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# THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

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April 2024



The stories of our cars is always interesting.

Michael Shegog's Austin 7 Nippy, is no exception.

See story on Page

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Austins Over Australia

See Report on Page 26

Ask Brian about these photos, and he'll disclose a few secrets of the joys of driving an Austin 7.

Greg, below, also looks pretty pleased.



The URRRS Run to Russell's, in November, was devoid of photos, so here's a sample of the collection of modern MGs, the old Family minis, and a sample of the specials and all of that does not adequately show the magnificent garden setting.



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

1	Mon			Easter Monday
3	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
5	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
6	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ
6	Sat			OST Scrutineering - Lilydale
7	Sun	7	A	Learn to Drive Day
14	Sun			Last Day of Autumn School Holidays
17	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Sat	7	A	Austin 7 Heaven Training Day/Tool Up
21	Sun			OST 1 - Glenburn
25	Thurs			Anzac Day
26-28				Florence Thomson Tour

**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)

**MAY**

1	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
3	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
4-5	Sat/Sun			Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally
4	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
5	Sun			Scoresby Picnic - Federation
5	Sun			OST 2 - Woori Yallock
5	Sun		S	V.H.R.R. Rob Roy
7	Tue			MA State Council - Delegates Mtg
11	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
12	Sun			<b>MOTHERS DAY</b>
15	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
18	Sat			Federation Delegates Mtg at Kerang & DVC
18	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
19	Sun			Murrabit Picnic - Federation
19	Sun			National Motoring Heritage Day
19	Sun			OST 3 - Lilydale
20	Mon			AOMC Delegates Meeting
24	Fri	7		Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour
24-26	Fri-Sun	7	AR	Historic Winton
29	Wed	7	A	URRRS
31	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven

**COMING**

**MOTHERS DAY** - 12 MAY, may be a good day to take your “baby” for a drive to visit one of your mothers or one of your elderly relations or friends.

National Motoring Heritage Day on 19 May, is a chance to road test your Austin 7, give the public a look at it, and prepare it for **HISTORIC WINTON**

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

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***Sunday 14 April 2024.***

## Garage Girls are back with shows in Melbourne and regional Victoria

*1920's Melbourne - It's the advent of the motorcar! Society reels from the aftermath of World War One and a second wave of Spanish flu wreaks havoc on the streets.*

*One small woman defies convention and makes her mark.*

*WELCOME TO 88 COTHAM ROAD KEW:  
MISS ANDERSON'S MOTOR SERVICE!*



***Garage Girls is a rollicking ride celebrating Australian icon, Alice Anderson: the trail-blazing, pioneering, go-getting founder of Australia's first all-girl garage.***

Written by Candace Miles, Madelaine Nunn and Anna Rodway (Three Birds Theatre).

With Carolyn Bock and Helen Hopkins (The Shift Theatre).

### **DISCLAIMER**

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### **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***

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you to all the members who made the effort to attend the Progressive Lunch (about 50 people) a great day was had by all. It started at Rosebud with a wonderful morning tea at the home of Julie and David Ellis-Jones where Julie with the support of Bev Logan produced scones, cream and jam followed by coffee.

Next stop was Helen and Colin Jordan's house at Rye where Helen and others were busy producing tray after tray of hot finger food. The final port of call was Somerville at the home of Leanne and Paul Goethel for afternoon coffee and cake. It was now time for the inspection of Paul's fleet of vintage and classic cars, housed in his extra large man cave. As Leanne and Paul had only just returned that morning from Tasmania it was left to Robert Humphreys to wash and detail Paul's fleet of some 40 cars and one classic timber boat.

This day would not have been possible without the planning and organising thanks to Helen and Ron Crellin.

If you enjoy such outings and URRRS runs then it is important to support these types of events.

In closing don't forget Historic Winton. Times are tough at the moment and we need you to spread the word. There are flyers available for you to distribute to your local shops, clubs, men's sheds etc, just ask for them. We are also looking for race sponsors; a great deal for car clubs, and others, is on offer.

Len Kerwood 0419 504 233



**47<sup>th</sup> HISTORIC WINTON**  
**25th and 26th May 2024**  
**GIGANTIC CAR SHOW**  
 CLUB DISPLAYS | PARADE LAPS | TRADE SITES

[www.historicwinton.org](http://www.historicwinton.org)  
 Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There are no new members and things are finally very quiet on the membership front, so I won't be doing a report this month.

Regards, Russell

Editor's comment: Russell tells me that there is a further reduction, of 10, who do NOT require a PRINTED Lightshaft.

## Vale - Graham Moyle

Up until relatively recently, Graham was a constant within the Club up until heath and other issues progressively saw his retirement from competing at OST in the mid-1990s.

For many years he also shared the OST car with son Craig, while Dot was a constant in the role as OST scorer.

He and Dot continued to assist with running both OST, Myrning Historic Sprint and Historic Winton up until about 10 years ago.

Rob.H.

