
THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

May 2021



See The Austin Story
on Page 2, about this
1935 Austin 7 tourer.

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COVER PHOTO On my recent trip to Darwin we visited the 1934 hanger of Qantas, which survived the Darwin bombing in WWII. It is now the home of the local car club and is open to the public free to visit, donation required. It is packed with cars, trucks, test equipment and some aviation history, and, yes, a 1935 Austin 7 Tourer.

Len Kerwood



Nathan Hunt on his first Trial driving Geoff Stritch



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

Foundation Patron of the Club

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

2	Sun	7		OST 2
			S	V.H.R.R. Rob Roy
5	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
8	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
9	Sun			Mother's Day
15	Sat			Club hire – Janne's All Day Craft Day
16	Sun			OST 3
19	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
22-23	Sat-Sun	7	AR	Historic Winton

The Club's Meeting have recommenced but with an expectation that everyone will "socially distance".

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

Spares Hours Saturday - 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm

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

JUNE

2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
5	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
6	Sun	7		O.S.T. 4
12/14		7	A	BORDER RUN
16	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
27	Sun	7	S	Picnic Day
	Sun	7		O.S.T. 5
29	Tues	7		URRRS - Ambulance Museum

The printing of an A7 Club Annual Calendar of Events has been deferred, YET AGAIN, as we grope with the procedure to extract our membership data from our new Membership database.

EGG ON ROBERT'S FACE

Hi Rob

Many thanks for the April Light Shaft but it looks like you will have to correct the correction on page two, as the proof sheets are from my archives and not Tony Press's.

All very confusing when both historians have the same name.

Regards - the other Tony= Tony Johns

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

SUNDAY 16 May 2021.

***YES, I know it's very early,
but Historic Winton takes priority.***

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to commence this report with a thankyou to Glynis for chairing the April MGM whilst Carole and I were visiting our son and family in Darwin.

There are of course many people within the club who we all owe a vote of thanks to, as in the last month and the oncoming month there are so many club activities taking place.

You would all be aware that the on again off again Historic Winton is back on under strict covid rules. This decision has put a large number of the committee and others under a great deal of pressure and my thanks to all. The reason to proceed with Historic Winton is to preserve the good name of the club and the event. If all goes to plan we should break even or a slight profit on the event. Please note that if you are an official (volunteer) then you need to complete online covid infection control training and print out the certificate. <https://covid-19training.gov.au/login>

Another vote of thanks goes to all concerned with the Hot Cross Bun Run to help raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. The feedback that I have received from the other car clubs who normally run this event was that the Austin 7 Club did a great job.

There are other members working on events such as the Border Run, Pub Crawl and URRRS, please where possible give your support.

The OST group are up and running for the 2021 season. Whilst there are some issues with Motor Sport Australia there are permits for the next couple of OST events. OST 1 was a closely contested event with only one point between the first three drivers and their passengers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont.

Membership

There are now currently 397 members for 2021, which is an encouraging figure considering the Covid year. We welcome all members and trust that whatever your interest is in the Austin7 movement that the club meets your expectations.

I would like to remind all members that the Light Shaft Magazine is now available online in colour, just forward your email address to the club and you will be granted access. If you still receive more than one Light Shaft to your household and would only like one copy please advise the membership secretary to amend your requirements.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new member Phil Marmion of Ringwood East to the Club.

He has recently purchased his first Austin 7; a late model tourer from Tony Abela.

ANZAC DAY reminds us of the sacrifice of the many people who have suffered as a result of war.

Len's story about the cover photo is a reminder that the 19 February 1942 Japanese bombing was the first of two devastating attacks on Darwin, and over the next twenty months northern Australia was to endure almost a hundred air raids, from Exmouth in the west to Townsville in the east.

Most Australians were unaware of these air raids and other attacks.

Editor's Ramblings

SHORT OF GARAGE SPACE?

If that was not the reason for owning an Austin 7, and you still ask that question, then perhaps I have the answer.

A friend from my youth, owns a business called “Trains, Planes and Automobiles”, based in Katoomba, in the Blue Mountains.

The business conducts regular auctions and the one for 18 April 2021, was for “British Model Cars—Part 1”.

