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AUSTIN 7 CLUB NSW INC

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Centennial Park Display 2019

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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.				
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President's Report

Happy New Year to everyone. 2020 can be expected to be another great year for the Austin 7 Club and for our members, as the office bearers and committee members have been returned in our recent election. I also hope everyone has also had a wonderful Christmas.

With Year 2019 drawn to a close, our thoughts are also with our country members experiencing massive bush fires all through different parts of the country. A freak storm also ripped through Sydney North Shore where I live a few weeks ago bringing down trees and power poles and even my son coped an entire next-door flat roof planted in his garden. Luckily, they were overseas at the time.

The club had enjoyed a few outings to some new and some familiar places, it was good that we have a young generation of children participating in the runs. The President's run in October turned out to be a long lunch and while adults were indulging with fantastic food and drinks, the Boatwright girls were having a great time in the pool. It was nice to see Bob Byrne's wife, Noelene, attending the Centennial display and also, David Armstrong and Terry and Joy Haynes at the Christmas party and presentation. Amy's brother, Edwin won one of the raffle prizes and this is the 4th year in a row that Amy's brother, friend Chen Lim and themselves have won the raffle prizes. Again, the venue at Moorebank Sport Club was fantastic and the food was great. Much thanks go to Maureen for organizing them.

Included in this issue of the magazine, there is a new copy of the 1 December 2019 Club Constitution/Club Rules/Members Mate. Please take the time to look at the club Rules as extra points were added to Rules 1 and 5 and a new Rule 6 has also been added. Mervyn Boatwright and Mark Wellington are the current vehicle inspectors for the club. It is important that club members adhere to the club rules and appreciate the efforts and commitments of the volunteer members in the club to ensure the success of this club.

Happy Motoring

Paul Pui



Darwin July 2019

Events Report

A lot has happened since the last edition of Baby Torque. Those who attended our President's home for a bbq lunch and a good catch up with members, spent a lovely day with friends. It was great to see Graham and Lilian Hatfield, members from Carey Bay. We had not seen them since they invited our club members to bring their Austin 7's and drive around the Newcastle area a few years ago.

At Centennial Park this year there were two new cars on display. Both cars were in excellent condition but unfortunately there can only be one winner on the day. I have received good reports back regarding the Christmas Party held at Moorebank Sports Club. This is our second event at this venue, the food was excellent and everyone seems to have a very enjoyable day including the kids.

There are two trips away coming up in January and March 2020. It would be wonderful to see more Austin 7's on the country roads so please try to join us and take part in visiting country areas and having lots of fun driving your Austin 7 round the scenic countryside with club members.

Looking forward to seeing many cars on the next run and Happy Austin 7 Touring.

Maureen Boatwright

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"Many Happy Returns" to all members celebrating their Birthday during December, January and February

Club Membership Renewals

Please be advised that Membership renewals are due on 1st January 2020 and if not paid by that date, you cannot drive your vehicle registered with HVS Plates until your 2020 membership has been paid.

Fees : Family Membership: \$55.00 Single Membership: \$50.00
Joining Fee \$30.00

Payment method: Direct Credit to LCU (details on page 2) OR cheques.

Cheque payments to be sent to the following address:

Mrs. Amy Pui, Membership Officer (Austin 7 Club NSW Inc)
P.O. Box 107, Northbridge NSW 2063

Special thanks to Bankstown Sports Club for providing a meeting room free of charge to our club for our monthly meetings. Without the support of Bankstown Sports it would be difficult for the Austin 7 Club to hold meetings without passing on some costs. With their continual support our club is also able to enjoy the various facilities available to us.



UPCOMING EVENTS



26 January 2020 **Australia Day Festivities.:** Parramatta Park or Long weekend based in Mittagong and visiting new destinations. Please contact Maureen urgently if you require accommodation in Mittagong.

16 Feb 2020 **Twilight Run.** Meet in McDonalds car park, 343 Milperra Road Bankstown, turn in at traffic lights (next to Bunnings). Arrive 2.15 pm to depart 2.30 pm for a run on the south side and finish at a cafe.

15 -20 March 2020 **Week away based in Tamworth area.** Please contact Maureen a.s.a.p so accommodation can be made.

19 April 2020 **Meet at Liverpool Regional Museum, on Hume Highway & Congressional Drive Casula** at 9.30 am to depart 9.45 am. Bring a picnic lunch

9 - 14 April 2022 **Austin 7 National Rally – Warrnambool.** The Austin 7 Club Inc (Vic) has just announced that the 2022 National Austin Seven Rally will be held in the seaside town of Warrnambool. The Rally Registration will be on Saturday 9th April, and conclude with a Farewell Dinner on Thursday 14th April. Expression of Interest will be available at the end of the year. Set aside the dates to celebrate the 100 years of Austin 7s and tour the areas. Any queries can be directed to Andrea Casabene and the Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com



Austin 7 Club NSW Facebook

Kevin Lewis has created an Austin 7 Club NSW Facebook page and invited everyone in the club to be a member. This will allow people to check on what's happening in the club and add comments and photos if they wish to.

