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# THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

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January/February 2022

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Bob and Judith Riches in their "Ulster" Special.

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Ken Stuchbery,  
with Fay proudly  
displaying the  
Athol Lamont  
Perpetual Trophy  
for Best Presented  
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Run

Ken and Fay's sports  
Austin 7 braved the  
wild weather of King  
Island when a team of  
us visited in 2011



Ken competed in the  
Regularity event in the Stutz  
Roadster in 2011.

It's size must have  
intimidated some of the other  
competitors



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

2	Wed	7	A	MGM / Spares
5	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ
12	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day Austin 7 Heaven — Safety Check Day
13	Sun			Picnic at Hanging Rock
16	Wed	7	A	HAS / Spares
20	Sun			RACV / AOMC British & European Show Yarra Glen with MG Concours
27	Sun	7	A	<i>Progressive Lunch</i>

### MARCH

2	Wed	7	A	MGM / Spares
5	Sat	7		Spares / BBQ
4-6	Fri-Sun			Geelong Revival (deferred from 2021)
11-13	Fri-Sun			<b>VHRR Phillip Island Classic</b>
12	Sat			NSW Six Hour Regularity Relay
14	Mon			Labour Day
16	Wed	7	A	HAS / Spares

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20	Sun		64th Kalorama Rally
26	Sat	S	<b>Eddington Sprints</b>
27	Sun		<i>Federation "Golden OldiesTour" (from 2021)</i>
30	Wed	7	URRRS

***NOTE: - Attendance at indoor Club Events is subject to ALL attendees producing a valid current COVID-19 Certificate***

The Club's Meeting and Spares Days will recommence, but with an expectation that everyone will "socially distance" and applicable COVID-19 Rules will be respected and enforced.

***This use of the Clubrooms is only possible if attendees "CHECK-IN" their attendance with a "QR" code, and ALL attendees producing a valid current COVID-19 Certificate AND wear a face mask.***

***Social distancing rules apply which will limit number of attendees***

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

***Spares Hours for MGM. - 7:30pm to 8:00pm sharp***

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

**LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING**

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

***Tuesday 15 February 2022.***

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to 2022. As we said goodbye to 2021 it was my pleasure to present Peta Lee and Tony Press with Clubman of the year awards. Both of these members have committed so much time and energy to help keep the club out there, in a year like no other.

Tony kept all members up to date with the club via the web site, and emailed all members with notification of zoom meetings and monthly car magazines to help pass the time of day during lock downs.

Peta Lee stepped up to the plate to head up the Historic Winton committee and guide the club through all the requirements that enabled the Austin 7 Club to conduct not only one of the very few motor sport events in Victoria, and a successful one at that.

Our Social Secretary delivered two outstanding events to close off 2021. One being the Pudding in the Park, which saw a good number of members with their cars enjoy a couple of hours of friendship.

The other event was the Christmas Lunch at the Mulgrave Country Club where we enjoyed a traditional Christmas lunch. As it turned out, it was the last time that some of us were fortunate to have a chat with Ken Stuchbery a long standing and respected member who passed away suddenly the following week. Our condolences to Fay and family.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### National Rally

The National Rally Committee and other remote members attended the Warrnambool Show and Shine to promote the up coming rally. It was an excellent display of 15 Austin 7s including the Trevor Cole racecar, which did create much interest with the general public and other car entrants. A number of Austin 7s were left at Warrnambool's Fletcher Jones museum for promotional purposes.

We trust that this year will settle down with covid and we will be able to enjoy our club to the utmost. Keep safe and do what you can.

Len Kerwood

2022 when only the best will do.

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The call of the open road and camping trips. Can you imagine what this VW would look like as a B-Double

## Editor's Ramble

I suggested that, as Editor, I might produce a special electronic January Newsletter of the magazine.

However, I was harassed by my conscience, my wife, my daughter, my friends, and my Austin 7s. I ignored my conscience (since that would ruin my enjoyments in life) but I would risk peace of life to ignore my wife or daughter.

