transferred from Peter Strickland, of 5 Kogia St, Mt Eliza to my father, Tim Sharp, on 30.11 72.

As I remember the story from my father, it once did the deliveries for two women who ran a florist shop in South Yarra — I think Peter Strickland was related to one or both of them (son? nephew?).



But my memory is unreliable at best, so any of these details could be wrong!

Some of your members may remember it from the 2012 rally in the Barossa, and there are certainly pictures of it in the SA Journal following that event.

I think the only non-original things are an extremely modest taillight, and a recently-installed 12V set-up and battery, replacing the original 6V.

Cheers,  
Rodney Sharp.

#### **PARKING AT CLUBROOMS**

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

## **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

***An original Parts Book, for your model is one of the most valuable resources, especially for remote members.***

***An original Handbook is also a handy reference.***

## MY AUSTIN

From Alan Rogers, Humpty Doo NT

Giddy Rob (Humphreys) and John (Needham),

I noted the announcement of the death of John Potter in the October newsletter.

I'm glad there are members who keep in touch with other members—who value friendships enough to keep phone numbers current.

Thanks John, for writing about John Potter's fabric-bodied special. John sold that car to my father, Don Rogers (I can't remember in what year). After years of re-building cars and selling them on, Dad was delighted to have finally bought a running car himself. It wasn't always at the front of his collection, because he rebuilt a 1924 Chev and a 1924 T-model during that period. But he made lots of plans for that car (some of the drawings of which I still have in his sketch books—Dad was an artist by profession, but an engineer by inclination).

I was interested to discover in the article that John was a teacher. I can't remember where Dad met him—it may have been through the club, but equally it could have been through his connections in Victoria's Tech School system. After retirement, Dad moved to Kerang, so he may have known John was just up the Murray Valley Highway in Echuca.

Dad made some body changes to the car at first. His eye for proportion said that the boat tail needed to be lower than looked right to John's eyes, so he chopped out about three inches (75mm). I remember John driving it at the Austin's 50th Anniversary Australian Grand Prix celebration, and being a big man, he made the car look small (I probably have photos somewhere of John on the track through my 1200mm lens). Dad built new seats that sat directly on the floorboards to lower the vehicle's centre of gravity, and

wedged the steering column to make it aim to a point between the shoulder blades (aesthetics were very important to Dad). He changed the shape of the ‘doors’ so that the shape better matched the curve of the arm as it held the steering wheel at rest. It has the same khaki vinyl fabric body, and aluminium strapped-down bonnet. It’s a lovely looking car.

As John Needham wrote, John Potter had done a great job with the engine, but Dad had collected some goodies over the years and wanted them in (what he called) the *John Potter Special*, or just *The Special*. He rebuilt the engine with a Remax crankshaft, and every advantage that John had built into the engine, like twin SU carbies and a set of extractors, were put back. Eventually the chassis got the same treatment and Dad converted it to hydraulic brakes. All the ideas that had been percolating in Dad’s mind (and recorded in his sketchbooks) for decades were applied to the John Potter Special. Dad wasn’t interested in racing it, but he was glad it had had a proven competition history when John owned it. Dad just wanted it to keep up with traffic and stop like a modern car—and he wasn’t averse to turning heads either!

Truthfully, I can’t remember what the engine was like originally. I know John had put so much effort into the engine that Dad wanted the Special for the improvements alone. I have a better idea of what it’s like today though, because Dad deeded it to my 10-minute older brother as part of his inheritance (the oldest brother birthright was important to Dad!). Bob took it to Brisbane when his work took him there, but found his needs changing with a growing family and eventually the car sat without use. His son wasn’t interested in it, so reluctantly Bob decided to put it on the market.

My son, Michael, was a Caterpillar diesel mechanic by this time and was determined to keep the car in the family. He took out a loan and bought the car. By this time he was a FIFO in Western Australia, so he shipped the Special to Perth. It had to be registered in a special category, so some extra modifications were needed to be made to bring it to a registrable condition

for WA's standards.

I think the last major change was when we converted it to 12v. As an electronics technician, I installed LED fittings, and we modified the 6v generator to charge the two 12v SLA (sealed lead acid) batteries. The lights are out of this world (or at least the Austin world)—Joseph Lucas never anticipated LED technology when the company claimed the title *King of the Road*.