(with apologies for any facts, and dates that I was in error)

## ROAD SAFETY ROAD RULES

I have a few Road Rules that I think are so basic, and are mainly just about consideration for other road users:-

- ⇒ Rules 44 to 51 Giving Change of Direction Signals
- ⇒ Rules 112-113 Giving Change of Direction Signals at Roundabouts
- ⇒ Rule 129 Keeping to far left side of a road
- ⇒ Rule 230 to 239 Rules for pedestrians

## Vale - Darren Overend

(10 June 1944 to 16 January 2024)

Whilst Darren was only a member of our Club for a relatively short time, many of us knew him, and his cars, as we lived nearby, and many of our members will remember him from a Club Run when we visited his home.

To do justice to his memory, the latest Country Motor (which you should all receive) has an obituary on Page 19 of the March 2024 edition. However, that is mostly related to his motoring club participation and activities, and well worth a read.

However, since I cannot personally do justice to an obituary, here's a story.

### **About three men and the common links of home, family and a car.**

As Editor of a monthly car club magazine, it is common to report on unexpected links between families and their cars.

On the recent death of Darren Overend, I knew I could not possibly do justice to the story of his life as an architect, however I knew that he made a huge contribution to the conservation strategies for built structures throughout Australia, and a very personal contribution towards the progressive restoration and conservation of his home of many years, the 1881 Victorian mansion "Chevy Chase", in Were St Brighton. For some years the house was occupied by a religious order, and I understand that they were responsible for the addition of a large "chapel" to the rear of the building. This portion of the family home was, for many years, the home of Darren's car collection. Our car club visited once, and were impressed by this eclectic collection, ranging from a modest Austin 7, to other old and impressive models, but also an historic Jaguar XK140 SE (Special Equipment).

One expected link, was that Darren, was a member of our Austin 7 Club.

For many, a second unexpected links was that Darren had lived in Were St for most of his early life, and that Best Overend, Darren's father had owned that Jaguar XK140SE near the beginning of its life, in 1959, and later sold it



## Vale - Darren Overend

in 1961, to buy the first Jaguar XK-E Type imported to Australia. (Darren's father, and grandfather, were also very well-known architects). In my youth, I can well remember riding my bike past their family home and spotting regularly an E Type Jaguar and less regularly a Bugatti. So it was not really surprising that Darren had sought to purchase that car, many years later.

But, back to the third unexpected link, that white Jaguar XK140 SE was purchased new by Neville Shute Norway, in November 1956. He was best known as Neville Shute, the author. He migrated from England, in 1950 with his wife and 2 daughters, and lived in Langwarrin. As an author he published a novel about every 2 years from 1923 to 1960, many based on Australian themes.

One of his best known novels was "On the Beach" which was about the apocalypse which would end the world, with Melbourne being the last surviving city. This was largely filmed in and around Melbourne, in 1959, and starred Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred Astaire (in his first dramatic role), and Anthony Perkins. Produced and directed by Stanley Kramer. This caused a big stir in Melbourne.

A white Jaguar XK140, supposedly racing at Phillip Island, is used in the film, but it appears many of the scenes were shot in California, even though some were clearly at the Island.

In his other persona, he drove that Jaguar in a number of competition events, as N.S. Norway, many at "the Island".

Through the period that N. S. Norway lived in Britain he was an accomplished aeronautical engineer, and his biographical story of that time, "Slide Rule" is a superb read.

Rob.H.



*Nevil Shute Norway at Phillip Island, April 1957*

*Photo: Peter D'Abbs -*

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

## Notes from the Editor

You may remember that last month I reported that a larger 52 Lightshaft may result in increased printing costs, I apologise that that issue retracted to 48 pages (mainly due to late copy), still up about 15% on the basis of our Subscription basis. However, all that evinced little response.

In this edition I have appealed for Archivists and Curators - we have many collections, photos, and the like that has no interpretive information - this is quite obvious, if you look in our cabinets of trophies, look at our photos, and the like.

Help is needed on this, even a small team, working rarely could make a significant difference, and this is deserved, so that future generations can understand the history of our cars and our club.

Laurie Allen did substantial work on this important activity - please talk to me if you feel that you can contribute. - Perhaps read Page 28 of March Lightshaft.

A big thank you to contributors to Lightshaft.

During the 1970s, 1980s and even into the 1990s, the Special Builders Meeting at Tony Taylor's Service Station did important work on addressing skills to build and maintain cars - though the focus was more on specials, racing cars and OST cars, the skills could be equally applied to Austin 7s.

I applaud the initiative of Austin 7 Heaven.

The facility takes that DIY activity to a whole new level, giving members not only a facility that has a selection of most of the machinery needed to do all types of mechanical work, and bodywork, but, POSSIBLY MORE IMPORTANTLY, other members with the skill to train you, or help you, to do the tasks that you need to do.

**Are you alert to scams?**

## Editor's notes & a letter

I must admit that I am not always confident that I have not deleted a valid email etc

However, I would rather do that than get a hacker/scammer into my files, bank accounts and all my deepest secrets.

So here's a helpful reminder.

Many others are much more obvious, and I dare say many may be much more devious.

### Where is it now?

G'Day Rob

In response to the Question posed by Tony Johns on page 51 Jan/Feb 'Light Shaft' : The Meteor referred to was originally owned by Graeme Steinfort. Graeme tired of the car being referred to as 'The Plastic Pig' and had its body rebuilt in aluminium.

