

Austin 7 Club of S.A. Inc.

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What's on and What's not.

24-26.3.23 Adelaide Motorsport festival

27.3.23 A7C Technical Night at Paint Supplies SA

30.3.23 -2.4.23 Australian F1 Grand Prix

Melbourne

31.3-3.4.23 Morris Minor National Rally

2.4.23 Vehicles and Old Machinery at the Flat

3.4.23 A7C Committee Meeting

**16.4.23 A7C Club Day Run to St Kilda Tram
Museum**

16.4.23 TTM Regularity #2

17.4.23 A7C Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.

18.4.23 A7C Leisure Run

23.4.23 McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic

24.4.23 A7C Technical Night

6.5.23-8.5.23 A7C PreWar Run Adelaide Hills

7.5.23 British Classics Tour

**17.6-23.6.23 A7C 70th Anniversary tour to
Farina**

Please check with the organisers as dates and events may be subject to change.

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Sillier than a Seven



Sports and Specials



Bruce McLaren competing in New Zealand



Bruce McLaren's Ulster restored in England by the McLaren car company.



2023 Dates

Our competition dates for 2023 are as follows.

Apr 16, June 4, July 23, Aug 27, Nov 5

All at Mallala





27th March 2023

Austin 7 Club of S.A. Technical Night

**Will be held at Paint Supplies Corner of West Lakes
Blvd &, Philips Cres, Hendon**

Note early start 6 p.m.

**Gary and his team will show us their product range
and be there to answer our questions.**



All members and friends are welcome to attend.

VEHICLES & OLD MACHINERY AT THE FLAT

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL 2023

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

McLaren Flat Recreation Grounds

**Classic & Historic Cars,
Motorcycles, Trucks, Tractors &
Stationary Engines.**



Catering
Popcorn
Coffee Van
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Bar Raffles

Public Entry by Gold Coin Donation

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Hosted by: McLaren Flat Community Club & the Adelaide Hills Motor Restorers Club

Austin 7 Club of SA Inc

Tram Museum Run

Sunday 16th April 2023



Start the day at ***Café de Vili's***, 426 Main North Road, Blair Athol **from 10:00am**

At 11:15 we'll head up the Port Wakefield Road at a leisurely pace to the St Kilda Beach Hotel for lunch. (20km)



Then back to the Tram Museum. All our members will get into the Museum at the discounted price of \$7.00. Photo opportunities of our historic cars with the trams (including the “Toast Rack” tram pictured above) will be available to us.

Bookings are essential.

Please book in with Christine Cutting (0412 092 760) or Martin Lewis (0414 727 893).

Bookings close Monday 10th April



Birdwood Drive 'n' Jive

BOOK NOW

ABOUT

Whether you are the owner of a Classic Drive, a Rock n' Roll enthusiast or just love to be surrounded by chrome, 50s to 80s live music and everything in between you are welcome to attend the inaugural BFNC Drive 'n' Jive.

Held at the Birdwood Oval - Classic Cars, live music, a huge dance floor, food and stall vendors and local beer and wines suppliers will keep you entertained for the day. Gates open at 9am. First band on stage at 10:30am.

Owners of a vehicles made between 1950 and 1989 are welcome to enter as a 'Classic Entrant'. Your \$30 admission fee includes entry for all legally seated occupants and parking for display on the oval. Make sure your vehicle is polished and ready to be admired.

General Admission \$20 per person.

Children Under 15 Years FREE, a ticket must be shown at the gate.