AUSTIN SEVEN MYSTERY RUN - 29/09/2019

Waking from their winter hibernation to warm Spring weather five Austin Sevens assembled at North Strathfield for the start of a Mystery Run. And what better way to enjoy the scenic hills and open spaces of Sydney's north western outskirts than by open air touring in an Austin Seven with balmy breezes and the smell of jasmine filtering through the cabin.

An early start ensured that we were ahead of any traffic build up. Crossing Parramatta River at Meadowbank we were reminded of Sydney's thirst for waterfront views by the proliferation of new apartments crowding the shoreline of rivers and bays. As we climbed towards Castle Hill and Dural expansive views of distant Blue Mountains unfolded across Sydney's western plains.

By now the landscape had changed from buildings to bushland and we soon found ourselves at our first scheduled stop, Boongala Gardens Kenthurst, a privately owned native gardens and rainforest set in eleven acres of bushland.

From Boongala Gardens we Austin'd to Dural to view the intriguing Ray Nesci Bonsai Nursery where examples of trees and shrubs in various stages were on display. Established in 1979 on five acres, a visit to the Bonsai Nursery is a must for lovers of the art of Bonsai.



A Bonsai at a private nursery opened to the public in Spring

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Leaving Bonsai Nursery, and with lunchtime approaching, our thoughts (and cars) turned towards our next port of call, Indian Restaurant Kashi at Amaroo Park. This newly renovated restaurant is tucked away on the site of the old Amaroo Park Raceway and offers a fine selection of food which was attractively presented and enjoyed by all.

Amaroo Park Raceway was the home of many competitions in the 60's to the 90's, including Australian Touring Car Championships, Sports Sedan Series and Appendix J Series Racing.

However, all good things come to an end, and, as with Amaroo Park Racing, our Austin Seven Mystery Run came to its end at the same location.

Our thanks to Maureen and helpers for organising another great day.

R. Linfoot



Russell Linfoot's 1928 Roadster



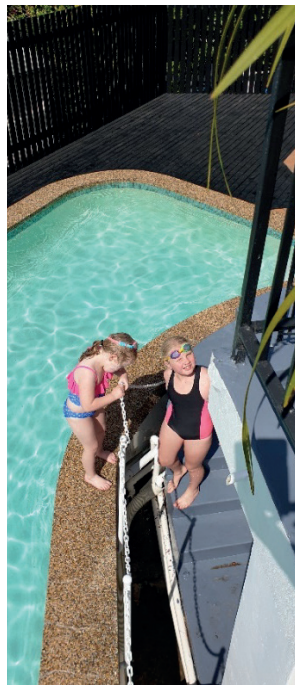
Presidents Run / Lunch October 2019

As a somewhat remote member of the Austin 7 club, I must thank Paul Pui for being a 'pro-active' president and for making the effort to contact us and ensure we knew all about this year's President's Lunch.

Although the actual run was cancelled due to conflicting local events, Paul and Amy still opened their home for a President's Lunch on a lovely sunny day (13th October). Finding the right house was easy thanks to Paul's lovely little 7 handily parked right outside!

What a super outlook from their entertaining area, stunning views out over Middle Harbour, Peach Tree Bay (I think). A huge bowl of Prawns and tasty appetisers was our first course and while we chatted, Paul fired up the barbeque and got to work on the main course meat selection!

It was good to catch up with other members in a relaxed social setting, I spoke with Russell Linfoot, Graham and Maria Burgess and Elaine Taylor, as well as Paul and Merv Boatwright whilst Lillian mixed with a ladies group who also watched the Boatwright children having a great time in the pool!



Presidents Run / Lunch October 2019

Paul and Amy's good friends Chen and Choo-Lee entertained us with stories of their recent trip around WA with Chen's 'all action' videos of the horizontal falls, a natural phenomenon I was not aware of until then. Another amazing Club member Bob Riches arrived just before a selection of desserts and fruit, Bob and his wife Judith also had some wonderful experiences to share.

What next? A quiz of course, another opportunity to learn more about Paul and Amy, the local area and some tricky questions about our great little club's history. Not sure we did too well on our test, but a great fun way to round out an awesome afternoon!

Many thanks to Paul and Amy, a great day that made Lillian and I really feel part of this friendly little club.