Michael in the driver's seat, I'm the passenger.

For family reasons, my son moved the family back to Tassie where he used to live and work, packing the Special very carefully into a 20ft container, with his tools and hobbies packed around it. For several years, he flew back and forth to the WA mine on every rotation, but Covid changed all that. For 3-1/2 months, he could ring, he could Zoom, but he couldn't touch the family, and WA's continuing border lockdown has meant they're having to move back to Perth again—fortunately at the company's expense. While he's leaving part of his car collection at his home in Tassie, the Special is going with him back to Perth. Like for all of us, the new

house they'll live in will have to have a shed! It's an addiction!

I can't see the John Potter Special leaving his hands any time soon. The modern can sit out in the elements—this car deserves pride of place in the shed.

Alan Rogers

Remote Member 1455

Northern Territory

0488 034 487



**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:-

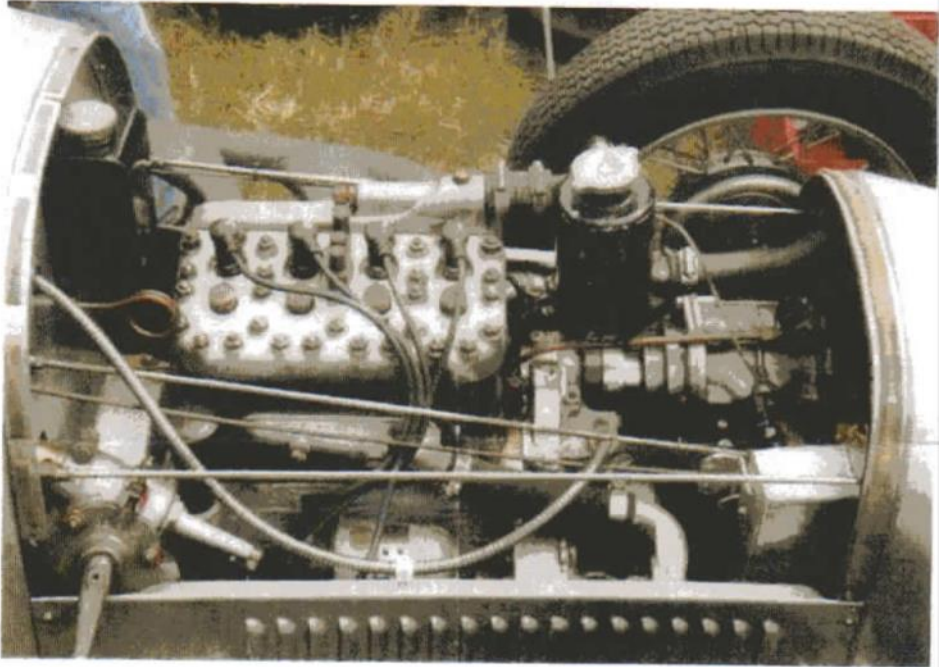
M.G.M. from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

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](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)



I love those Godzilla Austin 7 works racing engines.

Have you counted the head studs?

It's easy to see the extra engineering in this area but much harder to see the equivalent that must have occurred to make the block to crankcase able to take the equivalent stresses.

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life outta' nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

**AUSTIN 7 CLUB INC. - COMMITTEE 2021**

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**COVID19 Event Controllers**

Two vacancies

**MARKET PLACE**



**FOR SALE FROM CLUB SPARES**

Fibreglass sports body—poor condition.

Came with recent load of second-hand spares.

Graeme Logan 5989 7344



## Vacant positions for Spare Parts helpers Club Supporters needed

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We require more assistance with retaining the Club's income that our Spare Parts provide to your Club: Keep in mind that we lost the Historic Winton income as a funding source this year and maybe again next year.

Can you assist at all with any of these roles?

- ⇒ Cash Sales
- ⇒ Marketing and Advertising
- ⇒ Re-stocking
- ⇒ Annual Stocktaking
- ⇒ Purchasing
- ⇒ Mail order filling
- ⇒ Technical Advice
- ⇒ Re-manufacturing components
- ⇒ Collecting donations

Give Graeme Logan a call and have a chat.

*It's not what your club can do for you, but what you can do for your club.*

## MARKET PLACE

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

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.