Some years later I bought it from Graeme and did a ground up restoration on it. After enjoying it for a time I sold it to Bruce Bone, with the understanding that it would come back to me if ever he was to sell. Sadly Bruce died as a result of a road accident. Bruce set a Toyota High Ace van out to accommodate the Meteor and would take it to events in this way.

Those responsible for the administration of Bruce's estate sold the car to the Terry Dowell collection. The car still resides in Terry's Museum which I believe has recently changed location from Upper Beaconsfield to Pakenham.

Brian Hussey

Both addresses look similar but not the same.

Spot the Difference?

[maybank2u.com](http://maybank2u.com) is not the same as [maybank2u.com](http://maybank2u.com)

[citibank.com](http://citibank.com) is not the same as [citibank.com](http://citibank.com)

(the first one is correct, the second one is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert



## 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

### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 3 April 2024

What a good chance to see a few of our remote members, who join us on-line. You can also share your story about past events, or hear a bit about Coming Events, hear about progress on administration of YOUR Club, *or perhaps you may consider volunteering to help, in some role.*

Also hear about progress in HISTORIC WINTON 2024, with only one more MGM before it all happens.

As usual, Spares is a good place to spend the house-keeping funds.

### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 5 April 2024

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

What project do you need help with, or some machining?

Or perhaps the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

BUT, still far, far better, are the facilities, and many knowledgeable helpers at Austin 7 Heaven.

### Spares Saturday 6 April 2024

Browse the Spares, buy a few, then ask a knowledgeable member how to fit it whilst having a coffee. A great time to share stories.

Perhaps consider talking to someone about a potential role at HISTORIC WINTON 2024.

The Club is seeking additional Major Sponsors, Race Sponsors, and Advertisers for HISTORIC WINTON 2024.

Russell Dickson - russelldickson115@gmail - 0409 577 215 ,  
or Paul Goethel.

## COMING EVENTS

### OST Scrutineering - Lilydale —Sunday 6 April 2024

A different format to previous years, as this is not combined with an OST competition event.

**70-80 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.

### LEARN TO DRIVE DAY - Sunday 7 April 2024

This event has been proposed by Greg Hallihan. The venue will be Graeme Logan's front paddock at Merricks North, which is familiar to many members as a popular site for Club Motorkhanas.

The concept is to give members the opportunity to bring along their vehicles (A7s, mudcars and anything appropriate) to be driven in a safe environment by family members. We encourage the younger members or non driving members (eg lady partners) of our club to take the wheel under the guidance of other family members.

There will be basic witches hat courses configured for negotiation by the drivers. This is to be a fun event (and not a competition), so that family members (other than the regular driver) can "get the hang of" driving our old, muddy or other interesting cars.

We especially encourage all grandparents to bring along their grandchildren for a fun day (driving Pop's funny car).

Greg Hallihan would appreciate some assistance with setting up courses (as this is a new thing for him).

Bring along a picnic lunch and some chairs (Graeme and Bev will provide

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the shade and facilities).

Date: 7 April 2024

Time: 10am

Where: 192 Bittern-Dromana Road, Merricks North (look for the Austin 7 sign).

Enquires Greg Hallihan 0409381900

### **Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 17 April 2024**

Have you prepared your car for HISTORIC WINTON, particularly if yours is a model that will be celebrating 90 years young.

It would be great to see our Club putting on a good display of these very important models, as they are examples of the transition from “vintage type” vehicles, to post-vintage. All the “**gems**” -

Get your Rubies, Opals, Pearls and Open Road Tourers prepared, AND

Also ensure that we have a good representation of Nippys and Speedys.

Also have a natter about past events, or perhaps suggest how you could assist the Club, either in preparation, during, or after HISTORIC WINTON.

### **Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - SATURDAY 20 April 2024**

The *new format* just for SATURDAY Tool UP.

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

My missus hasn't spoken to me since Valentine's Day because I didn't get her flowers. She is so unreasonable. It wasn't my fault that the lid of the bin behind the flower shop was frozen shut.

## COMING EVENTS

### OST 1 - Glenburn Sunday 21 April 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.

### Florence Thomson Tour - 26-28 April 2024

This Tour, for female drivers only, is now conducted annually by the AOMC.

For some information about its purpose, origins and history, see Page 31, in March Lightshaft.

It commonly gets a full field very soon after Expressions of Interest are first published early each year.

### Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 1 May 2024

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### Spares Saturday 4 May 2024

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Perhaps consider talking to someone about a potential role at HISTORIC WINTON 2024.

### OST 2 - Woori Yallock Sunday 5 May 2024

**1805 Warburton Highway, Woori Yallock.** Take the Warburton Highway (B380) to the traffic lights in Woori Yallock. The site is a further 2.0 km (approximately) on the left along the Warburton Highway opposite Lusatia Park Road (follow the signs).

## 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.

## COMING EVENTS

### **JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 11 May 2024**

I have opened the booking for - *MERRY MAY*

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

### **Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 15 May 2024**

Have you got your “**gems**” all polished up.

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Also ensure that we have a good representation of Nippys and Speedys.

