
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

April 2021



Tony Sprent's 1935 (?) tourer.

See My Austin Story on Page 24

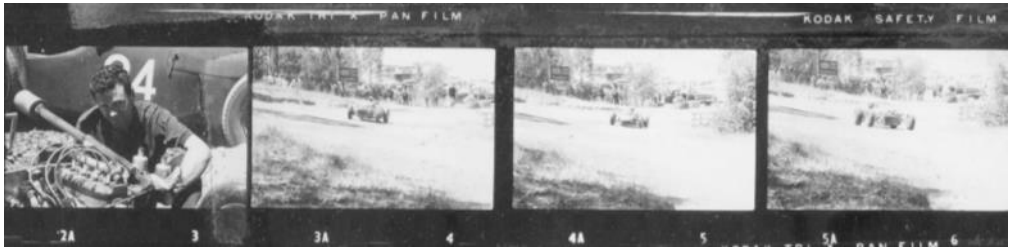
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Apology from the Editor I mistakenly attributed the John Kleine photos in March LS to Martin Stubbs.



However these photos from Templestowe were indeed taken by David Lowe and need to be acknowledged as his work.



The attached proof sheet from Tony Press's archives as they were shared the with Martin last year.



Neil and Myrna, Nigel Tait and Geoff Taylor can be spotted in David's photos.



Editor's Note - I thought I'd share the raw proofs with you, as a reminder of what the old film technology was like.



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

APRIL

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

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at any time, and with an expectation that everyone will
“socially distance”.

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

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

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

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
30	Wed	7		URRRS - Ambulance Museum

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

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

TUESDAY 20 April 2021.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It would appear that we are starting to turn the corner with COVID 19 and as a result many of the club members are very busy organising events, which include social, competition, and touring.

On the social scene the club has committed to be the organising club for the Good Friday Hot Cross Bun run to raise money for the Children's Hospital Appeal. Whilst I am unable to attend I would strongly recommend that all members should attend in order to support the hospital and to represent the club in this multi club event.

John McMillan has two events organised the first is the URRRS run to the ambulance museum which would have already happened by the time you read this report, however the second event is a run around the bay to Dromana, please read John's event details in the following pages.

The main committee has given the green light for Historic Winton to take place this year, all be it in a different format, subject to certain criteria having been met. I ask all members to give Peta Lee and the Historic Winton committee your full support, and please keep an eye on our web site and social media for up to date information.

The National Rally committee has been meeting and various members have been to Warrnambool to check out the very many requirements to run such a large national event and to do justice to the one hundred years of the Austin 7.

John Shiells and Courtney Rumble have been setting up the club rooms with the necessary equipment so we can conduct our MGM at the club rooms and zoom to our remote members. Testing of the system is currently being carried out.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome three new members:

John Mair from Prospect Vale Tasmania who owns a 1928 Austin 7 Boat Tail Sports Special.

Gene Miller from Lucaston Tasmania with a Big 7 Sports Special he recently purchased from Darwin.

Kushan Samarakoon from Berwick joins as a junior member. His father Ranjith who joined last year has a 1928 Chummy.

Congratulations to Iain Stone and Christy Waters on the safe arrival of Faye Waters Stone who was born on 13 March. Hopefully another junior member in years to come.

Regards

Russell - Membership Secretary

EDITOR's Note

It is interesting to see that we now have 13 Tasmanian members.

COVID Safe Gatherings

As we go to press, the intention to ease restrictions in Victoria, has been announced, and full details are still to come.

However, it appears that they may be unlikely to significantly affect our conduct of events at our Clubrooms

Old Drivers and Speed Limits

One Sunday, sitting on the side of the highway waiting to catch speeding drivers, a Police Officer sees a car puttering along at 22 MPH.

He thinks to himself, "This driver is just as dangerous as a speeder!" So he turns on his lights and pulls the driver over.

Approaching the car, he notices that there are five old ladies - two in the front seat and three in the back - wide-eyed and white as ghosts. The driver, obviously confused, says to him, "Officer, I don't understand, I was doing exactly the speed limit! I always go exactly the speed limit. What seems to be the problem?"

"Ma'am," the officer replies, "you weren't speeding, but you should know that driving significantly slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers."

"Slower than the speed limit? No sir, I was doing the speed limit exactly! Twenty-two miles an hour!" the old woman says a bit proudly.

