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# THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

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August 2024

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Historic Winton 2024 - MEN AT WORK.

Photo Julie Ellis-Jones

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Top Left: Nakita Stock has her first competition drive, under a bleak sky and rain squalls, interrupted by regular sunny patches, during OST 6 at Haunted Hills, in Moe Below: Tender vehicles lined up on the hillclimb track.

Photos from Jason





**Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 75th year**

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**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**

### **AUGUST**

2-4	Fri-Sun			VHRR Winton Festival of Speed
3	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
3	Sat			Federation Delegates Mtg at Mildura VVC
6	Tue			MA State Council - Delegates Mtg
7	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
10	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
11	Sun	7		O.S.T. 8- 73rd John Pryce Memorial Trial - Lilydale
16	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
17	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
18	Sun	7	A	HERITAGE RUN
21	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
24	Sat	7	A	Crazy Whist Night
24	Sat			AOMC Delegates Meeting - country venue
25	Sun	7		O.S.T. 9 - Neerim South
25-1				Federation Golden Oldies Tour - Federation
25	Sun			Marong Picnic - Federation
31	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven

### **Club Calendar Information**

- A** Event counts towards the 750 Shield and Frank Walter Trophy
- S** Event counts towards the Sprint, Hillclimb and Doc Grosvenor trophies
- 7** An event conducted by the Austin 7 Club

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

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

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

**SEPTEMBER**

1	Sun			FATHERS DAY
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
6	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
<del>8</del>	<del>Sun</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>A</del>	<del>History Tour</del>
8	Sun	7		O.S.T. 10 - Three Bridges
7-8	Fri-Sun			All Historic Racing at Pheasant Wood Circuit
13-16	Fri-Mon	7	A	BORDER RUN - Swan Hill
18	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
21	Sat			First Day of Spring School Holidays
22	Sun	7		O.S.T. 11 - Glenburn
22	Sun		S	VSCC Vintage Hillclimb Rob Roy
27	Fri			AFL Holiday W/E Run?

**You can see a regularly updated 2024 Club Calendar on our website**

**Latest Updates in Green**

**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 the clubrooms***

Spares are open:-

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

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

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

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

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

**EDITOR's NOTE**

My chummy has had an ulster ratios *3 speed gearbox* for the last 30 years.

Wonderful when car is driver only. But, when going on trips, with a full holiday load on board, it has frequently been an embarrassment, when requiring a start on an steep uphill eg trying to get out of Eskine Falls Rd Lorne - I needed to back up road. Second and third are like Ruby 3 & 4—perfect at touring speeds—no more screaming in second.

But that high first gear is also hard on the clutch, which eventually disintegrated—so it now has new bonded linings.

The replacement box, built be Brian Gibbons, has the Ulster second gear ratio, but first gear remains original standard gearbox first.

Hope this will prove perfect for touring.

All this work was performed at Austin 7 Heaven, with help, advice, assistance, frustration and COFFEE

Rob.H.

Hurray, I'll be at the Border Run.

Brian Gibbons snapped me at work on my Austin 7 - I absolutely declares that I was relieving my *car* of old fuel.



For Committee, Sub-Committees, Delegates and other club contacts, see list later in the Lightshaft. Page 36/37

**LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING**

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

***Friday 16 August 2024.***

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we all look forward to saying goodbye to the cold winter months that have been hammering the east coast of Australia, it's time to prepare the Austins for the summer.

Please give some attention to the long suffering battery. The cold weather will kill a battery in no time, so check the fluid level and keep it charged and in a warm place. Take a good look at your car and address any issues you see. Remember to lubricate all those points as per the lubrication chart. Check the fan belt as you will need it in summer and last but not least check all tyre pressures including the spare.

Also, is all your Red Plate permit paper work up to date and current?

Remember the Austin Seven Club is there to assist you to enjoy your car. Our permit officers will guide you with all permit requirements and our spare parts personnel are only too keen to help you find that new or second hand part that will keep your Austin on the road for your enjoyment.

Now that you are all legal and safe to go, what's on? Well check the Light Shaft or log onto the web site and you will see there is a run to the John Pryce Memorial Trial, there is a heritage run and a social event to name a few. If you still need help with the Austin then join your fellow club members at Austin Seven Heaven where you will find tools, equipment and knowhow.

Len Kerwood

In my mind, I am still 24, BUT, my back is 55, my knee is 67, and my left hip turns 79 next week.

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There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.

Only a fraction of people will find this funny.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome new members David Atkins from Pakenham and Shaun McGuire from Yamba.

David is hoping to compete with his father Bob in Bob's old OST car that is being rebuilt.

Shaun has a late model Austin 7.

Members who may be getting a Club Permit need to be aware of a problem a couple of members have encountered. When entering "Austin" the VicRoads system seems to default to Austin Western which is abbreviated to "A WEST". Make sure all the information entered in the new permit is correct or else it can be quite difficult to change. "Austin Western" is earth moving equipment, and not an Austin 7, but you may still have to convince VicRoads staff that they are different vehicles.

Russell

## CLUB VISITOR

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

Contact Bruce on [brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com](mailto:brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com)

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

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## VALE Gordon Dobie

### EDITOR's Note

**It is only a few months ago that Russell, in his Membership Report, said:** “Gordon Dobie of Moorabbin is renewing some old acquaintances, having previously been a member in 1959 and the early ‘60s when he was involved with the racing fraternity. It was nice to meet Gordon at the Plum Pudding Night.”, and I added, “ ..Gordon joined the Club in 1962, as member No 834 ....”, but, to do justice to his memory, Tony Johns provided the following.

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Gordon Dobie and his friend John Robertson joined the club in 1959 with the intention of building an Austin 7 to compete in Hillclimbs and Race meetings in the Austin 7 Formula class.

The Austin was entered under John’s name as the owner; Gordon was the constructor and they both shared the driving.

At Rob Roy, 20 August 1961, John drove the Austin, Gordon also competed that day, driving one of the two Austins entered by Ian Wells under his Willsmere Service Station banner.

A month later, this time at Templestowe, it was Gordons turn to drive. Nigel Tait was having one of his first outings at the same meeting.

