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2019 CARNivale

From left to right: Brian and Deidre Haywood, Kevin and Barbara Faye, Antony Harte, Tom Harte, Trevor Hails and Kevin Harte.

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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

The Club welcomes back all members who have renewed their memberships for another year and in keeping up with compliance with all the rules and regulations of a vintage car club, please be reminded that Rule 6 has been added to the Club Rules that specifies those members who have registered this club as their Primary club for the purpose of RMS Conditional Registration on the Historical Vehicle Scheme (HVS) must have their vehicles inspected by the club's inspector once a year for substantial modifications. This stands even if a Safety Inspection Report (pink slip) has been obtained. If the Club inspector finds any substantial modifications to the vehicle, an engineer's report may be required. Secondly, the vehicles must take part in at least one organized club run per calendar year.

Quite a few numbers of cars now are on the log book system and we urge members to be diligent in logging in before the start of the journey to avoid being caught out with substantial fines. Through CMC and from our members, there have been numerous examples cited at our general meetings of heavy fines imposed on non-complying log book users.

A big thank you to all those members who have continued to support the club. We now have 67 paid members, even though there have been a few retiring members due to health issues. With enough support from other volunteered members, the club is continuing to operate properly and efficiently.

Robert Byrne is now our club representative for the CMC, and the club also expressed its gratitude to Russell Linfoot for his service for the last few years on the role. Our website is now being managed by Kevin Lewis and a huge progress has been made to transition from the previous website. There are also numerous interesting articles in our Club Facebook.

I encourage all club members to participate in the car runs if possible, I must say we have had some fantastic runs through the countryside of NSW, meeting interesting people and places and enjoying the fresh air! The President's weekend will be in NSW country region in October and why not come along and take the Austins for a great run.

Again, huge thanks to all the committee members for their contribution to the club.

Happy Motoring

Paul Pui

2022 National Rally

The Austin 7 Club Inc (Vic) has 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

Events Report

Since you received the Summer Magazine, members have been to many places of interest. Australia Day Festivities at Parramatta Park and a Long Weekend based in Kiama when we did many miles in our babies, travelling through amazingly beautiful countryside with brilliant views, visiting a very hotel and making a surprise visit to a vintage car panel maker and made time for a few swims in the ocean, close to our motel.

During March we did two runs, firstly a Display Day at Macarthur Gardens Retirement Village in Campbelltown. What a fantastic place to retire to and so close to the fabulous Macarthur Shopping Complex. There are approximately 250 homes in the village and include a restaurant and coffee shop and many more activity areas. We ventured into an extremely large room which looked out onto the village bowls area. There was much browsing in this room as there was a village sale of new and second-hand goods and plants etc. We needed to investigate the goodies and of course came away with many articles and this caused a few problems as space needed to be found in Austin 7's to carry the goodies home.

The Car Display was well organized with many Car Clubs in attendance. All the vehicles parked in the driveways of the homes in the village and drivers were handed large sheets of cardboard to place under the vehicles in case of oil leakages. Paul Boatwright's 1923 (pram) Austin 7 was awarded a beautiful trophy for being the oldest car at the Display.

The second run in March was to Valley Heights Locomotive Heritage Museum. The weather was good to us and everyone seemed to have a great day, especially the 5 children who attended.

Our next run is a Breakfast Run. Meet at crn. Restwell & Ivy Sts', Bankstown. Arrive at 8.15 am for 8.30am departure. There will be a run after breakfast for those interested. Please contact Maureen with numbers attending.

Please contact Maureen if you are interested in purchasing a ticket for "Shannon's Sydney Classic", August 18, 2019.

You will find detailed stories involving the events above elsewhere in this magazine.

Happy Austin 7 Touring,

Maureen Boatwright

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Club Membership Renewals

Club Membership renewals are due on 1st January each year.

Fees are as follows:

Single membership: \$50; Family membership: \$55; Joining fee: \$30

The joining fee applies to all new members and those who have not renewed their membership by 31st January each year.

Note: To ensure that all membership monies are safely banked, the use of direct credit into the club's bank account would be the preferred option.