As a vehicle collector, it's interesting to contemplate what other motoring fiends collect, and the following may send you scurrying off to find your old child-hood collection. It's also possible that your children have “left home” but left you with all their old possessions - it's time to sift through these.

WHY YOU ASK?

Keith tells us that:-

Our last auction featured the very rare Australian issue **Matchbox No. 5a green bus**, which was sold to a European collector for just over **\$12,500** (including buyer's premium and online bidding fee).

We're sorry to see it leave the country, but pleased to know that it's going to a good home, since the purchaser has been an avid collector of Matchbox for many years.

It's also good to know that these rare items are maintaining their value. It's a tiny little bus, and if you didn't know better you'd think it was just another toy. So next time you're cleaning out your garage or attic, keep an eye out, because you never know what treasures may turn up.

Editor's Ramblings

Want a small car that complements your Austin 7?



FP311

Lot 84

Corgi 233 Heinkel Economy Car (1962-72), red with lemon interior. Excellent in very good box.

Estimate: \$100-\$200
Starts at: \$50

OR if you desire a luxury sports car!

Lot 93

Corgi 303 Mercedes Benz 300SL Open Roadster (1958-60), light blue. A few chips to paintwork. Very good in good box.

Estimate: \$100-\$200
Starts at: \$60



An off-road vehicle may be more the style of a gray nomad.



Lot 95

Corgi 351 RAF Land Rover (1958-62). A little rust and some scratches on tilt. Very good in good box.

Estimate: \$100-\$200
Starts at: \$60

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.

Perhaps you desire a people mover?



Lot 125

Spot-On 145 1:42 scale London Transport Routemaster Bus (1963). Very good/excellent in good box with inserts.

Estimate: \$400-\$800
Starts at: \$250

Ah, I can anticipate that some of you are looking more carefully at the \$ signs. Well, the next two may get you seriously interested.



Lot 469

Dinky Supertoys 905 Foden Flat Truck with Chains (1954-64), blue with grey back & blue hubs. Slight paint loss on some edges, a few small scratches. Very good/excellent in very good box.

Estimate: \$2,000-\$4,000
Starts at: \$1,500



Lot 499

Dinky Supertoys Gift Set 990 Pullmore Car Transporter with Four Cars (1956-58). Complete with loading ramp and correct cars: Ford Zephyr green & white, Austin Somerset red & yellow, Hillman Minx green & cream, and Rover 75 cream & blue. A little paint loss to transporter, many chips to paintwork on cars. Overall very good in good box with original inserts.

Estimate: \$2,000-\$6,000
Starts at: \$1,500

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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.

COMING EVENTS

The Club's Meeting Room will be limited by the 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 very limited 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.

Observed Section Trials - Season 2021

For those new to the Club, the Club's conducting of competition events, and in particular, Observed Section Trials (OSTs), may be a mystery.

However, in the early years of the Club, all the young members of the club were competition mad, commonly using and adapting Austin 7s to sports cars, racing cars, off-road cars, motorkhana cars, trials and rally cars and also adapting them to use in a new sport called Observed Section Trials.

Those days are long gone, but the club continues to conduct motor sport events that suit those members who have a competitive inclination.

COMING EVENTS

A great informal form of motor sport, with a picnic atmosphere (for both spectators and competitors) in open countryside.

GIVE IT A TRY!

Observed Section Trials

(Mud Trials or Sporting Trials in other parts of the world)

Austin 7s are no longer driven in OST competition, except for the odd exhibition run, and trials cars are now highly specialised cars, built to a specific formula & utilising modern components.

The most famous trial, originally named The Park Orchards Trial because of its original location in the Melbourne outer suburb of Park Orchards (now covered in houses) has been relocated and named the John Pryce Memorial Trial, in honour of the renowned Club member who introduced the sport to Australia in 1950.

Around 12 trials are held annually. Entry fees are very cheap, admittance to trials is always free and new members are always welcome. Passengers are mandatory and are often in demand.

We are always pleased to help anyone wanting to build a trials car. Give anyone on the trials committee a call, and see Grant Campbell's advice on trials cars on our Club website.