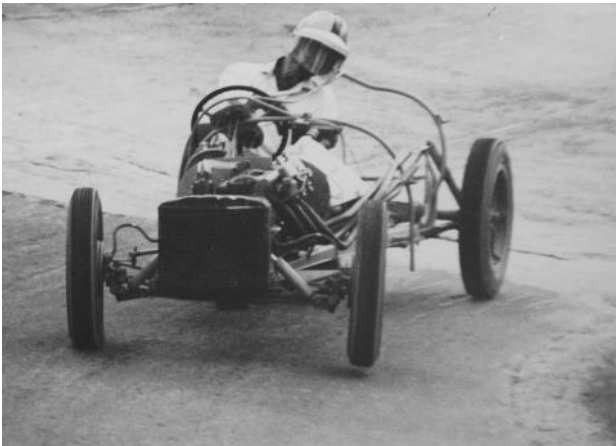
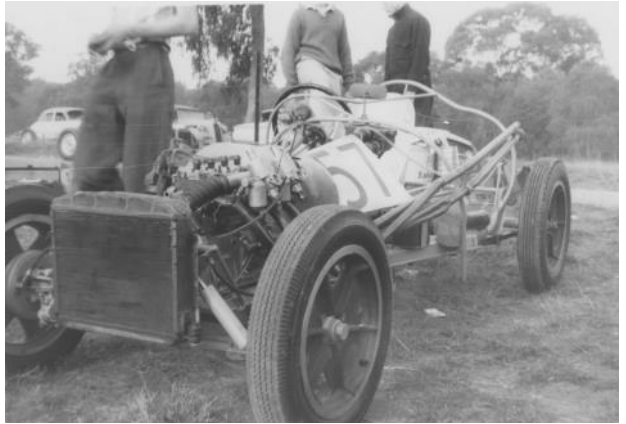
I first met Gordon in the pits at the Templestowe Hillclimb when I took this photo of their Austin showing the Ruby chassis and the 3 bearing motor as well as the John Fleming, alloy wheels and hydraulic brake backing plates.

Gordon went on to lower the class record at Templestowe in October 1962, previously held by Jacques Sapir with a new time of 62.21 seconds. John Whitehouse was the first to break the 60 second barrier recording 59.92 seconds.



John Whitehouse later lowered his time to 56.1 seconds, which was still the class record when the hill was closed.

Tony John's photo, Templestowe pits.



David Lowe's photo of Gordon lifting a front wheel in the Esses at Templestowe.

If you compare the two photos you will see Gordon has shortened the two exhausts pipes. Recently when I asked about this his reply was, the extra length did not add any more power so I saved weight by cutting them off.

Gordon and John also competed at the Hepburn Springs Hillclimb and from memory Gordon still holds the Austin 7 record there.

Possibly Gordon's last drive of the Austin was at the Geelong Speed Trials in 1964, where again he lowered the class record to 17.92 seconds.

Working for John Roxburgh, Gordon was responsible for the preparation of the Datsun Racing Team cars, first the sports cars and later the saloon cars that raced at Sandown and Bathurst. During this period he established a

## VALE Gordon Dobie

close friendship with Doug Whiteford, former triple Australian Grand Prix winner and Datsun Team driver.

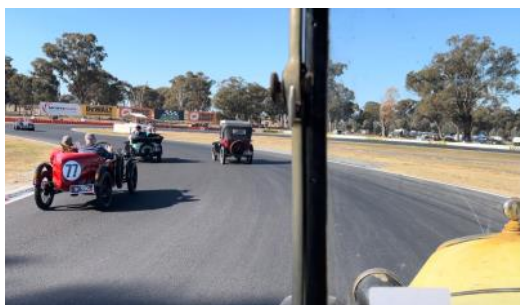
Gordon acquired a workshop in Beach Road Hampton to prepare both his Datsun competition cars as well as those for his clients. After retiring from racing in 2017 he authored the book 'Racing For Fun' that tells the story of his involvement in Australian motor sport.

One story Gordon related about Doug Whiteford, was a 1960s Sandown Park meeting where Gordon was preparing the Datsun 2000 sports car when Doug saw his old Lago Talbot being towed around the pits, coughing and banging but refusing to start, when Doug said to me "I think I know what's wrong, to set up the timing the magneto should be turned anticlockwise to the stop then turned 15/16th of an inch clockwise".

Doug's offer of help was gratefully accepted and the current owner, Graham Thompson was so pleased he offered Doug a drive. Gordon then stated "that was one of the highlights of my time with Doug seeing him back in the Lago's seat after more than ten years." He didn't hang about, blasting off the line and around the first corner with the tail hanging out demonstrating the skill that made him the first man to win three Australian Grand Prix.

Our thoughts go out to his wife Judy.

***Tony Johns with program details shared by Stephen Dalton.***



## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

A recent article from RACV, is well worth reading in full, it appeared in mid-July, posted by Nicola Dowse

“Most people aren’t aware of their bad habits and need an expert to point them out. These are the most common bad driving habits witnessed by RACV Drive School instructors.”

- ⇒ Not signalling at roundabouts
- ⇒ Incorrect vehicle shutdown technique
- ⇒ Not indicating when changing lanes
- ⇒ Hands at 10 and 2, not 9 and 3
- ⇒ Being inflexible with driving route
- ⇒ Driving on painted islands
- ⇒ Using bicycle and bus lanes incorrectly
- ⇒ Only using headlights at night
- ⇒ Illegally parking near continuous lines
- ⇒ Low level speeding

Many of these need a read of the article to fully understand.

I must admit that I have a few favourite bad habits - not mine.

- ◆ Performing U-turns across continuous lines (common in shopping centres and near school crossings, where pedestrians are particularly at risk. Commonly accompanied by a lack of any signal.
- ◆ Not signalling early enough (or at all)

I am sure that you have a few favourites, that you are guilty of, OR that particularly irk you when driving.

Driving a vintage car also tends to add a few more to those favourites.

## COMING EVENTS

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.

**Please get a My VicRoads Account.**

**A My VicRoads Account also assures you of an email reminder for renewal of all your car registrations, permits and Drivers Licence.**

**Check your My VicRoads Account to ensure that your CPS cars appear - you may need to take some additional action, for this to happen, but it is worthwhile**

## SPARES

*PLEASE come to Spares **with a list prepared beforehand**, to speed up being served, and make it easier on our volunteers.*

***PLEASE** When you visit Spares try to make all your purchases in **a single transaction**.*

*This makes the book-work much easier for our volunteers, and respects other members who also want to make purchases.*

## EVENTS FOR YOUR AUSTIN 7 IN 2024

If you have an idea for an event for our Austin 7s, or if you want to help run an event, but need help, let a Committee member know, and it can become part of the Club Calendar for 2024.

