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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

Welcome back to all members of the club who have enthusiastically attended the 2017 Austin Seven National Tour in Toowoomba, Queensland. And for those who couldn't attend due to one reason or another, we would like to say that our club have presented well at the tour with the following attendees:

In their Austin 7s, Ian and Victoria Theyers, Kevin and Helen Hart, Anthony Hart, Tom Hart (17 YO in his newly restored van), John and Kath Moyes, Merv and Maureen Boatwright, Paul and Sandra Boatwright with their girls, Jessica, Katy, Jackie and Emma, Mark Wellington, Eric and Anne Bourn, George and Sue McGill, Gary and Vicky Tout, Graham and Maria Burgess, Elaine Taylor, Brian and Deirdre Haywood, Paul and Amy Pui, and newly joined members, Ian Reece and Lynette Falken, Graeme and Bev Logan, Wayne and Jenny Styles, and Walter Raschle. In their moderns were Ken Rolley and Russell Linfoot. The event offered opportunities for members to catch up with one another as well as making new friends from other states. Bob and Judith Riches would have celebrated their 62nd anniversary at Toowoomba with all their friends made over 50 more years of Austin 7 association, but Judith unfortunately had broken her femur just before the departure for the rally. Instead, she could only celebrate with us over the phone while recuperating in a Sydney hospital. The Logan family drove their little Austin from Melbourne to Toowoomba, which was very inspiring.

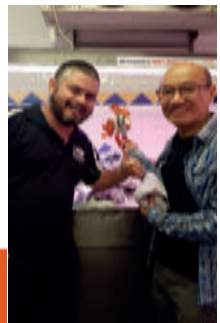
Due to a group of dedicated members from the Queensland Club, the tour kicked off with great enthusiasm and success. The amazing landscape in the outskirt of Toowoomba was well enjoyed by all, especially those in their A7s with the sense of freedom and pure joy. The runs were meticulously planned and all the daily runs were well timed so each day all members enjoyed a delicious morning tea of dampers, cakes, slices and sandwiches, followed by a second run of the day and lunch. Highlights of the tour have been written up by up different members in this publication.

Congratulations to all the winners as detailed in the write up (Gary & Vicky Tout, Tom Hart Ian Reece and Lynette Falken, Walter Raschle, Mark Wellington and myself), who took part in various events at the National Tour. The Tout's car and the Logan family were featured in local Channel 7 evening news and local paper "The Chronicle".

The Victorian Club has taken up the challenge to organize the next national tour in 5 years time, and we are all looking forward to celebrate the centenary event.

On the club matters, Helen Lewis, due to ill health, has regrettably resigned from the position of Treasurer. The NSW Austin 7 club would also like to thank her for her years of service to the club and wish her well. Warren Gracie will temporarily assume the treasury role. Also, a new Members Mate is now being prepared and an electronic copy including the Club Constitution and Club rules will be sent to every member with an email address. This is to reduce the cost of printing and postage as well as keeping up with the general trend of electronic communication. However, hard copies will be sent to members without email addresses. If any member has difficulty printing a hard copy at home, please contact Amy Pui on 0402 816 345 to obtain a copy.

*Happy Motoring,
Paul Pui*



Our president on his way to the recent Toowoomba National Tour could not resist wondering into this Tweed Heads seafood outlet called "Scales", said to be the best in town. He was seen ordering bugs, prawns, fish, and chips. Not only he demolished the lots, he said "definitely worthwhile coming back! "

Events Report

Since the Summer magazine lots of great things have happened. In February the AMVC kindly invited the Austin 7 Club to join them for Breakfast at a members home and then visit to a private vehicle museum at Londonderry followed by a buffet lunch. Unfortunately, the March Run was postponed due to extremely wet conditions and will be rescheduled for early in 2018. In April, club members travelled to Toowoomba for the National 2017 Austin 7 Tour, celebrating 95 years of the Austin 7, 1922-2017. It was a wonderful Tour with over 120 Austin 7 vehicles travelling round the beautiful countryside of Toowoomba. My family thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I believe all who attended the Tour did likewise. In this beautiful magazine you will see many photos accompanied by wonderful stories from club members who gave us insights and visions of their days activities during the tour. Amy, thank you once again for producing a wonderful magazine.