COMING EVENTS

OST 2 - Glenburn - Sunday 2 May 2021

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

OST 3 - Narbethong - Sunday 16 May 2021

Manby Road. Proceed through Black Spur past Narbethong Caravan Park, turn right into Manby Road, follow until end, approx 1km, into driveway.

Melways Ref 612 S1

44th Historic Winton 2021

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May 2021

Due to a relaxing of COVID restrictions, spectators will now be able to attend Historic Winton.

Ticket sales opened on 11 April from www.ticketebo.com.au/historicwinton

This is now a Tier 2 Covid permit, so now spectators could attend the scaled back event.

Tickets will only be available online and not at the gate to meet COVID contact tracing requirements.

The event is a race-only event as we have not been able to curate vehicle displays, however spectators including clubs are welcome to arrive in their historic vehicles.

We will attempt to direct historic cars, bikes and other vehicles to a dedicated historic vehicle cark park.

COMING EVENTS

The adult price was reduced, to account for less attractions at this year's meet. Tickets will be \$30 per day for adults plus a small booking fee. Entry for children 17 and under are free and must be registered online through Ticketebo in advance.

Car, bike and sidecar competitors were all very keen to return to Historic Winton after the hiatus in 2020 due to COVID lockdowns.

Historic Winton is affectionately regarded by competitors and spectators alike, so we hope as many as possible support this iconic outdoor event in an unusual year.

Of course, should COVID requirements become more restrictive or a lockdown occurs, tickets will be refunded, but the Historic Winton Sub-Committee is hoping for the best and look forward to seeing a keen crowd at the 44th Historic Winton.

Camping enquiries should be directed to Winton Motor Raceway Ph: 03 5760 7100, but can also be booked on-line via Ticketebo.

For accommodation, please contact Enjoy Benalla at 03 5762 1749, <https://www.enjoybenalla.com.au/> or tourism@enjoybenalla.com.au .

Historic Winton is Australia's longest running, all-historic motor race meeting and is one of the largest sporting events in rural Victoria, famous for its camaraderie and great views of the entire track.

More information can be found at <https://www.historicwinton.org/the-event/news-media-releases> or on the [Historic Winton Facebook page](#)

We already have a great field of competitors, with each competitor able to bring Pit Crew and we expect to have our usual fields.

Public tickets via Ticketebo are already reaching good numbers.

We have been advertising to members via email.

COMING EVENTS

So, if you have still not supplied an email address, you may miss out on vital news.

Officials are still required, and Peta is reaching out to our fantastic volunteers and officials, to ask for your support. Most key roles and support crews will be necessary to ensure the smooth running of the event. The Historic Winton Sub-Committee is also still seeking to fill the vacancy of Officials Catering Chief. Please give Peta a call if you think you can help.

Everyone attending in an official capacity will be required to complete an online COVIDSafe questionnaire. It is very straightforward, and is designed to provide information and procedures around hygiene and safe physical distancing. Assistance will be provided.

Officials will also require a barcoded entry ticket from Ticketebo. (Much like purchasing a theatre ticket through Ticketek).

Ted Thompson and Alan Barnes are looking after the list of officials for this purpose. If you have not heard from one of them, please give them a call or send an email, to confirm your desire to attend.

No passes can be given at the gate.

Alan- a_barnes@live.com.au – 0410 983 156

Ted – valandted1@optusnet.com.au 0409 361 302

Unfortunately, this year we will have limited trade vendors and no magnificent display of historic cars, bikes, machinery and heritage paraphernalia. This is disappointing, but we are looking forward to celebrating many milestones in 2022. Especially 100 years of the Austin Seven.

COMING EVENTS

However, we are encouraging spectators to come in their favourite collectable vehicle.

I am still crossing everything I have, that the 44th Historic Winton will go ahead as planned and be a wonderful success.

Stay Safe and be kind to one another.

