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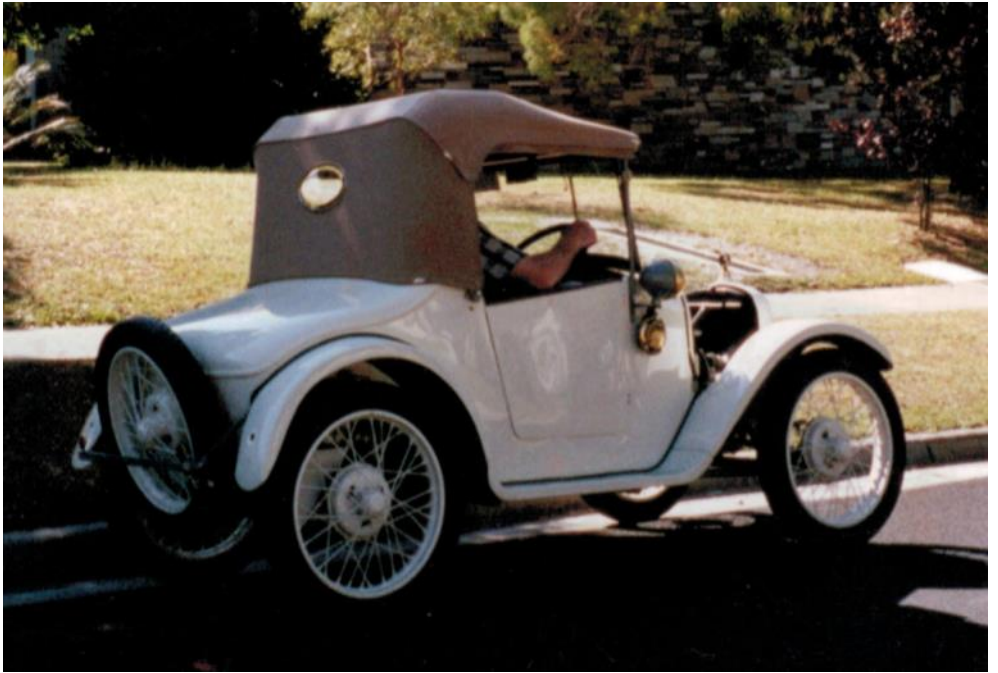
November 2021



New Members bring new cars to the Club - New member, Steve Cumming, would love to know anything about his car's origins.

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John Westcott's 1926 Austin 7, before and after.
See Page 20 for the story by Dick Unkles





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

Foundation Patron of the Club

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

29/2	<i>Fri/Tues</i>	7		<i>Bob Booth Pub Crawl—deferred 1 year</i>
3	<i>Wed</i>	7	<i>A</i>	<i>M.G.M.-Subcommittees/AGM/SGM Elections</i>
6	<i>Sat</i>	7		<i>Spares/B.B.Q.</i>
5/7	<i>Fri/Sun</i>			<i>Historic Sandown (No Spectators?)</i>
17	<i>Wed</i>	7	<i>A</i>	<i>H.A.S./Spares</i>
22	<i>Mon</i>			<i>AOMC Delegates Meeting/AOMC AGM</i>
26-28	<i>Fri/Sun</i>			<i>Geelong Revival-Deferred to 2022</i>
28	<i>Sun</i>		<i>S</i>	<i>MGCC Classic & Historic Rob Roy Hill Climb</i>

DECEMBER

1	<i>Wed</i>	7	<i>A</i>	<i>M.G.M./Spares</i>
4	<i>Sat</i>	7		<i>Spares/B.B.Q</i>
5	<i>Sun</i>			<i>Year End Luncheon – Mulgrave Country Club</i>
15	<i>Wed</i>	7	<i>A</i>	<i>Spares/Christmas Pudding in the Park</i> <i>/Awards Night</i>

JANUARY 2022

19	<i>Wed</i>	7	<i>A</i>	<i>Picnic in the Park</i>
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The Club's Meeting and Spares Days will recommence, *from time to time*, but with an expectation that everyone will "socially distance".