Perhaps you could even revive, or recreate, a form of event that was popular in the past but lacked an active organiser.

## COMING EVENTS

### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 3 August 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 7 August 2024

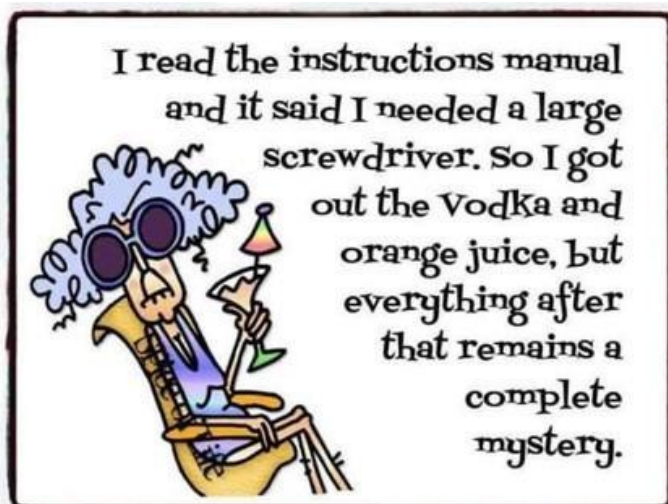
I am sure that you may be starting to hear about planning for HISTORIC WINTON 2025, catch up on Club News—be urged to come on Coming Events, commiserate, or applaud recent Club Events, and socialise with other members.

Do not forget to make list, before, for the parts you need for your favourite love.

### Spares/BBQ Saturday 10 August 2024

Great to have snags back on the barby

I'm sure MORE second-hand treasures will be available. Buy some for your baby. Get to know some more about your car.



## COMING EVENTS

### OST 8 73<sup>rd</sup> John Pryce Memorial Trial

#### Sunday 11 August 2024 – Lilydale

This trial is named in memory of John Pryce, who introduced the sport of Observed Section Trials to Australia, in 1950.

For a long time, John was one of the prime driving forces, not only within our Club, but in the whole of the Australian motorsport community, known as “Mr Motorsport”, his day job was as Competition Manager for BP.

Come and enjoy seeing others avoiding the mud-holes, OR getting stuck.

A great day in the country. Bring a picnic lunch.

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

### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 16 August 2024

These FRIDAY Tool Up days, as usual, with a BBQ Lunch.

Learn what others are doing, or fix your own car.

How to do it, is the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

HELP is right there, as are the facilities, and many knowledgeable helpers at Austin 7 Heaven.



## COMING EVENTS

### JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 17 August 2024

I have opened the booking for - **WINTER WARMER**

There will be a card making session from 1.30 to 3.30 in the afternoon where you will be making 6 cards. The cost for this workshop is \$15.00.

The cost of just attending the all day scrapbooking session is \$40 and if you wish to do both sessions the cost is \$50.00. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea are provided.

I require payment when you book to come. and I can give you my bank account details when you contact me so you can pay me directly.

Please contact me as follows:

Email: [janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au)

Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316

### HERITAGE RUN - Sunday 18 August 2024

#### **Where: McCrae Homestead 1851**

11 Beverley Road McCrae Melway Ref 158 K10

**Time:** Meet for BYO morning tea on homestead veranda  
10.15 am onwards followed by conducted tour. of the Homestead at 11 am

Cost: National Trust Concession \$6.30 Adult \$9.00

**Where else:** 12—12.15 visit the restored McCrae Lighthouse  
Melway Ref: 158 K10

(external only) before meeting for lunch at

The Pier Café (Greek cuisine)

889 Pt Nepean Road Rosebud

Melway Ref 158 F12 Parking centre of Pt Nepean Road

Expressions of interest to:

John McMillan Mobile 0408 994 510

Email: [mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com](mailto:mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com)

## COMING EVENTS

### Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 21 August 2024

Time for a natter with good mates, relive past times, contemplate what parts to buy next, or appreciate how much you have saved.

### CRAZY WHIST SOCIAL AFTERNOON CLUB ROOMS

**Saturday 24 August 2024**

**Whist starting at 4.15pm  
(and finishing early evening)**

LIMITED to 7 tables of 4# per table (register EARLY)

**FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED  
EMAIL INTENTION TO ATTEND TO**

[ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com](mailto:ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com)

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Cost at \$5.00 per couple for light snacks.

Not an expensive afternoon out for some fun and frivolity

Payment by electronic transfer with "WHIST and your surname" as the  
reference to BSB 083 323 Account 81 131 6316



### LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

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

*The other redeeming feature, is, that you can have directions to a Coming Event, as close as your phone. Great for an opportunity to attract new members to a Coming Event.*

*Renewing your membership, is the time to update your subscription and select whether you want to pay for a mailed Lightshaft.*



## COMING EVENTS

### OST 9 - Neerim South - Sunday 25 August 2024

End of Cowden Rd Once you are at Neerim South roundabout, turn right and take the Neerim East road for approx.. 600 metres, go straight into McDougal Rd, travel about 1.5 km to Wattle Lane, turn left into Wattle Lane for about 300 metres. Go straight into Cowden Rd. Property is at end of Cowden Rd. about 120 metres. Signs will be out..

### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 4 September 2024

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Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

### **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**

I hate it when I see some old person and then realise we went to high school together.

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### OST 10 - Three Bridges - Sunday 8 September 2024

#### **1020 Little Yarra Road.**

Proceed along Warburton Hwy to Yarra Junction. At the only set of traffic lights turn right into Yarra Junction Noojee Rd ([Little Yarra Rd](#)), proceed 10.2 kms, look for OST sign on right (an apple orchard) and proceed to the rear via the road, please do not go near the trees and park in the area signed parking. Melway Ref X912 S4

### **HISTORY TOUR - Sunday 8 September 2024**

**Cancelled - See tour to McCrae Homestead on 18 August**

**Also, you will all be preparing your cars for the Border Run.**

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If you boil a funny bone, it becomes a laughing stock. Now that's humerus.