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



28 April 2019	Breakfast Run - Met corner Restwell & Ivy Sts Bankstown at 8.15 am to depart at 8.30 am. After breakfast there will be as run for those interested. Please phone Maureen if attending.
19 May 2019	National Motoring Heritage Day - Mystery Run. Meet at NRMA car park, George Street, North Strathfield at 9.30 am to depart 9.45 am.
16 June 2019	Don Avery Memorial Shield Run - Meet at Liverpool Regional Museum, crn. Hume H/Way & Congressional Dr. Casula at 9.30 am to depart 9.45 am.
21 July 2019	Ladies Day - Progressive morning tea/lunch. Meet at Liverpool Regional Museum, crn. Hume H/way & Congressional Dr. Casula at 9.15 am to depart at 9.30 am. Please provide numbers for catering. A small cost is involved – cost to be advised.
18 Aug 2019	Sydney Classic – Eastern Creek
15 Sept 2019	All British Day - Kings School Nth. Parramatta. Contact Maureen to order tickets \$10 each
23-27 Sep 2019	Austins Over Australia – Barossa Valley For expression of interest contact Chairman David Gear 08 8296 1689 drgear@optusnet.com.au or Event Secretary Ralph Drage 0418 846 082 rdrage@bigpond.net.au
5-7 October 2019	President's Weekend NSW country region
20 Oct 2019	Centennial Park Display Day
24 Nov 2019	Christmas Party/Presentation Day
11 Dec 2019	Annual General Meeting
9 - 14 April 2022	Austin 7 National Rally – Warrnambool. Expressions of Interest will be available end of 2018. Any queries contact Andrea Casabene 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.

CARnivale – Australia Day 26th January 2019

The fourth CARnivale in Parramatta Park promised to be a 'scorcher' and it wasn't far wrong!

In spite of the dire weather predictions we found a place under the trees to keep out of the sun and a gentle breeze kept us cool throughout the day. The result was another most enjoyable day amongst friends. But it was not wise to spend too long in the sun looking at cars!

Five Austin 7s joined around 250 other pre-1988 Classic cars being displayed in the Park outside Government House, together with an excellent display of fire engines from the Museum of Fire in Penrith and a number of Veteran cars from the turn of the last century. Numbers were down, but it was not clear whether people avoided the heat, or there were fewer entrants.

Club members attending were Kevin and Barbara Fahey in their 1937 Ruby, Trevor Hails in his 1932 Deluxe Saloon, Anthony Harte in his 1929 Meteor, Kevin Harte in his 1929 Roadster and Brian and Deirdre Haywood in their 1933 Deluxe Box Saloon, 'Annie'. Tom Harte brought up the rear in his 1982 Mazda RX7. Unfortunately, Eric and Ann Bourne were not able to join us this year, but we did catch up with John and Robin Ikin and Craig Davies.

This year the arrangements for the assembly convoy were different and all the Austins had registered under the Vintage Vehicle Club banner so that we could all park together. We met up at Bunnings car park in Westmead and entered the Park through the Queens Road entrance and were sent directly to the show area. The Rotary breakfast had been set up at the top of the show area, so we were able to have breakfast at leisure as soon as we were parked and had chosen our base under the shade of the trees. Much easier than previous years.

The Australia Day festivities and attractions in the Park were the same as last year. Hot Air Balloons, an extensive area with stalls offering a large selection of food and from many ethnic origins, the open-air stage with a continuous programme of activities and music through till the fireworks at 9pm and a large fun fare with rides for the kids.

This year the display of Fire Engines from the Museum of Fire was in front of Government House which made it easy to access and enjoy. The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), or the Power House Museum in Castle Hill had brought a restored Chummy which was on display in front of their tent.

The agreement between Sydney Council and Parramatta Council was for three years, but it seems unlikely that the event will return to the City. Parramatta Council now regard the display as an integral part of their Australia Day celebrations and will be determined for it to remain so, but the survey sent to all participants allows comment to the organisers each year. We will have to wait and see if there is a push to go back into Macquarie Street when the light rail eventually starts to operate.