My friends have been urging me get my Austins on the road, and Russell Dickson implied that I may have forgotten how to drive an Austin 7, **after 4 years**.

I can confirm that after **only 3 years and 3 months**, that I have NOT forgotten how to drive an Austin 7 - I did not stall it once.

OH WHAT A FEELING!!!

So, the Chummy is going.

BUT, the Austins are urging me to make their homes more comfortable, so it looks like installation of the roller door on their home may be the next priority, as well as giving the Chummy some remedial physio, so that it is fitter for some country touring.

BUT other friends are still urging me to play tennis with them, some of you are urging me to send Spare Parts, so that you can join the Austin 7 National Rally, and my local coffee shop is tempting me with tasty muffins and coffee.

About 20 years ago, when I retired for the first time, a number of those "*friends*", said that I would have plenty of time to enjoy LIFE, but my friends and my hobbies have taken over.

SUCH IS LIFE!

Rob.H.

## VALE - KEN STUCHBERY

Ken will be well remembered in the Club, as a participant in all aspects of the Club, in the earlier days of his membership participating with a bright yellow early roadster, and then later with the sports Austin 7, not forgetting the wonderful Stutz Roadster.

He was our Club Secretary in 2001 and Club President in 2002 and 2003, but he was always ready to lend a hand in many aspects of our Club operations and events.

For many years he was seen at Historic Winton, judging the Best Presented Display vehicles, and encouraging display vehicle owners to participate in the Parade Laps.



At times he was also a steady influence, when difficult decisions were being made about future directions where the Club members were undecided.



## VALE - KEN STUCHBERY



Above:

Ken and Fay on the Border Run 2011 (with John Marriot in the background).

Right:

At the Christmas Lunch 2021, Ken was charming Ronnie Heagney, or maybe the other way around.

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The Austin 7s on King Island

Ken's car third from right



### LATE NEWS - Death of Fred Roberts

Chris Athey has just advised that Fred died recently, at his home in Ocean Grove. He was an active member of the Club in the 1960s and early 1970s. Fred had a tidy Late Coupe and the Stringer Special and other A7s. He was Chris's passenger in OSTs during the late 1960s.

## 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.*

*All attendees must be double vaxxed.*

*Please also be prepared to use the QR Code, which saves the Club from needing someone to act as “SIGN-ON MARSHALL” AND*

*Wear a mask AND*

*Only Spares Committee Members may enter Spares, PLUS*

*Up to TWO buyers of Spares, as invited by the Spares Committee Members*

### **MGM / Spares - Wednesday 2 February 2022**

There is potential that the COVID restrictions will permit a limited meeting to occur, and also that limited access to Spares may be available.

Please follow the instructions at top of this page and on Page 4.

### **Saturday Spares/BBQ - Saturday 5 February 2022**

Spares is likely to function in a limited manner on this day, but please watch for alternate advice.

Please follow the instructions at top of Page 10.

**AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN WORKSHOP DAY****AUSTIN 7 SAFETY CHECK DAY—SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

Bring your Austin 7 along to Austin 7 Heaven, and have the opportunity to put it up on the hoist, and do a thorough check of all those important chassis, braking, steering and suspension components.

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP YOUR CAR ROADWORTHY**

You may even get some good advice from other members, or perhaps help another member.

If you are coming from afar, perhaps your partner may be interested in joining Janne's Scrapbooking Day.

**JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022**

Bookings are now open for my first event to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 at the Austin 7 Club.

There will be a card making session from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm in the afternoon where you will be able to make 6 greeting cards and you may wish to make an Easter Card for that grandchild who loves the Easter Bunny. The cost of the session is \$15 which includes all the materials to make the cards and afternoon tea.

The cost of just attending the all day scrapbooking session is \$40 and if you wish to do both sessions the cost is \$50.00

Please contact me by email or phone or speak to me at the February MGM if you would like to come. I would love to see members of the car club at these events.

Contact details are as follows:

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Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316

**The final date for payment/booking is 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022..**

The complete list of dates for my scrapbooking days is shown in the Club Calendar.