### **FOR SALE**

Supercharged Austin 7 Racing Car

Price \$28,000

Contact Ken 0413 744 337



**MARKET PLACE**

**FOR SALE**

1937 Austin Big Seven Tourer.  
New tyres and upholstery.

Comes with the original  
owner's service manual.

Engine no. A1067 Chassis no.  
9897

Vintage car registration for  
Queensland. Fully restored. In  
Mackay, Queensland.

I am too old to use it now.

Bill Beetham email [beethambill@gmail.com](mailto:beethambill@gmail.com)

Asking price \$18,000.00 pick up only.



**FOR SALE.**

AUSTIN 7 ENGINE STAND.

PAIR OF A7 LUCAS HEADLIGHTS.

PRE 1931 RADIATOR CORE

LUCAS FUSE/CUT OUT WITH BRASS COVERS.

PLATED CENTRE 18INCH WHEEL.

AVON 3.50X19 INCH TYRE, 99%

PRE 1931 PETROL TANK.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

**FOR SALE wheels**

Five Austin 7 wheels with new tyres 3.50 x 13" tyres.

Vaughn 0418 311 032

**FOR SALE - CDs**

I know there are a lot of sailors and even more “Armchair Sailors” in the club who may like to give themselves, or someone, a lasting Christmas present.

There are 19 tracks of great sea songs (not shanties) on the CD and was a “big” production with some of Melbourne’s top musicians backing the songs.

Cost is \$25 inc postage & packaging or direct from me at a meeting \$20.

There is also available a “Vintage Bushwackers” CD of Australian music , both would be \$40- inc. P&P.

**David Isom**

**MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES**

Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

Please note Spares Banking Details, located at the bottom of our Invoices.

**Robert & Janne Humphreys-  
mailorderparts@austin7club.org**

**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.**

## MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

See My Austin article on Page 20, and photos and photos on inside back cover.

1931 Austin 7 tourer.

Maintained but unrestored.

12 volt conversion is only modification.

Engine No M 140655

He says he has title to original Victorian plates 133 522, which he asserts was confirmed by VicRoads on 7 December 2020.

Rodney Sharp - 0403 650 894



The Trikini 2020

## MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

Chassis LWB high frame.

Very straight, no rust pitting.

Sandblasted and painted gloss black.

The best chassis I have owned, but I have no use for it.

No number stamped or found. Suit 1932 to 1934, later van, ute or special.

\$700 or near offer.

Courtenay Rumble (near Oakleigh)

0438 900073



## MARKET PLACE

### **FOR SALE:**

**\$23,000 Car & Trailer**

**South West Victoria**

(Selling due to ill health & inability to drive anymore).

**1937 Austin 7 Tourer**

Burgundy colour

Four new Tyres

New Brakes

Workshop manuals

Spare parts & specific A7 tools

Has been on A7 Club rallies

**Car Carrying Trailer 3yo**

Purpose built, powder coated to match car

11ft x 6ft

Slide under ramps

New light truck tyres with new spare wheel

100kg hand winch



More photos and further information on contact.

Nick & Karen Oliver

0417 308 307 or 03 5233 4660





## **MEMBERSHIP REMINDER - SUBSCRIPTIONS** **IS YOUR CLUB PERMIT VALID ?**

Subscriptions are due for payment before 31 December.

If you have not paid your membership by 31 December you will be UNFINANCIAL in 2021, and thus not considered by the Club, to be a member., for the purpose of the CPS.

Your Club Permit is subject to the condition:-

**“ the permit holder must remain a member of an approved club ....”**

If you fail to pay your membership before 31 December there are a number of risks:-

- Your permit will be invalid
- It is possible that you may need to re-apply for a Permit, with the attendant cost of Roadworthy etc.
- The Club Permit Officer will be required to report your membership status to VicRoads
- The Austin 7 Club’s authorization under the Scheme could be at risk
- The Club Permit Scheme may be at risk.

**Club Permit Officer**

## GEARBOX REPAIRS

To ALL AUSTINs, including F.W.D.

Special Ratios and Standard Ratios

Austin 7 - 4 speed boxes with better ratios from \$1,700

Changeover or yours rebuilt

John or Ben Needham

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*Rob. Humphreys*

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Rod Sharp's 1931 Austin  
7 tourer.

See My Austin article and  
FOR SALE





**Toll barriers in 1932**