Peta Lee

Secretary

Historic Winton

OST 4 - Strathewen - Sunday 6 June 2021

625 Eagle Nest Rd Strathewen See **Melway Key Map 9 M2** Property is exactly 6.25K from the start of Eagle Nest Rd. Follow OST (Observed Section Trial) signs

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/>

BORDER RUN – PORTLAND 12,13 and 14 June 2021

The Border Run is not far away. We currently have a dozen going from our club and the South Aussies have 26 going at last count. This is an opportunity to drive or trailer your car and then enjoy some country driving on quiet roads. There is a contingent of Austins leaving on Friday travelling to Colac for a chance to catch up with local members. Likewise, Steve Morgan , a member at Koroit has offered morning/afternoon tea for members passing through. Greg Lindsay has been busy arranging our Sunday activities, which will be in the warm community/town halls of Bessiebelle and Macarthur , where we have morning tea and lunch catered for by the Macarthur Primary School Fundraising Committee. There will be guest speakers to talk about Lake Surprise /Budj Bim and the history of Macarthur (\$20 per head). So charge that battery, pump up those tyres and come and reconnect with our enthusiastic SA members.

As detailed in the previous Lightshaft, we are staying at the Richmond Henty Hotel Complex, where we have a conference room, restaurant and ample trailer parking. Accommodation and all meals are included in the price for this event and the various pricing options are detailed below:

Please call, text or email us to select your pricing option and room type as rooms are limited. We will require a \$100 deposit to confirm your booking. Please make the deposit payable to:

Austin 7 Club Inc

BSB 083 323

Acc 811 316 316

Description: Your Name and BR21

We look forward to your company on this event.

Regards, Brian and Glynis Gibbons

Ph: 0418508611 or 0427837555

Email: secretary@austin7club.org

Room Type	Number Sleeps, Type of Beds	Price per Double	Price per Single	Additional Cost Per Person (>12yr)
Budget Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$410	\$315	\$165
Standard Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$519	\$424	\$165
Standard Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$519	\$424	\$165
Standard Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$519	\$424	\$165
Upper Level Deluxe Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
Upper Level Deluxe Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
Upper Level Deluxe Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
Walk-In Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
Walk-In Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
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Walk-In Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
Upper Level Queen Room	2 (Queen)	\$538	\$443	
Upper Level Queen Room	2 (Queen)	\$538	\$443	
Ground Floor Deluxe Queen	2 (Queen)	\$538	\$443	
Ground Floor Deluxe Queen	2 (Queen)	\$538	\$443	
Ground Floor Deluxe Queen	2 (Queen)	\$538	\$443	
Upper Level King Spa Room	2 (King)	\$559	\$464	

COMING EVENTS**Fish & Chip Run to Tooradin
Sunday 27 June 2021**

Should you wish to travel with other members meet at Dandenong Park, Lonsdale Street, Dandenong Melway Ref 91A F9 for 11.30am departure otherwise travel directly to site.

Tooradin Original Fish & Chip Shop

87 South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin
traveling south left-hand side of highway, shop coloured blue.
Google for menu and if you wish to order ahead phone 5998 3284.

After collecting your meal, park and meet on river edge of Foreshore Road
or
if wet weather in shelter (if not already occupied) at the end of Foreshore Road.

Bring Tea/Coffee & desserts or you may wish to purchase an Ice Cream at Tooradin's famous Ice Cream Shop.

*Warning: apart from the shelter mentioned above there is no wet weather plan
so, come prepared if necessary.*

More info if required call John McMillan.
0408 994 510

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

URRRS Event

Tuesday 29 June 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.

Parking on site for A7s & A30s

Visit followed by Lunch at Zagames Hotel

Cnr Boronia Road & Dorset Road, Boronia

(Melway Ref 64 K9)

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



COMING EVENTS

RACV ALPINE RALLY - Saturday 20 to Saturday 27 November 2021

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



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.



The poster features a stylized whale illustration on the left with the words "Austin Seven" written in a cursive font across its back. To the right of the whale, the text "100 YEARS" is displayed in large, white, outlined numerals. Below this, there is a small silhouette of a vintage car. Underneath the car, the text "WARRNAMBOOL National Rally 2022" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, the text "We are excited And you are invited!" is written in a light blue font. Below that, the event details "National Rally Saturday 9th April - Thursday 14th April" are listed. A celebratory message follows: "Celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens whilst exploring this beautiful part of Victoria. Come have a whale of a time in Warrnambool!". At the very bottom, the contact information "Enquiries: 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com" is provided.