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THE TRACK: ALICE SPRINGS TO DARWIN



"Encounter otherworldly rock formations, wild watering holes, grand gorges, monsters and aliens on a long lonely road to the top end of a sunburnt country"

Austin Seven club members are welcome to join the Austin Seven run to Darwin leaving Sydney on July 27th. Graham Burgess and Elaine Taylor will trail the Seven to Alice Springs, then drive the little one to Darwin which will take around seven days then return home probably via Queensland once again on the trailer.

There will be time for adventures along the way as we will pass through some very interesting country as was the case with the recent Nullarbor crossing in our little cars.

There is no definite time to return home as yet.

Any body wishing to come along can contact me on 0413 641659 or via grahamburgess@live.com.au

Graham Burgess

Australia Day, Saturday 26th January

The long weekend away officially started midday at Kiama, although a few keen Austineers arrived the previous evening to stay at Motel 617 and enjoy an extra night's stay.

At about midday six baby Austins braved the heat for a tour around the Kiama area. Apart from the steep beginning it was a relaxing ride from Kiama to Jamberoo with the first stop naturally being the Commercial Hotel. We parked the only tiny spot of shade in the main street opposite the pub. Locals celebrating Australia Day in the park keenly looking on in admiration. No time to chat though, there were ice cold beers and huge bowls of hot chips awaiting us in the air-conditioned bar, just what the Doctor ordered.

Some of us could have stayed there all day but the babies eventually won out, beckoning for another run. We travelled back along Swamp road, a winding level run, to Minnamurra. The parks along the waterfront were crowded with Aussies enjoying the sun and water sports but they made way for us to stop and enjoy the scenery and cooling breeze.

At 4.30 it was time to move on and rejoin the highway for a short fast run back into Kiama. There was just enough time for a shower and pre-dinner drinks around the BBQ area at the motel before our bus arrived to take us to dinner at the Kiama Leagues Club. The food was delicious, the company great and we took time to plan our day ahead.

It would be remiss of me not to add that the new year brought with it a surprise - a certain mystery lady riding in an Austin - who said people can't try new things - Guess Who!!!!!!

Joanne Wellington



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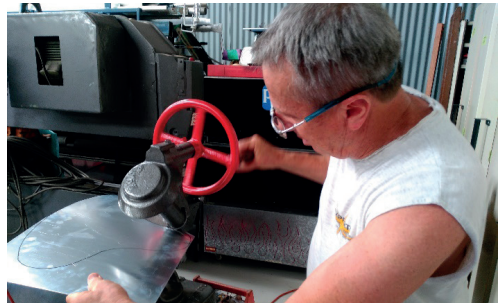


Australia Day, Sunday 27th January, 2019

A glorious day awaiting us as we departed towards South Kiama Drive, the drive took us through Princes Hwy and via the ramp to National Route/Nowra. A nice spot was found along Bolong Road where a quick stop for morning tea was welcomed by all. From there we travelled to Bomaderry and the five Austins plus Ian Reece and Lynette Falken in their modern travelled to visit Mark Natoli where he does vintage paneling and also making props for some major feature films. It was quite an eye opener.

Our next stop was the Jindyandy Mill shops , the mill was built in 1830 by the convicts and now there are 5 specialty shops including the Lolly shop, the antique shop and the Christmas store. It was quite a spacious ground and before long, we headed for lunch supposedly at a great fish and chips place but somehow some of us ended up at a very old pub. From Nowra we headed to Berry then Kiama and had some interesting mix of Aussie and Asian type food at the local Kiama Bowling Club Bistro.

Amy Pui



Australia Day, Sunday 27th January, 2019



The Annual Macarthur Gardens Car Show - March 10, 2019



Oldest car on display trophy

Fish & Chip Run (well I had a steak burger...)

This year's Fish and Chip run was held on very warm Sunday and started mid afternoon in George St North Strathfield (the old NRMA carpark). Not having a working Austin 7 yet, we took another car without air conditioning (which may not have been the best decision).