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

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

NOTE NEW HOURS FOR SPARES

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

Keep in touch regarding whether other events have been cancelled, rescheduled, or in another format.

The Editor clearly is unable to keep up with the last minute cancellations.

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Tuesday 16 November 2021.

Austin Seven Clubs Association

The Online Archive

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

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

More being constantly added.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to November, lets hope that we have turned the corner and we can now get on with our lives. There are signs that we will once again be able to enjoy each other's company and use our Austins and trial cars.

Some of you would be aware that last month an opportunity came up with the auction of unit number 3 at Kylie Place. The indicated price was \$310 K+ . The committee decided that I should attend the online auction and set a limit on our commitment. Robert Humphreys and John Shiells carried out an inspection and advised that there was in the order of \$12,000 required to be spent, to bring it up to a rentable condition. There were more than 20 people online for the auction and it was knocked down at \$511,000. Whilst the club was unsuccessful the good news is that the club's assets i.e. the clubrooms and investment property have appreciated considerably.

Pleased to report that the Xmas lunch is fully booked out to the covid limit set by the Mulgrave Country Club. There will also be a Xmas Pudding and Presentation night in the park as per last year, please see details in the Light Shaft.

By now you should have received your entry form for the Austin 7 National Rally. Please note that you need to enter now to allow the organising committee to make commitments to various suppliers. Note no payment is required at time of lodgement. By the New Year, subject to covid, we should have the green light and only then will payment be requested.

In closing don't forget to join in the H.A.S. zoom presentation from your Club's Spare Parts section on Wednesday 17th at 3pm. The link will be emailed to you a day or two before, and if you would like to share the link please do so.

2021 was meant to be fun!

Len Kerwood 0419 504 233

MEMBERSHIP

After a quiet few months on the membership front, we are pleased to welcome three new members and one returning member.

Malcolm Bevege from Gulgong NSW has a 1928 Special that has not been registered for 40 years. Malcolm describes it as an Open Touring/ Sports body with '28 engine, 2 syn. box and D-type diff..

We were pleased to have Greg McDonald from Brunswick West join the October MGM via zoom on the day he joined the club. Greg's zoom background was a wonderful photo of his Open Road Tourer taken when his family got it as a brand new car in 1935. Chris Knoop had met Greg driving his Austin 7 in Williamstown and encouraged him to join the Austin 7 Club.

Steve Cumming from Peterborough has a 1930 or 31 Chummy (see photo) that his father purchased in 1970 and got back on the road in 1975. The car originally arrived in Peterborough in the late '30s and has been a local car since then, except for a period in the '60s.



Both Greg and Steve are hoping to attend the National Rally where Steve is looking to determine the origins of his car.

After a period overseas it is good to have Rachel Kessner back and rejoining the club. We normally see Rachel keenly assisting at Historic Winton as an official.

Russell Dickson

Editor's Note Rachel Kessner has long been involved in Club events and is just one of that growing group of third or fourth generation Austin 7 Club members.

Editorial Historical Ramblings

A NEW TRADITION?

The Club's Hot Air Sessions have taken various forms, over the 70 odd years that we have had them.

However, having the luxury of Zoom meetings, combined with visits to various member's houses and other locations seems destined to be the new normal.

If the scheduled time for the meeting does not suit you, you also have the option of viewing the recorded session.

Presumably, with practise and without COVID restrictions, the form of these visits may progressively develop.

Our visit to Courtenay Rumble's garage was most informative, as many members would never have the opportunity to see a very early Austin 7, or realise the differences.

No doubt the October HAS will be equally interesting, seeing the progress of David Isom's projects.

**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.

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

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

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

Or mailorderparts@austin7club.org

COMING EVENTS

SPARES

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

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

Pub Crawl

postponed to the 29th October to 1st November 2022.