## COMING EVENTS

### RACV / AOMC British & European Motoring Show - Sunday 20 February 2022

**RACV** **BRITISH &**  
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[www.aomc.asn.au/](http://www.aomc.asn.au/)  
[britishandeuropean2022](https://www.facebook.com/britishandeuropean2022)  
[fb.com/infoaomc](https://www.facebook.com/infoaomc)  
See over page for entry times,  
costs etc.

**Sunday 20th February 2022**  
**Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen**

**COMING EVENTS**

**2022 Progressive Lunch**

**Sunday 27 February 2022**

**THEME "RED"**

**Morning Tea at Le Page Park**

**Commencing at 10.30 am**

**BYO chairs, tables and coffee and tea**

**Nibbles provided**

**Lunch and dessert at Clubrooms in Kylie Place**

**Commencing at 12 noon**

**BBQ sausages and hamburgers/vegie burgers**

**Finger food**

**A selection of wines and drinks to be included**

**followed by a selection of sweets with tea and coffee from  
the kitchen**

**This will still be an event run within the requirements of the  
Covid regulations including QR sign in at the Clubrooms and  
double vaccination requirements**

**Cost set at 12.50 per person**

**Pay on the day OR into A7 General Account BSB 083  
323, Account 81 131 6316**

**Club room numbers set at 42# - email on  
[socialsecretary@austin7club.org](mailto:socialsecretary@austin7club.org) for your intention to attend**

**Ron and Helen Crellin - Social Secretary 2022**

## COMING EVENTS

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### Saturday Spares/BBO - Saturday 5 March 2022

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The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival is set to make its triumphant return to the picturesque Geelong Waterfront on the 4th to the 6th of March 2022.

Accompanying the Quarter Mile Sprint along Ritchie Boulevard will be a host of vintage displays, activities, entertainment and food, ensuring a fun-filled weekend for the whole family. Secure your place now for Pit Passes, the VIP experience, Shannons Motorshow, Supercar Alley, Motorcycle Mecca, Vintage Displays and of course, the Vintage Fashion Awards. Register now for both motorcycle and car racing.

**COMING EVENTS****Kalorama Rally - Sunday, 20 March 2022**

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Featuring Historic, Vintage & Classic Specials. Vehicles manufactured prior to 1990 eligible for Mystery Tour and display on oval.

Mystery Tour commences at the Manhattan Hotel 9am for 9.30am start.

Vintage and post-vintage motorcycles, club displays, vehicle awards. Display of vintage fire pumps and agricultural machinery. Drivers under 25 in an eligible vehicle admitted free.

Entry \$10.00 per person. Programs \$2.00.

Children under 16 free

All proceeds to the Kalorama CFA.

For further information:

Iain Ross 0409 027 392 - Paul Edgar 0419 369 542

[www.vintagedriversclub.com.au](http://www.vintagedriversclub.com.au), KaloramaRally

**PARKING AT CLUBROOMS**

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

**DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS**

## COMING EVENTS

### Leongatha Show 'n Shine - Sunday, 20 March 2022

Conducted by the Rotary Club of Leongatha, at Leongatha Recreation Reserve Roughead Street, Leongatha

### Serpentine Air Race - Sunday, 20 March 2022

This 70 Mile Air race launches from Serpentine Airfield and commemorates the 100th Anniversary of Australia's first official air race.

Any Austins wishing to attend are welcome to trailer there car to Walter Raschle's home.

## 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.

*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.*

## COMING EVENTS

### URRRS

**Wednesday 30 March 2022**

For our next URRRS 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

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**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

# AUSTIN 7 National Rally 2022

Newsletter Volume 2 is now available with full details of the Itinerary for the event, together with how to enter.

Not entered yet?

Go to the Austin 7 Club Victoria website - On the Home Page you will find a link “Newsletter No 2 and Booking Form” which will take you to:-

- ⇒ Newsletter No. 1
- ⇒ Accommodation details
- ⇒ Newsletter No 2
- ⇒ Booking Form

You can also get a paper copy by contacting

[2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com) or 0417 109 251.