The State Police officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explains to her that "22" was the route number, not the speed limit.

A bit embarrassed, the woman grinned and thanked the officer for pointing out her error.

"But before I let you go, Ma'am, I have to ask . . . Is everyone in this car OK? These women seem awfully shaken and they haven't muttered a single peep this whole time," the officer asks with concern.

"Oh, they'll be all right in a minute officer. We just got off Route 119.

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

Editor's Ramblings

COLLECTING MEMORIES

All of us are into collecting, but what do we really collect, - is it memories.

I was reviewing the most recent Stamp Bulletin, which seemed to accentuate the memories that we perpetuate, in one way or another.

So, the Frontline HEROES series of stamps commemorate many of those who looked after our health and wellbeing during the coronavirus pandemic.

In a tough year our firefighters were also celebrated.

Our most powerful warship of the late 19th century, HMVS Cerberus, is remembered together with the ships Wyatt Earp and RSV Nuyina, for their part in two epic Antarctic expeditions.

But, most importantly for car buffs, "Holden Australian Icon", is a series of five stamps depicting 5 Holden car models from the 1948 Holden 48-215, to the 2006 VE Commodore SS V. These are not only celebrated in stamps, but also with Medallion covers.

For the sports memories what would be better than a collection of five Australian Legends of Cricket, or for the hard-core Footy fans, there are stamp booklets for all the AFL and NRL teams.

Taking a trip into childhood, perhaps to celebrate memories with a few grand-children, the Winnie the Pooh or Alice in Wonderland stamp pack, may reinforce a shared reading of portion of these books. After all you can also send them home, after their visit, and "someone else" can be harassed into completing the reading.

Who can forget marathon school holiday Monopoly games, which are celebrated with a Monopoly stamp pack, and you can also purchase an

Editor's Ramblings

Australia Post Monopoly game with all Australian features. No there are no Bond Street, Trafalgar Square of Fenchurch St Station. However from GO you can go to Perth GPO, Port Arthur, Mail Distribution Centre (miss "GO TO JAIL"), or have some "Letterbox Luck", or even pay RENT at Yarralumla.

I am sure that each may evoke MEMORIES, for all of us who dare to dream.

Rob.H.

In his President's Report, Len has invited us all to get active in a range of events that have been organised.

But you may all think about having your own back-yard event, and the following recycled product may very well appeal to all.

This, surely, is Aussie engineering at its very best!

When you're finished barbecuing and the ice has melted, just **turn the handle and the fire goes out.**

OMG ... is this a great country, or what?



COMING EVENTS

The Editor has already encouraged you to get “computer savvy”.

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

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

You will note that General Meetings at our Clubrooms have now been resumed, notwithstanding the COVID restriction on numbers.

The Club worked towards refitting the Clubrooms, so that future meetings can combine both attendees, and electronic attendees. We have some big screens to view those who are attending by “Zoom”.

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

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

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

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

SPARES

To comply with COVID requirements and being fair to others, Graeme Logan has asked that you come to Spares with a list prepared beforehand,

COMING EVENTS

to speed up being served, and enable compliance with our COVIDSafe Plan.

HOT CROSS BUN RUN GOOD FRIDAY - 2 APRIL 2021

Annual Charity Event: Generous donations collected for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal



WHERE - Rosella Oval / Picnic Area – Braeside Park

Enter Braeside Park from Lower Dandenong Road.—Rosella Oval is the last oval on the left hand side before the exit back onto Lower Dandenong Road. Please note this is a ONE WAY circuit.

Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside. Melway Map: 88 E8

Come early to try to park all our the cars together as a club.
Look for the Austin 7 flag banners.

WHEN Time. 9.00am till 2:30pm

BYO Picnic chairs and tables, Lunch and drinks, sunscreen.

No Alcohol is permitted.

The organisation of this event is shared by the Veteran Car Club Vic (VCCAV), Vintage Drivers Club (VDC), Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA) and the Austin 7 Club Inc. This year will be hosted by the Austin 7 Club Inc.

Please come along and join in our club display and have a great day out with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy the

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multitude of superb vehicles that are on display.

Free Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee provided, along with scintillating conversation.

Housekeeping: No animals are allowed in the Park.

Please take your litter home with you.