Key reasons for postponement are travel restrictions for Melburnians (not stated publicly but in print) restrictions on numbers gathering in public, restrictions on numbers visiting private homes of which we have 3 in our planning for this year and the agreement to release the accommodation bookings within a reasonable time frame.

In reading the state and national plans you will all have noted that the plans are indicative only, so in view of the rising infection numbers one can safely assume that there may be a negative impact on the plans, not positive.

John McMillan

Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off

COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting

Election of Sub-committees and Delegates

Wednesday 3 November 2021

At the November Monthly General Meeting it is proposed to form all subcommittees, other than Historic Winton subcommittee, and nominate club delegates for the coming year.

For expediency of the zoom meeting, it is expected that the persons who currently appear in the October 2021 Lightshaft will be the nominations unless advised otherwise.

Nominations are invited for positions on the Sub-committees and as Delegates.

Club Secretary

Annual General Meeting – Annual report

Wednesday 3 November 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:15pm on Wednesday 3 November 2021

The ordinary business of the meeting is:-

- ⇒ to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the preceding financial year; and
- ⇒ to receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Part 7 of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012.

Club Secretary

COMING EVENTS**Special General Meeting – Annual Elections****Wednesday 3 November 2021**

A Special General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:30pm on Wednesday 3 November 2021

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Officers and ordinary members of the Committee and acknowledge the ongoing Auditor.

Nominations are invited for these positions, and a nomination form for the Committee positions is included with this Light Shaft.

Nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than 15 minutes before the time fixed for the start of the SGM.

Club Secretary**ZOOM Hot Air Session/Spares****Wednesday 17 November 2021**

It is expected that this will be solely a ZOOM HAS, and will take you on a virtual guided tour of our Club Spares.

Spares as usual will also be available by mail order.

CLUB VISITOR

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

Contact Bruce on brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

COMING EVENTS

**RACV ALPINE RALLY - ~~Saturday 20 to Saturday 27~~
~~November 2021~~ - Deferred to 15 October 2022**

BUT

See Article about history of the Alpine Trials available from Bob Watson.

Geelong Revival Deferred to 4-6 March 2022

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival organisers, in consultation with stakeholders and the City of Greater Geelong, have decided to postpone the 2021 event, due to the COVID-19 situation. The event will now be held 4 - 6 March, 2022

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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MGM / Spares - Wednesday 1 December 2021

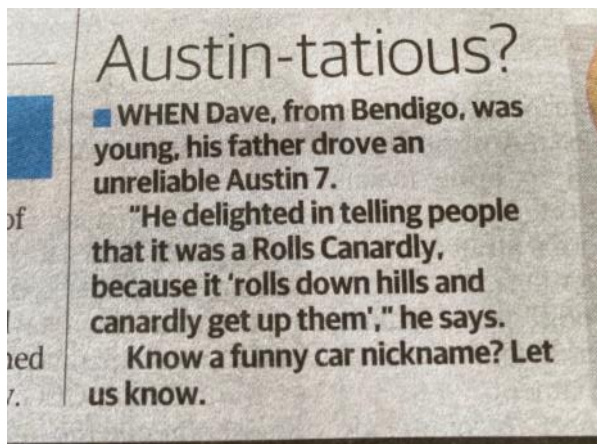
There is potential that the COVID restrictions will permit a limited meeting to occur, and also that limited access to Spares may be available.

Keep an eye on the website.

Saturday Spares/BBO - Saturday 4 December 2021

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

Please follow the instructions on Page 8.