Surprise, surprise, the weather was great for the Don Avery Memorial Shield Run in May. Everyone enjoyed the morning tea provided by the Club whilst they chattered, taking in the view of the Georges River. Then a visit to Hambledon Cottage in Parramatta followed by a short trip to Central Gardens in Merrylands for lunch. Attending the run were: Paul & Amy Pui, Graham & Maria Burgess, Mark & Joanne Wellington, Trevor Hails, Warren Gracie, Russell Linfoot and Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright.

Hope we get a great roll-up for the June 25 Run to the Model Engineers Society at Luddenham.

Happy Austin 7 Touring

Editor: I would like to thank everyone who have taken part in the writeup of the various runs, especially the Toowoomba tour. It has certainly made the reading more interesting as it is from different people's perspective.

I am sure for those of us who were able to go to Toowoomba, the experience is quite unforgettable. The spirit and enthusiasm were felt by all.

WANTED.

**Smiths speedo to suit 1926 – 1932 Austin 7 or parts thereof.
Wayne Styles. 0417 532412.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“Many Happy Returns” to all
members celebrating their
Birthday during March,
April and May 2017.

Your Club Membership renewal was due on 1 January 2017

Single Membership Fee for 2017 \$50

Family Membership Fee for 2017 \$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 2017 in time will not be receiving further issues of the club magazine.

UPCOMING EVENTS



25 Jun 2017 (4th Sunday)	Run to Model Engineers Society at Luddenham Meet at Liverpool Regional Museum, Crn. Hume Highway & Congressional Drive at 9.15 am to depart at 9.30 am. BYO lunch or purchase at Kiosk. There are always great things to see and you should experience a great day, contact Maureen as bookings are necessary.
16 Jul 2017	Ladies Day – Mystery Run Meet at NRMA car-park, George Street North Strathfield at 9.30 am to depart at 9.45 am. A Treasure Hunt will take place during the drive to our lunch stop at a Club or Pub.
13 Aug 2017	Shannons Sydney Classic at Eastern Creek. Tickets \$20 each. Please contact Maureen for tickets.
27 Aug 2017	All British Day at Kings School – North Parramatta. Contact Maureen for tickets.
15-17 Sept 2017	President's Weekend Away in the Central Coast Area We will visit many places of interest including the new Museum at Gosford. Please contact Paul Pui a.s.a.p. to place your name on the list as Motel bookings must be made very soon
15 Oct 2017	Centennial Park Display Day.
12 Nov 2017	Breakfast Run – North
13 Dec 2017	Annual General Meeting



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.

Breakfast at Erskine Park -February 19 2017

Meeting at Liverpool where the wary drive moderns and the brave Austin's. We then motored to the home of Shane and Jenny Bastow, Ian and Wendy from the Austin MVC. Where all had a healthy intake of bacon and eggs, on rolls if you prefer, with tea, coffee or juice - no champagne! - which is probably a good thing because then we would never have left.

Thank you Austin MVC for your hospitality.

Next we travelled up hill and down dale to a secret location (not to be revealed) where a bounty of memorabilia was there for the taking - (looking only we did not take).

A private museum where treasures of years gone by have sat in hiding for those who collect to keep and protect for us to years later stare and admire and reminisce at the transition of time.

All of us, I believe, would have experienced a moment where we were once again young, vibrant but not so wise.

Once again we visit the past but thank the heavens to live in the present.

After our visit through the museum a luncheon was served for all to enjoy. We ate told stories and then parted ways.

As we left we reminisced of simpler days, then before we knew it we were back on the highway and enjoying the rush of driving in the fast lane!!!!

Thank you to all who organised, participated and enjoyed a lovely day.

Joanne Wellington



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Day 1 Saturday 8th April 2017

The much-anticipated Austin 7 National Tour finally kicked off with scores of Austins arriving from around Australia, about 250 adults and a dozen children have booked in for the memorable event to celebrate 95 years of the Austin from 1922 to 2017. There were 45 Queensland A7s, 26 A7s from NSW, 26 from Victoria, 15 from South Australia, 2 from Western Australia, 1 from Tasmania and 1 from the UK. All the A7s will be from the year 1925 to 1938 and include vintage Chummies, Ulsters, Roadsters, Vintage saloon, Swallow Saloons, Rubber Duck, Box Saloons, post vintage tourers and Roadsters, Nippy Sport, Ruby Saloons, Coupes, Vans, Vintage sport and a Cabriolet. What a display! Registration was at the Darling Downs Veteran and Vintage Motor Club Clubroom and everyone received a comprehensive tour pack with name tags, Entrant Booklet, and lots of goodies.