Do not feed or handle the wild life.

Drive very carefully on the oval.

Braeside Park is closed on CODE RED fire danger days and the event would be cancelled.

Monthly General Meeting - Wednesday 7 April 2021

The Meetings are on again, but with strict control of numbers that can attend. The Clubrooms is limited to 35 persons, which is a challenge, since our meetings commonly have 50+ members.

So only come to the meeting if you are happy to stand outside if the limit of 35 has already been reached.

Alternately attend, in the comfort of your home, via ZOOM.

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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.

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.

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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.

Observed Section Trials Scrutineering and Test Day

Saturday 10 April 2021

To find out more, visit the Austin 7 Club website, which has details of the location of all OSTs for the season, and also has:-

- ⇒ OST Regulations and Entry Forms
- ⇒ OST Formula
- ⇒ Self Scrutineering Form

Pier to Pier - Sunday 18th April

Casual drive around the bay

Meet for 10.30am departure from Mordialloc Pier,
assembly area west side of Mordialloc Creek (Melway Ref 92 E1)
& travel to the second departure point McDonalds Frankston
Corner Wells St & Nepean Highway Frankston (Melway Ref 100A C6)
Team leader at Mordialloc Michael Shegog

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11 am leave Frankston and drive to Dromana Pier (Melway Ref 159 H5)
BYO everything for Picnic Lunch or purchase food at various shops across
the road and join other members on the foreshore.

Members in outer suburbs who may consider this run too far south
may wish to trailer to our club rooms or Austin 7 Heaven and
take a short drive to Mordialloc starting point.

For more information if required
Call John McMillan 0408 994 510
Or Michael Shegog 0419 007 033

OST 1 - Lilydale - Sunday 18 April 2021

70-80 Leonard Road. From Lilydale travel east on Maroonday Highway
for approximately 4 km , turn right into Ingrams Road, treavel 1.7 km turn
right into Leonards Road, property on left under power line, look for OST
signs.

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

COMING EVENTS

Historic Winton 2021

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May 2021

So very pleased to officially announce that Historic Winton will go ahead this year. But, it will be very different to our usual affair as we present a scaled-back version due to COVIDSafe compliance restrictions. There are government permits, very strict rules and regulations relating to all events in Victoria for at least the next 8 months. Some we can comply with, and others are proving quite costly. Without going into detail, there is a sliding scale of tiered events, with associated rules and costs, and so we have selected the tier most appropriate for our Club.

At the time of writing in mid March, we have launched a “Competitor Only” event, with entries already open to cars, and open to bikes shortly. Each competitor will be able to bring Pit Crew (one at the moment – hopefully three by May) and we are hoping to attract our usual fields.

Once entries are under way, and COVIDSafe compliance rules are met and understood, we are very hopeful to open public tickets via Ticketebo for a restricted 1000 spectators. We will advertise to members via email if this occurs – most likely mid April.

Officials are still required, and I am 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 Committee is also still seeking to fill the vacancy of Officials Catering Chief. Please give me 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

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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 not have trade vendors nor the 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.

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

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BORDER RUN 12,13 & 14 June 2021

BORDER RUN – PORTLAND 12,13 and 14 June 2021

Our Border Run is happening. The South Aussies are already gearing up for it so keep fettling that Austin Seven or just bring yourselves. All are very welcome.

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 on opposite page:



THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

*It is the policy of our Club that owners of Austin 7 Club Club Permit vehicles **MUST** maintain financial membership at all times.*

Your Club Permit Officers are, our Membership Secretary Russell Dickson and Robert Humphreys.

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

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

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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
Walk-In Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
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Walk-In Room	3 (Queen+Single)	\$538	\$443	\$165
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	

More Photos and news on the website

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

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

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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

URRRS Event Wednesday 31st June 2021**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

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2021 Federation Golden Oldies Tour

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

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

ENTRY FEE is planned as \$240per vehicle (depending on sponsorship) and **will be payable with the Entry Form (when the tour is confirmed)** Entry will include 2 adults for lunch at Marong, the final dinner and breakfast in Bendigo, some entertainment.

EMAIL Expression of Interest to GoldenOldies-Tour@outlook.com.au

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

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

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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.

