

# **BABY TORQUE**

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## Meetings

The Austin 7 Club NSW Inc meets at 8:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Bankstown Sports, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW. Parking is available via Mona Street (off Greenfield Parade) in the multi-level car park. Visitors are welcome.

## Deadline

This magazine is published seasonly. Contributions to Baby Torque should be sent to The Editor, Baby Torque, P.O. Box 6009, North Ryde NSW 2113

## President's Report

Some of our Austin 7 members have certainly been busy in the last few months, with excellent number of attendees at both the Shannons Sydney Classic at Eastern Creek and the All British Day at Kings School at North Parramatta. I thank all for participating to promote the Austin 7s. The weather was a bit uncertain for the Kings School at the beginning but it turned out to be an excellent day, very fitting for the proud display of our new tear-drop Austin 7 banners! It was also nice of our regional and country members (Gary & Vicki Tout, Graham & Lilian Hatfield (Newcastle), Ian and Victoria Theyers(Oberon)) to come to our display and did a bit of catching up.

The highlight event for 2016 was undoubtedly the September Oberon flower/garden weekend visits combined with the Presidents Run in the region. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank our country members, Victoria & Ian Theyers, who organised the weekend Austin 7 event. With their local knowledge, they took us to wonderful places which many of us never knew existed ! The selected quiet routes with undulating hills and the cool weather were just right for our Austin 7s, and everyone enjoyed the drives tremendously. A few minor hiccups during the weekend, which was not unusual for the babies, made the weekend more eventful and perhaps more challenging! The Theyers were great hosts, as Ian provided the taxi service in his Austin A40 for the dinner evening, and Victoria cooked up a fantastic gourmet dinner, with options of desserts all of which I liked. It was a weekend we all enjoyed and will remember for a long while.

As a reminder, the closing date for the registration of the 2017 Austin 7 National Tour in Toowoomba is fast approaching, if you have not yet registered. The Queensland event will be held on Saturday 8 April to Thursday 13 April 2017 and from the experience of past years, it promises to be a fantastic week.

The 2016 year end is just around the corner, if you are interested in the running of the club for 2017, the nomination forms for the NSW Austin 7 Club office bearers for your consideration are attached with this magazine. Perhaps it is also time to remind our members to renew your membership in the coming months.

This year, our Austin 7 Christmas Party/Presentation Day will be held on Sunday 27th November in Carlingford Bowling Club. If you would like to attend, please contact Maureen asap.

To our country members and local members in Sydney whom I will be unlikely be meeting in the next two months, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a great New Year for 2017.

*Happy Motoring,  
Paul Pui*



# Events Report

I cannot believe our next event is the Club Christmas Party/Presentation Day on November 27, where has the second half of the year gone? I know it's due to the fact we enjoy ourselves visiting so many great places together in our Austin 7's, for example: Members were kindly invited for morning tea and a tour of the garage at the home of Deanne & Lyall Price. July saw our "Babies" touring the scenic countryside and finally arriving at Warragamba Dam as part of a progressive morning tea/lunch and much more. Then to the beautiful Oberon area. You can read stories in this magazine written by club members who attended these events.

The Club now has two magnificent Tear Drop Banners to display on special occasions, the first having been All British Day in August where the Banners stood tall and bright and it made the members feel proud when people were asking for the name of the company that did the work for our Club.

Should anyone wish to join members for the Christmas Party/Presentation, please contact Maureen for details as final numbers have not yet been supplied to caterers.

For members interested in attending CARnivale in Parramatta Park on Australia Day 2017, entries will close on Friday November 18, 2016 and you can go online to: [www.australiaday.com.au/carnivale](http://www.australiaday.com.au/carnivale) to entry or contact John Flower Vehicle Co-ordinator on 0403 442 046.

Those members attending The National Tour in Toowoomba should have now received their Food and Event Costing Form from the Organizing Committee, if not please contact John Que: (07) 3396 0882 or mobile: 0409 893 305 or email: [jque@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jque@bigpond.net.au)

**Please remember there will be No General Meeting in April, 2017 due to Austin 7 National Tour being held in Toowoomba from April 8 to April 13.**

See you at the Christmas Party/Presentation Day and wishing all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2017.