DATE

Sunday 23 April 2023 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (UTC+10:30)

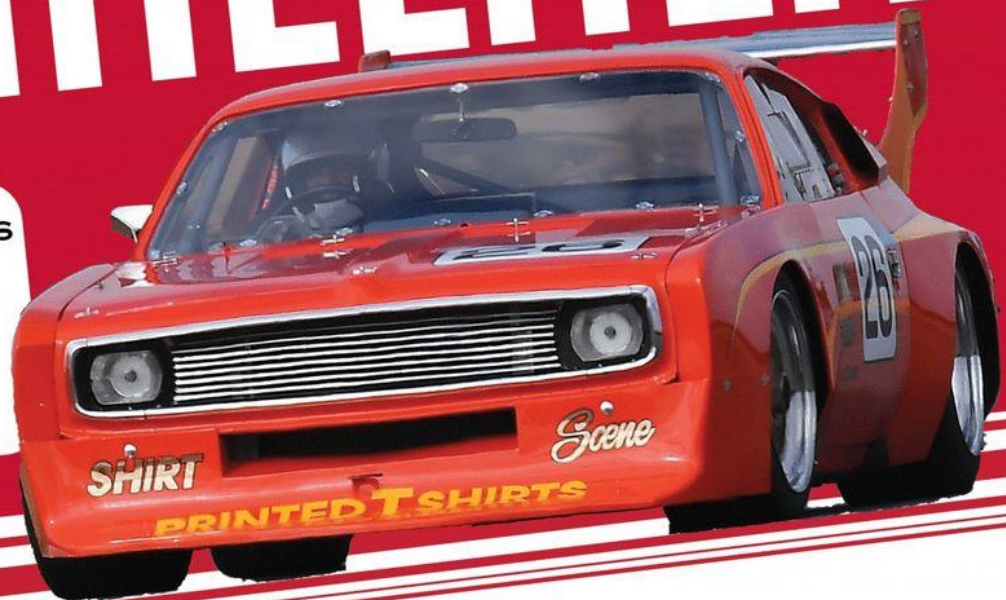
LOCATION

Birdwood Oval & Park



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CLASSIC CAR
DISPLAY



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Entries for the 2023 McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic are now open.

The committee is already working to make this event better than ever on Sunday 23rd April.

A new system for placing your entry has been put in place through Trybooking.com with the entry fee of \$35 per vehicle and payment being made using credit card or Paypal.

Please read the attached Conditions of Entry before placing your entry online.

Enter using this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CEHMP>

Once you have submitted the completed entry form a confirmation email will be sent from Trybooking. It is not necessary to print this entry ticket but it will be useful to keep it as a reminder that you have entered.



PRE-WAR RUN – AUSTIN 7 RUN SA MAY 6-8, 2023

A \$50 deposit is required, per booking, paid to A7 bank account or phone The Treasurer to pay by CARD.

Preliminary plans are underway to have a weekend Austin 7 run up to the Adelaide hills on May 6th - 8th 2023.

The Itinerary could end up something like the following.

- Meet at Hazelwood Park and travel up Greenhill Rd ready for a 9.00am departure travelling up Greenhill Road then turning right onto Mount Lofty Summit road proceeding to Mawson Drive on your left and make your way to Mount Lofty Botanical Garden where we will have a walk through part of the garden.
- On departing the garden, I suggest we follow the leader and return back to Crafers perhaps driving around the historic Mount Lofty House car park on the way. Once back at the Crafers roundabout take the first exit on the left and proceed to the SE freeway briefly before taking the Stirling exit and slowly making our way to Aldgate where we have a number of options for lunch including Fred's Eatery, Dirty Doris's or possibly the Aldgate Pump Hotel.
- After lunch we will make our way to Hahndorf and check in to our accommodation for the next two nights (The Old Mill). After this participants are encouraged to explore Hahndorf until pre dinner drinks prior to an evening meal at a venue yet to be determined.
- Sunday morning breakfast will be of your choosing with a number of establishments offering traditional German style breakfasts. Following breakfast, a 9.30am departure will see us heading for Woodside with a visit to the Chocolate factory before heading up to Lobethal for lunch (possibly at Lobethal Bierhaus). After lunch we will take a different route back to Hahndorf where we will have our evening meal.
- Monday will see us depart Hahndorf and head for home.

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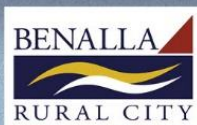
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27th and 28th May 2023



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Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria



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70th Anniversary Austin 7 Club Run to Marree via Farina Bakery and other eateries.