On arriving at the carpark, we noticed just the one Austin 7 and a very lonely and hot looking Trevor (not that I think Trevor looks hot, not that he doesn't ... oh, you know what I mean, it was hot). Anyway, here was Trevor standing next to his car, Kim, Ivy (our granddaughter) and myself arriving in our hot un-air-conditioned car (did I say that it was hot?) but nobody else to be seen. We spent a little while discussing Trevor's lovely car and imagining what it would be like to actually own an Austin 7 that did something, but eventually the blaring sun go the better of us and we headed for the shade on the other side of the road.

As we were just about to cross we heard the deafening sound of not one, but two Austin 7s roaring up George St. drawing attention from all the nearby pedestrians. Naturally they were full of Boatwrights... hot sweaty ones, but at least they made it. I overheard a comment that one of the younger occupants has asked father Paul to put the air conditioning on! I wish we could have put our air conditioning on, Did I tell you that it was hot?

Maureen handed out some route instructions and we left the carpark heading generally to the north. We followed the others being a little ashamed of not being in an actual Austin 7 and thinking that we should be able to catch up if the others got away from us. Our route consisted of a zigzag of roads that eventually saw us cross Concord bridge and then doing a "U" turn to eventually take us to the Mortlake Ferry.

Now I have lived in Sydney for 57 years and I don't think that I have ever crossed the Mortlake ferry before this. For those in a similar situation, you should try it at least once, it is not unlike every other ferry that you might cross, but it is the only



Fish & Chip Run (well I had a steak burger...)

one in Mortlake. I understand that it may be Mortlake's biggest tourist attraction! (Not really, the speedhump in Johnstone street wins that one hands down).

The return journey back to Ace's Seafood in Padstow was not that eventful, although in what appears to be a time-honoured Austin 7 Club tradition some of us got lost. I'm not saying who, but you know who you are.... Luckily wasn't us, as we live in Padstow and Ace's Seafood is a very regular destination. One thing I did notice was that Sydney traffic seems to get worse the hotter it gets. Has any body else noticed that, or does it just seem that way when you are in a non-airconditioned car?

On arrival at our designation, the first order of business was drinks, and then food. A couple of extra members including Paul and Amy joined us just in time to order.

The food was good with a wide variety to choose from (hence it being a regular destination for us) and despite it being a seafood restaurant I almost always have their gourmet steak sandwich, which is just about the best steak sandwich outside of Berrima (the Blackbird Café has the best...).

I'm not sure what time we all left to go home, I just noticed that it was a whole lot cooler by then. Had a mentioned that it was hot earlier?

Ross Warner



Fish & Chip Run (well I had a steak burger...)



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(Mervyn Boatwright)

Some wealthy people have no taste whatsoever

Tongue firmly in cheek

On a recent trip to Europe I was fortunate to arrive at a small regional town in Netherlands when their annual festival takes place. Deventer is such a pretty town with many modern influences of architecture compared to most for the surrounding old Dutch cities and towns. The festival has been in play for more than 300 years and attracts many people from surrounding regions. One of the attractions was a motor car 'show and shine' at the local airport where a slightly upmarket restaurant is considered to be 'De Rigueur' for the wealthier people of Europe.

As the cars began to arrive it was obvious there would be no poor people driving these vehicles. Rolls Royce old timers, upmarket Jaguars, Mercedes Sports, Lagondas and almost every high end priced car ever built. Upwards of 150 cars were parked in the arena as the owners trudged off in their Armani suits to their upmarket lunch at the restaurant. Naturally any opportunity to ogle such incredibly valuable and magnificent cars was a 'Boy's Own' wish come true. Wandering through the park without security of any kind to oversee the protection of the priceless cars I was astounded at the approximate values of the vehicles in Australian terms. Almost every car in the park was in my view valued at up to one million dollars. The degree of restoration perfection was astounding to say the least, and the presentation of the cars in such an unprotected public place was testament to their trust in the citizens of the town.

After perusing the whole display of priceless cars, I was taken aback to discover there was not one Austin Seven among the array of million dollar motoring pleasure. To know they were mainly of European and British manufacture at the most desirable possible collector level, I was disappointed to realise the grand oversight by the organisers of the show. Failing to understand the true value of the great British Austin Seven among the priceless motoring history on show was a sleight to Austin Seven owners of the world who simply know better.