*Happy Austin 7 Touring*  
*Maureen Boatwright*



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**"Many Happy Returns" to all members celebrating their Birthday during Sept, Oct and Nov 2016.**

*Your Club Membership renewal was due on 1 January 2016*

Single Membership Fee for 2016 .....	\$50
Family Membership Fee for 2016 .....	\$55
Joining Fee .....	\$30

The Joining Fee applies to all new members and those who have not renewed their Membership by 31 January each year.

Note: Please be reminded that members who failed to renew their membership 2016 in time will not be receiving further issues of the club magazine.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



27 Nov 2016	Christmas Presentation Day. Carlingford Bowling Club, Pennant Hills Rd. before Evans Road. Arrive 12.15 pm for 12.45 pm Buffet Lunch. Cost \$45.00 per person. Contact Maureen with numbers required for reservation. Forward money to Austin 7 Club NSW Inc, P.O.Box 366, Casula Mall 217 or bank to Laboratories Credit Union BSB 802-841, Account 100008499.
14 Dec 2016	Annual General Meeting
8 Jan 2016	Breakfast Run-South. Meet Heathcote Railway car park ready to depart 8.30 sharp.
26 Jan 2016	Australia Day Festivities (1) Paramatta Pk-CARNIVALE (2) Picnic by the Water (TBA)
26 Feb 2016	Breakfast at Erskine Park then a visit to private car museum at Llandilo. Meet at Liverpool Regional Museum (time TBA).
4th Sunday	AMVC invited our Club to join them on this Day. Lunch details TBA. Contact Maureen with numbers.
19 Mar 2017	Don Avery Memorial Shield Run-Visit Rose Seidler House at Wahroonga (Historic Houses Trust). Meet NRMA car-park George St. Nth.Strathfield 9.15 am to depart 9.30 BYO Lunch.
8 - 13 April 2017	Austin 7 2017 National Tour in Toowoomba.
21 May 2017	National Heritage Motoring Day - Location to be advised.

## From the Editor

I am glad to say we have achieved another year packed with fun and joy. I would like to thank everyone who had helped with the magazine by contributing to the write-up of the events and providing with material that are of interest to be published. I would especially like to thank the Boatwright children for their keen participation in the events and even writing up some. Also special thanks to the drivers of the A7s, especially the men who tirelessly make sure that their cars are in good order for all the runs. Please do keep your writing skills going for the events and do keep sending in any relevant material for publication.

*Amy Pui*



# *Mystery Run with Progressive Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle Lunch – July 3, 2016*

This run might have turned out as a complete mystery as there were three cars eagerly ready to depart from the designated starting point at the Heritage Museum at Casula and meantime one car thought we were starting from North Strathfield and another car decided it would like to make its own way to the morning tea stop.

Eventually all cars met up at Oran Park Village for morning tea/breakfast at a very nice cafe. Then a scenic drive to Warragamba Dam Picnic Grounds. The Club provided a Sausage Sizzle with salad for lunch. And later in the afternoon we drove to the Information Centre and viewing area of the dam. The weather was magnificent and we all thoroughly enjoyed the day. Katie, Jackie & Emma Boatwright joined in with other kids who were dressing up for photos in gear provided by the staff at the Information Centre. A very relaxing and enjoyable day was spent by all.

On the run were Russell Linfoot, Warren Gracie, Mark and Joanne Wellington, Paul, Katie, Jackie and Emma Boatwright and Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright. We are all missing Paul & Amy Pui and Helen Lewis who have been holidaying in Canada & Europe for several months.

*Maureen Boatwright*



**Saturday November 19, 2016**

Starting 10.00 am there will be a Stock Take of Spare Parts to be held at Casula. A light lunch will be provided, please contact Maureen if you wish to help and also for catering purposes.

# 2016 Shannons Sydney Classic Eastern Creek

Eastern Creek has been the place to be for all motoring enthusiasts for many years. Whether it be the lure of the track, the outstanding facilities or simply the August sunshine, every conceivable category of vehicle is always proudly displayed and equally admired. Double decker buses, Goggo mobiles, veteran, vintage, classic, sports, family sedans, V8's all together at the one venue. All have the chance to run around the track and have a good time.

This year was no exception. The mix of vehicles seemed to have moved more towards modern and the stalls catered more for young families than the past which all helps to sustain the event into the future.

This time our club was proudly represented by Trevor Hales, Merv Boatwright, Paul Boatwright, Don Scanes, Mark Wellington and the Lewis family proudly displaying Les' baby at the classic for the first time. Being a 1935 roadster there was some consternation on who would miss out on the much anticipated track run. Luckily both Merv and Mark had vacant front seats for Tara and Aaron to join in the fun. Despite a valiant effort in the closing stages from Tara and Merv, co-driver Aaron and Mark took the chequered flag in the 1929 blue tourer. No one was surprised.