Seen in the Herald Sun, dated 19 October 2021, by Ron Crellin

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**COVID breakout lunch!!!***A7 Club Christmas Lunch 2021**Mulgrave Country Club*

(Cnr Jells & Wellington Roads, Wheelers Hill)

Noon Sunday **5 December 2021** in Panorama Room**Seniors Mains & Dessert – Menu TBA, but likely to be as follows:**

- * **Roast Turkey & Baked Ham served with Cranberry and Seasonal Vegetables &**
- * **Plum Pudding with Brandy Custard**

including one bottle of red and white wine per table, other drinks at bar prices with complimentary tea and coffee

\$Cost TBA**Austin 7 General Account****083 323 811316316 “surname MCC LUNCH” or cash/cheque****BUT we need your INTENTION to come to be with me asap****ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com or socialsecretary@austin7club.org****Do all Australians deserve to celebrate****our 90th Birthday, in December 2021**

The Statute of Westminster obtained Royal Assent on 11 December 1931.

It can easily be argued, by Humphreys at least, that since the Commonwealth of Australia gained legislative independence from the United Kingdom then, that is when we really became “Australia”.

A good argument for a celebration - a good reason to party!

COMING EVENTS

"PUDDIN' IN THE PARK"
"Still" Coming out of COVID 2021



*Covid Roadmap restrictions of the day will
apply*

Plum Pudding/HAS/Awards Night

Le Page Park

Argus Street Cheltenham

Wednesday 15th December 2021

Commencing at 6.30pm

We will keep this as normal as possible

*BYO tables/chairs and dinner/beverages (hot
and cold)*

COMING EVENTS

PICNIC IN THE PARK - Wednesday 19 January 2022

VENUE: - Kingston Heath Reserve (locally known as the 50 Acre),
entry from Farm Rd, Cheltenham MELWAY Map 87F1

– on driveway to Ron Brownlees Hockey Pavilion, and Southern United Hockey Club (there is a sign on Farm Road).

This new venue is:-

Close to the A7 Clubrooms, allowing relocation if weather is inclement

In a park with good parking that is paved

In a park with multiple areas of tree shade

Plenty of room to have a number of groups, but separated to potentially meet any COVID19 restrictions

In a park with plenty of nice walks, a lake, and the Kingston Heath Botanic Gardens

A good playground – but a bit remote, at 300 metres

Good access

Public toilets in adjacent pavilion

Usually a quiet area of this park

Room for extra cars out in Farm Rd – areas to park a car with trailer on Farm Rd.

Early birds at about 5:45 pm.

There are usually lots of Austins at this event which is a great time to bring the family for a barbecue. There is good parking for the “baby”.

This is a good time to shake, or blow, the cobwebs out of your Austin ready for the New Year, and to also catch up with your friends after Christmas. A quick jog around the oval might be in order for those who indulged too freely during the festive season.

BYO everything. the BBQ is unfortunately too remote (at 450 metres, in the other end of the park).

Rob. Humphreys - 9583 6316

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AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022

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

It also comes with an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM.

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

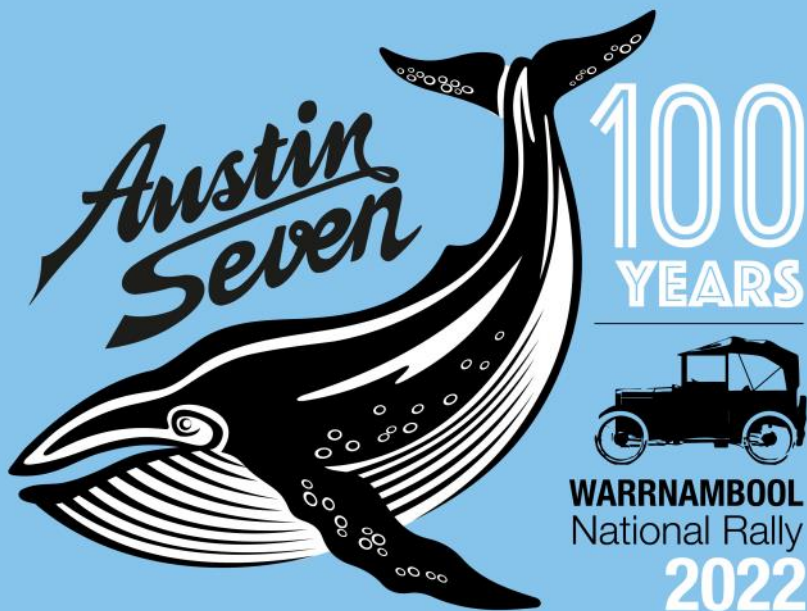
A copy of the Newsletter No 1 and the Expression of Interest is available on the website.



