
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

March 2022



Leading up to the National Rally, there are a few cars up on the hoist getting a bit of loving care - Malcolm Trull's car (ex-Peter Trull) is one of them. Photo Malcolm Trull

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Left FOR SALE

A good starting project, for someone who wants an excuse to get out of the house and into the shed - see advert on Page 34.

Below: - Hugh Fryer's son, Will driving the special that Hugh built in 1980.

See message from Hugh on Page 16.



Below: - A gaggle of Austin 7s at Collie Motorplex, at a tuning day for the WA cars.





**Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 73rd year
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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

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			VHRR Phillip Island Classic
12	Sat			NSW Six Hour Regularity Relay
14	Mon			Labour Day
16	Wed	7	A	HAS / Spares
20	Sun			64th Kalorama Rally
26	Sat		S	Eddington Sprints
27	Sun			<i>Federation "Golden OldiesTour" (from 2021)</i>
30	Wed	7		URRRS

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

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Tuesday 22 March 2022.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Cont.

APRIL

6	Wed	7	A	MGM / Spares
9	Sat	7		Spares / BBQ
9/14		7		Austin 7 National Rally
15	Fri			VDC Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park
15/18				Easter
20	Wed	7	A	HAS / Spares
25	Mon			Anzac Day

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the count down is on for the National Rally with only a few weeks to go. Have you got your entry in? If not why not. This is a one and only chance for you to take part in a 100-year event. For those who cannot make it due to distance and or health, then we will do our best to keep you up to date with articles in the Light Shaft and Facebook.

The National Rally is not the only major event coming up. We have the running of the 45th Historic Winton, May 28th-29th. We are in need of all the help we can get, to present this major event to the high standard, which we have set over those 45 years of dedication by so many of our club members both present and past. Covid has forced changes upon us, which we were able to comply with last year and in doing so, it has presented us with the opportunity to manage the event in a most efficient way and provide the club with up to date data. If you can be of assistance please contact the committee.

No sooner is Historic Winton over, then we have the long standing Border Run event to meet up with our fellow friends from the Austin 7 Club of South Australia. This is one of those events that leads into the coming of winter where the Austins take a back seat to the OST activities of the club. The OST group have a very demanding 12 OST events for the season, with points being awarded in each trial. If you have not been to this form of motor sport, may I recommend it to you as a good day out.

Len Kerwood

2022 when only the best will do.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

If you haven't as yet paid your membership subscription for 2022, this will be the last Light Shaft you receive. Anyone who hasn't renewed should have received a reminder via text message or email. You will be unfinancial as at the end of February and will be required to pay a Joining Fee of \$35 to rejoin. If you think you haven't received your renewal or have misplaced it please contact me on 0409577215 or russelldickson115@gmail.com for another copy.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Graeme Tomkins from Batesford VIC who joined the Club looking for an Austin 7, has just taken delivery of a 1932 Box Saloon. He is still on the lookout for a vintage van.

Robyn Blackwell from Montrose is also a new Austin 7 owner with her recently acquired 1936 Tourer.

Ian Hore from Port Melbourne has had a break from Austin 7s for nearly 60 years. He built a special in 1958/59 that he drove until 1963. Recently he joined the Austin 7 Club with the hope of finding a special to take to the National Rally in Warrnambool. Chasing up adverts in the old Light Shafts he has been able, in a matter of days, to purchase a Sports Special; so is well on his way.

Lachlan Story from North Bruny Island Tasmania is another new Austin 7 owner. He has just purchased a "Paddock Racer" from Melbourne that he plans to build into a road car and is looking for a suitable body.

Christy Waters, Faye Stone & James Spencer have all joined as Spouse or family members. Hopefully we will see all our new members in Warrnambool in April.

Russell Dickson

Editor's Ramble

I urge you to keep your stories coming in about your Austin 7s, your trials and tribulations, and those things that you cannot quite understand about your Austin 7.

David Easton has volunteered to do the job of Curator of our collection of historical artifacts, and to try to smarten up our methods of displaying them for your enjoyment.