Eastern Creek is an event not to be missed whether or not your Austin 7 is on the road, even if just to whet your appetite for the next years track run.

*Mark Wellington*



## Fuelling a better deal for NSW motorists - FuelCheck

If your work involves driving around between multiple job sites, the cost of constantly putting fuel in the tank can really add up. The new FuelCheck website is here to help you get the best deal on fuel anywhere in NSW. The site lists real-time pricing information for every servo in the state.

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*(Extract from AMVC<editor@amvcnsw.com.au)*

# Road Test of the 1928 Austin Roadster

The following is a report of a road test of the 1928 Austin Roadster made by an engineer of the N.R.M.A. Technical Department. This report is given after careful trial and examination, and is made as comprehensive as circumstances will permit, in the belief that it will prove a useful guide to potential purchasers.

Each car tested is driven over the same course, so that (climatic conditions excepted) all the tests may be equal. It is possible that more favorable results would be obtained if the particular car were tuned up or run in, as the case may be, but any condition that might detract from an expected result is noted in the report.

Every care and precaution is exercised, but the N.R.M.A. accepts no responsibility for the report or for any inaccuracies that may appear in it.

Date: 4th September, 1928. Total mileage, 115.4. Total time, 3 hours, 34 minutes. Average speed, 32.35 m.p.h. Condition of weather, fine, dry, light wind.

Number of passengers including driver, Two.

Consumption of petrol, 21 gallons for 115.4 miles. Average 51.23 miles per gallon. Brand, Plume.

Flying mile, 55.38 m.p.h. Time taken, 65 seconds.

Rolling test, 594 yards.

Maximum speed by speedometer, First, 28. Second, 45. Third, —. Top, 57. Minimum speed in top, 7 m.p.h.

Brake Test (Conducted down Bald Hill).—Grade, 1 in 7. Condition of surface, dry and powdery. Footbrake, 1 locking and 1 not gripping, from 20 m.p.h., pulled up in 40 yards; Handbrake, — from 20 m.p.h., 19 yards; Combined foot and hand, from 20 m.p.h., 7 yards.

Ease of operation, Light.

Acceleration, Very lively on gears. Flexibility, 5 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. in 5.5 seconds.

Steering, Light and sensitive.

Clutch: Satisfactory. Small pedal travel needs usage to operate properly; Strong spring fitted.

Suspension: Good on undulating surfaces at speed. The shock absorbers seemed loosely adjusted, and did not perform well at slow speed.

Quietness: This car has had some rough usage, and has body noises and rattles and some vibration. Engine rough when pulling in top at slow speeds.

Makers, H.P. 7.8. Weight, 9 cwt. Registration, 13/187. Price £197/10/.

Agents.—Larks Hoskins Ltd., 177-185 William Street, Sydney.

Period of Guarantee.—6 months (faulty parts). Service 90 days.

Wheelbase 5ft. 2ins. Turning circle 18in. radius. Track 3ft. 4ins.

Overall length 9ft. 2ins. Width 4ft. Height 5ft. 2ins. Ground clearance 9ins.

Engine (Specifications).—Four cylinder, bore and stroke 5 1/2 x 7 1/2 millimetres, monobloc, detachable head and block, L head, gear driven camshaft in front, aluminium barrel crankcase, containing two roller bearings for crankshaft; front bearing is

Bull's Pass.—Starting speed, 15 m.p.h. Distance of test, 21 miles. Speed on crest of hill, 24 m.p.h. in top gear. Time, 6 mins. 21 seconds. Average speed, 21.24 m.p.h. Condition of surface, Dry.

Ease of control in traffic: Very handy in traffic; brakes and gearshift were tricky.

Driver's Vision: Excellent.

Facility of gear changing: Easy to operate after a little practice.

Cornering: Very good and seems safe at reasonable speeds.

Does engine overheat: Fan belt was disconnected. Boiled on Bull's Pass, otherwise perfectly efficient temperature was maintained.

New Features: Chassis extended rearwards to approximately above rear axle allowing longer body and better support. New type front cross member, drop forged. Starting handle bracket of new type which is stronger. Speedometer positively driven from gear box. The arrangement for retaining wheels and brake drums is very neat, taking all driving and braking stress on special studs.