A promotional poster for the Austin Seven 100 Years Warrnambool National Rally 2022. The poster features a stylized black and white whale illustration on a light blue background. The text 'Austin Seven' is written in a cursive font, and '100 YEARS' is in large, bold, white-outlined numbers. Below the whale, there is a small black silhouette of an Austin Seven car. The text 'WARRNAMBOOL National Rally 2022' is positioned to the right of the car. At the bottom, the text reads: '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'.

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.

MY AUSTIN by Tony Sprent

Club Members have recently met Tony, as he has been a member who has been Zooming our MGs, from Tasmania.

1935? Austin Seven (Ruby?) Open Road Tourer

Two years ago, I purchased my Austin 7, sight unseen, on Gumtree from its previous owner in West Australia about 100km northeast of Perth.

I had it shipped over by road transport to Hobart. It was in remarkably good condition. I was told that it had come from a museum (location unknown but maybe NSW) but that it had not been driven for many years. It probably was



from NSW as it had a National Emergency Services Warden car plate attached when the previous owner purchased it. This was the organisation which started in 1939 in NSW to prepare Australia for the Second World War. A detailed description of this service, the precursor of the SES organisation, is given in <https://gallery.records.nsw.gov.au/index.php/galleries/war-and-australia/war-and-australia-world-war-ii/world-war-ii-1942-nsw-prepares-for-war/>



MY AUSTIN

I have completely stripped the vehicle and am in the process of putting it all back together. Not being a person skilled in body work, I am having this done by a local firm, “Rusty Customs”. Hopefully I will have the upholstery and hood made by Simon Hadolt after he recovers from a serious road accident.

All the woodwork was complete, though rotten in many places. I have reproduced most of this using the original pieces for patterns. I have made the bows from laminated marine ply, 2mm hard bend, 4mm easy bend, glued together with marine grade polyurethane glue. I originally tried steam bending without success. The wheel arches were made using the original segments as patterns but glued rather than screwed together..

All the wood parts will be treated with Everdure to preserve the timber before assembly.

The engine is in remarkable condition. I had it looked at by Bruce Hills who took the sump and head off. He told me he thought the engine had been rebuilt about 30 years ago but had never been run since then. It runs perfectly now.



MY AUSTIN

My ambition is to have the vehicle completely restored in time to take my grandson to his school's leaving dinner in a couple of years' time!

Attached are a few photos of the vehicle and some of the parts. I think it may be a later model than 1935 as it has a three bearing crank shaft, engine No M269412, Chassis No AS 1926 (?). If anyone can help, I'd love to get more information on the car, its model and any other details that Club members might have.

Tony Sprent, Tasmania



**DUE TO MY
ISOLATION. I
FINISHED 3 BOOKS
YESTERDAY.
AND BELIEVE ME.
THAT'S A LOT OF
COLOURING.**

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.

Austin Seven Clubs Association

The Online Archive

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

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

More being constantly added

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

An original Handbook is also a handy reference.

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PROGRESSIVE LUNCH

Also see photos, inside back cover

Final numbers for the day, for both teas and lunch - 25

Lunch only - 7

6 Austin 7's

Great weather !

Great company !

No masks !

And a lot of talking and catching up!!!

Best outfits->>

Michael and Yolanda

AND

Brian and Glynis

Thanks for your participation

Ron and Helen

Robert and Tony



PAST EVENTS



PROGRESSIVE LUNCH



RaceChix International Women's Day Track Day

The BMW Drivers Club Melbourne are organising a track/training day at Broadford on March 8th for women interested in motorsport.

The idea is to provide an easy way for women to give motorsport a try and receive mentoring and support.

The activities include time on track and in the classroom with in-car instruction.

Although there will be male instructors and officials the participants will be female only.

Participants bring their own car but we plan to have some hot laps in race cars as well.

The event registration is at <https://bmwdcm.com.au/event-4182835>

We encourage all clubs to circulate this amongst their members and help get those women who are attracted to motorsport get involved.

Lawrence Glynn

Secretary

BMW Drivers Club Melbourne Inc

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**THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB ROOMS AND CLUB SPARES
are located at
UNIT 8, 19-23, KYLIE PLACE, CHELTENHAM NORTH.**

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Spares are open:-

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

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Spares can be ordered by mail from:

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

Or mailorderparts@austin7club.org

Now that we are getting out of the COVID lockdown and air travel is more likely, I thought I'd encourage



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.