17 to 23 June 2023 – overview of event.

Day 1 Saturday 17 June: Adelaide to Burra 160 km

OVERNIGHT AT: Paxton Cottages. Ph. 0488 513 101

Day 2 Sunday 18 June Burra to Blinman 342 Km

Lunch at Cradock Hotel Ph. 08 8648 4107

Stopping to view the Flinders at Hucks Lookout

OVERNIGHT AT Blinman Hotel Ph. 08 8648 4867

Day 3 Monday 19 June Blinman to Marree 214 km travelling the 32 Km through the picturesque Parachilna Gorge (this is unsealed but very do-able (and really highlights the beauty of the Flinders) in our cars.

Lunch at Farina Bakery where they will be expecting us.

Next two nights at Marree Hotel Ph.08 8675 8344

Day 4 Tuesday 20 June At Marree, “a day of touring and looking around”. If people feel inclined, they could also do a flight over Lake Eyre as the Marree Hotel has aircraft doing joy flights (this would need to be booked well in advance).

Scenic air flights: <https://aridair.com.au/marree/>

Total distance to Marree 716 KMs.

Return journey.

Day 5 Wednesday 21 June Marree to Hawker via Farina for morning tea or to pick up more fresh bread or visit Talc Alf (outback Art Gallery) at Lyndhurst.

Lunch at the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna.

In Hawker, Jeff Morgan (Tony's Brother) has a fantastic Art Gallery and has offered to cook a sausage sizzle for us so this could be our tea.

OVERNIGHT AT Hawker Hotel. Ph 08 8648 4102

Kms 271

Day 6 Thursday 22 June Breakfast at the Flinders Food Company in Hawker. To Burra via Quorn, Wilmington, Wirrabara & Stone Hut for lunch. Evening meal at a Burra Pub.

OVERNIGHT AT Paxtons, Burra 273 Kms

Day 7 Friday 23 June

Burra to Adelaide 160 km Total Return Journey 700 Kms

If coming on this event, you will need to confirm your accommodation by ringing the following places. If you wish to only come for a couple of days, make your booking accordingly but please let me know of your partial attendance.

Day 1 Saturday 17 June Burra Paxton Cottages 0488 513 101

Also book for Day 6 Thursday 22 June

Day 2 Sunday 18 June ----- Blinman Hotel 08 8648 4867

Day 3 Monday 19 June ----- Marree Hotel 08 8675 8344

Also book for Day 4 Tuesday 20 June

Day 5 Wednesday 21 June ----- Hawker Hotel 08 8648 4102

When you have confirmed your accommodation, please let me know on dsearles10@bigpond.com so that I can monitor progress of numbers coming on this event.