**Swan Hill Border Run 2024****Friday 13th September to Monday 16th September****Bulletin No. 4**

We are so excited to see the interest in this event. Thankyou all for sending through all the information required. We realised we bombarded you a bit and truly appreciate your buy-in. We are currently fully sold out at our accommodation, but rest assured we do have back-up Plan B although we never thought we would need it. Due to this we will be closing registrations on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. If you have any friends or fellow members, please inform them to contact us asap.

We currently have 66 participants joining us.

As mentioned last bulletin, Brian has taken his Austin to Swan Hill and the local club will be using it for promotion in the next few months along with local newspaper and radio coverage, so make sure you have your best self with you as we are expecting lots of interest.

During the weekend, we are 'taking a trip back in time' when we had a bit of entertainment along the day. Remember the old Treasure/Observations Hunts. Due to the now busy world, we will not be stopping and starting and having questions along the way, but we will have a couple of Observation Locations along the way. We will also include a Poker Run so be prepared to join in and have fun. Finally, for the competitors in our group (is there any other type of Austin driver!) we have an enjoyable Trivia Night to finish off on Sunday Night.

We are requesting final payments by mid-August and final invoices will be sent out individually by the end of July, so be prepared to get your payment in as soon as possible after receipt of invoice. If for any reason you need to cancel after this date, refunds will be made but some activities need to be prepaid so may not be able to be refunded after the end of August.

Registration Forms can always be amended up to the time of invoice.

This month we would like to highlight our final two attractions.

The Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement opened in 1966 after a joint community and government effort to recognise the unique history of our Murray Mallee region. By the 1970's the Pioneers Settlement was one of the most popular tourism destinations in Victoria. Set on three hectares of land on the banks of the Little Murray River, the Pioneer Settlement lets you experience Australian history firsthand. You will find real-life Mallee cottages, a hotel, schools and shops, plus a collection of working tractors and machinery. Cruise aboard the paddle-steamer PS PYAP or end your day with an award-winning laser, fire and water spectacular.

Our final location on Sunday is the Chasney Estate. Chasney Estate is a family owned 14-acre Olive Grove and Lavender Farm in Tresco. They have 5 types of olives and 15 types of lavender. They produce a variety of products including Extra Virgin Olive Oil, olive oil soaps and many lavender based products. The farm owners aim is to be as natural as possible with off grid solar and water. Focus is to build a healthy environment through healthy soils, healthy plants and healthy animals. The fruit is chemical and pesticide free and sustainable farming is practised. Come along for an informative tour to find out more and meet the business icon "Esmee the Donkey"

Please complete all details asap and return asap and look out for your individual invoice in the coming weeks.

As always, looking forward to your complete documentation and it's not too late to get your registrations in.

Rob, Helen, Brian and Glynis.

Queries to: Rob Storr  
0477 880 281 ( leave a message if unanswered)  
[Rob.trucktorque@gmail.com](mailto:Rob.trucktorque@gmail.com)  
21 Springfield Drive Narre Warren 3805

Brian Gibbons  
0418508611 (leave a message if unanswered)  
Email via: [secretary@austin7club.org](mailto:secretary@austin7club.org)  
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### OST 11 - Glenburn Sunday 22 September 2024

Get to know a form of motorsport that is out in the bush, leisurely but extremely skilful and competitive, over difficult terrain.

Bring a picnic lunch

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.



Phillip Hallo, on the main straight at Historic Winton 2024.

Do not forget to support Phillip by filling in the Entry Form for the ANNUAL AUSTIN 7 RALLY 2024, in the middle of this Lightshaft.

**COMING EVENTS**



**56TH ANNUAL RALLY**  
**SAGE COTTAGES**  
**SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024**  
**ENQUIRIES:**  
**PHILLIP HALLO**  
**0413 185 576**



Sage Cottages  
85 Sages Road, Baxter



## COMING EVENTS

### “EARLY INTENTION TO ATTEND”

A7 Club Christmas Lunch 2024



Mulgrave Country Club

(Cnr Jells & Wellington Roads, Wheelers Hill) noon Sunday 24 November  
2024 in Panorama Room

**64 persons required**

Seniors Soup, Mains & Dessert – and vegetarian to be catered for

- ⇒ Soup of the day with fresh bread roll;
- ⇒ Turkey Breast & Champagne Ham house made stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables &
- ⇒ Plum Pudding with Brandy Custard -
- ⇒ including red and white wine per table,
- ⇒ other drinks at bar prices with complimentary tea and coffee and Christmas decor

**COST TBA PER PERSON**

**INTENTION TO ATTEND REQUIRED IN WRITING BY September  
HAS 2024**

[ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com](mailto:ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com)

**Ron and Helen CRELLIN**

## COMING EVENTS

### COMING

Join over 1500 antique, veteran, vintage and classic vehicles in one of the world's great historic motoring events.

We look forward to welcoming historic vehicles manufactured from the **early 1900s through to 31 December 1994.**

The Bay to Birdwood has been bringing generations together, celebrating history, and building relationships and lifelong friendships for over four decades. We need you and your vehicle to help continue this great tradition.

**BAY to  
BIRDWOOD**  
SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2024



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN

### Bob Booth Pub Crawl -

#### Friday 1 November to Monday 4 November 2024.

This year's Bob Booth Pub Crawl will be centred around Mansfield – famous for bushrangers and mountain cattlemen. We have secured a motel that can accommodate 23 plus rooms – hopefully we will book it out. There is plenty of space for Austins, moderns and trailers. A variety of evening meals are within walking distance.

A programme of scenic drives, visits to assorted enthusiasts and a Austin7 display in central Mansfield when the town will be buzzing with tourists and the local bush market. Not to be missed!

Several people have already expressed interest and we are eagerly awaiting more: [bsmcgorlick@gmail.com](mailto:bsmcgorlick@gmail.com) or

Bruce on 0400 627 926 or Sue 0409 172 140

Bruce and Sue McGorlick



## COMING EVENTS



**Newsletter number 1. May 2024**

**Dear Austin 7 Enthusiast**

The Austin 7 Club of South Australia has volunteered to host the next Austin 7 National Rally.

Due to the advancing age of both the cars and their drivers the decision has been made to hold the next Austin 7 National Rally in October 2025.