**Andrea Casabene — Austin 7 National Rally Chairperson**



**COMING EVENTS - HELP WANTED**

**HISTORIC WINTON - 2022**

**Saturday 28 May 2022 to Sunday 29 May 2022**

**Date to be confirmed**

**HELP WANTED - HISTORIC WINTON**

With the Austin 7 National Rally happening in April 2022, and some retirements from the Sub-Committee, we are short of volunteers to help with Historic Winton.

Many of the tasks do not need lots of meetings, and for some you do not need to attend Historic Winton.

There will also be someone to train you in the task, and give you assistance when required.

There are a wide variety of tasks, some short-term.

Please contact one of the following:-

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Robert Humphreys

0427 772 281

[editor@austin7club.org](mailto:editor@austin7club.org)

## COMING EVENTS

### **BORDER RUN Saturday 11 to Monday 13 June 2022**

Please mark this in your calendar.

This year's Border Run has been organised by your Club and is our third attempt to go to Portland to meet our South Australian Austin Seven counterparts. This is one of our longest continuously conducted events and once again provides an opportunity to make and renew friendships with like-minded impecunious enthusiasts (aka Austin 7 owners).

These country events enable us to drive our Austins in areas of low traffic volume and at a relaxed pace. For those who are not experienced with driving their cars for long distances, pop it on a trailer and join us for a rewarding weekend travelling around the local area, seeing places of interest and sharing meals and accommodation with our South Aussie friends.

More details will be provided in upcoming magazines.

Regards, Brian Gibbons

Ph: 0418508611



## STELLA AWARDS

I read the Stella Awards with interest each year, since they regularly have interest to the motoring community.

The awards are named after 81-year-old Stella Liebeck who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued the McDonald's in New Mexico, where she purchased coffee. She took the lid off the coffee and put it between her knees while she was driving. Who would ever think one could get burned doing that, right?

They are awards for the most outlandish lawsuits and verdicts in the USA

**\* FIRST PLACE \***

This year's runaway First Place Stella Award winner was: Mrs. Merv Grazinski, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who purchased a new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, from an OU football game, having driven on to the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go to the back of the Winnebago to make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the motor home left the freeway, crashed, and overturned. Also not surprisingly, Mrs. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not putting in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually leave the driver's seat while the cruise control was set. The Oklahoma jury awarded her, are you sitting down? \$1,750,000 PLUS a new motor home. Winnebago actually changed their manuals as a result of this suit, just in case Mrs. Grazinski has any relatives who might also buy a motor home.

### **Editor's Note**

I think that it's appropriate to warn Austin 7 owners that, in my view, the Austin 7 Handbook is similarly deficient.

So if you are considering fixing the hand throttle control, and getting into the back seat for a quickie, then DON'T DO IT.

## OUR AUSTIN 7s

Hello Robert

Finally have our car on the road ready for the big rally in April many thanks for your help and supply of parts.

Hope you and your and family are well in these trying times.

Cheers Roger Nation

Yes, it's a Big 7

Good to see another on the road.



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### 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.

## OUR Austin 7s

New Member, Rob Carrozza has supplied a few photos of his 1934 Austin 7 Special.

He would like to know when it competed a Winton Motor Raceway and who drove the car.



## A Snatch of Club History - June 1965

THE SUNDAY TRIAL - MAY 16th  
(As seen through a muddy  
windscreen)

8.15 a.m.: I looked out the window and saw it was a perfect day for a Trial; it was raining (it could have been snowing); it was cold (it could have been freezing); it was windy (it could have been a hurricane). I shuddered and thought of the flimsy little hood on that flimsy little car and pictured Dale Shaw with a big grin on his face and rubbing his hands with glee.