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

AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022 SUB-COMMITTEE

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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

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AUSTIN 7 National Rally 2022

Hello Austineers

I am really excited to be able to send you our next Newsletter along with our Booking Form. As you can imagine organising the Rally has had its challenges due to Covid but we are now in a position to be able to send out the Booking forms.

At the end of the newsletter, you will find the link and a QR code so you can access the online booking form. Thanks to technology, all your information and booking preferences will be captured in a spreadsheet, and will streamline the entry process. It will also be far more accurate. Upon completion of the online form, you will receive an email “receipt” with a summary of your booking. It is our preference that everyone use this online form, but if you are unable to do so, please contact me and I will send out a paper copy. 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com or 0417 109 251.

Given our impressive vaccination rates, the committee is hopeful that all will go ahead as planned. However, as we have all learnt over the past two years, we must be flexible. With this in mind, we would appreciate completion of the entry form now (to give us a clear indication of who is planning to join us), but no payment is required at the moment.

In early 2022, the committee will look at the current circumstances relating to interstate travel and number restrictions on gatherings, and we will make a decision about the viability of running the Rally in April 2022. Once we confirm we believe it will go ahead, invoices will be issued for payment.

Please pass this email onto anyone who is interested and has not yet submitted an Expression of Interest. The newsletter (with booking form

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link) will also be on our website.

Looking forward to receiving your Booking form.

Kind Regards

Andrea Casabene

National Rally Chair

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.

More Photos and news on the website

**<http://www.austin7club.org/>
And you can check for up-to-date information on events and news.**



OUR AUSTIN 7s

MY AUSTIN John Westcott and his 1926 Austin 7

Where does your interest in Austin 7's come from? If you can beat John Westcott's story the Editor would like to hear from you.

When John was 7 years old in 1942 he noticed a neighbour living opposite opening his garage and push out a strange looking small car. The man started the engine and left it rattling for a while and John went over and asked him if he was going to drive it. After a while he turned off the ignition and said "How about you ask your Mum if you can come for a ride and change gears for me". Reason is, he had lost his left arm in WWI and it was nearly impossible for him to change gears. That proved to bring a young boy's dream come true and in time he was allowed to help steer as well.

As a 17yo he and a mate put in £5 each and purchased a very worn Holden bodied 2 seater roadster. Regrettably it proved to be very close to its use by date and not believed to have survived. The story goes that Holden built 122 of



Above: First owner with the car

Below: The £10 Austin 7



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these roadsters. It is unclear if this was the total production or they were all for South Australia Gas Company.

Come 1968 John found another partly refurbished 2 seater with its engine in bits. He managed to source enough parts to make it a goer in his driveway and his then 11yo son Peter learned to drive it and take his sisters for drives in the driveway. History repeating.

Circa 1980 he was talking to a chap about Austin 7's in Melbourne. It turned out this man was the first owner of John's car when it came to Melbourne in 1932. Thus explains the photo of the car.

Come 2000 it was time to restore it over a 2 year period using his mechanical and body building skills that have been honed on a variety of cars over several decades.

The car is obviously not its original black as John's grandchildren did not like the colour, hence the light cream paint job all undertaken by John in his home workshop. Not only his grandchildren appreciate short drives



Peter learns to drive

OUR AUSTIN 7s



with their Grandpa but it also gets admiring looks from small children. The car is fitted with lap safety belts to ensure compliance with the VicRoads Directive re carriage of young passengers.

