

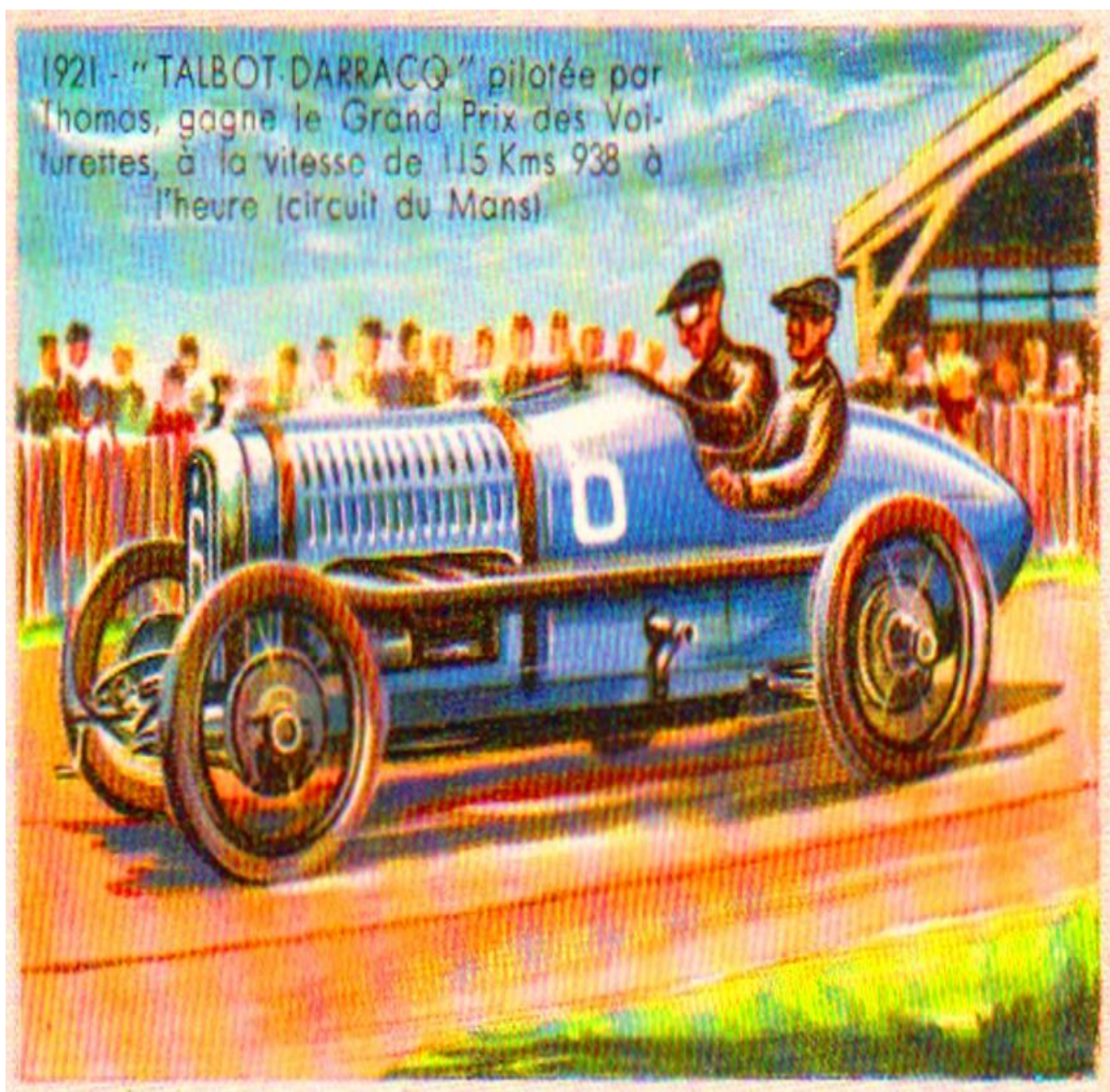


Austin 7 Club of S.A.

70th Anniversary 1953-2023

Bulletin Number 162

9.6.23



What's on and What's not.

12.6.23 A7C Monthly Club Meeting

Soup & Pie Night Create your own floater.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm.

17/23.6.23 Austin 7 Club SA Inc 70th Birthday drive to Farina & Marree.

18.6.23 A7C Sedan Swap Meet

26.6.23 A7C Technical Night

10.7.23 A7C Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm

16.7.23 Burra – Morgan run

18.7.23 A7C Leisure Run

23.7.23 A7C Hills Luncheon to Blacksmiths Inn One Tree Hill.

23.7.23 A7C TTM Regularity#4

24.7.23 A7C Technical Night

14.8.23 A7C Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.

18.8.23 A7C Leisure Run

27.8.23 TTM Club Championships

28.8.23 A7C Technical Night

1.9.23 Drive it Day Bethany

15.9-17.9.23 A7C Border Run to Mount Gambier

24.9.23 Arthur Clisby Picnic at Macclesfield

16.10.23-27.10.23 Federation Motorfest

22.10.23 Bay to Birdwood

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

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Sports and Specials



Sillier than a Seven





2023 Dates

Our competition dates for 2023 are as follows.