The welcoming dinner was at the University of Southern Queensland and everyone had a great time catching up with each other.

Amy Pui



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Day 2 Sunday 9th April 2017

Day 2 was the first day real day of the Tour following Registration and Welcome Dinner on the Saturday to bring everyone together and unite old friends.

The Queensland Club set a cracking pace right from the start which was maintained up to the Farewell Dinner and Presentations. Breakfast was provided for those who ordered it at the Tour HQ situated at the Darling Downs Veteran and Vintage Motor Club clubrooms from 7am each day, followed by a driver's briefing and departure for the Run of the day.

However, there was a Swap and Sell meet on this first day from 8am with participants setting up items for sale alongside their cars outside the Tour HQ. There was a lot of interest in the items on offer, handbooks, radiators, lights, magnetos amongst much more and it provided an opportunity for a meet and greet as well as much discussion on the finer points of Austin Sevens. After 9.30am people packed away their 'Seven goodies' and set off for the Austin 7 display at the Cobb & Co Museum downtown.

All cars were parked in the field adjacent to the Museum with some of the more special and interesting examples along the front of the Museum and adjacent to the main entrance. These included Ian Reece's 1925 Chummy, Kevin Harte's 1933 Van driven by Tom and Paul Boatwright's 1929 Chummy. The day had been very well publicised in Toowoomba and as a result drew large numbers of locals to look at more than a hundred little cars of every shape and size.

The Cobb & Co Museum was opened in 1965 by WRF (Bill) Bolton to display his collection of horse drawn-vehicles and memorabilia associated with Australia's legendary coaching company which was started in 1854 by Americans, Freeman Cobb, John Peck, James Swanton and John Lamber. In 1981 the Museum was destroyed by fire, but the vehicles were saved by local volunteers and firefighters. Following the fire, the Bolton collection was donated to the Queensland Museum by Bill Bolton's daughter Jenny. The Museum was rebuilt on the site of the old Toowoomba Showgrounds and was opened as the current Cobb & Co Museum in 1987.



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All participants were able to both browse the assembled A7 cars and also walk through the Museum to see a wonderful display of horse drawn carriages and other vehicles used during the early days of settlement and through the Cobb & Co era. Wayne Styles gave two lectures to enthusiastic audiences on the life of Herbert Austin in the Museum area.

Lunch was provided at the Museum for those that had booked and this proved to be an opportunity to meet up with old friends and meet new members of the Austin 7 family.

During the morning there was a Ladies High Tea served at the historic Toowoomba Railway Station. All those attending dressed in the Tour theme of the Roaring 1920s and there were some wonderfully colourful dresses and hats on display later in the day down at the Cobb & Co Museum. By all accounts the event, which was booked out, was very successful and a magnificent High Tea was served to the ladies.

The whole day was a rousing start to the rest of the Tour.

Brian Haywood 23/4/2017

Sunday 9th April, 2017 - Ladies High Tea

The ladies High Tea was held at the heritage listed railway station. A group of drivers were organised to take about 55 beautifully dressed ladies to the train station venue. The atmosphere was very pleasant with the ladies feeling very nice and proper in their chosen vintage wear. The high tea was held in the special function room, each table was set with beautiful china with a little gift for everyone. There were chicken and salmon sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls and various delicious cakes. Nancy Summerfield, Toowoomba's Regional councillor made a welcoming speech and congratulated members of the Queensland Register for organising this memorable event celebrating 50 years of the club.

Amy Pui



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Day 3 Monday 10th April 2017 -The Pioneer Village Museum at Highfields, Lunch at Goombungee, Alpaca farm, 2nd2none Winery & Colonial Woodcraft

The tour organisers were possibly little anxious at the start of the first touring day but they needn't have been. Every detail had been meticulously planned and, as it unfolded, the event very well executed. As with the welcome dinner and the Cobb & Co museum display on the previous day, the Queensland hospitality was as warm as the weather and a 54 mile undulating run through the Darling Downs was just what our baby Austins craved.