Thank you

David Searles

Austins over Australia 2024

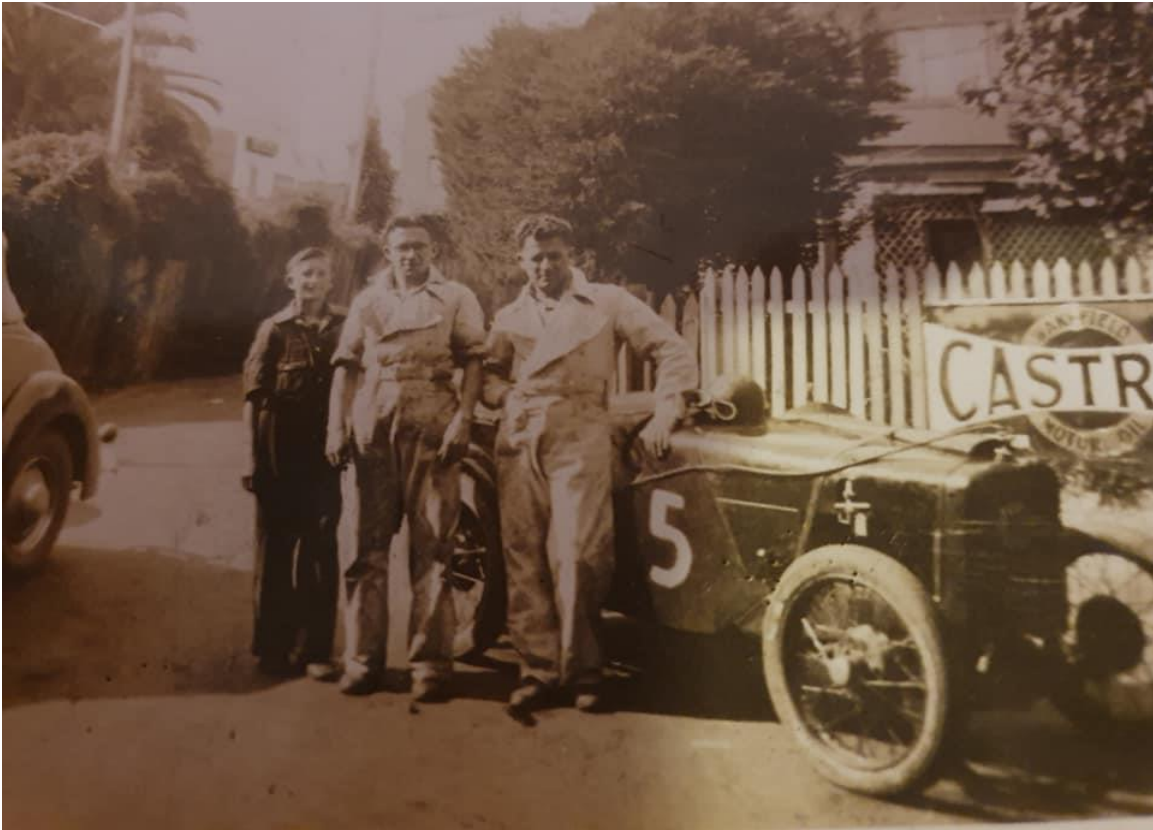
7th March -11th March 2024



<http://www.amvcnsw.com.au/aoa/Expression%20of%20Interest%20AOA%202024.pdf>



Aub Melrose 1900-1978



AUBREY George Melrose was born on 12 November 1900, just eight weeks before the foundation of the Commonwealth of Australia on 1 January 1901. Aub's long, adventurous life was so rich and varied that it is difficult to know what to leave out, He was a boxer, a gymnast, and an athlete; at the age of 15 he went to the opening of the Panama Canal to speak on behalf of the YAL; and his motorcycle and car racing careers spanned more than forty years. He turned to motorcycle competition when barely out of his teens, and he made such a name for himself as a talented, daredevil motorcyclist that he finished up in the UK in 1926, riding for the Sunbeam motorcycle firm. He was the first Australian to ride at the Isle of Man in the famous TT, and in the Ulster Grand Prix.

Back in Australia Aub was instrumental in setting up the now-famous Harley Scramble and was so good that he promptly won three out of the first four! A bad-racing accident in the late 1920s nearly severed his foot, and he faced the onset of the depression unemployed and on crutches, but overcame both of these obstacles and established his successful garage business.

Aub Melrose was also keenly interested in cars, in particular the ubiquitous Austin 7, and in 1922 he was one of the prime movers in the foundation of the WA Car Club, which catered for those motor enthusiasts who wanted a milder, on-road form of motor sport rather than the all-out racing offered by the WASCC. This led him into car trials.

In 1936 he and his wife Gwyn scored a major triumph when they drove their tiny 1929 Austin 7 across the Nullarbor, won the South Australian Centenary Trial against all comers, and then drove home again. This was not the first of his Nullarbor crossings – eventually; he crossed the desert no fewer than 52 times, including the first lone crossing by motorcycle. He was so convinced of the need for a proper road that in 1935 he led a delegation to Canberra to petition the Government on the matter. It wasn't until 1942 that the first actual road linked the East and the West (before then it had been a route rather than a road) and he was the first civilian to use it. Constructed by the army, it was known as the Military Road until later renamed the Eyre Highway.