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*Perhaps even buy a few Spares for the love of your life.*

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### National Motoring Heritage Day - Sunday 19 May 2024

**The aim of the National Motoring Heritage Day (NMHD) is to promote and display Australia's strong motoring heritage and also show the community, business and government the strength of the Australian motoring movement.**

It is most fortunate that the Australian climate has been relatively kind to old motor vehicles and a varied range of early vehicles from Europe and North America still exist - some of which are believed to be the last remaining!

We have informed the AOMC that HISTORIC WINTON is our way of celebrating this day, but a week later.

For those who want to celebrate TWICE, the AOMC website advertises a number of events that celebrate this important objective, and make the public aware of the strength, and passion of the collector car movement.

### OST 3 - Lilydale Sunday 19 May 2023

If you have never been to an Observed Section Trial, you are missing out on a form of motor sport that is both entertaining and relaxing. One car at a time around difficult courses, where traction is vital and skill at tackling challenging terrain is paramount.

Bring a picnic lunch.

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No doubt most of you have prepared in advance to get your Austin 7 to Historic Winton 2024, AND potentially help out as an official, but also participate in:-

- ⇒ The Friday Tour
- ⇒ The Display at the track, either in the car park, OR in the Corporate Pavilion
- ⇒ Sunday Parade Laps

If you have a competition A7, and do not want to compete, display in the Competition Paddock may also have potential.

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## 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.*

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

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### *CONSIDER HELPING*

#### *FOR the 47th HISTORIC WINTON*

*Historic Winton is the largest event that the Club conducts each year, and it is the event that we get the greatest participation by:*

- ⇒ *Club Members, and their families, as Officials, and*
- ⇒ *Club Members, and former members, as Competitors.*
- ⇒ *Club Members, and their families, as Spectators*
- ⇒ *Club Members as supporters, Sponsors, Traders*

*There is something for everyone, some of these do not require attendance at the event.*

*It is also worth pondering that this event is also an important event underpinning the finances of the Club.*

*BUT, it is also a great pleasure to see so many people enjoying them selves.*



# HISTORIC WINTON



## COMING EVENTS

### **URRRS - Wednesday 29 May 2024**

By the time you read this, I am sure that there will be enthusiastic reports of the visit to the Synchrotron.

More news in next Lightshaft about this event.

### **Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 31 May 2024**

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### **PARKING AT CLUBROOMS**

In the interests of all members could those attending meetings please park only *in the marked spaces*. Please leave the forecourt for *AUSTIN 7s ONLY* and any *handicapped members*, and please make access available for those *delivering or collecting* goods or club equipment.

**DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS**

### **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**

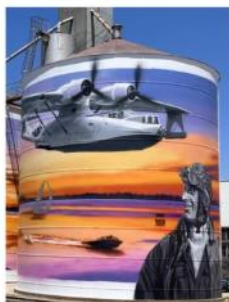
**<http://www.austin7club.org/>**

## COMING EVENTS

**Swan Hill - Border Run Friday 13 to Monday 16 September 2024**

***See centrefold for a loose Expression Of Interest***

***AND a booking form for accommodation - pay your deposit NOW***



*Save the  
date*

**Swan Hill  
Border Run 2024**

**13th to 16th Sept, 2024**



### **Bulletin No. 1 –**

Thank you to those who have already completed their Expression of Interest for this year's Border Run for the Austin 7 Club Inc (Victoria) and Austin 7 Club of SA Inc, which will be focussed around the Swan Hill area. We know it is early, but we are hoping for a record-breaking attendance (like in the good old days) for the event this year. The September date was highly successful last year and we are hoping for the same this year.

This first Bulletin will provide an outline of the programme so members can begin arranging their calendars. Initial information (including accommodation booking) is provided so we can gain as much commitment as possible. There will be further information as time goes by. (Note:

## COMING EVENTS

Registration Forms do not need to be finalised until end of August).

Official Border Run activities will begin in Swan Hill on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> with afternoon registration and an informal Meet and Greet BBQ supplied by the local car club – Swan Hill Vintage and Classic Vehicles Club Inc. We are encouraging local members to join us in our activities over the weekend.

Previously, both Victorian and SA club members have chosen to take a quieter and slower paced travel by leaving earlier, rather than travelling the full distance on the one day. Clubs will provide more information closer to the date for those interested in again doing this.

We have planned the weekend as a “Choose Your Own Adventure” with as much or least activity you want.

Accommodation has been organised at the Murray Downs Resort, a short drive across the Murray into NSW. HQ will be based there. There is plenty of room for parking and trailers to be safely stored on site. We have a limited number of rooms on hold, so we need as much commitment as possible so we can add to these rooms if needed. There are also various accommodation options in Swan Hill for those who want to organise their own accommodation.

Saturday dinner will be at the Paragon Café before the Light and Sound Show or you can have a free night exploring the culinary delights of Swan Hill. We will have a few recommendations for this in the future bulletins.

Sunday Night is our fun night with Dinner and Trivia at the Swan Hill Club. We encourage as many members as possible to join this activity.

We have planned lots of fun and interaction throughout the weekend with visits to many local attractions including the Lake Boga Catalina Museum.