Earlier this year he rebuilt the engine as it was using too much oil. With the modest method of retardation built into A7's John has always kept to short drives. Stopping the car in city traffic is a challenge. Maybe a country run on the Centenary Rally will help bed in the new piston rings.

Having provided good family fun for 53 years, the car is now popular with John's grandchildren. With a little bit of luck it will be seen at the Centenary Rally at Warrnambool next year.

Richard Unkles

OUR Austin 7s



This is our 1932 A7 Sports Special in its original configuration. It was built at Gilbert Body Works in Adelaide and applauded at the time for its striking appearance, Featuring two tone blue paintwork with gold pin-striping, an

attractive beetle back and an imposing meteor front cowl . Of particular interest is the tiny, one only, door on the passenger side which made access very difficult when the hood was erected. It also had a rather unfortunate habit of oversteering and the original owner soon traded it in for a Wolseley Hornet . The A7 was subsequently purchased by Wally Lockett who lived opposite Gilberts and had followed the build with much interest.



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The photo above shows the A7 in 1938 after it had been converted into a four seater family tourer by Frank Lonzer (of Meteor fame) at Gilbert Body Works. This was done to accommodate the fast growing Lockett family. The body was cut in front of the rear wheels and a square rigger back section with an extra seat was added. Unfortunately no door was included on the driver's side and the photo shows a rather frustrated Mrs. Lockett in the driving seat outside the family home.

*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.*

OUR AUSTIN 7s

After many years of disrepair and various ownerships the vehicle was eventually restored by Noel Wilcox in 1995 with the kind assistance of many other A7 Club members. The distinctive meteor style radiator cowl was removed during the 1995 restoration

Again no door was added to the driver's side to maintain the strength of the body frame. However the original passenger door was increased in size to assist with access. The A7 Sports Special is currently undergoing a well needed tidy up for the 2022 Warrnambool Rally



*Most people don't think I'm as old as I am
until they hear me stand up.*

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PERMIT

Given the responsibility for compliance with eligibility, the Club does not authorise CPS applications for MODIFIED vehicles, other than Austin 7s and their derivatives, since the Club Permit Officers would not have sufficient experience to judge eligibility, and are now required to attest to eligibility.

‘An applicant for a *Club Permit for any vehicle other than an Austin 7 must be a Full Member of the Austin Seven Club Inc.’

The Club Permit Officer will request a statement from any applicant for new CPS vehicles that are NOT Austin 7s, to state that the vehicle is not modified outside the Regulations, or the VSI 8 or the VSI 33, whichever are applicable, and that any vehicle manufactured after 30 June 1975 meets the ADRs

TO APPLY FOR A NEW PERMIT

Your Club Permit Officers will require the following with your CPS application:-

- ◆ MUST be on the VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- ◆ MUST be accompanied by a VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles Form
- ◆ MUST be accompanied by a current Certificate of Roadworthiness (within 30 days of the Declaration Date) - The alternate VicRoads “Guideline Vehicle Safety Inspection Checklist” is NOT accepted, as the Club does not have any authorised CPS Scrutineers.
- ◆ Dated photographs of front, driver’s side, back, driving positions (side on with driver’s door open), and where possible - Chassis number, engine number, car number and a photo of ALL modifications.
- ◆ An application for a “modified” Austin 7 MUST be accompanied by a VASS

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approval certificate

- ◆ An application for a “modified” Austin 7 motorcycle MUST be shown to meet the Standards applying to Motorcycle & Mopeds VSI 4

CLUB PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL ARRANGEMENTS - COVID 19

AUTHORIZATION BY CLUB PERMIT OFFICER

During the period that Club Meetings are Suspended, due to the health crisis, approval of your Club Permit Renewals or Applications will need to be mailed, WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE, to the Club Permit Officer, at:-

Russell Dickson

115 Yarrbat Ave.

BALWYN, VIC., 3103

OR

Robert Humphreys

27 Peters Dve.

CHELTENHAM, VIC., 3192

Electronic RENEWAL applications, following the VicRoads process will NOT be accepted by the Austin 7 Club, Club Permit Officers.