Facilities for Service: Well equipped service stations centrally located. Full range of Austin tools designed for each particular operation. Mechanics fully conversant with the construction and servicing of these cars.

Spare Parts.—These are available at the Spare Parts Department, William Street, Sydney. Full stock kept.

General Accessibility: The adjustments of this car are all designed for quick servicing and are of straight-

forward conventional nature. If it is necessary to examine the rear axle parts the unit must be dismantled. The tappets, steering, magneto-timing, and other necessary adjustment points are well thought out.

Comments: This car gives a very good general performance, being capable of maintaining a fair average speed over good or indifferent surfaces with comfort and economy. No stop for any unintentional reason was made. When thoroughly warmed up there is a marked improvement in the power output. The brakes are adversely affected if too much lubricant is applied to front or rear axles, or if the retainers are defective. The lubrication of the torque ball, and the forward propeller shaft ball-bearing contained therein, needs special study for each body design or spring setting. Owing to the fact that a straight line drive is the normal condition the pressure lubricator on the torque ball may not line up with the hole leading to the propeller shaft ball race. The oil level in the rear axle housing must not be excessive and should be checked regularly. The compensating pulley for the front brakes should be well lubricated. It is situated at the rear of the gear box. The speedometer on the car tested was reading 4 per cent. fast. The total mileage of 115.4 has been calculated allowing this error. The suspension would have been improved with shock absorbers adjusted tighter. The brakes were in need of general adjustment.

## Specifications Etc.

double roller. Magneto and generator on right side in front, generator's skew gear driven, adjustable tappets on left side. Exhaust and intake manifold and carburettor on left side, power plant inclined rearwards to give a straight line drive. Supported at four points and strengthening frame. M.L. magneto gear driven, vernier adjustment.

Cooling System.—Thermo-siphon and fan, belt driven eccentric adjustment. Detachable honeycomb core radiator.

Capacity of Radiator.—5 quarts.

Engine Lubrication.—Pressure and centrifugal feed, also spray, positive pump. Large filter in sump, dipstick to ascertain level.

Recommended Oil.—Summer, medium; Winter, Medium XL. Capacity of Sump, 5 pints.

Electric System.—Lucas 6 volt, two wire system, two side lamps with dimmers and tail light; starter geared down from motor by gears; Bendix drive.

Globes.—Head, 6 volt, 25 c.p. d.c.; Tail, 6 volt, 4 c.p. d.c. Make of battery, U.S.L. Maximum charge rate, 8.5 amps.

Petrol System.—Gravity tank under scuttle, capacity four gallons, Zenith carburettor with choke valve, hand control of throttle on steering column, shut off cock fitted to tank.

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Please mention "The Open Road" test when making inquiries.



# Test of 1928 Austin Roadster

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Clutch.—Single dry plate, ball thrust, non adjustable.

Gear Box.—Location.—Unit with engine. Heavy engine oil used, which must not exceed a level of 2½ in. on a wire dipped in the filler cap to the bottom. No. of Speeds.—Three and reverse. System of Change.—Centre gate.

Ratios.—First, 16; Second, 9; Third, —; Top, 4.5; Reverse, 21 to 1.

## Garage Closing Times.

L. Woods (Newcastle) seeks conformity: "Why is it that garages do not open and close to time? It is annoying when travelling at the week-end not to know when the service stations will close. Some time ago, after reaching Nowra, I decided to go on to Milton and reached that town at 2 p.m. All the garages were closed and I had to go from one place to another until finally I secured petrol from private people."

Propeller Shaft.—Jointed, rear half enclosed in torque tube. Front joint fabric, rear joint blocks. Adjustment provided for rear section.

Torque Member.—Torque tube with pressure lubricated ball-end.

Rear Axle.—Three quarter floating, spiral level, crown wheel and pinion adjustable, ball bearing hubs. Front Axle.—Drop forged, H section, yoke ended, located laterally by pressed steel radius member, hubs ball bearing. Frame.—Tapered rear to front, inverted channel section with rear extension. No. of Cross-Members, Three.

Suspension.—Front semi-elliptic transverse, rear semi-cantilever underslung, Hartford Shock Absorbers all round.

Steering.—Worm and full wheel. Convenient provision for adjustment.

Wheels and Tyres.—Wire detachable 26 x 3.50, special design. Dunlop, Barnett Glass or Perdiu Tyre equipment optional.