Part of this task is to broaden the information that we keep about each article that we own, or care for, so that the next generations of Austin 7 Club members can appreciate how the artefacts can be interpreted in appreciating and understand the history of the Austin 7 and our Club.

Reading ““Going Strong” - The History of the Austin 7 Club” tells part of the story of the Club’s progressive growth and development over 72 years, and a reading of this and our Club magazines can readily see how we changed from a young club for the impecunious enthusiasts, who mostly used their Austin 7s for everyday transport, and commonly participated in events of a sporting, competitive and touring nature, and also were key players in the administration of motor sport activities in Victoria, and provided specialist communications facilities at numerous motor sport events. A number of our members also played an inordinately significant role in the formation and administration through the development of the peak body for administration of motor sport in Australia (CAMS, now Motorsport Australia).

Progressively, the membership has moved to being appreciators of the Austin 7, as it was conceived, and are now largely composed of dedicated conservers of the vehicles, and all the many varieties of the models of the Austin 7.

Rob.H.

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 be prepared to follow the current COVID restrictions.

Only Spares Committee Members may enter Spares, PLUS

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

PLEASE *When you visit Spares try to make all your purchases in a **single transaction**. This makes the book-work much easier for our volunteers, and respects other members who also want to make purchases.*

MGM / Spares - Wednesday 2 March 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 Page 10 and on Page 4.



"First you buy me a new coat and now a trip to Lion Safari Park. What's got into you lately?"

Saturday Spares/BBQ - Saturday 5 March 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.

GEELONG REVIVAL - Friday to Sunday, 4—6 March 2022

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival is set to make its triumphant return to the picturesque Geelong Waterfront.

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.



CABIN ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE – A7 RALLY 2022.

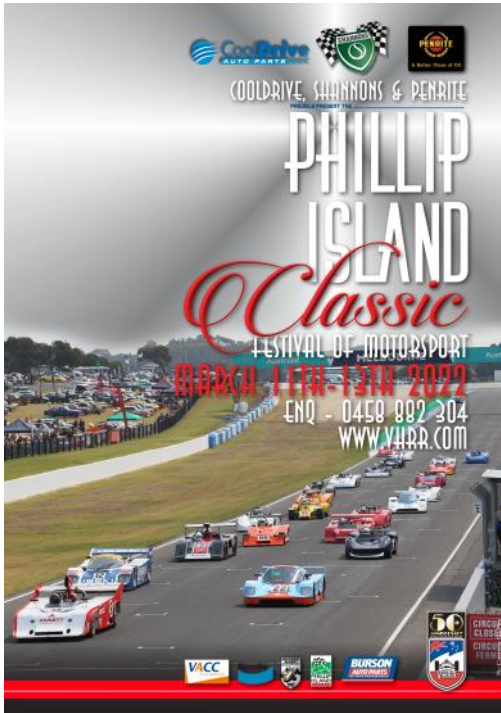
I have 3 cabins available at Surfside Holiday Park (surfsidepark.com.au), Pertobe Road. They have 1 double & 2 x2 bunks, kitchenette and bathroom. These are called Cedar Cabins and are \$136.00 per night.

Our family will be occupying 6 of these. If you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. A deposit of \$136.00 is required to me, as the booking is in my name.

Parking available near cabins and b.b.q. facilities close by.

Bev Logan 5989 7344

COMING EVENTS



PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC
FESTIVAL OF
MOTORTSPORT Friday to
Sunday 11 to 13 March 2022

See the VHRR website for details.

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.

COMING EVENTS

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, Kalorama Rally

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.

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Club Web Page :

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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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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

AUSTIN 7 National Rally 2022

Newsletter Volume 4 is now available - look on the website

Hi Austineers

I am really excited about the upcoming Rally. It seems that we will be able to go ahead with it. Can you believe it is less than 2 months away. I know we are all looking forward to seeing each other again. I have attached our latest newsletter to this email.


Please note that registration for the Rally closes on the **28th February** so if you or anyone you know would like to join us please let them know to get their registration in urgently.