We don't want to give too much away too soon, so additional details will be



## COMING EVENTS

provided in Bulletin #2 and future bulletins in the coming months.

Along with this bulletin we have included a registration form and information to secure your accommodation. Please complete this registration as soon as possible as accommodation will be allocated as the forms are received.

Stay tuned for more information and any queries to our contacts below.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Rob, Helen, Brian and Glynis.

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### **BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!**

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied, that he was working on “Aqua-Thermal Treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment.”

U was impressed until, on further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife’s supervision.

## PAST EVENTS - Austins Over Australia

A trio of A7s made their way from Victoria to the Austins Over Australia event at Orange, NSW. They consisted of myself in the Roadster, Greg Hallihan in the Top Hat and Len and Gaye Forster in their Chummy. We were treated to great company with around 150 other Austin enthusiasts in a variety of models.



There were nine Austin Sevens in attendance, which consisted of: a couple of Chummies, three Top Hat, my Roadster, a Meteor, a Latrobe sports, a racing special, a Ruby and an Open Road Tourer.

We travelled on quiet undulating roads to historic towns like Carcoar, Milthorpe and Molong and their respective museums. After a Show and Shine Day (ie rest day) we trundled along to an 1870s mansion - Abercrombie.

Over the 222 miles of a long weekend driving, we had minor repairs to the Top Hat (loose rear hub and self adjusting brake cables), which were effectively remedied (for the weekend!).



## PAST EVENTS - Austins Over Australia

We tried to run off to join the circus and managed a (less than) fast lap of Mount Panorama at Bathurst.

All in all a ripper 4 day weekend.

Cheers, Brian Gibbons



### Editor's Notes

The Club received a few copies of the AOA Programme, from Tony Groom (the Director of AoA), with a "Thanks You" to our Club for our supply of Going Strong to all participants.

SO, I have gleaned from that document that of the 99 entries, 22 were pre-war, and of these pre-war vehicles 13 were Austin 7s - not a bad representation, although some did not actually get there.

Thanks to Brian for the report.

Rob.H.

Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness.

*(Mark Twain)*

## PAST EVENTS - PROGRESSIVE LUNCH

51# members signalled their intention to attend - thank you!!

46# members attended this progressive lunch complete with their approx 11# A7 vehicles.

Morning Tea at Ellis-Jones home was a hit showcasing the talents of Julie with scones and Bev's jam.

Bev also brought along her coffee urn (lovely for all) and additionally banana bread was freshly baked by Julie

Concerns were raised about attending numbers but these came to fruition at Lunch at the Jordan's home Food was prepared by Helen, delivered and served promptly by willing organisers with great assistance from Margaret Rogers

Colin thoroughly enjoyed catching up with members over a glass of red!

Helen CRELLIN made sure these 2 places were left spotlessly clean

Then it was off to Goethel's for Afternoon Tea in Somerville where the weather warmed up again. - Shade was the order of the day

A good crowd continued at this venue and Paul delighted in showcasing his collection of cars in the BIG SHED

AND no one fell in the lake or pool

Then it was over

QED

Another Social Event concluded happily

Thanks

Ron and Helen CRELLIN

See photos on Page 29, and back inside cover

The Jones drive was littered with MGs and Austin 7s.

The were even more, lined up for a plunge in the "dam" at Paul & Leanne's

## FURTHER EDITOR's Wafflings

### Editors Wafflings

Last month's rant, from me, included encouragement to read all those wonderful newsletters from other clubs.

I observe that the March edition of Baby Torque, over in sweltering WA, had a number of articles well worth a read, including:-

President's Report, where Alexandra observed that travelling in an Austin 7 is perhaps the best way to really SEE our great country, and she thanks all those dedicated members who arrange these events/tours.

Tool of the Month is well illustrated with photos, of the brake spring

remover/replacer, that facilitates quick brake shoe replacement. See

page 9 of Baby Torque WD40 - the history - the uses (some) - the composition. See page 14

"tea pot" light - (seen on modern cars). See page 15 of Baby Torque.



Body Builders plate an Phil's sports.



## **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.

The Club recently acquired this item of Austin 7 history.

The next pages are the story, as researched by Tony Johns.

The Trophy is described as:



An important early inkwell form racing trophy, inscribed “L.C.C.A 1933 AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX 200 Mile Road Race, Awarded to R.C.May for completing race within the time limit”, the silver plate base in the shape of Australia, with cut glass inkwell flanked by wings and surmounted by a GP Bugatti within winning laurel wreath, base stamped “Phoenix Plate, Made in Australia”, with pen (likely later), 9cm high, 20cm wide.

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Hello Robert

This is my post on the 1933 AGP held at Phillip Island. After the fiasco with the 1931 race when Dickinson was only awarded the handicap prize and not given the outright AGP winners trophy. The LCCA from then on presented the winners trophy taking account of the handicaps published in the program. I have now researched and written reports on all the pre war races at Phillip Island.

It would be good outcome if the club could see its way to bid on this trophy and not let it go to a private collection.