Brakes.—Internal expanding four wheels; front, hand operated by cable, compensated and adjustable; rear, foot operated by cable, adjustable, not compensated. Double ratchet fitted for hand brake. Aluminium shoes, quick adjustable drums.

Lowest Point of Chassis, Front axle. Chassis Lubrication, Zerk or Enots. High pressure system.

Body.—Steel body on special frame, aluminium scuttle on English body. (Single seater tested.) Doors have hook type locks. Door on either side. Seats adjustable for individual driv-

ers. Ample leg room for average person. Optional finish.

Equipment.—Full set Hartford Shock Absorbers, spare wheel, tyre and tube, tool kit, pump and jack, curtains, envelope (on special model), grease gun.

Engineer conducting Test (Signed), C. Naphthali.

Chief-Technical Staff (Signed), J. Fielder.

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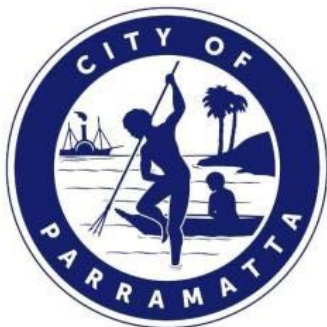
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## AUSTRALIA DAY IN PARRAMATTA

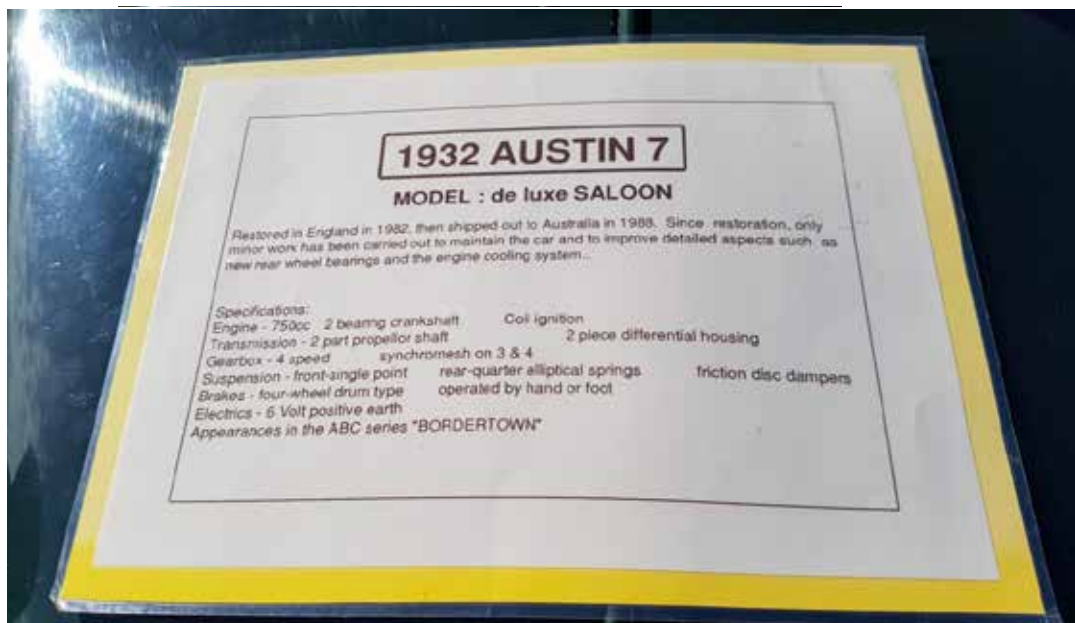
Parramatta City Council jointly with the Australia Day Council of New South Wales, invites you to register for CARnivale in the Park, which will be held in Parramatta Park on Australia Day, Thursday 26 January 2017.

Registration for CARnivale in the Park 2017 is now open and you can download the details and forms at [www.australiaday.com.au/carnivale](http://www.australiaday.com.au/carnivale).

You can ring any of your Austin 7 committee members if you have difficulty accessing the forms.

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Quiz: Can you guess whose car is this?



# All British Day at Kings School

Having rained for a number of days, it was touch and go by Friday if the All British Day at Kings School was going to be on Sunday 28 August. As had happened in the past, the event could be cancelled at the last minute due to the ground being too wet. But the heaven open up on Saturday to be a sunny and warm day, the well-designed Kings sports ground quickly dried up.