His damaged foot (and possibly his age – he was almost 40) kept him out of the Army when War broke out, so he served in a civilian capacity by instructing army dispatch riders in the

techniques of rough riding.

Aub actually started car racing in the 1930s, and from about 1937 entered most of the round-the-houses races – including the famous Patriotic Grand Prix – invariably in the valiant little Austin 7. The WASC well dissolved during the War years, but Aub was one of the enthusiasts instrumental in getting the Club going again and, in particular, staging the massively successful Victory Grand Prix at Caversham in 1946.

The inevitable Austin 7 gave way to a variety of cars in the post-war years. He bought a damaged MG TD and built it up for the 1951 Australian Grand Prix; raced an Austin Healey 100M to second place in the 1956 six hour Race; competed in Round- Australia Trials in Austin A40, an Austin A70 and then an Austin A95; and in 1960 drove a Porsche to fourth outright in the Touring Car Championship and sixth outright in the Six Hour Race, at an age when most men are content merely to talk about such things.

Over the years Aub Melrose occupied just about every position in both the WA Car Club and the WA Sporting Car Club, became Life Member of both, and was held in the greatest of esteem by all who knew him. In the early 1970s he suffered a series of strokes, which left him partly paralysed, and he could only move about, and talk with the greatest of difficulty. In his last years he was in and out of hospital, and he died on 18 November 1978, six days after his 78th birthday, but lives on in the memories of the many friends who will never forget him.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

When our SA rego plate number was up

How did people with numeric number plates on a vehicle in 1985 find out they could get proprietary rights to own their plates? Were they sent information about it and, if so, was there a time limit to apply? What influence did the Great Plate Auction in October 1985 have on any rule changes?

— P. M. (Curramulka)

The following answer has been supplied by a spokesman for the Department for

Infrastructure and Transport:

In the lead-up to the Great Plate Auction, held on October 13, 1985, an extensive publicity campaign was run, including in print media.

This included information for those who may have had numeric plates affixed to their vehicle or vehicles for which registration had lapsed, particularly information on how they could apply to retain the number plate for the life of the vehicle or until the vehicle was disposed of.

Individual notifications to these vehicles owners were not undertaken at the time as bulk mail-out processes were not as straightforward

as they might be today. In addition, between February 1986 and December 2007, "proprietary rights" (later named "class specific rights") to certain numeric plates were available by application to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and for a fee determined by the Registrar.

From 2008, class specific rights became only available for sale by public auction. The number plate policies of the Registrar have frequently been reviewed since the inception of alphanumeric number plates in 1967, including in and around the number plate auction held in 1985.

The availability of proprietary rights was publicised in an Advertiser

article titled "Numeric plates to be issued for some SA cars" on February 18, 1986. The fee for such rights was \$100 for five or six-digit number plates, or \$200 for shorter numbers.

Where to write

■ Questions should be addressed to What's Your Problem? The Advertiser, GPO Box 339, Adelaide, 5001, or email to problems@adv.newsltd.com.au Please include name and address, not necessarily for publication.

■ Need more information? Contact the State Library of SA inquiry service on 8207 7250 / 7252 or country (freecall) 1800 182 013. www.slsa.sa.gov.au/goto/askus Please note that answers published are not necessarily supplied by the State Library.

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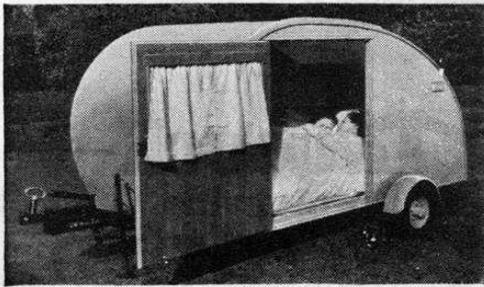
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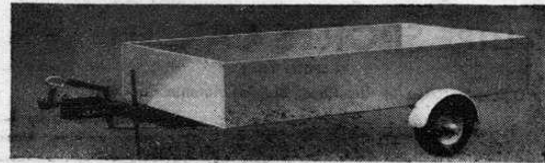
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Friday Funny