Regards

Tony Johns

## PRESERVING AUSTIN 7 HISTORY

Headlined with **AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX Fewer Entries This Year** the NSW **Referee** noted that last year (1932) there were 33 entries but this year only 21 entries, and several well-known names were not to be found in the list. Cyril Dickason, and Riley driver Barney Dentry were two drivers that had competed in all previous races at Phillip Island. I have not found any reason why Dickason did not enter the 1933 race, he competed in his supercharged Ulster the following weekend at Aspendale winning three races. However the **Melbourne Herald**, 8 March 1933 ran a story about Dentry, explaining that as his wife was ill at present and that she has been his mechanic for eight years and without her next to him in the Riley he will not race.

**The Car** magazine included a comprehensive seven-page report of the Grand Prix weekend held at Phillip Island. Below is an extract centred on the two Austins of Clarrie May and Ken McKinney.

*The sixth Grand Prix was one of the most strenuous that had been held to date, and nervous tension had been running high, for from the time of acceptance it had been anybody's race, and each camp maintained strictest secrecy regarding its baby.*

*On Saturday afternoon the roads were closed to allow every driver to qualify after completing three laps at more than 50 mph. The dust and dirt surface were bad, but rain was predicted for the rest day on Sunday. If the rain had only ceased at dawn on race day the weather and road would have been perfect, but the several squalls caused discomfort through coldness. The track was just about right for the drivers.*

*At 12.30 pm on race day, the whole of the sixteen starters lined up at the Continental and had moving pictures taken. A procession was formed, which eventually moved off in single file through the town of Cowes to the race track, where they promptly disbanded at Young and Jackson's and scurried for the pits. Here they were arranged in their correct order for the start, the scratch man being at the front end.*

*Just prior to the start, No 3, the supercharged Fraser Nash driven by Doug Shepherd, was sent off to do his practise laps, as having had to come from Sydney, he was too late to appear on Saturday. On the second lap he pulled into the pits in trouble, and it was found he had blown a gasket and had a cracked engine head. So much for the Fraser-Nash, which had been*



## PRESERVING AUSTIN 7 HISTORY

*favoured in many quarters, but this driver, as well as Johnny Clements both of whom came over from Sydney had much sympathy extended towards them in their hour of trouble and not getting a run for their money.*

*In the interim. "Scotty" (Bill Scott a very successful competitor in trials and hillclimbs in his Austin 7, reported in several posts on this thread) had taken up his position at the microphone situated on the back road that leads to "Hell," and found that his part of the job was in good order, a condition which pertained throughout the entire race. This public address system enabled the spectators along the road to know just what was happening.*

*At last the hour of 1.30 pm was reached and Ken McKinney, the limit man, who had originally been allotted 35 minutes handicap and had it reduced to 22 minutes, as he had fitted twin carburettors after practising commenced, was sent away. The report continued, No 16, Clarrie May, driving a special supercharged Austin, made a bid for it, but the high powered cars were too much for him. Yet he finished up in fourth place. Who knows that perhaps one of these days he will bring home the bacon in a Baby Austin. No 20, Ken McKinney, of Advanx Pup fame, again favoured the small job, and at the start looked as though his handicap would allow him to keep ahead of his more powerful opponents. The car seemed to develop some internal trouble which demanded lots of oil and undoubtedly slackened its progress.*

### **People We Saw There.**

*Cyril Dickason, walking about as though he had never been intimately acquainted with one of the competing cars.*

*Barney Dentry, strutting around like somebody lost with fingers itching to do something.*

*Charlie Watt, who did not get mixed up with the oiling of the road, as of yore.*

*Leo Drill, ex president of the Victorian Junior Car Club, who had a few weeks on holidays, floating around with his babies in his baby, but of course, that is only natural considering his business is known as the Baby Austin Hospital.*

*In all there were more than 50 members of the New South Wales Light Car Club down from Sydney to support Bill Thompson win his third Australian Grand Prix.*

# AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

Official Programme



The Light Car Club  
of Australia  
**200 MILES  
CAR RACE**

PHILLIP ISLAND

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1933

THE

# ADVANX

# ROADMASTER

TYRE TREAD

**RULES  
the  
ROAD**

## LIGHT CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

Acceptors for Australian Grand Prix, March 20, 1933.

No.	ENTRANT.	DRIVER.	CAR.	C.C.	HANDICAP
1.	L. G. Jackson	(Mechanic in Small Type) J. W. Williamson	S.C. Bugatti	2262	Scratch
2.	A. J. Terdich	J. SUMERS	Targa Florio (Type 43) S.C. Bugatti	1540	6 min.
3.	D. F. Shepherd	J. McCUTCHEON D. F. Shepherd	Grand Prix Type S.C. Frazer-Nash	1496	7 min.
4.	J. Clements	W. PIKE J. Clements	Bugatti	1992	8 min.
5.	W. H. Cameron	W. WARNEFORD W. H. Cameron	Type 38 Brooklands Riley	1089	8 min.
6.	Britannia Motors Pty. Ltd.	W. BALGARNIE N. N. Gullifer	Ballot	1996	10 min.
7.	E. G. Mackay	H. R. CLAPHAM E. G. Mackay	Bugatti	1496	12 min.
8.	M. Wreford	CARL TAYLOR L. TERRY M. Wreford	Monza Type Bugatti	1496	12 min.