On Sunday by 9am, nine Austin 7 club members Kelvin and Barbara Fahey, Graham and Maria Burgess, Mark Wellington, Trevor Hails, Paul Sandra, Kathie, Jackie and Emma Boatwright, Paul and Amy Pui, Ron Selig and Craig Davies had their cars lined up on the sports ground. The cars were all beautifully prepared and looked magnificent in the sunshine. The dried out venue put on an absolutely spectacular day. Two newly acquired tear-drop banners sat in between our cars and proudly displaying the NSW Austin 7 club logo..

This massive annual event of All British Day was held at the School in North Parramatta. The event brought together New South Wales' British car clubs and the hundreds of British motor vehicles, from the rare and quirky to the everyday cars. With its generally spectacular turnout, it's a lovely opportunity to wander around, check out some very cool machinery and chat with fellow fans of British automobiles.

*Paul Pui*





# A VISIT TO OBERON/PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND

**Friday 16th September, 2016**

Like a lot of country regional New South Wales towns, Oberon is one of those gems near the Greater Blue Mountain region. Located just under 3 hours' drive from Sydney, with a mild climate and surrounded by beautiful national parks like the Kanangra Boyd National Park, Abercrombie River National Park and Blue Mountains National Park as well as the Jenolan Caves. So having one of our country members happily residing at Oberon, it was a perfect opportunity for the club members to venture out there. Country members Ian and Victoria Theyers welcomed us to their home turf and helped organised a 3-day weekend that proved to be both fun and relaxing.

On arriving on Friday, the 16th, after a quick lunch in town, we made our way to visit Brenda's beautiful tulip garden that she has planted and the garden she landscaped herself, the different varieties of tulips sprawled through her manicured garden, it was a delight and inspirational to see.

A quick visit to "Mini Tractors" nearby again showed the dedication and hard work that our fellow countrymen have contributed in preserving part of the history for future generations to enjoy. From there we dropped into another local's home to view her beautiful quilts, this again showed the skills the women have, the work they do in contributing to the community. So different to us city dwellers!

With time running short, we made our way to 'Meg's Garden "or "Gairloch Garden", another magnificent "labour of love" garden! It was beautiful, quirky, some areas structured like the chess pergola and lawn croquet or fun like the Frog House, the miniature fairyland, and lots of interesting plants and sculptures, ponds and manicured lawns, the list goes on. There were so much to see and take in I think everyone really loved it.

The next visit was a cheese and wine tasting at Casey's Vineyard with a selection of homemade cheeses by Victoria including Fetta, Blue cheese, Camembert, Cheddar, Havarti, Edam, Mozzarella and Bocconcini, this being one of her many skills and talents!

After the eventful afternoon, the night was enjoyed by all at a Chinese banquet at the motel restaurant. I was amazed by the variety and amount of food that kept coming and all were very delicious and well prepared. The cook even came out to say hello, no doubt checking on our response to the sumptuous meal!

*Amy Pui*





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## Saturday 17th September, 2016

It's a Sunny day in Oberon with a chill factor of 10 degrees. The day starts well with a "Full Breakfast" and then off we go to Abercrombie House in Bathurst. 8 Austin 7's and 3 moderns.

Do you enjoy pastures with sheep, cattle and horses, hills, clouds and sunshine?

What a joy to follow a group of Austin 7's on the type of roads they love, looking at how well they fit into the scenery.

Time to stop in the park for morning tea and the usual chat about Austin 7's and discussion on how cold it is and more so for those without a hood.

We arrive at Abercrombie House and I think I have just returned to my holiday in England and what a great place for an A7 photoshoot. How great it was to have a family member tell us the history of the area and the house with the peacocks parading around in full plumage. The family still live in the house (all told 50 rooms) with some modernisation of electricity and plumbing. They are still doing the restorations each day and the results are magnificent. A light lunch was served in the Ballroom with 28 feet high ceilings. We were invited to wander over the whole house, family bedrooms included but not the attic. Then off down to the basement where Julie's Antiques and Collectables are housed. Well worth a look.

Now we head back towards Oberon to visit Mayfield water Gardens and it is now time for an A7 breakdown and we find Ian perched on a hill. Sorry nothing for it but to take it home for a little TLC. As we climb the hills we get to the highest point and friends of Ian and Victoria who have joined us for a run (Cathy and Ken) and Ken stops suddenly, eventually on his way (a little hot me thinks). We reach our destination and some helpful advice is dispensed and a little fuel and water added to the mix.