Graham and Lillian Hatfield



Presidents Run / Lunch October 2019



From Left to right: Graham and Lilian Hatfield, Elaine Taylor, Maria and Graham Burgess, Paul Boatwright (standing) and Russell Linfoot



From Left: Amy Pui, Maria Burgess, Elaine Taylor, Choo-Lee Khor, Maureen Boatwright and Lillian Hatfield

Another trip notched up for little Rita – 9-13 Nov 2019

Graham Burgess and Elaine Taylor have just returned from a wild 5 day trip from Newcastle to Port Augusta. The little Austin Seven went famously on the 1500 Km drive via Broken Hill to Peterborough and then on to Port Augusta. Elaine followed as Tail end Charlene while Graham drove little Rita across the State and on to South Australia for no better reason than they could. Of course, the underlying reason is to mark the Australian map with Rita's adventures. Rita has now traveled both ways across the country East to West and South to North. Not sure if any other Austin Seven has achieved that but Rita now has, and is claiming a first until such time as we find somebody else has done it before. The first night was spent at Nyngan caravan park after suffering a terrible dust storm all afternoon when you couldn't see the front of the radiator from the driver's seat. The red dust penetrated every part of the car and every part of the driver while in the top down mode for avoiding the oppressive heat. All the while fear gripped Graham hoping no huge lorry would come from behind and end the journey there and then. Second night was spent sleeping in the trailer at Broken Hill and freezing in the impossible cold as the caravan park was closed prior to our arrival. So much for the joy of journeying across Australia just for fun.

How much fun can you have in a blinding dust storm as well as freezing all night in a place where it is usually intolerably hot. Answer is lots. Lots to laugh about on returning to a nice shower and a soft bed at home and as well as the constant ribbing from Maria for undertaking yet another adventure for no sound or explicable reason. Elaine followed like a bloodhound in the support car and watched in fear as the giant road trains lumbered past with their trailers swinging from side to side in a menacing fashion. Sitting in the little Austin Seven for three long days was tiring but at the same time exhilarating as the little girl wended her way along the straits and up the long hills mostly in second gear. One occasion when she coughed and spluttered a little, gave rise to some fearful thoughts of what could be wrong. After cleaning the float bowl and checking for the cause I suddenly stumbled on the loose high-tension lead from the coil. A warm feeling of relief saw us head off again for the rest of an enjoyable day in the desert. Road kill was thin on the ground (note the pun) as the Kangaroos have stopped breeding during the drought.

Elaine elects herself to be the counter of all road kill and recorded only about thirty dead animals on the trip across. (It should be expected that some small interest should be included in what otherwise could be a boring job following an Austin Seven day after day.) Somebody once said that maybe Elaine is living a simple life by following a little red car for days on end. I am always quick to say every Austin Seven owner should have their own personal Elaine Taylor. The only way little Rita can do the things she does is because faithful and reliable Elaine is always there for support and security should anything go wrong in a mechanical fashion and require another pair of hands.

Well. Done that now.... don't have to do it again.

Looking for the next challenge so I can annoy my beautiful wife with another reason to question my sanity.

Graham Burgess

Centennial Park Display Day – 27 October 2019

Present on the day were Graham and Maria Burgess, Bob and Noelene Byrne, Mervyn and Maureen Boatwright, Terry Haynes, Russel Linfoot, Mark Wellington, Paul Pui and Kaden.

7 members Austin sevens turned out for the day which was perfect weather for a picnic and so we set up for the day on the side of the hill for a good chat among ourselves, and many other passersby who admired the cars and wanted to chat about them also. The park was not overcrowded and it therefore made for a very pleasant day out. Lunchtime came and after a bite to eat and drink Maureen ran a quiz to test our trivia knowledge. After this we all had a vote for the best car and Terry Haynes "GREMLIN" was voted people's choice and he was presented with the trophy. As the afternoon was now getting on it was decided to pack up and head home.



Bob Byrne



From Left to right: Mervyn Boatwright, Russell Linfoot, Graham Burgess, Robert Byrne, Terry Haynes, Paul Pui and Mark Wellington.

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Above: Terry Haynes winning Club Car of the Year

Left: Robert and Noelene Byrne



CHRISTMAS PARTY/PRESENTATION DAY NOVEMBER 24, 2019



Brad Sherringham, Mervyn Boatwright & Kevin Lewis

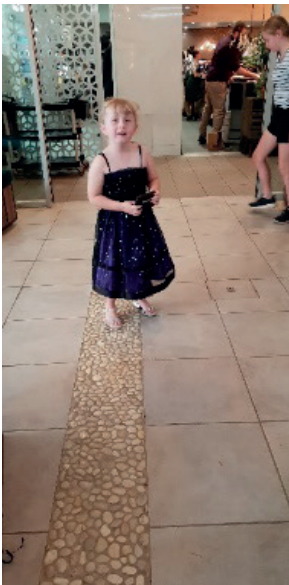


Front table anti-clockwise from left: Joy Haynes, Carolyn Thompson, Elaine Taylor, Helen Lewis & Terry Haynes