Most departed soon after an informative driver briefing by Lindsay at tour headquarters and flag off by the Toowoomba Mayor. I was one that failed to proceed and required assistance from tail end charlies, Sir Albert (Variety) and Geoff from the Veteran and Vintage Motor Club. Fortunately for me, my problem was just a battery. Whilst being ferried around Toowoomba for a replacement, we stopped off to assist other Austin 7 drivers with more serious ailments, but nothing seemed to be a problem for Geoff. Two roadside assists and a tow back to headquarters were just the norm and he was very happy to help. Thanks again Geoff and another tour detail well planned!

Finally, on the road again, I had a few miles to catch up. Once clear of the roadworks on Gowrie Junction Road I was able to make up time to meet up at for morning tea at the Highfields Pioneer Village.

The Pioneer Village offered an amazing insight into the emergence of the Darling Downs as a food source for the country, a remarkable display and indeed a magnificent morning tea!

From Highfields it was a picturesque 14 mile run to Goombungee for lunch put on by the CWA at Goombungee Public Hall. Goombungee is a quiet country town with a wide main street, a few weatherboard shops, a weatherboard pub boasting a large veranda and friendly locals. Lunch at the hall was a simple affair, but the flavour something to write home about. Something that can only come from fresh country produce and the touch of the CWA. Following lunch there was a tour of the local museum, run by volunteers who were needlessly apologetic



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about the clean-up from the recent floods, very proud of their heritage but also quite vocal of their desire to remain independent from larger regional centres like Toowoomba.

The return to Toowoomba included 3 places of interest. The first was Double H Alpaca Stud.

Our hosts at Double H were keen to promote the advantages of alpaca farming over the traditional sheep wool trade and gave an informative presentation on the history of alpaca farming around the world. Questions were encouraged however there was an obvious silence when our club president persistently enquired about the taste of alpaca meat, conceding that there would be more neck chops from an alpaca than a sheep. Apart from that we discovered that an alpaca produces high quality wool in 22 natural colours. On the question on the difference between an alpaca and a lama we discovered that lamas are twice the size of alpacas and have coarse wool on their underside. Despite their small frame, I was unable to fit an alpaca in the back of my chummy before moving on to the next stop.

The next place of interest was the 2nd 2 none winery. This was a picturesque location offering not only fine wines but proudly boasted an eagle breeding program. The wine was delightful and fortunately I was able to fit a dozen in the back seat of my chummy.

The final place of interest was Colonial Woodcrafts with a magnificent display of wood carvings and furniture. There was a particularly stylish dining room table, alas it was too large for the chummy.

The final leg was a relaxing 14 mile run back through Gowrie Junction to tour headquarters at Toowoomba. We arrived with ample time to allow another good look around the town with a view to select the perfect dinner venue.

Then, back at the motel there was time for a tune up, wash and polish before putting the babies to bed for the evening. With the babies safely tucked away we headed off to The Settler's Inn for a sumptuous 350 gram Darling downs rump steak, a glass of red wine and catch up with old friends to recount a truly superb day.

Mark Wellington



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Day 4 Tuesday 11th April 2017 -- Woolsheds in the West, Jondaryn Woolshed, Adora Downs, Mt. Tyson, Downs Steam railway carriage dinner, Ghost tour at Royal Bulls Head Inn

A beautiful day dawned with a 127km run to the oldest working sheep station in the Southern Hemisphere- The Jondaryn Woolshed.

We departed club headquarters at around 8.45 am and headed west through little quaint villages such as Biddeston and Linthorpe, which in their heyday would have been significant watering holes; but now with the growth of Toowoomba these sleepy little villages are soon becoming suburbs of QLD's largest inland city.

The scenery once out on the roads away from the city became extremely flat, giving credence to why the area is called the Darling Downs. I was surprised to see cotton growing in the flat fields that bordered our drive, and it was here that I saw one of the largest walking irrigators I have ever seen.

We travelled for another 50 km or so along (what seemed to me) surreal landscaped of flat chocolate brown plains dotted with white fluffy cotton bushes, and after a few hill climbs we progressed onto the village of Jondaryn, where we stopped for morning tea and some bush activities.