If you have any questions please email me

Kind Regards

Andrea Casabene

0417 109 251



Austin Seven
100 YEARS
WARRNAMBOOL National Rally 2022

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

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

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editor@austin7club.org

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**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

“We’re looking for a Treasurer for the Xmas fund”, said Paddy.

“Didn’t you take on a new one last month?” said Murphy.

“That’s the one we’re looking for”, Paddy replied.

NEWS FROM THE WEST

Hi Rob.,

Some news and photos attached from WA. Most cars in the photos have parts that you have supplied and it's much appreciated.



Hugh driving at tuning day

My son has started driving my race car (the Orange one) at Tuning days and really enjoying it so we might have to build him a car. The last tuning day we had 6 Austin Sevens which was great for us as we are much smaller over here.

Photos are taken at Collie Motorplex about 2.5 hrs south of Perth. It's a great track , long and short, short really suits our small cars.

They post some pictures of us on their Facebook page, last event was 5th Nov. We have 4 tuning days there a year.

I've been trying to email you some GoPro footage of a couple of laps at Collie in my race car, but it's too big so will put on a USB and post to you along with some other.



Cheers Hugh Fryer

Hugh's partner, Nicole, in her Riley

PAST EVENT? - PUB CRAWL deferred

You Never Stop Learning

In my 25 years of involvement with Austin 7s I have never had it explained to me, nor read about Austin 7s have a capability of rear wheel steering, so I share this short story at my own expense.

Late November last year Graeme & Bev Logan decided it was time for another A7 run and subsequently Michael & Helen Shegog, Robert & Ivy Davis and Pam and I joined in.

The plan was for a short drive (only 806 Kilometres) into Gippsland, pick up Grand Ridge Road, mostly gravel, which follows the ridge line of the Strzelecki Ranges then drop down to the coast and zig zag our way along the coast calling at places of interest. Accommodation was at Tarra Bulga Guest House at Balook whose most famous guests were the Petrovs who rated the area as “being just like Siberia”.continued



Participants in Grand Ridge Road trip at Balook Guest House

PAST EVENT? - PUB CRAWL deferred

Other overnight stops at Port Albert and Fish Creek before an easy afternoon run home on day four.

Back to the rear wheel steering.

On the second morning out, we were about to leave the bitumen for another stretch of gravel, I made a quick assessment that the gravel was in good order, maintained bitumen speed and turned my attention to an oncoming modern, one of very few seen for the day. On leaving the bitumen the 16" wheels with the associated customary bang, dropped into unidentified potholes quickly followed by the rear wheels instantly engaging the rear wheel steering. Robert & Ivy Davis following us assure me that we were at that point travelling at 45 degrees across our intended direction with one wheel off the ground. Pam says she was hanging on to me waiting for the roll, I did not notice as I was concentrating on the modern about to leave my side of the car.



Graeme & Bev Logan's car parked at the beginning of the new Port Welshpool Long Jetty.

PAST EVENT? - PUB CRAWL deferred

Having avoided a potential disaster we proceeded to the morning tea stop whereupon Ivy Davis raced over to my car and said, “John please don’t do that again”. I suspect Ivy’s heart rate was higher than mine.

So, what was the cause of this driving re-education event. Having spent my youth driving on gravel roads (legally and illegally) perhaps there was an element of over confidence! Perhaps it was up because Graeme Logan has encouraged me to relive that youth with the result that we have driven hundreds of Kilometres on gravel over the last two years. perhaps it is an issue with the car or all of the above.

But here is the takeaway. If you are not already getting your cars out on some country roads I encourage you to do so, yes, they will get dirty and yes you will have to spend time cleaning them however you will enjoy wonderful fellowship with other members, interact with the public, promote the club and see this wonderful state of Victoria.

John McMillan

PS I do not know what happened to the modern, I suspect its driver will never go near a vintage car again.