Throwing caution (and the wiper blade) to the wind, we set off for the start; after all, Dale did say the roads were good (we now know what they are good for). We were first away, and first the wrong way, but after boring through the mud strip to the other side of Geelong Road, we found the first Control with only minutes and half the clutch lost. Next was an easy section, so easy in fact that after touring up to Deer Park and testing a 1 mile stretch of "we'll never get through there" type road, we steamed off down Altona way and got a wrong direction plus loss of many minutes written on our card by Dave who said, "Why didn't you come in that road" with a wave of his hand in the general direction of a marshy paddock with a little track of flattened grass. (I thought he was a photograpa, not a real estate agent).

We then slipped off to the next Control which was quite easily found (by accident) by following a route chart which was written in minutes and miles instead of Amps and pounds per square inch, like my instruments show.

Lunch was the next stop, so we pressed off with renewed vigour (and a muddy windscreen). Here I must congratulate Dale on picking the ideal lunch spot, but how did he know we wanted to deep-freeze the left-overs?

First Control after lunch was found by following the simple instruction (written by a simple man). 'Mind the occasional rock'. It was on this section that I perfected the way of driving on Dale's "good" roads. Due to the lack of the wiper blade, and the abundance of mud on the windscreen, it was impossible to see, so the idea was to go sideways and look out the side. This was quite effective but the fence took offence so we had to revert to more conventional procedure. After a quick flit around the..... You Yangs we streaked up Grand Canyon to the next Control.

The next section was too easy so we decided to work off the wrong map and do it the hard way; more 'we'll never make it' type road and loss of points. Proceeding, we found a lovely horror stretch and raced up and down it until our muffler fell off. We took a dim view of this so roared off to look elsewhere for the evasive 9th Control. Remembering that it was my generator's day off (it never works on Sundays, like most navigators) I took sudden pity on my battery (and my stomach) and screamed off to find the finish, and so conclude a very enjoyable day.

My brother Confucius, who is now also very confused, say he who puts a lot into it, gets a lot out of it. (Anybody want a lot of MUD?)  
Willie Mor Ling.

## Another Snatch - April 1965

F. A. H.

### AUTOCROSSE - MONDAY MARCH 8

A good entry of some 20 cars was received, and David Lowe set up his usual fast and hairy course. The Austin 7 Racing Class was won convincingly by Trevor "Old King" Cole in Smoky Mary, while another Smoky Mary, this time a Chummy driven by Nigel Tait, won the Austin 7 Touring Class.

Neil Johannesen had an off day, and was observed trying to push his ailing Chummy up the final slope. He was last seen, muttering strange things like "no compression, oiling plugs in all cylinders". The rumour that he is fitting glow plugs to eliminate plug oiling is definitely not true.

Cooper Minis took the first five places in the Other Cars Class, the eventual winner being Neil Pollock, in 41.03 just ahead of Doug Watson. In this Class John Bowring (hotly pressed by his co-driver) had quite a battle with Mick Allan, but Mick won in the end in 44.87.

One gentleman (who shall be nameless), turned on a breath-taking performance when he inverted his Austin 7, and joined the ranks of the Roly Poly Club. Altogether a very enjoyable day, spoilt a bit by very windy conditions.

Special thanks go to the organisers, Geoff Taylor and David Lowe, and the Timers Frank Walter and Ken Innes-Irons, whose help is invaluable in running these enjoyable events.

Thanks also to Mr. Arch Mason for the use of his property for the event.

NIGEL TAIT.

### RESULTS:

#### Austin 7 Racing

1. T. Cole	43.20
2. P. Pretty	46.30
3. K. Logan	51.07
4. N. Posher	56.47

#### Austin 7 Touring

1. N. Tait	47.72
2. J. Bowring	49.66
3. N. Johannesen	56.72

#### Other Cars - Over 1600cc.

1. A. Lowe	Holden	43.44
2. D. Shaw	TR4	43.88
3. M. Reddan	Holden	49.41
4. R. Stevens	Holden	50.43

#### Other Cars - Under 1600cc.

1. N. Pollock	C/Mini	41.03
2. D. Watson	"	41.47
3. B. McInnes	"	41.88
4. S. King	"	42.36
5. G. Taylor	"	42.79
6. L. Sampson	Sprite	43.37
7. M. Allan	VW	44.87
8. P. Turner	Sprite	44.99
9. J. Bowring	VW	45.25
10. N. Tait	VW	45.34

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#### Other Cars - Under 1600cc. (Ctd.)