The Austin 7 Rally will be held from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge is a bustling rural town sitting in prime position on the banks of the Murray River less than an hour from Adelaide.

The Murray Bridge area has a population of 20,000 large enough for all facilities to be available but small enough to be a country town with only 3 sets of traffic lights. Murray Bridge is centrally located to a number smaller regional destinations with quiet bitumen roads ideally suited to motoring in your Austin 7.

There is a good selection of accommodation available from Caravan parks, Cabins, Motels and Hotels within a short drive of our daily starting point.

The committee will be sending out regular updates and information will be available on our website.

[austin7clubsa.com.au](http://austin7clubsa.com.au)

If you would like to unsubscribe to these updates, please do so by return email.

Enjoy Vintage Motoring

Andrew Dawes & David Gear

**Past - OST 5 and OST 6**

**Date: 23/6/2024 Narbethong OST 5 MA Permit: 324/2306/05**

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Placing
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	4	9	7	10	8	10	7	7	9	71	1
Greg Cox	Jason Stock	8	6	9	10	8	9	4	7	8	69	=2
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	10	10	7	9	8	9	6	4	6	69	=2
Stuart Schweiger	Brandon Schweiger	4	7	6	8	8	10	6	7	7	63	4
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	7	* 5	2	9	7	9	7	6	7	59	5
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	8	1	6	8	8	9	3	4	7	54	6
Declan Caldecoat	Gideon Davidson	7	1	6	2	8	8	6	4	7	49	7
Nathan Hunt	Gideon Davidson	2	1	6	3	7	8	6	4	7	44	8
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	7	1	5	7	8	9	DNS	DNS	DNF	37	9
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	4	2	6	5	9	10	DNS	DNS	DNF	36	10
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	0	1	6	2	6	8	2	4	3	32	11
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	1	1	4	1	3	8	3	4	3	28	12

\* = WD

**Date: 14/7/2024 Haunted Hills OST 6 MA Permit: 324/0607/05**

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	1	10	8	9	5	4	5	4	5	6	9	66	1
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	1	10	4	9	4	4	2	7	4	6	8	59	2
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	1	5	4	7	4	4	5	6	5	6	8	55	3
Grant Della	Jeff Webb	1	4	7	9	4	0	5	* 4	6	6	8	54	4
Cooper Schweiger	Daniel Crosbie	2	5	8	3	4	4	3	3	4	6	9	51	=5
Declan Caldecoat	Nathan Hunt	1	8	4	9	2	4	5	3	4	3	8	51	=5
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson	1	5	0	9	2	4	5	4	5	5	9	49	7
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	1	5	0	5	4	4	5	2	5	4	8	43	8
Nakita Stock	Jason Stock	1	2	0	3	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	12	9
Jake Filsell	Lori Filsell	1	6	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	7	10

\* = WD

+ = NO GLASSES

**Past - OST 5****OST 5 at Narbethong.**

After a foggy drive through the Yarra Valley and the Black Spur, we reached the Narbethong property, which was extremely chilly but in beautiful sunny skies. We had 12 drivers were entered for the day.

With not much rain in recent times, there was not much mud, but it was slippery at times due to the dewy weather, so plenty of challenging drives were had.

Some high-flying cars in a couple of sections, saw the welder at work as, on the run repairs were made to keep cars in the amongst the action. Some mechanical gremlins plagued some cars but only 2 drivers failed to complete the day.

Topping the podium once again was Grant Campbell and Lori Filsell on 71 points, with a draw for second place seeing Greg Cox and Jason Stock and Mark Filsell and Jeff Webb on 69 points.

We next head to The Haunted Hills circuit in Moe on the 14th July, the first time in many years to return to this property.

Jason Stock

OST Chairman

Competition Secretary

**Editor's Note:** Inside front cover shows some photos of Haunted Hills magnificent Hillclimb circuit. The Clubrooms are extensive. Everything is very new, and truly a great venue for the Australian Hillelimb Championship AND our OSTs.

**They say 40 is the new 30, and 50 is the new 40, BUT, all I know is that the older I get, the more 9 pm is the new Midnight.**

## A BIT OF HISTORY - Park Orchards 1955

ONCE again a nice warm sun shone down on the hive of activity in the Car Park of the Blackburn Hotel at 9.30 on Sunday morning, August 14, for the start of the Park Orchards Trial. Of the 31 entries, 25 appeared at the start but two withdrew. One of these was Fred Thorne in his 4-day-old special which was too tight to go mud-storming. This left 17 Austin 7's, 3 Renault 750's, 2 Volkswagens, a Morris Minor Special (not the modern imitation bearing the same name) and a Singer 9 to face the starter.

After some sorting out and scrutineering had been done, the first car set off at 10.10 a.m. and

This disguised Austin 7, driven by Doug Veel, came 2nd in the Park Orchards Trial. Here Doug and Keith are enjoying a mud section.



AUSTIN 7 CLUB (Victoria)

### Sixth Annual Park Orchards Trial

made its way to the special tests on the usual steep bit of Park Road. Last year's tests were so successful that they were repeated this year, the first being a downhill acceleration and braking test to stop astride a line, whilst the second was designed to check that cars had hand brakes, starting mechanisms and reverse gear

Not unexpectedly the best times were recorded by Ron Pizzev in a Volkswagen in both tests, second in both was Richard Dent in the Morris Minor and third were Doug Veel (Austin 7) in one and Ian Barns (VW) in the other. Those who failed because of a complete lack of everything shall be nameless.

Old Road 1 was the first observed section, and because of its short, sharp nature it was divided into five parts, each scoring 20 points. A block and tackle and a large number of spectators helped all but one car up this hill, the exception being Ron Pizzev in his four-exhaust-piped VW, literally climbing his way up to score full marks. Eight others, including five Austins, reached the 60 mark, Reg Williams being nearest to success.

Continuing along the track, competitors came to Old Road 2, a long climb which gets steeper towards the end and finally ends on slippery green grass. The two VW's, Bill Cooper's Singer 9 and the Morris Minor managed this, together with the four Austins of Bellair, Bradley, Funnell and Veel. Most failures occurred on the green grass within a yard or two of the finish.