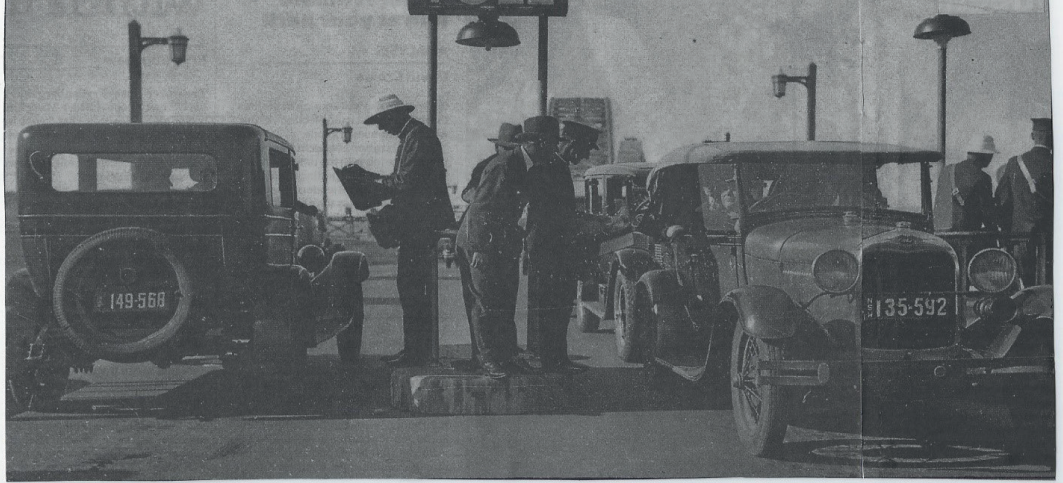
Maybe the Jaguar/ Aston Martin set of the European wealthy people gathered there had some competitive complex by not having the famous Austin Sevens included among their ranks.

Who would have thought a high end car display of the World's most expensive and collectable cars could even consider to not include the upmarket Austin Seven folk into their fold. It simply ensured I am now determined to dispose of all my heavy gold chains, discard my Armani suit, and I will totally refrain from ever joining the Aston Martin/ Jaguar/ Lagonda/ Rolls Royce group of millionaires even if they beg me to join their ranks. So there!!!

Graham Burgess

Austin Seven Club NSW

Lang's token effort as bridge took its toll



Sydney Harbour Bridge opened in March 19, 1932.

Vehicles paid sixpence to cross the bridge.

A bit of history.....

Opened in March 19, 1932, the Sydney Harbour bridge was a major construction of its kind linking Milsons Point to Circular Quay. Everyone had to pay the toll and it was paid off in 1988 and cost more than 70 million. At the time, there were even elephants crossing the bridge! The toll collectors had a hard time standing on unguarded plinth and in the first 24 hours the bridge's 25 collectors collected \$1500 pounds from 30,000 cars. It is hard to imagine that in 1933, 3.9 million cars crossed the bridge and in 1938 it was 6.8 million. In 2018, about 200 trains, 160,000 vehicles a day (equivalent to 58,400,000 per year), crossed the bridge, on top of that 3000 pedestrians and 1900 cyclists also crossed the bridge every day.

In comparison, the Austin 7 was produced from 1922 to 1939 in the United Kingdom by Austin. In the first year of production, nearly 2,500 cars were made and by 1939, 290,000 cars and vans had been made. The Austin 7 was also licensed and copied by companies all over the world and the very first BMW car, the BMW Dixi was a licensed Austin 7, same with the original American Austins.



Many of our club members have been associated with the Austin 7 and various clubs for a fairly long time. Can you pick a current member from this photo?

He took part in the Park Orchards Trial on 10 August 1953 and came second place out of 14 competitors with 885 points (the first scored 915 pts) and the last scored 88 points. The trial ends with very muddy competitors and spectators. What fun they had!



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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

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