11. D. McInnes	C/Mini	45.83
12. A. Johns	AusTen	46.71
13. F. Walter	"	46.99
14. G. Taylor	"	47.57
15. S. Morris	Renault R8	47.74

#### Other Cars - Under 1600cc. (Ctd)

16. R. Cowley	Prefect	48.85
17. L. Coleman	Herald	49.17
18. K. Innes-Irons	Sprite	49.67
19. B. Ash	Hillman	51.37
20. F. Kinley	Ford 10	51.98

WINTON - 21st MARCH

Four Austins entered for this, the first road race meeting on the Club Calendar. One was a newcomer to our midst, John Marriott from Benalla, who had the misfortune to seize up a piston in practice. We wish him better luck in the future.

## Get On-Line

### LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

*You can receive the whole of the magazine in glorious technicolour - if you are happy with only receiving your magazine in this form, then please let the Membership Secretary know.*

*Rob. Humphreys*

*Even if you want a hard copy, consider updating your email, and requesting an electronic copy as well.*

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.**

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**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/>**

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[mailorderparts@austin7club.org](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)

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**FEDERATION DELEGATES**

Noel Wilcox &/or Remote Member as agreed

**CLUB BUILDINGS OWNERS CORPORATION DELEGATES**

John Shiells, Robert Humphreys, John McMillan

**COVID19 Event Controllers**

Two vacancies

## NEWS FROM SPARES

Some of you may have heard that Penrite Oil has advised that they are working on a number of race car restoration projects, and with recent staffing changes, COVID impacts and the impending opening of their “Lane 88 Museum”, it has become unfeasible to operate the Motofluid retail business, at Bayswater, where our Club has been purchasing Penrite stock for Spares.

We will be investigating the alternatives for possibility of continuing stocking these Penrite products (at a suitable price), or perhaps offering an alternate arrangement.

As we print new versions of our Spare Parts book, we try to improve our parts descriptions, and recognise what issues our members find are deficiencies.

The descriptions on the next page address the issue of the vague parts descriptions for the Shocker Friction Discs.

Robert J Humphreys, for Graeme Logan

**THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB ROOMS AND CLUB SPARES  
are located at**

**UNIT 8/9, 19-23, KYLIE PLACE, CHELTENHAM NORTH.**

**All correspondence to the Secretary:**

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

***Please do not send mail to clubrooms***

Spares are open:-

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

H.A.S. from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the M.G.M. (or the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

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

Or [mailorderparts@austin7club.org](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)

## SHOCKER MAINTENANCE

Regular shocker maintenance is an important part of maintaining the on-road handling of an Austin 7.

A little regular attention to the adjustment, by trial and error, can make a remarkable improvement to the handling of your Austin 7. It is even more important on the early cars, as the shorter wheelbase and greater camber on the rear springs accentuates the challenges in driving your Austin 7.

Also take note of the comments in Woodrow of the need to regularly disassemble and clean the rear shocker assembly—also applies to front.

## SHOCKER SPARES

### *Amendments to Page 30 of the Spare Parts List July 2020*

Part 0223 Disc shocker friction - 4  $\frac{1}{8}$ " O.D. x 2  $\frac{1}{8}$ " I.D.

Part 0223a Disc shocker friction - 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " O.D. x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " I.D.

Part 0223b Disc brass rear shocker - 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ " O.D. x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " I.D.

NEW LINE - It appears that the Poms think that this is an EXPORT Item

Part 0223c Disc shocker friction - 4  $\frac{1}{8}$ " O.D. x 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " I.D.