After a mere quarter mile on used public roads competitors plunged into the undergrowth on to unused public roads

which led them down McIntyre's Road to the next section at Tecoma Street. This consisted of 20 yards of water, because Tecoma Street and a creek coincide. Some 50 yards further on cars were diverted off the track through a very small patch of mud. This patch fooled the perpetrators of this horror because only the first two Austin 7's managed it—Maurie Monk and Mick Bellair—then the patch became impossible. However much fun was had in the first 20 yards, both by competitors and spectators.

Competitors who had fun churning up McIntyre's Road on the way down were now faced with the problem of getting up again without stopping. This very greasy but not steep hill was in fine form, and the first five Austins had no luck at all, then Ron Pizzev's VW stormed up in fantastic style, treating it as a normal country road.

Nine cars later, Doug Veel, who had walked up the track carefully plotting his route, took an entirely different course, and after scattering spectators he reached the top, thus upholding the tradition of the Austin 7. No one else managed, but brave tries were made by Ian Barns, Richard Dent and Keith Fleming.

There was now a short pause for lunch; short because all the sections had taken longer than expected, so at 2.45 it was on again—competitors in reverse order with a trip along Harris Gully Road. In this case the road and a creek coincide for a considerable distance, although the track—what there is of it—is comparatively flat. The two VW's, Morris Minor and the Austins of Fleming, Veel, Cole, Bradley and Bellair were the only successful ones.

A few yards from the end of this section was the next, consisting of the inevitable watery mud-hole followed by a dry hill-climb. This was managed by only five cars, the Austin 7's of Keith Fleming, Reg Williams, Trevor Cole, Mick Bellair and Laurie Monk.

Next came the highlight of the Trial, as far as spectators were concerned any-

way although competitors take a different view. This section, known as Oban Road East, must have attracted some 200 onlookers, and consisted of various hazards such as a creek crossing, a deep mud pool, a mud flat and a bumpy climb back on to the road, each feature scoring 20 points. The first to succeed was Richard Dent in the Minor, and a few cars later Reg Williams in his Austin Ace managed it. The next best was Doug Veel, who lost a plug lead after scoring 60. All the others sank in the mud pool.

Deep Creek came next, and this was a test of drivers' deep water technique. The water was only about 15 inches deep but it caught many who took it too fast, the hill after it definitely requiring all the horsepower available, so if you lost one plug you had had it. Only three cars, once again all Austin 7's, passed this test. They were Doug Veel, Mick Bellair and Laurie Monk.

Finally there was Rubbish Tip, merely a steep winding hill marked in increments of 10 points, and all those who had engines managed this quite well.

Tea and toast were produced here for everyone who was still with us. While this eating and drinking was going on the results were worked out, and within half an hour of the last car finishing, provisional results were printed and handed out. The winner proved to be Mick Bellair in his Chummy, stripped of all comforts, with a score of 680 points; next came Doug Veel, passengered by Mrs. Veel, with 565; and third was Ron Pizzev in the Volkswagen with 620 points. It was a close thing and there was a time when it looked as though something other than an Austin was going to win. The second "other car" was Richard Dent, and third Austin was Laurie Monk, assisted by Niel Charge. Laurie was driving his wife's car, which won the event last year in Doug Veel's hands.

Most competitors and certainly all the spectators are looking forward to more events of this type, and unless someone else would care to run one, the next will be on August 12, 1956.

**PARK ORCHARDS Results**

**SCORES AND PLACINGS**

	Points	Austin	Other Car
M. Bellair (Austin 7) ....	680	1	1
*D. C. Veel (Austin 7) .....	665	2	2
R. W. Pizzey (Volkswagen) ....	620	3	
R. A. C. Dent (Morris Minor) ....	550	4	2
M. H. Monk (Austin 7) ....	500	5	3
*R. G. Williams (Austin 7) .....	465	6	4
I. Barns (Volkswagen) ....	445	7	3
K. Fleming (Austin 7) ....	445	7	5
P. Bradley (Austin 7) ....	290	9	6
W. D. Cooper (Singer 9) ....	280	10	4
*T. Cole (Austin 7) ....	245	11	7
K. J. Watson (Renault) ....	205	12	5
F. Funnell (Austin 7) ....	160	13	8
L. R. Park (Renault) ....	140	14	6
N. Beechy (Austin 7) ....	105	15	9
N. J. Renwick (Austin 7) ....	90	16	10
A. Darwin (Austin 7) ....	85	17	11
A. C. Knox (Austin 7) ....	80	18	12
J. R. Smith (Austin 7) ....	70	19	13
K. J. Goldsmith (Austin 7) ....	60	20	14
B. Stockton (Austin 7) ....	40	21	15
K. S. Martin (Austin 7) ....	40	2	15
W. B. Baker (Renault) ....	40	2	7

\*Winning team.

—John Pryce.

On 11 August, our Club will be conducting the 73rd running of this event, although now renamed John Pryce Memorial Observed Section Trial - the renaming was in honour of John Pryce who introduced the sport to Australia, in 1950. I suspect that there is not another car club in Australia that has as many consecutive annual events.

## PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON 2024

EDITOR'S NOTE While we have a few members that regularly come from Tasmania, for Historic Winton, there are not many members that drive their Austin 7s all the way - others do come to compete, but here's Lockie Story's story.

### *The preparation*

Prior to leaving for Winton, I spent some time and money preparing Mr. Magoo for the trip. New tyres, front end alignment, rebushing the rear end, and changed all the oils in the car. I was pleased to see no detritus in the oils, always a worry.

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I then greased the whole car, installed an orange strobe to the spare tyre and two 12 v outlets. He was ready to roll.

### *To Devonport*

I caught the 8.30 am ferry from Bruny and headed into Hobart to meet my wife Tracey for morning tea where all the shop girls came out to be photographed in my leather helmet and in the car. I then headed north, the weather being excellent (not raining) so I had the roof off as usual.

Arriving in Devonport I queued for the ship and played host to 3 young children, and their parents, the kids wanting to sit in “the olden days car”. The stevedores on the Spirit even gave me a choice as to which deck I wanted to park.

### *To Winton*

Leaving the ship in pitch black, I met my friend Rachel for breakfast before navigating peak hour traffic across Melbourne to the Hume Highway. Most drivers are courteous, but there is always one..... Again, the day was great, a far cry from the last time to Winton when I got VERY wet. I had plenty of time, so I did some exploring on the way, including a visit to Puckapunyal and then into Seymour to pay my respects at the Vietnam Veterans Wall. It is quite a moving experience.