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No.	ENTRANT.	DRIVER.	CAR.	C.C.	HANDICAP.
9.	Britannia Motors Pty. Ltd.	C. R. Warren E. DAMYON	Bugatti Grand Prix Type 37	1496	12 min.
10.	Britannia Motors Pty. Ltd.	N. Putt A. DORWARD	Bugatti Grand Prix Type 37	1517	14 min.
11.	J. McGrath	J. McGrath J. McGRATH	Bugatti Grand Prix Type 37	1496	14 min.
12.	H. Drake-Richmond	Drake-Richmond C. DISNEY	Bugatti Grand Prix Type	1500	16 min.
14.	W. H. Lowe	W. H. Lowe R. JOHNSTONE	S.C. Lombard	1093	16 min.
15.	Britannia Motors Pty. Ltd.	W. J. Mullett M. CHAFFER	S.C. Lea-Francis	1496	16 min.
16.	Austin Distributors Ltd.	R. C. May	S.C. Austin	747.5	19 min.
17.	G. Disher	G. Disher R. WELSH	Grand Salmson	1087	21 min.
18.	A. Chamberlain	A. Chamberlain E. PRICE	S.C. Chamberlain	1004	23 min.
19.	L. Jennings	L. Jennings J. HUNTER	M.G. Magna	1250	24 min.
20.	K. McKinney	K. McKinney F. L. KENDALL	Ulster Austin	747.8	35 min.

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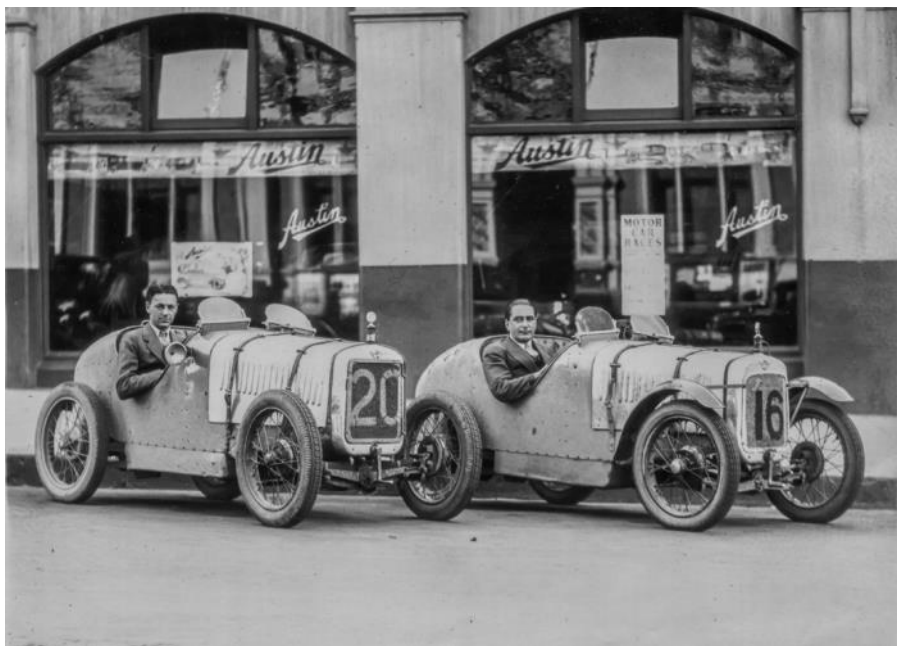
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TYRE TREADRULES  
the  
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## 1933 Race Program, Bob King Collection.

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Outside Austin Distributors Ltd. Bourke Street Melbourne showroom prior to setting off for the Grand Prix. This photo tells us that Clarrie May's Austin was fitted with cycle guards, and the front transverse shock absorber links have been reversed, suggesting that it is the Ulster normally raced by Cyril Dickason seen in some photos with the registration number 134 892. Hence the comment in **The Car** report above. Ken McKinney is seated behind the wheel of the other Austin Distributors Ulster, even though the program lists it as a private entry. Note the fuel hand pumps for pressurising the tanks have been mounted out of view on the near side of both cars for the riding mechanics to use.



Edwin G Adamson photo from the Cyril Dickason Collection, Austin 7 Club of Victoria archives, scanned by Robert Humphreys.

Whilst newspapers reporting on the race acknowledged Bill Thompson's third win, much space was devoted to the second lap accident at Heaven Corner involving Bill Lowe's Lombard when it skidded and crashed into five spectators. One of the injured, Patrick Carroll from Sydney, while waiting for a car to take him to hospital, asked if he could be lifted up so that he could continue watching the race. To make it worse, heavy hail was falling at the time.

Of the 15 starters in the race, only six finished within the allowed time limit. Drake Richmond in second in his Bugatti and Les Jennings third in the MG Magna. Clarrie May, Supercharged Ulster Austin was fourth and Ken McKinney, Ulster Austin fifth. Bill Lowe was able to rejoin the race after his accident, and stopped at the pits to replace two damaged wheels and finished in sixth place.

Kent Patrick, Bugatti owner and author of *Bill Thompson, Australian motor racing champion* has the original LCCA lap charts from the 1933 race, and

has kindly shared the following information with me re lap times for the two Austins. To the best of my knowledge this information has not been published before.