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My Great Aunt's Austin7

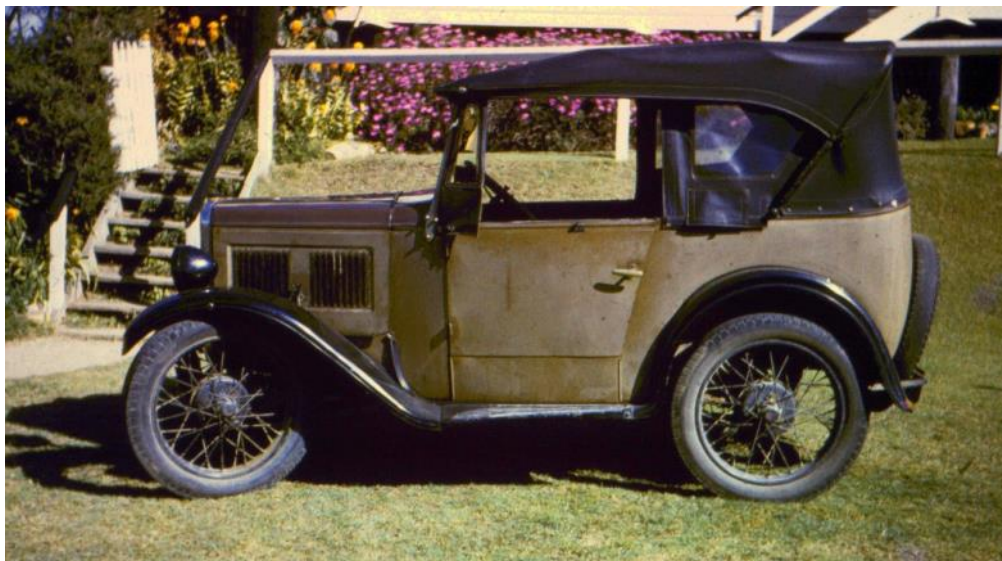
Hello Rob,

This is the story I have just sent to the Queensland club in the hope of finding out if my great aunt's Tourer is still around.

As they say in England it would make a great Oily Rag car.

Cheers

Tony Johns



My great aunt, Miss Hanna Phelps Robinson lived in West End, Brisbane not far from my grandmother and purchased a 1931 Austin Tourer when she gave up side saddle horse riding. It remained with her until the late 1960's. Soon after it was sold to the next owner, Mr O. Orr from Torwood, Qld., made the unfortunate mistake on his entry form when he entered the

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first ever Austin 7 National Rally, held in Melbourne in November 1972 by claiming he had owned it for 20 years, when in fact it was still with my family until a few years before the rally. He was not aware of the connection of the car to me, as the co-organiser of the rally.

At the time I had my own 1928 Chummy and as my aunt's car was not vintage I did not take up the offer to inherit her Austin even though it was my first introduction to Austin 7s in the late 1940's.

Tony Johns
Melbourne.

The body was built by 'Queensland Motor Bodyworks' and fitted with unusual side curtains that



were in the style of Holland blinds mounted on two pieces of timber built into the hood. The clip to hold the side curtain in place can be seen on the top of the passengers door. To the best of my memory the hood was never folded, the paintwork in my photographs would be the original and it was always garaged. Towards the end of her ownership my aunt would always take my great aunt for a Wednesday outing, stopping somewhere for lunch.

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The original number plate.

More from Tony Johns.

Ashley Tracey, VSCC Librarian shared this circa 1950 photo of a Chummy loaded inside a furniture van. Does the number plate help with identification?