If you are unsure how the various components assemble, the best references are in The Austin Seven Manual by Doug Woodrow, which have excellent Exploded-view drawings, at

Page F4-1 for the Front Shock Absorber, and

Page K-5 for the Rear Shock Absorber

## MARKET PLACE

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

### Letter to Editor

#### Sale of Ulster special

Failing eyesight has forced Judith and I to curtail our driving and brought realisation that we must pass our, much loved, Austin "Ulster" special to another custodian, and bring a conclusion to more than

seventy years of Austin 7 ownership. We request your assistance to make it known to all our friends in the Austin 7 world that the car is now for sale.

We shall attend the forthcoming National A7 Rally in Warrnambool in which the car is entered. It is offered with its custom built trailer and is available for a new owner before, during, or after the Rally. F

ull details of the car are available from us by

telephone at: (02) 9417 3637 , or by email : [richesrandj@gmail.com](mailto:richesrandj@gmail.com)

With our regards, Bob and Judith Riches.



## MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

#### 1938 Big 7 Tourer

Old age and health problems now limit me from driving my Austins so they must be sold.

This is a tourer which took us 1,800 km around Tasmania with a club trip in 2010. Since then Austins over Australia at Bendigo and club trips to Ballarat. Features of the car include

- MG wire wheels with spin off hubs and hydraulic brakes
- Digital turn signals and brake lights
- 4 speed gearbox by John Needham with bushes replaced by A40 needle rollers
- RWC and fully registered with AUST7N plates

Price \$16,000 with personalised plates or \$15,600 on club plates. Inspect at Beaconsfield, Victoria.

Contact Alex Smart  
[smartie38@bigpond.com](mailto:smartie38@bigpond.com)

or 9707 5275



**MARKET PLACE****FOR SALE**

1928/29 Austin 7 Sports Special (E Super Sports Evocation). Light-weight 1.5mm plywood body, fibreglass sheathed. Standard motor and 3 speed gearbox. Bosch distributor. Recently reconditioned 22FZB Zenith carb and 6v generator. Linked brakes, alloy sump, reset springs and re-cored radiator. Completed about 5yrs. ago. \$15,000 ono

Alan Ray 0417 263 288 Bermagui NSW

**FOR SALE - BOOKS**

- \* Austin A70 & A90 running and maintenance
- \* Design for competition, a 750 club publication
- \* Austin Seven in the Thirties ((Brooklands))

Stewart Edwards 6 Rupert Ave, Mount Stuart TAS 7000

0416 228 664 Stew Edwards

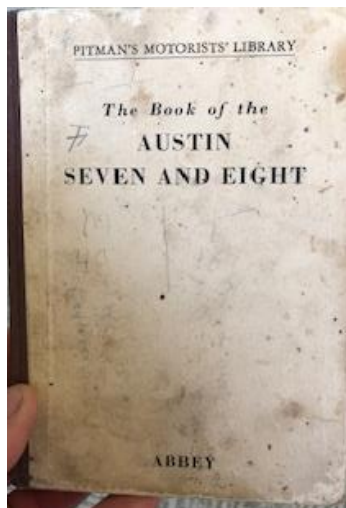
<[macme22@me.com](mailto:macme22@me.com)>

**FOR SALE**

The Austin Seven and Eight by Staton Abbey, published by Pitman, third edition, 1948.in excellent condition. Make an offer.

Peter Stewart 0409 017 788

Pete <[petejs1959@gmail.com](mailto:petejs1959@gmail.com)>



## MARKET PLACE

### WANTED

Austin Seven Panel van or Chummy in Going condition.

Graeme Tonkin

Geelong

0400 847 028

### MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

*Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.*

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

*Bank branches, if open, are operating reduced hours, making banking cheques difficult, and Credit Card payments, without card, are a risk to the Club and the member.*

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

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Snaps at the  
Christmas  
Luncheon.





At 2021 Plum Pudding in the Park, Tony Press exhibits his Clubman Award, and Graeme and Bev Logan accepted a Clubman Award on behalf of Peta.

Below Left:- I think that Leanne Goethel and John Shiells were exchanging stories about their canine friends.

Below Right: The McMillans were having a chat with the Davis'.