July 23, Aug 27, Nov 5

All at Mallala



BAY to
BIRDWOOD

A decorative flourish consisting of a central fan-like shape with multiple points, flanked by two horizontal lines.

Registrations Open
on 1 June 2023



General Meeting 12th June 2023

**Soup and Pie night 6.00 pm to
7.00 pm**

Be a Floater Promoter





Sedan Historic Enthusiasts Den

(Shed happens in Sedan)

PO Box 15, Sedan SA 5353

Is proud to presents the famous

Sedan Swap Meet

Where?

Sedan Recreation Park
Ridley Rd
Sedan

When?

Sunday 18 June 2023
7am start

Sell or buy

- Car parts
- Truck parts
- Motorcycle parts
- Machinery
- Tools
- Collectables

Sellers from
Saturday
(& 6am Sunday)
Buyers from
Sunday 7am

Sellers \$10
Buyers \$5

On site camping available

On site
catering

Contact?

Graham Lienert
glienert@outlook.com

Austin 7 Club Technical Night

Monday 26th June 2023

6.00 Clubrooms open for B.Y.O. tea.

Local recommended eateries are.

Tapleys Hill Fish shop (next door)

Riverside Pizza House

The Original Charcoal Chicken

6.30– 7.30 Spares

7.30 Meeting



BURRA - MORGAN RUN

*A weekend of motoring
nostalgia & adventure*



Come and see the wonderful
collection of historic vehicles on

July **16** 2023

Cars will be lined up at Paxton Square
Cottages, Burra from 8.00am
to be flagged off at 9.30am

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ROGER BOEHM 0437322734 OR PAUL WILSON 0419869109



Burra to Morgan Run

15th & 16th of July 2023

A weekend of Motoring Nostalgia and Adventure

Saturday 15th. July

Entrants meet on Saturday 15th. at 1.30pm. at Paxton Square.

Travel in your own vehicle and visit places of interest in Burra's Historic Town.

Obtain a passport key at the tourist office to visit sites if you wish.

Bon Accord Mine Museum, Burra Goal, Miner's Dugouts, Police Lockup, Railway Stn.

Peter Weiss private collection of hammers, chainsaws, cans etc. (Smelts Rd.)

4.30 – 6.00 pm. Bible Christian Chapel – Paxton Square for registration, friendship, nibbles, drinks etc. (Nibbles supplied by NARC.) BYO drinks and glass.

6.30 pm. - Dinner at Burra Bowling Club including entertainment by Kent Williams.

Cost of meal – \$35 per head.

Pumpkin Soup

Roast Chicken or Roast Beef all served with vegetables

Apple Crumble, custard and cream, or Cheese Cake

Bowling Club restricted to 80 persons.

Sunday 16th. July

Vehicles to be ready in Paxton Square by 8.00am.

Breakfast in Paxton Square catered by Burra Men's Shed. Pay on day. \$12 per head.

Flag off at 9.30 am. _ Vehicles leave at own discretion.

Proceed to The Gums , 45Kms. East of Burra for morning tea.

Morning tea catered by National Trust. _ \$7 donation per head from 10.30 am.

Leave The Gums and proceed to Morgan and park at designated area in Morgan.

Bring your own picnic lunch, chairs, drinks etc.

Please be aware of any **Fruit Fly restrictions.**

Presentation of prizes at the luncheon by President of NARC.

Best Veteran or Vintage

Best Classic 1930 - 1956

Best Classic 1957 – 1989

Best Commercial Vehicle

Vehicles depart Morgan at own discretion.

Entry form is included, more may be downloaded on our website – www.narc.org.au

Contact information - Graham Goode - 0418 894 304, graham@gooderestorations.com.au

Roger Boehm - 0437 322 734, rogerleonard1947@gmail.com

Paul Wilson - 0419 869 109

If you require accommodation in Burra we suggest you book as soon as possible.

Burra Tourist Information Centre – 88922154 or www.visitburra.com , Paxton Square Cottages and Caravan Park – 8892 2622, Burra Motel – 8892 2777.



Hills Luncheon 23rd of July 2023

Meet at Price's Bakery 463 North East rd Hillcrest 10.30 for Coffee

Travel to blacksmiths Inn Black Top Road One Tree Hill for Lunch

Bookings essential Closing 14th July

Contact Christine Cutting 0412 092 760



Border Run 2023

Friday 15th September to Monday 18th September

Bulletin No. 1

This year's Border Run for the Austin 7 Club of SA Inc and the Austin 7 Club Inc (Victoria) will be centred at Mount Gambier SA.