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

AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022 SUB-COMMITTEE

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

COMING EVENTS

Geelong Revival 26 – 28 November 2021

The quarter mile sprint track along Richie Boulevard on Geelong's picturesque waterfront will roar to life on the weekend between the [F1 Australian Grand Prix](#) and the [Australian International Airshow at Avalon](#), giving enthusiasts the opportunity to witness three showcases of incredible feats of engineering in as many weeks.

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

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

For more information visit geelongrevival.com.au

Hi All

The first Trial since October 2019 has been run and won.

Congratulations Dean Hunt and Gary Hawkins equal 2nd and Grant Campbell 1st.

We had 14 entries, including 2 new drivers competing for the 1st time, Jason Stock and Nathan Hunt, both did very well. It was great to catch up with everyone, in what seems like such a long time.

The weather was kind to us on the day, with a variety of section types.

We are off to Glenburn next, which is a property that has many different features.

See you in the mud

Geoff Stritch

OST NEWS - PAST EVENTS

Date: 18/4/21

21 OST 1 - Lilydale

RESULTS

CAMS Permit:321/1605/01

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Place
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	10	10	10	6	10	8	8	10	7	79	1
Dean Hunt	Kevin Pilbeam	10	8	8	10	8	9	8	10	7	78	= 2
Gary Hawkins	Maddison Coakley	10	10	8	10	9	8	8	10	5	78	= 2
Greg Cox	Jason Stock	10	9	8	6	8	8	8	10	7	74	4
Mark Filsell	Leanne Coakley	10	7	9	3	9	8	8	10	5	69	5
Geoff Taylor	Mackenzie Coakley	10	6	8	5	10	8	7	8	5	67	6
Stuart Schweiger	Brandon Schweiger	10	4	8	6	4	8	8	10	7	65	7
Stephen Della-Bosca	Gabrielle Della-Bosca	10	8	8	6	7	8	8	* 1	7	63	8
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	10	2	4	6	4	8	7	10	7	58	9
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della-Bosca	8	8	7	DNS	2	7	4	8	4	48	10
Nathan Hunt	Geoff Stritch	7	4	1	6	5	2	8	6	5	44	11
Jason Stock	Greg Cox	7	2	1	3	4	3	1	9	5	35	12
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	+ 9	2	3	6	5	8	7	10	1	9	13
Brandon Schweiger	Cooper Schweiger	+ 3	7	4	7	5	1	5	7	4	3	14

+ Change of car, no score from section 2

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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.

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.

MY AUSTIN



Austin 7 'Mawson' Sports

It is with some sadness that I have come to the decision after twenty years ownership to sell the car which I used to tell others I would never sell!

It has been sitting in my garage not being used for too long and should be offered to club members first.

SPECIFICATION:

Engine is 747cc., balanced pistons, bigger inlet valves, modified camshaft, re-profiled valve lifters to 3/4" radius and a 1936 cylinder head, for better performance.

Custom inlet/exhaust manifold with a 1 1/4" brass SU carburettor.

Gearbox 3-speed.

Brakes standard drums cable operated.

Electrics changed from 6V to 12V with 'Odyssey' gel battery.

Wheels 16" rims spoked with 90 x 16 tyres.

Body two seater, aluminium over wooden frame.

Fuel system electric solid state fuel pump with rear slab tank (standard octane).

MY AUSTIN

HISTORY:

- 1928: Year of manufacture as a tourer in cream and red, engine No M67393.
- 1932: Imported to Australia and had multiple recorded owners until 1948. (from material held by Ian Mawson).
- 1949: No further history known for the next 31 years.
- 1980: Purchased by Ian Mawson VIC as a rolling chassis with bare aluminium body work over a softwood frame minus mudguards. Ian and Perry McNeilage then completed the car in the form it is today.
- It competed in a number of Victorian event driven by Perry such as Winton, Geelong Speed Trials and numerous club events.
- 1991: Purchased by Michael Martin and participated in a number of VDC & VSCC events
- Exhibited at the Pine Ridge Car Museum, Arthurs Seat VIC for an unknown period.
- 1998: Purchase by Adam Farley / Brian Hussey of Flinders VIC.
- 2000- Purchased by the present owner Martin Stubbs.
- 2020: Since then the car has competed at Eddington & Myrning Sprints.
- Mount Tarrangower, Morwell, Haunted Hills & Collingrove Hill Climbs.
- Historic Motor Festival - Winton.
- 2008: AGP Cowes Cavalcade - Phillip Island Historics and displayed at number of other events.