Once in Benalla I booked into my motel then headed out to the Track to help Walter with some setting up. There were already a number of interesting cars at the track, so I had a wander before retiring for the night.

### *Historic Winton*

Friday morning dawned clear and cold (lovely!) and I headed back to the track. There I joined some of the other Volunteers helping to set up for the weekend. Even this part is fun with convivial banter and some really bad jokes.

That evening my son Matthew joined me and we had dinner at the Bowls Club with the rest of the crew. Great night with excellent food. Then?

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Another early night. I swear that my son gets fan mail from the CSIRO due to his earth-shattering snoring.

Saturday morning and a very early and cold (Minus 3° C) start and out to the track to help Ron and his team with the parking. This is not a chore and we had fun, bad jokes, teasing and watching the vast array of interesting cars arrive. By mid-morning the job was done, and the rest of the day was ours.

I won't go into the racing, as I am sure that will be covered elsewhere, other than to say that it was a hoot. We spent time at the Austin 7 display, in the pits checking out the vast array of the weird and wonderful, catching up with people we hadn't seen for ages and getting lots of exercise.

That evening we had dinner with the gang at the Golf Club and again a great night was had by all. Another early night then back to the track by 7 am.

Dawn arrived again cold and clear as we were heading to the track. Sunday was by far the busiest day, and again we were helping Ron. As the sun came out, we started shedding layers until we were in T shirts. A cracker of a day. Again, the cars were amazing and by 9.30 all the car parks were full.

I had smashed my D/S rear view mirror, so I went hunting for a new one. I found a great (read expensive) set which looks good and do the job. Rear vision is something one cannot do without. At middayish we lined up for the display laps around the track. I had 450 kg of people in my car and it did not like it. So concerned was I that I left the track after only 2 laps. Poor car!

After a huge couple of days, it was back to the room and take away for me and home for Matthew.

### *Heading Home*

I woke on Monday am to find that I had left the roof off and there was solid

## PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON

ice all over the seats (and everything else) After finally cleaning the ice off and checking over the car I met friends at Zeus Café for breaky then tootled off toward Melbourne. I had one minor problem on the ring road, where my tired fuel pump couldn't keep up. A couple of shots of ether and I was on my way again arriving at the terminal about 2 hours before sailing.

Again, the stevedores gave me my choice of decks and, once loaded, I met with friends for coffee before bed. The crossing had a mild swell, just the way I like it, and I slept like a lamb.

The next morning, I headed off and had breaky at Deloraine before taking the longer road through the lake's country. I was hoping for snow, but it was just cold. None the less the scenery was spectacular, and I was well rugged up.

The trip was uneventful until I headed up the Southern Outlet in second gear. Again the fuel pump had a hissy fit and again I had to draw fuel up to the carbie with ether. I was soon on my way, and I got to the Bruny Ferry at about 3 pm. It was good to be home, but I had had a ball.

I had travelled just on 1000 miles with all my exploring and Mr. Magoo performed more than admirably.

Winton is a huge event and relies on an army of volunteers. As I have said, it is not a chore and there are enough people so as you are not stuck all day. That being said, more is better. Half the fun was working with Ron and the crew and also the setting up. There are some real characters in the club, and I have found that the members will welcome you with open arms, volunteering is a great way to meet people and exchange information and bad jokes. If you haven't before, then give it a go.

Thanks to the organizing committee and those who put in so many hours so we can have a fun weekend.

Lockie Story   Bruny Island   Tasmania



## **PRESERVING OUR CLUB HISTORY**

### **ARCHIVIST & CURATOR**

The Club needs some people to carry on the excellent work done by Laurie Allan, who managed to scan all our collection of Club Newsletters, and catalogue all these documents, and many more, and create records of much of the collections of memorabilia that the Club has.

However, this needs much additional work, but is not urgent. That said, any volunteer/s can work at their own pace.

The primary aim is to progressively make Club Members aware of the vast amount of information that is available.

In addition, the Club needs a volunteer, to work in partnership with the Archivist, to act as a Collections Curator, or an Exhibitions Curator, to address how the Club should properly look after its collections, and also to progressively create adequate descriptive material so that our members can understand the relevance, and importance, of each item in the Club's collections.

An important early project is to create suitable descriptive elements to accompany all the items in the Dickason collection, and also convert the extensive record of this collection into a form that is readily available to Club Members and visitors.

Similar descriptive items are also needed for all of the Club's displays, including our trophies collection.

It is also planned that all our extensive electronic records of our collections should be progressively made more available to members, and that these records are systematically supplemented by the significant quantity of additional Austin 7 history that is being steadily researched by many Club Members.

Perhaps some of these roles could suitably become part of a study for a person seeking a tertiary qualification.

For more, talk to Robert Humphreys, at a meeting, or at 0427 772 281.

Grant Cowie has recently shared this ad from Australian Motor Sports magazine March 1965.

I have a full set but not the later AMS and Automobiles so that explains why I have not seen it before.

In the hope of seeing a photo of the Nippy and learning what happened to the Ulster motor, is there somebody who may know something of the subsequent history of this Austin 7 Nippy.

Cheers

Tony Johns

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Sports Car, registered for road use (quite docile), perfect mechanical condition, Pirelli Cinturato tyres all round in perfect condition. Finance can be arranged. Will take an M.G. 1600 as a trade. Last competitive run Victorian Sprint Championships in 14.85. Looks as good and goes better than an E type. £1100 O.N.O. Apply to Guzzardi's Total Service Station, Morwell. Ring Morwell 43671.

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**AUSTIN 7 NIPPY, 1933.** Swallow body, recently rebuilt. Pressurised 1½ in. crank nippy motor, Weber carb. Also complete supercharged 1½ in. crank Ulster motor, original Cozette blower, and plenty of spares. Not registered, but ready for road. Further particulars and photo available. J. K. Humphrey, 37 Boronia St., South Hurstville, NSW. 54 5051.

### MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

*Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.*

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

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

**Robert & Janne Humphreys- [mailorderparts@austin7club.org](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)**

**The Club proudly supports Penrite Oil and stocks Penrite Vintage Car Oils exclusively in Club Spares.**

Unfortunately, not available by mail order.