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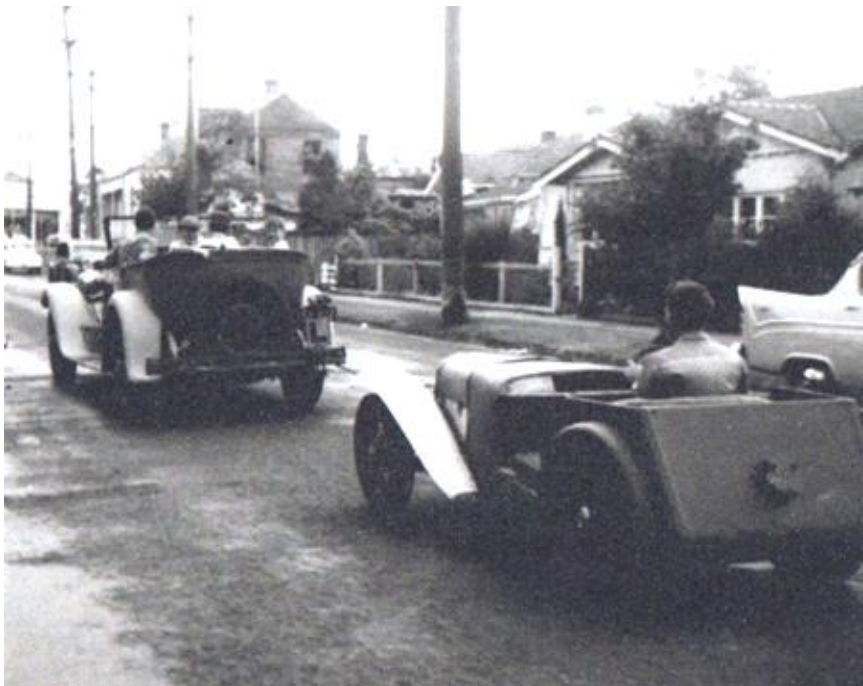


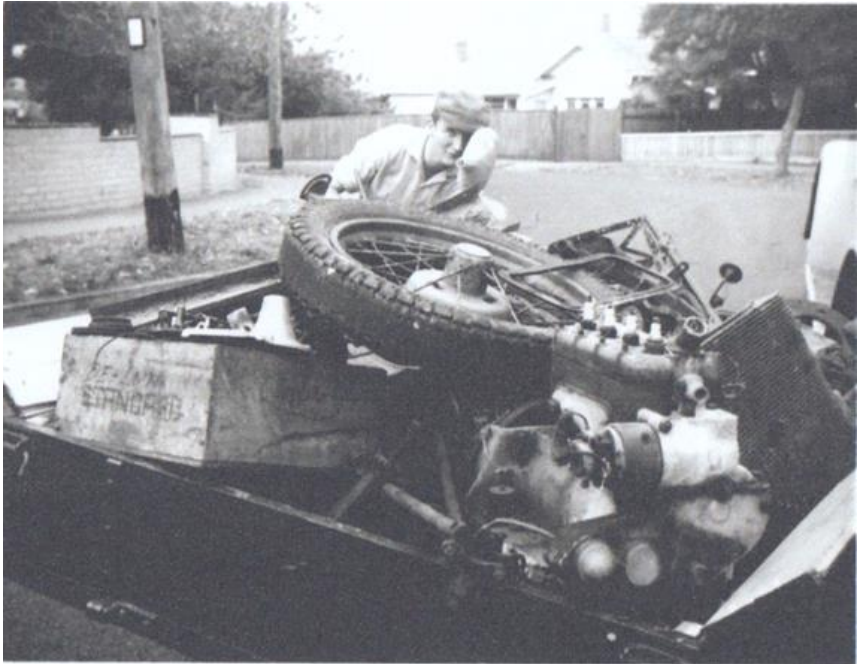
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I had forgotten that I had once owned this special, until John Reis shared these photos to reminded me that I had purchased it from Leigh Maguire back in the early 1960's. I have no recollection of who was the next owner. I remember it had a Z plate extension the front of the chassis nose piece to lower the front axle. Seen here being towed behind Darren Overend's eight cylinder Packard, note the L plate. Leigh was yet another Austin 7 owner who was employed at GMH.

My long suffering parents were very tolerant in those days, as the Austin came with the usual collection of spares some of which can be seen in the first load heading to my Father's shed.

Tony Johns





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.

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.

A My VicRoads Account also assures you of an email reminder for renewal.

Check your My VicRoads Account to ensure that your CPS cars appear

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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

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John Shiells, Robert Humphreys, John McMillan

COVID19 Event Controllers

Two vacancies

NEWS FROM SPARES

Since Christmas we have received 2 overseas orders. Amongst the parts there is a book on up-draft zenith carburetors which is very interesting. Also a repair plate for the side water outlet.

Club Members, David Jones has been making paper gaskets for us and Chris Knoop is investigating getting the combined sump, water outlet, tappet cover, part no. 1559, made in Melbourne.