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.

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COVID19 Event Controllers

Two vacancies

NEWS FROM SPARES

NEWS FROM SPARES – 13 March 2021.

I have had another batch of late model brake drums cast and they are now in the process of being machined. The fibre glass meteor body has been sold and has gone to N.S.W.

I had a look at a Ruby that has been dismantled and the body left under an apple tree. It is in a sad state but there are often some bits worth salvaging on these finds. It came with quite a few very good books which I have given to David Easton for the library.

Quite often a member will turn up with some part or another and wanting a new one. After a bit of talking backwards & forwards we realise it is the wrong part for the job. Sometimes it takes a bit of convincing - this is so because it came with the car or some other “known person said so.” Do yourself a favour and do as our Editor suggests and contact the Austin Seven Clubs Association Archives and download a copy of one of many parts books for the year of your car.

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

BOOK FOR SALE

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David Goodsir,

(02) 6733 3284.

goodies.david@gmail.com.

FOR SALE FROM CLUB SPARES

Fibreglass sports body—poor condition. \$100.

Came with recent load of second-hand spares.

Graeme Logan 5989 7344



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**Editor's Comment**

For more detail, see January/February Lightshaft

Good competitive car for sprints

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Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

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

Robert & Janne Humphreys-
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Frame is in Balwyn

Peter Ford 0422 388 378.



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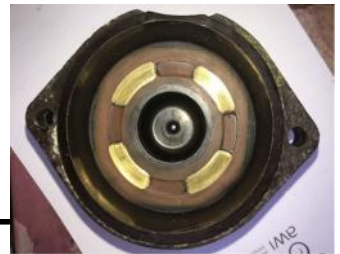
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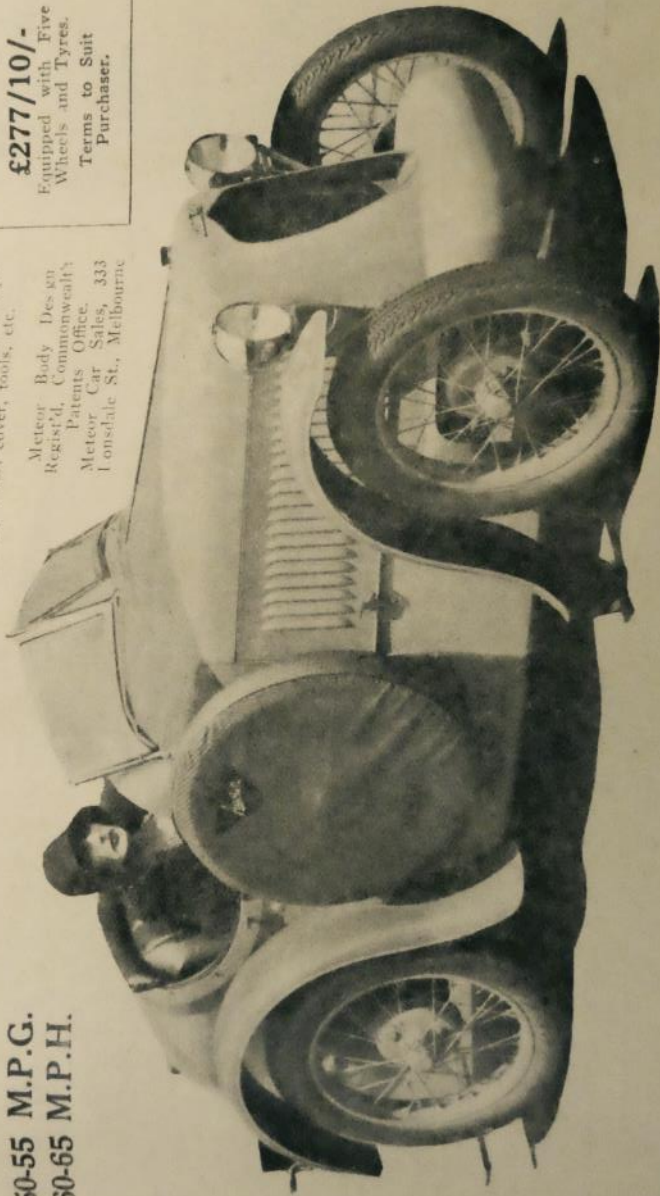
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