## NEWS FROM SPARES

### Austin 7 Spares Report

New stock is now in spares. Your Spares volunteers have been hard at work stocking the shelves with affordable new parts to keep your restoration moving or keep your Austin 7 on the road.

Here is just a sample: **Tail lights**

#0482 – Lamp – D type Price: \$100

#0607 – Lamp boot round centre mount “Pork Pie” Price: \$160

#0481 – Lamp tail – Chummy round type double contact Price: \$150

Likewise, we have had a large influx of difficult to find second hand parts that are priced to sell.

We are continually releasing secondhand part for sale, so pop in and see how we can help you with your car.

Also, over the coming months we will be running specials on our new parts, so watch this space.

New parts being labelled by spares volunteers.

Tony Press has kindly provided his engineering skills for the purpose of parts quality assurance.

### SPARES

*PLEASE come to Spares **with a list prepared beforehand**, to speed up being served, and make it easier on our volunteers.*

*Please be prepared to follow any current COVID restrictions.*

***PLEASE** When you visit Spares try to make all your purchases in a single transaction.*

*This makes the book-work much easier for our volunteers, and respects other members who also want to make purchases.*

## SUB-COMMITTEES 2024

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## 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 membership of the Association.

More being constantly added.

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

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

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

*An original Handbook is also a handy reference.*

**MARKET PLACE**

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

**FOR SALE**

Peter Matthews is selling a number of his Austins.



1935 Sports Special (red). \$12,000



1929 Standard Sports (aluminium/red). \$30,000



1933 Austin 10 4 door sedan (red). \$12,000



1936 Tourer (blue). \$15,000

2 off Austin A40 sedans. \$5,000 each

Contact  
Peter's daughter  
Sue 0412 185 554



## **FOR SALE - Ken Walker's Austin 7**

I'm writing on behalf of my mother, Jeanette Walker, and myself regarding father's 1924 AC Austin 7 Pramhood. Sadly Dad passed away in June 2022. He was an active member of the Canberra Antique and Classic Car Club and a past member of the Austin 7 Club for many years as well.

In finalising Dad's estate we have finally decided to sell his 1924 Pramhood, and Mum is keen for it to go to a good home where it will be regularly used and appreciated. The 1924 was Dad's great love having spent over 15 years sourcing, restoring or manufacturing every single part for the car—very much a labour of love; fortunately Dad was able to drive and enjoy the car for many years before he lost his licence at 90. Even though he had dementia when he finally passed at 94 the car still bought a smile to his face as well as the happy memories of this special Austin 7.

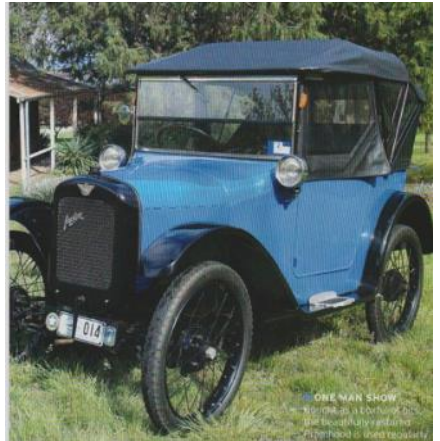
I know Dad would have very much appreciated the car going to an Austin enthusiast who would love, enjoy and care for the vehicle.

I have attached a feature article from the Australian Classic Car magazine from December 2012 that features Dad and his car. The car is in excellent condition and has been stored for the last couple of years. It is somewhat unique with its beaded-edge wheels and obviously the car is celebrating 100 years this year. I am happy to answer any questions (the best that I can).

Kind regards

Rob Walker

Canberra 0448 400 312



**FOR SALE**

Supercharger with SU Carby & Drive Gear

Ex Warren Bonning \$400

Eric Gorr 0409 939 113

**FOR SALE - Roadster**

ex Malcolm Hill Mt Eliza (\$9,000)

South Gippsland Owner was Greg Denovin ( now deceased). Wife is selling to assist her in moving on with her life.

The engine is disabled however we believe there is no real issues with it.  
Engine number M188399

Whoever purchases the vehicle is up for the cost of reassembly of the engine.

David 0418 553 000.



Brain cells die, skin cells die, even hair cells die.

But FAT CELLS .... Must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, because they seem to have eternal life.



**MARKET PLACE**

**FOR SALE**

Lucas 3 prong glass head light, able to be fitted to Austin 7 lights - \$250 for pair.

Pick up only.

Michael Shegog - 0419 007 033

shegoga7@gmail.com



**WANTED TO RENT**

Small flat, rooms, or backyard bungalow required by older club member.

Preferably in Mornington area.

House trained, non-smoker, sober habits, non-aggressive, reliable payer.

Phone Bill 0435 582 294



**FOR SALE. ALL AUSTIN SEVEN ITEMS.**

A7 starting handle to suit 29/30 model.

A7 set of new front and rear springs.

A7 reconditioned front end fitted with new king pins etc.

A7 original wheel brace.

A7 pair of new running boards to suit 1930 model.

A7 engine stand, rotating and able to be dismantled for storage.

A7 scuttle mounted petrol tank, painted and ready to use. 22-30 models.

Lucas dashlight as fitted after market.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

## MARKET PLACE

### **For Sale Lloyd Hartnett panel van**

We have a 1956 Lloyd Hartnett panel van that we are planning to sell, hopefully for restoration if someone has an interest for a restoration project or looking for parts. It was my late father-in-law's and has been stored in a shipping container at Mt Mercer (1.5 Hours from Melbourne, 30 minutes from Ballarat) for some time. It comes with a complete second motor and complete front end as well as many miscellaneous parts.

Attached are just a few photos of the car. It has no rust and is structurally sound with all panels in good condition.

Please let me know if you would like further images or details.

Michelle Goddard

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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>**



An Austin 7 leads the pack Photo Chris Barbour



Mark Sycamniias' photos give a good impression of how it feels from the drivers seat, leading the Parade in the Austin 7 "swarm".





See Lockie Story article about the trip from Bruny Island, Tasmania to Historic Winton.



Lockie's photos in the Corporate Pavilion, includes a few of his car.



Austin 7s on parade at Historic Winton 2024  
Photo by Chris Barbour