The Woolshed @ Jondaryn is a working property that once was the largest woolshed in rural QLD, but now has turned itself towards a more tourism activities. A well set out venue with focus set on functions, visitors historical and heritage displays. After morning tea we were given a traditional sheep shearing demonstration which was well attended especially by the children who came on this run. Many of them had never seen a "live" sheep before and were amazed to take home a little of "real" wool.

Outside in the paddock next to the car display was a "working dog" demonstration where we saw an older dog putting a young pup through her paces. This was intriguing – and a different style of "working the nob" than what I am used to here in Central Western NSW. As Ian and I departed to find our way to the lunch venue a whip cracking demo had just begun, and as we drove away I started singing that Doris Day song from Calamity Jane "whip crack away, whip crack away, whip crackawayyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyyy".

Lunch stop was a small village called Mount Tyson. (I had to laugh because where I live we're used to real mountains, Kanangra walls, The 3 sisters, Blue Mountains etc,etc,) Mount Tyson was only a 200 metre climb passing into more grazing property rather than the flat cultivation seen earlier that morning.



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Adora Downs Farm stay property was a beautiful venue set amongst rolling hills with plenty of on-site accommodation, van and bus parking and a lovely set up for weddings and private functions. Lunch here was one of the highlights of the whole rally with a beautiful roast lunch of pork, lamb and beef, well cooked vegies, thick rich gravy and finished off with toffee pudding & ice cream, tea and coffee. YUM!!

A 40 klm ride back to the club house where we participated in "Tuesday night trivia" a fun night where we sat on a table with people we'd never met before. It was a great way to meet new people and make new acquaintances. I was surprised that there were no Austin 7 or car questions, with some rather tricky ones thrown in. Our table came in 3rd from the bottom and many tins of degreaser were handed out as prizes.

Back to our caravan park for a good night's sleep ready for another day on the National rally.

Ian & Victoria Theyers



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Day 5 Wednesday 12th April 2017 -- Allora Show Grounds , Clifton & Noby township

Wednesday started with my observation of Sandra Boatwright, who in amongst all her other commitments, single handedly pushed one Chummy, three children and one husband out of the motel entrance and off to have their day of driving. For me Wednesday continued to be a day about people and some of their amazing undertakings and achievements.

Once out of Toowoomba we hurtled across the Darling Downs "on a wing and a prayer ", the prayer being that everything would hold together. Paul Boatwright evidently didn't pray hard enough and had one of his headlights let go and smash, which was a bit of a downer. At Allora Showground the cars lined up for a photo shoot and the occupants lined up for yet another amazing morning tea produced by some of those unsung heroes mentioned earlier. Travel is credited with broadening the mind and certainly Victoria was able to share with me the design of the toilet paper holder in the Allora toilets. It was made of horse shoes and would also double as a shoe rack. Apply to Victoria for the design and John or Kath for the horse shoes!

The official photo shoot of what I believe was now 65 of the original 100 plus Austin 7's was conducted from a cage mounted on a tractor. The less professional photographers climbed the tiered seating and discovered just how hard it is to fit 65 Austin 7's into one photo.

Then we were off to the small town of Nobby for a lunch which was provided by a local group of what I would call "young people ". They were very welcoming and so well organised that I thought they too should be on my list of unsung heroes. Next was "Rudds Pub ". Steele Rudd (Arthur Hoey Davis) who lived in the Nobby area, wrote the "On our Selection " series creating the Dad and Dave characters who entertained the Australian generations of the early 20th century. Last but by no means least was the memorial to Sister Kenny, who worked from the family home in Nobby as a nursing sister. She had been encouraged to go into nursing by a Toowoomba medical doctor Aeneas McDonnell. When confronted by the needs of a local child with polio she questioned the accepted practices of restricting affected limbs in irons. Instead she applied heated rags at regular intervals to the affected limbs. It was really a form of physiotherapy and it eased the pain, which in turn enabled the sufferer to sleep. She developed these treatments in consultation with Dr Aeneas McDonnell. Typically her innovative ideas were not readily accepted in Australia, but she travelled to America where her break throughs were welcomed and practiced and from there recieved world wide acceptance. Sister Kenny is buried in the Nobby Cemetery. For such a small country location Nobby seems to have had more than its fair share of achievers!