MY AUSTIN

NOTES:

I have had this Austin 7 just over 20 years so I should be forgiven for any omissions or mistakes I might have made.

It was on club plates when I bought it but I had no intention of using it on the roads without converting the brakes to hydraulic which I felt would spoil the integrity of the car at the time.

ADDITIONS: (If required for sale)

Registered race car trailer. Crankcase, 3-speed gearbox & other sundry items.

See **FOR SALE on Page 40**

Martin Stubbs

EDITOR's Note

Here's your opportunity to own a bit of Austin 7 history.



MY AUSTIN

New member, Rohan Beaton, recently sent a BEFORE photo, on opposite page, of the “engine room” of his Austin 7.

I particularly think that the lever that activates the starter solenoid button is ingenious.

It would be great to see the final result of Roahan’s rebuild of the car.

RESTORATION TIPS

Perhaps, if we engaged our friends at Ikea to produce an instruction manual for our Austin 7s, then the task would be much easier, but all our members may require rehabilitation.



I got myself a seniors' GPS.

Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

PAST EVENTS

Eddington Sprints: 27 March 2021

A good field of some 80 competitors made the trip to Eddington for the annual ¼ mile sprint meeting.

These included three Austin 7 specials driven by Phillip Hallo, John Marriott and James McEndoe, plus Ken Innes-Irons in his Gazelle Ford Special and David Lowe, double entered, in his Singer Holden Special and the very quick Jim Russell Ford Special.

Noel Wilcox was entered in his de Havilland Gipsy Special but unfortunately did not make the start after a confrontation with some wildlife on the way.

The Austins were away early with John Marriott running quick times and his car sounding great. Phillip Hallo had one run with the car finally clearing its throat by the end of the ¼ mile. That is where it stopped, as the (welded on) flywheel once again separated from the crankshaft.



John Marriott



Phillip Hallo



James McEndoe—Austin 7 Special

David Lowe had a ball in the seriously quick Jim Russel Ford Special.

Ken Innes-Irons had problems with the ohv converted Ford engine in his Gazelle not running as desired.

Gary Hawkins



Ken Innes-Irons in his Gazelle Ford Special

David Lowe in the Jim Russel Ford V8 Special



Noel Wilcox was interrupted by some wildlife on the way to the event.

PAST EVENTS

URRRS Run 31 March 2021

Glynis showed me a facebook page from Geln Park Community Centre.

She told me that when the 31st March URRRS Run was cancelled at short notice due to circumstances outside John McMillan's control, Brian and Glynis arranged an impromptu 'Club' run to Glen Park Community Centre.

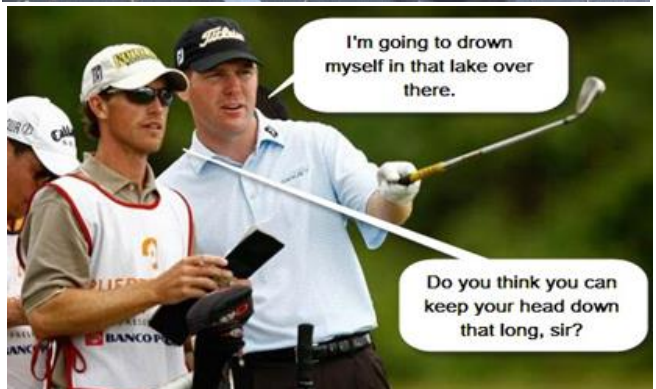
The lass in charge at the Centre, Heidi, was most impressed and took a series of photographs which she posted on their Facebook page.

She wrote:

"Glen Park had such a treat today. We had a surprise visit from a good friend of Glen Park, Glynis Gibbons and a few members of the Austin 7 Car Club."