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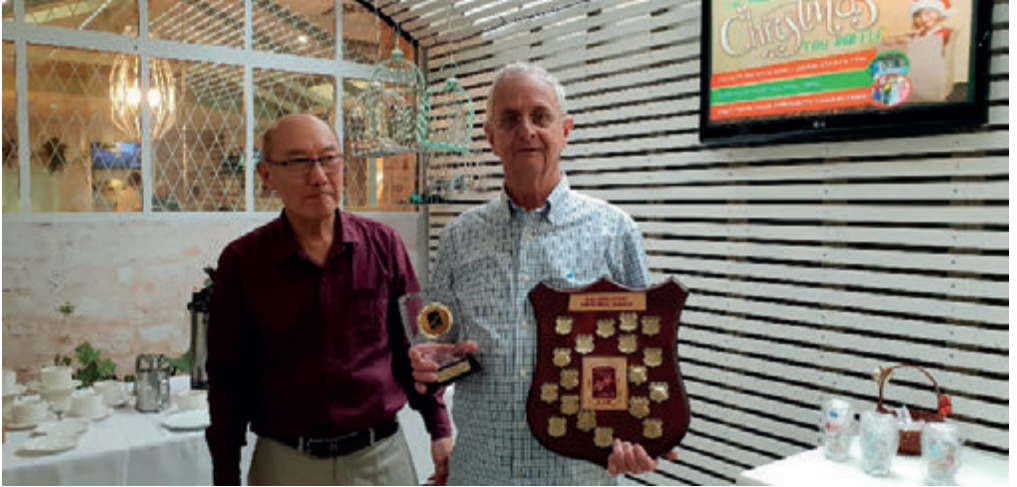
*Family guests of Paul & Amy Pui: Ed & Jean Huang,
Chen Lim and Kaden*



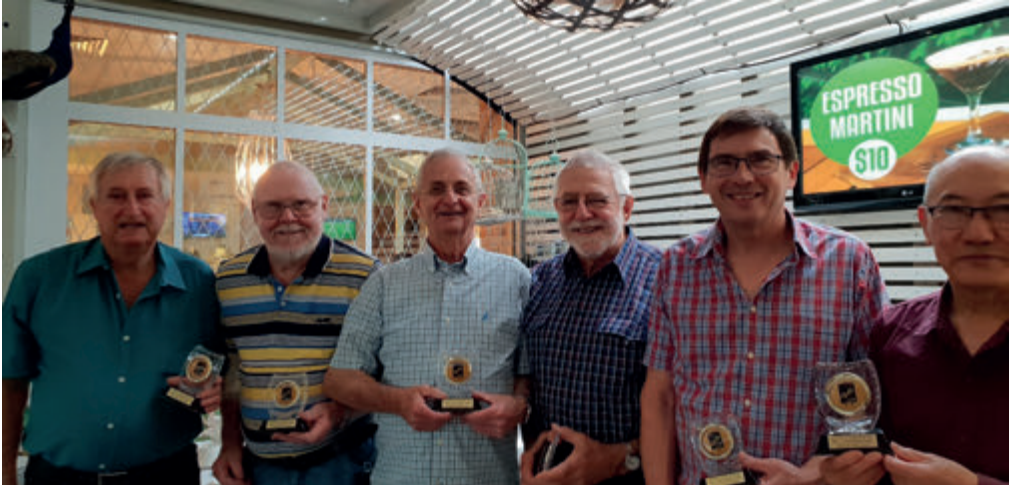
*Above: Emma with the
winning Raffle price*



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David Armstrong with Bob & Judith Riches

Listed below are names of Trophy Winners for 2019:

Club Members of the Year.....	Amy Pui & Bob Byrne
Club Car of the Year	Terry Haynes
President's Shield.....	Maureen Boatwright
Don Avery Memorial Shield	Graham Burgess
Most Enthusiastic Club Member	Bob Byrne
Longest distance travelled in an Austin to Centennial Park	Mervyn & Maureen Boatwrigh
Achievers of the Year	Terry Haynes & Bob Byrne
Point Score Winner	Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright
Question & Answer Quiz Centennial Park.....	Mark Wellington



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NOTE: Members requiring their Historic Vehicle Declaration Form (1259) to be Club signed and Club stamped, need to fill out the 1259 Form and post it with all necessary paperwork regarding their registration to:

Mervyn Boatwright - P.O. Box 366, Casula Mall, NSW 2170

This paperwork will be signed and stamped, photocopied for our Club records and the originals returned to you immediately so you can register your vehicle.

From the editor:

Please be reminded that any contributions of articles or subjects of interest etc to be published in the magazines from members of the club are always greatly appreciated.



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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Austin 7 Club NSW Inc

"Dedicated to the preservation 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 regards to the restoration of these cars.

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
- a current yearly membership receipt

If bad weather conditions are looming:

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