Get On-Line

If you have registered your email address with the Club, you will be receiving a number of newsletters from other Clubs, and also the magazine, produced by David Vaughan, “Country Motor”.

No 70 of Country Motor is, as usual, a good read. In particular an article on Page 16 is a reproduction of an article from “Australian Motor Sports” (AMS) dated 16 June 1947. This article is about Australian Specials No 10 - Lyell – Dent Austin 7. This is quite an interesting NSW built sports special.

At least one other in the Australian Specials series featured an Austin 7 special, being the Fred Thorne Special, which is now owned by an A7 Club member who lives in Mentone.

Incidentally, AMS, initially published in Melbourne by Arthur Wylie also included reports from the various motor sports clubs, and from the early 1950s John Pryce regularly wrote a monthly Austin 7 Club entry in “Car Club Notes”.

If you see copies of the early (about A5 size) issues of this magazine, started in 1946, they are well worth collecting, as they have a wealth of information, and really interesting advertisements. Last issue of the magazine was in 1971, but by then it also included a lot of “motoring” articles.

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the Cupboard?

AUSTIN 7 CLUB INC. - COMMITTEE 2021

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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/>

SUB-COMMITTEES 2021**HISTORIC WINTON SUB-COMMITTEE**

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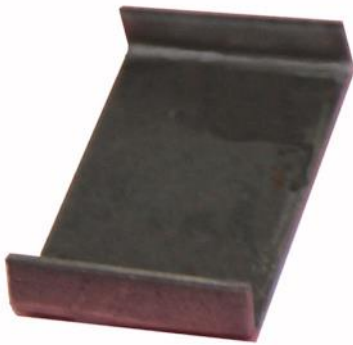
Two vacancies

NEWS FROM SPARES***NEW SPARES*****NEWS FROM SPARES – October.**

Last month Graeme wrote that he had added some new items on the shelves and these are; steel caps that go on the end of the early aluminium brake shoes, the tapered pins that locate the clutch withdrawal levers on the clutch pedal spindle and a tap water outlet repair kit, for an early head.

So here's the photos of those new stock items.

Don't forget to come to our Zoom Hot Air Session, on the third Wednesday, when you can get a personal guided tour of the Club Spares.

**Item # 0236 Cap for end of brake shoe.**

If the caps on your cars Brake shoes are worn they will not be working efficiently, and require greater pedal pressure.

Item # 0162 Pin, taper for securing Clutch withdrawal levers to the clutch pedal spindle.

These tapered pins have a habit of getting lost, and a suitable alternative is difficult to find.



NEW SPARES



Item # 0124r Repair plate for top water outlet of the early cylinder head.

The water outlet on the early cylinder head gets very corroded and particularly the fixing hole for the securing stud.

This item, made of stainless steel, facilitates rejuvenation, with five countersunk holes for securing to the head, and a tapped hole for securing stud.



You may also like to treat your car to a new water outlet.

Item # 0015 Outlet top water—1 stud

1923 to 1936

The gasket to fit.

Item # 0124 Gasket top water branch—1 stud

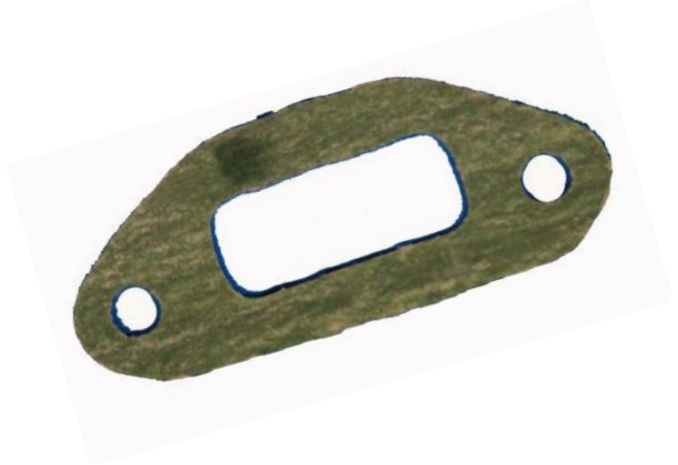
1923 to 1936



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Item # 0125 Gasket top water branch—2 stud

Many Austin 7 owners who demand increased performance, purchase what is generally known as a 1937 head (but standard fitting on all Austin 7s after mid-1936 plus many earlier production sports models.