Shortly I will be picking up some secondhand spares from Eleanor Harrington.

Graeme Logan 0409 963 091

NOTE:-

When some early bearings became unavailable, Tony Press arranged machining of these bearings, our Spares stocks these rare parts.

Part #0376 - Pair of Bearings for the Crankshaft front for 1935 to 1939.

Part #0394a - Pair of bearings for Back Axle pinion thrust for '30—1939.

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.

NEW SPARES

Here's a picture of the new repair kit to repair the water inlet portion of your cylinder block - the holes for securing the aluminium water inlet, suffers from corrosion of the two bridges, this plate reinforces the bridges, and also gives a good surface to provide a leak free seal with the water inlet.

Part #0123r



The items above complement the other new stock item to rejuvenate the water outlet on early heads Part #0124r

THAT SOLVES THE LEAKS FROM THE COOLING SYSTEM

If you do a lot of city driving, or live in the hot interior, you may want to replace your two blade fan with a four blade fan.



We now stock FOUR BLADE fans for

Magneto engines - Part #0040

Coil engines - Part #0042a



or BACK IN STOCK

Big-End Bolts for Shell bearing Conrods have been out of stock - now we have stock.

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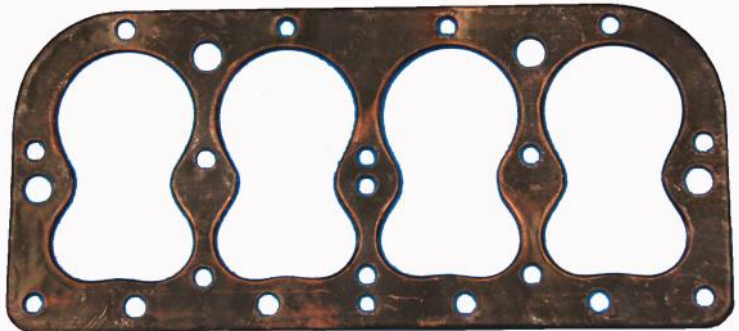
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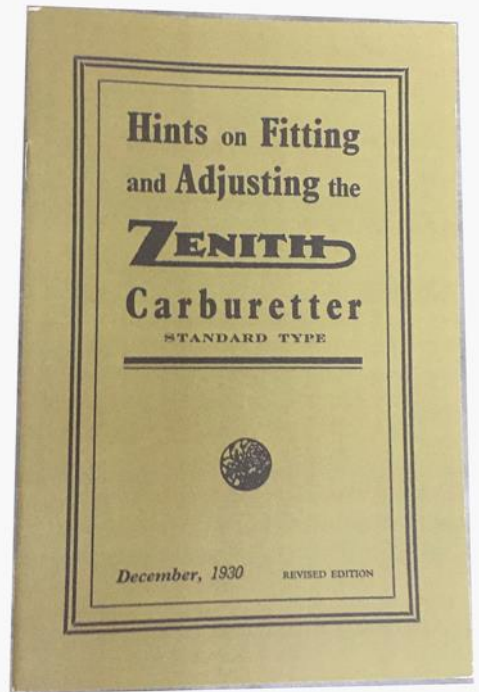
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Letter to Editor

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

With our regards, Bob and Judith Riches.

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FOR SALE

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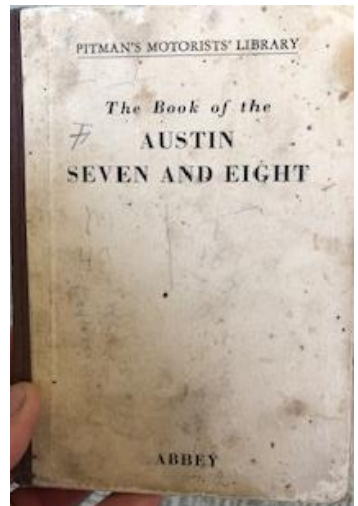
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OUR AUSTIN 7s

**See Tony Johns' story on Page 20, about his great
aunt's Austin 7.**

Have you a family story about a family Austin 7 ??