This picture shows Heidi in the Gibbon's Top Hat Saloon.

Cheers, Tony Press.



PAST EVENTS



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My cars were Classic, for all the wrong reasons

At the annual Good Friday Hot Cross Bun Run, author GRAEME JOHNSTONE, host of 'Friday Magazine' on 88.3 Southern FM, wrote and read this poem as part of the show's live outside broadcast from Braeside Park.

I'm looking around this field
My eyes getting rather misty
Observing these wonderful cars from the past
With their class, their style, their history

It makes me inclined to look back
To the vehicles I once owned
Which popped and hopped and stopped
And grunted and grizzled and groaned

Like the silver, four-door, four-on-the floor
Phlegmatic Ford Cortina
Never was there such a bastard of a car
Nothing so nasty, so sinister, so meaner

It fair dinkum did me head right in
Left me with a broken, shattered heart
Mainly because the mongrel of a thing
Patently refused to start ...

Yes, I'd quietly ease out the choke
Press twice gently on the pedal
Not too hard, now, take it easy
Like cradling a spring-time rose petal

No response, so try again
But with just a fraction more pull on the choke
And a slightly heavier press on the pedal
A sort of engaging, friendly toe-poke
Still no start! Yank the choke right out
And madly pump the accelerator
But still all I get is a final refusal
What a tragic soul deflator
Have I bought a bomb?
Is that the truth, have I finally discovered it?
No, admit it, mate, comes a passenger's voice
Once again, you've bloody flooded it!
Before that I used to get around
In a 1966 Mini
Yeah, yeah, yeah, I know what you're thinking
But in those days I was actually skinny
It was a tearaway fun roadster
Me brother and I driving it near and far
But bad luck followed us everywhere
The poor thing was a jinxed little car
The back wheels got pinched one night
In the most annoying of moonlight tricks
Hard to drive away, early the next day
With the rear axle sitting on bricks!

PAST EVENTS

It survived a service garage fire
But got re-sprayed the incorrect colour
And it got shunted up the arse by a bloke at the wheel
Of a truck full of Coca Cola

Then an innocent wrong turn one night
Chastened us in both body and soul
We finally escaped, but with Mini's rear end
Now featuring a bullet hole

Then there was the hot orange V6 Capri
It lost out in a collision with a wombat
Then the seals on the Mazda rotary
Succumbed to the freeway combat

The brand new Honda Accord?
We kept it for barely 20 days
When a job offer to go to London
Saw it disappear in the moving haze

The white station wagon that we bought
For the arrival of baby number four?
Went to drive it the very next morning
Gone! Stolen, the night she was born

Then, Miss Betty, a bile yellow Falcon
Featured the needed all-up six seats
And the audacity to stop wherever she wanted
Every time she decided to overheat

So, on to the Toyota Hi Ace
Not as daft an idea as you think
It was a campervan, which had everything
Including the kitchen sink ...

I loved the big, black Holden Caprice
Although people would spot it from afar
And run off to hide, yelling and screaming
“Don’t go near, it’s a Mafia staff car”

Now my motoring days are tranquil
Like everyone, I have an SUV
Not as romantic as these beautiful cars
On display, here, all around me

But it’ll do me, I can tell you
Right from the bottom of my heart
‘Cos hasn’t been shot, stolen or burnt
And at least the bloody thing starts ...

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NEWS FROM SPARES

NEWS FROM SPARES – 20 April 2021.

Parts from England are still slowly trickling in. One of our suppliers lamented to me that one of his manufacturers, that usually take 4-6 weeks are now taking several months.

I am in negotiations with a metal worker about making some Chummy petrol tanks and waiting for a sample to be made. Possibly seats as well.

By the time you are reading this, we will have 16” tyres in stock again, and the late model head gaskets will be available.

Graeme Logan 0409 963 091

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

One's trash is another's treasure .

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



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Austin 7 'Mawson' Sports

See Story about this car on Page 24 of this Lightshaft.

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Registered race car trailer. Crankcase. 3-speed gearbox & other sundry items.

I have documented entries and photos of every event it has run in and will be sold with a collection of any awards it has collected.

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Martin Stubbs (03) 5968 5439

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Julie Jones

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