Well the day was not yet over as we still had dinner at the Downs Steam Museum on our list, and wasn't that a revelation of what can be achieved by a group of volunteers. Fortunately words fail me and hopefully there will be some photos available to show some of their restoration achievements so far. I'm sure their plans to have the stock rolling will eventuate. Unfortunately we could not photograph the amazing carriage painted by an Aboriginal artist serving a jail sentence. If enjoying the "Orient Express "experience and eating an evening meal hosted by a volunteer entrepreneur, cooked by a volunteer chef, served by volunteer waitresses (who I'm sure all had volunteer husbands) helps the cause then I'm only too happy to have contributed and to have met yet another amazing group of people.

This was the night for the Boatwright family to experience the ghost tour, and I think this was the night that the ghost tour was taken to a whole new level. In the darkness Maureen did actually feel something unseen brush past her leg. A little later the group was treated to blood curdling screams coming from the geranium bed. The unseen ghost, three year old Emma had fallen head first into the geraniums and lost her dummy! Well done Emma, another achiever who sure knows how to liven up a ghostly experience!

John Moyes & Kath Cole

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Day 6 Thursday 13th April 2017 --Pittsworth Showground and Museum, Farewell dinner at the University of Southern Queensland

Day 6 (117Kms) This was to be our last tour for the programme in Toowoomba and it is a little sad because we had enjoyed all that the Toowoomba organisers had prepared for us through a most beautiful part of Australia. The perfect weather continued and as we set off the long string of Austin 7s attracted a lot of attention and soon we were following the route through a beautiful patchwork of fields. Large fields of sunflowers in full bloom, freshly tilled fields of brown soil, small herds of cattle grazing in green grassy paddocks and here and there a house settled in its own isolation. Reaching our destination of Pittsworth they had planned an exciting Funkhana where there were lots of challenges for our contestants (one challenge was held with the contestant blindfolded). We visited a historical museum, Pioneer historical village before turning towards Toowoomba again. I think this was my favorite tour because of the wonderful countryside we drove through, and also because of the very generous people who had welcomed us to their part of the world with their hospitality.

Elaine Taylor



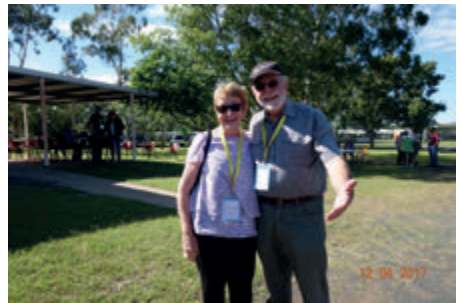
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The Bus Tour

Some of the participants in the rally took the opportunity of a bus tour. There were 2 buses departing the showground and I was lucky to hop on one when 5 minutes after the bus drove out we stopped in front of a beautiful nursery set in the grounds of a private house. Hundreds of pots of plants lined up to the street curb and out came an extremely gregarious lady who happens to be the owner of the nursery, Penny McKinlay, and who entertained us throughout the bus tour with her critical, humorous and hilarious comments on various subjects and sights that we saw. Her description of the town, a stained glass church and the general community was most entertaining. The tour ended at a lolly factory where everyone enjoyed some tasty sweets.

Amy Pui



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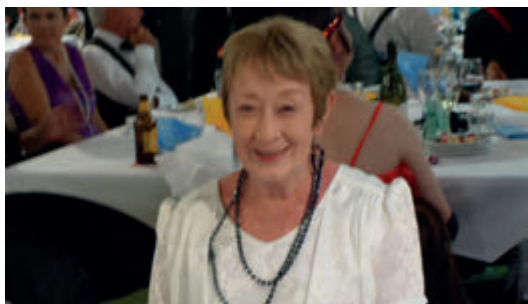
Farewell Dinner at the University of Southern Queensland

Thursday night was our final night at Toowoomba and did not disappoint! Everyone dressed in 1920's finery and put on a supreme effort to look their best. Dinner was an excellent 3 course meal with a few local dignitaries speaking throughout the meal with informative information about the Toowoomba region. Awards were given to all the Queensland club members who put in an excellent effort with the organizing of the rally. What a superb job they all did! A mighty effort and well rewarded because everything ran extremely well over the 5 days.