Also fits the Cylinder heads produced by our Club.

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

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

MARKET PLACE

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

1923/27 Austin 7 Gordon England Brooklands Replica

A beautiful light car that accurately replicates a significant Austin 7 racing car built by English aviator E.C Gordon England in the 1920's.

This accurate and well-built replica is a culmination of decades of collecting period correct parts.

The aluminium body was one of a batch constructed by noted Scottish expert Tom Abernathy (number TA8) that was imported by myself in the eighties.



The car was assembled around this body to a high standard by Grant Cowie and his team at Up the Creek Workshop. A vintage Austin chassis was fitted with a set of early 6 inch brakes, brand new wheels with centres spun from solid material, a three speed close ratio John Needham Austin 7 gearbox and vintage differential.

The very early engine (no. 1405 – August 1923) was built by Grant Cowie to a very high standard for proper motoring. Fitted with a pressure fed English ‘Phoenix’ crankshaft and rods, sports camshaft, period correct extractor exhaust system and a Bob Booth magneto/distributor conversion. Original magneto can be supplied if desired. The carburettor is an updraft ‘barrel throttle’ bronze 30mm Solex that is correct for this model.

The car has the correct CAV headlights and Lucas sidelights, early CAV push-pull control panel, Smiths 0-60psi oil pressure gauge and ‘AT speedometer’ RPM/MPH rev counter. The staggered leather swab seats



beautifully made by Grant White Motor Trimming nicely finish off the period cockpit.

Prepared for sale by Grant Cowie and his team at Up the Creek Workshop, this little Austin is at home on both club rallies or Sprints and Hillclimbs. Perfect for the Austin 7 centenary rally next year at Warnambool.

Austin 7 Club member's price - \$40,000

For initial enquires please contact Stuart Steinfort 0419114222 (after 4pm please during weekdays) or stuart.steinfort@gmail.com



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE - A7Badge

David has inherited an Austin 7 club car badge (for attaching to bumper).

The writing on the badge is 1950 1990 FORTY YEARS in burgundy red on gold with “Ruby” on the car number plate.

The badge is numbered 103 and is still in its original packaging.

The Badge is in Alphington, Melbourne.

If interested in purchasing this, please send an offer to David by 14th October - email address David Mckenzie david@jandmck.com



EDITOR'S NOTE These badges were minted by the Austin 7 Club and released for sale at the Club's Ruby Year Reunion, at Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards, on 21 January 1990. 150 badges were minted.

Lost in metric translation

- ⇒ A miss is as good as 1.6 km.
- ⇒ Put your best 0.3 of a metre forward.
- ⇒ Spare the 5.03 m and spoil the child.
- ⇒ 28 g of prevention is worth 453 g of cure.
- ⇒ Give a man 2.5 cm and he'll take 1.6 km.
- ⇒ Peter Piper picked 8.8 L of pickled peppers.

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. \$18,000 ono

Alan Ray 0417 263 288 Bermagui NSW

FOR SALE

Little used trailer to suit either A7 or MGB.

Has hydraulic over-run brakes, hydraulic tilt mechanism, winch & spare wheel.

Can be viewed at Mornington. Price \$2,500 ONO.

Brian Williams 0438 057 033



Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come Noses run and Feet smell?

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Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

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

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See Story on Page 23, of the history of the Noel Wilcox Sports A7





A teaser from Richard Unkles - Where is it now?

What is the device on the front - presumably a PTO.