*From the official time sheet for the 6th Australian Grand Prix, McKinney's lap times for the first 19 laps vary between 6 min 8 sec (lap 5) and 7 min 12 sec (lap 3). His time on lap 19 was 6 min 25 and his time on lap 20 was 25 mins 14 and on lap 21 6 min 5 (equal best lap time).*

*Clearly, something happened on lap 20 which did not recur on lap 21 (or any other lap). Whatever delayed him on lap 20 took around 19 minutes to resolve. More than a short conversation telling him to get back on the circuit, it seems. With the exception of lap 25 (11 min 23) his lap times thereafter proceeded as before. If he had oil pressure problems, no mention of it appears in the official time sheet and his final lap time was his equal fastest.*

From the same time sheet Kent advised, *Clarrie May in the supercharged Ulster, (remember McKinney's Ulster was unblown in this race but fitted with twin carburettors during practice with resulted in a reduction in his handicap from 35 minutes) averaged 64.55 mph for the race. May's lap times varied from 5 min 37 on lap 20 to 8 min 42 on lap 17. Most were around the six minute mark, perhaps lap 17 included a refuel stop.*

Editor's Note - I will publish the remainder of Tony's story, in May Lightshaft.

### **A request for regular lunch volunteers.**

The committee are looking for regular volunteers to assist in providing lunches that are enjoyed by our members on the **Spares Saturday**, be it a BBQ or Sandwiches or other easy on the run lunches.

N.B. All costs are reimbursed.

Let's get back to enjoying our social family lunches in the rooms. Covid has nearly gone and we would like to welcome more members to come and enjoy a chat over lunch when the Spares Garage is open..

Contact John Shiells 0403 228 559

Regards, The Committee of The Austin 7 Club.

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

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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.***

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

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

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



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More photos on request (Also see photo on P42)

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## MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

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John Keane, Blackburn, Melbourne 9877-7754

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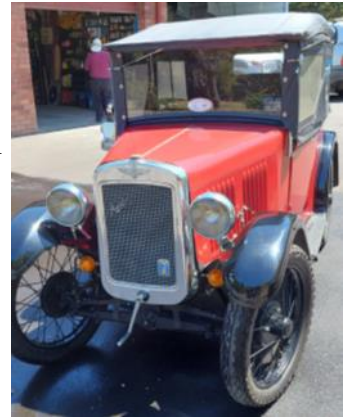
## MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

My brother has decided to move on his 1930 Chummy. He purchased the car from Peter Mathews a year or so ago, it had been in storage since the Orange National A7 Rally 17 years ago.

I recommissioned the car, rebuilding the starter and charging systems, rebuilt the hydraulic braking system, fitted new tyres, serviced the motor, etc. All mechanicals seemed to be in great condition.

Paint is good to fair, interior, top, side-curtains, etc are excellent. Apparently the original restorer had the engine worked on, it went very well when I drove it. There are a number of spares with it.



The car went through a roadworthy check ok and was put on full reg.

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He is looking for \$25,000 or sensible offers.

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## MARKET PLACE

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The bezels screw on and off very well and both lights have reflectors and twin-contact bulb holders.

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From 9:00am

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A Mark 2 Ruby Windscreen

(Must be MK2 the earlier one does not fit.)

Frame is only required new glass will be cut.

Tim Williams 0427 570 293

**FOR SALE**

Set of four (two front, two rear) Aluminium Cycle Guards to suit 19" wheels. One careful owner.

\$200 the set. Pick up from Malvern, or I can deliver to the Clubrooms.

Tony Press 0409 948 430.

**FOR FREE**

**Austin 7 windscreen** I didn't want to throw it in the garbage so hopefully someone can use it?

If anyone is interested they can contact me on [apr@iprimus.com.au](mailto:apr@iprimus.com.au).

We are at Mount Martha where it can be picked up. I don't want anything for it. This Austin 7 Windscreen is in unmarked, good order, free.

Ken Anderson

## MARKET PLACE

### FOR SALE

*1935 Austin 7 tourer*

*Ready to go*

New pressure fed crankshaft

New Pistons plus 0.060"

New Mini valves

New Timing gears

New Electronic Distributor

New Springs

New bushes & Kingpins

New radiator

4 speed Needham gearbox

Perry Exhaust



LED blinkers

5 new tyres

12 Volt generator

New trim and roof

Hydraulic brakes

**\$\$ BEST OFFER \$\$**

*John Franklin 0418 340 433*

### FOR SALE. ALL AUSTIN SEVEN ITEMS.

Windscreen, for saloon, grey primer condition.

Windscreen, [chummy] repaired, glazed and painted black c/w pillars.

Petrol tank, [chummy] repaired and painted black.

Wheels 19", [four] painted black fitted with new Avon tyres.

Axle, front, reconditioned with new King pins etc, painted black.

Seats, [chummy] a reproduction pair, grey primer.

Instrument set ie, PA speedo, switch panel, oil button and patent plate. Will separate if required.

Steering column, reconditioned.

Steering wheel, in fine condition.

Engine, 1930 c/w new crankshaft, dismantled.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.



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