Raffle draws and awards were given out.

Mark Wellington and Paul Pui won the Funkana award and NSW came away with other award categories including Gary Tout for Best Sports, Tom Hart for Encouragement Award, Walter Raschle for Hardluck Award and Ian Reece and Lynette Falken for Best Chummy Award.

A fabulous evening and great 5 days. Thank you Toowoomba .



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Austins Over Australia rally 2017

Ipswich *Austins Over Australia* rally proved a fitting addition to the Queensland Austin Seven national tour held at Toowoomba 2017.

151 Austin's arrived at Ipswich. From Vans and Sedans to Roadsters and Sports models almost the whole range of Austin's were represented. The cars behaved well and no serious problems were encountered on the various runs regardless of the sometimes steep and difficult hills, not to mention the brake testing ride down the other side. As at the Toowoomba meet the organisers did a wonderful job in preparing the rally and everybody was amazed at the high standard of preparation that was achieved.

New South Wales Austin Seven Club was well represented as was South Australia where it was established the 2019 AOA rally will take place in the magnificent Barossa Valley.

Austin's from 1910 to 1974 were from all around Australia and many were driven long distances while some older cars were trailed. NSW club member Walter Raschle drove his Seven Roaster from Victoria along with Graeme Logan from Victoria club in his Latrobe which is no mean feat for the little cars. Dismantling his car at the motel and re building the engine overnight is something only an Austin Seven man could tackle. Ask Walter how it's done.

Words cannot describe the marvellous dinners and dance parties that were provided at the Ipswich showground. The superb food and music was appreciated by all and was far above expectations. Buses were provided to transport everyone from their motels to the venue which was a few Kms from town but also allowed everyone to enjoy a drink without fear of getting home safely. Walking sticks were abandoned when the music began and many a former old rock and roll fan emerged from the crowd. The professional musician chose the music that old Austin people seemed to remember and some were even singing along while eating dinner. Lovely home made desserts topped the meal and Ipswich Lions Club worked the well patronised bar.

No names will be divulged as to which NSW club members were involved in the wild Hokey Pokey and the Conga Line going around the hall. Old Austin Seven drivers can still meet the challenge on the dance



Austins Over Australia rally 2017

floor (But maybe need a massage next day) No stone was left unturned in giving everybody a great time and a memorable experience. More glasses were raised for Sue and George McGill whose wedding anniversary was the excuse for another drink. When the buses arrived for the home journey some were still on the dance floor and reluctant to leave. Others were exhausted and ready for bed.

Ian and Victoria Theyers topped the best dressed couple at all the dinners and managed to set a new dress standard for the future Austin Seven events. The Vinnie's and Salvo's stores are the new wave shopping it seem if we want to reach their standards. Dress to the Fifties night saw some imaginative getups including Micky Mouse who caused the whole crowd to remember the Mouseketeers songs throughout the night. Not a boring dinner night that's for sure.

The lovely Austin Atlantic owned by John Blyth took out the people's choice and well deserved the award. I was tempted to steal it and take it home as it was a most beautiful car, but then thought No, I might be caught at the next AOA rally and be forced to give it back. Club member Gary Tout was again awarded best Sports Seven as at the Toowoomba meet and also well deserved.

Extremely generous sponsors ensured everybody got something to take home from the event. Such small gifts were eagerly grabbed each morning and night at the car number give-aways. Beautiful bags sewn by one local lady club member were the highlight of the gifts but I sadly missed the bags and scored a can of de greaser. Maybe they were telling me something about Austin Sevens do you think?

Five years is a long time until the next Austin Seven National meet. Graeme Logan from Victoria gave a short description of what to expect at the next National meet in 2022. Some of us might be too old to travel by then so I suggest you consider attending the next AOA rally planned for Adelaide 2019 (Just in case as they say)

Every day was a great experience with great weather (As they continually said in Queensland) **"G'day, Great day eh?"**

Graham Burgess





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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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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.

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- a copy of this Clubs Certificate of Insurance (Public Liability)
- a current or recent Baby Torque magazine

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