What a pleasant surprise the gardens and ponds are, waterfalls, flowers, rocks and bridges, acres of them. Such a vista to see and surprises around the corners with a mainly easy walk to settle lunch before returning to Oberon to prepare for our evening meal at Victoria & Ian's place "Potters Needs Gallery".

Well we are off to dinner prepared by Victoria and is the day's drama over, NO our guide Ian arrives in his A40 and some people have decided to wend their way to the Gallery and others receive road instructions. We all arrive but where is Ian? A phone call later and he is found at the bottom of the hill and again needs to be towed home after some unsuccessful attempts to clutch start.

We had an enjoyable evening chatting and eating beautifully prepared food and a couple of presentations after most of us failed the President's Quiz.

*Helen Lewis*





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**Sunday 18th September, 2016**

After 2 days of fun, it's time to head home but not before we visited a nearby dam, and two museums, The Oberon Military Museum has a variety of weapons, real and replicas from the Boer War till now as well as a collection of videos, books, medals and trophies and photos. The commentary provided by a local volunteer was detail and informative showing their dedication to preserving the war history.

The Oberon Tarana Heritage Railway was another interesting example of dedicated local countrymen who has spent 6 years in restoring the Oberon Branch line, originally opened in 1923, linking Oberon to Tarana, and when completed would be a major tourist attraction .

*Amy Pui*



# Annual Display Day at Centennial Park

**Sunday October 16, 2016**

A lovely relaxing day for our Annual Centennial Park display was enjoyed by all who attended. Arriving early in his Austin was Trevor Hails, and from Newcastle were Graham and Maria Burgess and Ken Constantine. Kevin and Irish Lewis with their two children, Tara and Aaron and pet dog also came in their early 1930s A7. Also present were Ken Rolley, Paul and Amy Pui, Mervyn and Maureen Boatwright, Paul Boatwright and daughter Jackie.

The children had a great time playing at the playground and also riding up and down the footpath with their scooters and bikes. As expected, Graham Burgess took the opportunity to drive his A7 through the park in the hope of picking up some unsuspecting passengers. And sure enough he didn't disappoint us by wheezing past with a very happy female passenger!

There were 6 cars on display and only 3 eligible for Club Car of the year nomination and Graham happily accepted the shield as his car got the most vote for car of the year. He was also suitably dressed in his 1920 gear followed by Mervyn who also put on his lovely suit and hat. The weather was warm but windy and we even had the park ranger stopping by and taking some photos of our cars.

Amy Pui





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I sincerely thank those members who supported our club this year by purchasing spare parts. I wish all members and their families a

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2017.

*Mervyn Boatwright*



## Point Score Trophy

Don't forget the Austin 7 Club NSW **Point Score** program. Our aim is to see as many people as possible attending events and meetings (including monthly general meetings). Participation in an event or outing from the starting point to the finish will score you 2 points, while attending a general meeting will score you 1 point. These points are awarded whether you attend in your Austin 7 or modern car. The person with the highest points tally will receive a trophy at our Christmas Luncheon / Presentation Day. Come along and get involved.



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and enjoyment of all types of  
Austin Sevens"

## Our Club is a member of The Council of Motor Clubs, Inc

The Austin 7 Club NSW Inc has been active since 1984 and aims to bring together people with the common interest of restoring, preserving and driving Austin Sevens. We are an informal family club that regularly takes our "Babies" to

the road for some fun social touring. Spare parts are available to Club Members through the Club Spares Division and our technical people will give advice, where possible, in regard to the restoration of these cars.



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## RMS Regulations & Club Rules

Members are to observe all **RMS Regulations** and **Club Rules** as contained in our current **Constitution and Members Mate** booklet.

If this Club is nominated as your Primary Club under the RMS Historic Conditional Registration Scheme (HCRS) then the following documents **MUST** be carried in your vehicle at all times.

- a copy of your RMS Certificate of Approved Operation of Vehicle
- a copy of this Clubs Certificate of Insurance (Public Liability)
- a current or recent Baby Torque magazine



If bad weather conditions are looming please contact Maureen Boatwright (Home) 02 9822 8609 (Mobile) 0413 017 263 or Paul Pui (Home) 02 9958 1791 (Mobile) 0413 621 078 Saturday evenings or from 6:30am on the Sunday of the run.

**Welcome New Member!**

Mr Greg Holden