This first Bulletin will provide an outline of the programme so members can begin to arrange their calendars. More complete information (including pricing and booking instructions) will be provided in subsequent Bulletins.

While previous Border Run activities have effectively commenced on the Saturday afternoon upon arrival at the selected base town/city, most of the SA club members have historically travelled part way on the Friday, while those who were still on somebody else's payroll travelled the full distance on Saturday.

Some Victorian members have also travelled part way on Friday and may choose to do so again this year.

This year the SA first contingent will travel to **Naracoorte** on Friday 15th September. The option remains for others to travel direct to Mount Gambier on Saturday.

Any Victorians who would like to travel to join us at Naracoorte are most welcome to do so. Google maps indicates that it is only 14km further than the direct trip to Mount Gambier – but it is a long haul from Melbourne in one day in a "7".

As the convoy leaves Naracoorte en-route to Mt Gambier we will have a guided tour of the famous **Naracoorte Caves**, followed by lunch at Penola. As we pass through Nangwarry (32km north of Mt Gambier, or 130km west of Hamilton (via Coleraine and Casterton) we will stop to have a look at the **Nangwarry Forestry & Logging Museum**. The Victorian members can rendezvous with the SA group at Nangwarry at about 2:00pm they wish.

Two nights' Accommodation and Saturday night's dinner in Mt Gambier will be at the **Presidential Accommodation & Suites**. Sunday night's dinner will be at the Western Tavern (3 minutes walk from the Presidential)

Sunday's run will be to Port Macdonnell, with the main feature being a visit to **Feast's Classic Car Collection and Memorabilia**, lunch, and an optional visit to **Collectormaniac Antique Store**. It won't be a big driving day – approx. 80km round trip.

Additional details will be provided in Bulletin #2 in a few weeks. No action is required from you yet.

We are looking forward to good numbers from each side of the Border, and a bit warmer weather than our previous June events.

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Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc

**Federation Motorfest for 2023 is here and
welcome to this year's events. The events**

**have been organised by some of South Australia's great
historic car clubs and will certainly be of interest to our
Interstate, Country and local enthusiasts. Again the various
day outings will take you to many well-known, and some not
so well known places of interest. For this Federation Motorfest
we go to destinations which range from the Lower Mid North
to the Fleurieu showcasing so much of our great state of South
Australia. We trust that as many of you as possible will take
advantage of this wonderful programme and avail yourselves
to as many Federation Motorfest events as possible. Please be
aware that you do not require a specific vehicle to enter any of
these events. You may use any vehicle you wish to, including
your current model family car. Happy Motoring. Graham
Tonkin. Federation Motorfest Director**

Entries are now open.

Click on the link.

[Cruising Classics 2009 Programme \(fhmcsa.org.au\)](http://fhmcsa.org.au)

Austins over Australia 2024

7th March -11th March 2024

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



Expressions of Interest forms available from Martin Lewis (0414 727 893) so you will receive newsletters as they are issued by the organisers.

If you are even slightly interested, please advise Martin by 30th April so tentative accommodation bookings can be made – no obligation at this point.



Austins Over Australia 2024

Thursday 7th March to Monday 11th March 2024
in Orange, NSW



NEWSLETTER No. 1

28/3/2023

With under a year to go we would like to give fellow "Austineers" an update as to the progress on AOA2024

Orange is a significant regional centre with a population of over 40,000 and is renowned for its gourmet wineries, award winning restaurants, and magnificent gardens. The trees will be revealing their vibrant autumn colours when we are there. Day temperatures average a pleasant 24^o with cool 11^o evenings.

To date we have over 100 Expressions of interest and support from the locals has been extremely positive.

There are many types of accommodation options in Orange and we suggest you book early with your chosen provider to avoid disappointment. Budget accommodation is extremely sought after.

Event headquarters will be The Orange Function Centre but, to avoid traffic congestion, not all outings will start there. Final run details along with registration forms and meal arrangements will follow in a later newsletter. Daily runs will be on sealed roads excluding potholes and roadworks which are out of our control and avoiding highways where possible. Lunches will be available on Friday and Saturday.

We propose registration will be at The Orange Function Centre on Thursday afternoon with a full meet and greet meal later that evening at the same venue.

On Friday 8th. We're off to Millthorpe via historic Carcoar. (100k return)

Saturday 9th. We will meet at Lake Canobolas then out to Molong. (75k return)

Sunday 10th. Display day in central Orange.

Followed by an official dinner and presentations at Orange Ex Services Club.

Monday 11th. On our last day we will visit Abercrombie House in Bathurst. (56k one-way) This 1870's home is an Australian treasure and the owners, the Morgan family, have had an association with Austin Sheerlines for many years. Several cars are displayed on the property. A tour of the house and a substantial morning tea will be offered.

AOA2024 will officially conclude at Abercrombie House. Entrants can choose to explore Bathurst, head home, or return to Orange for another night with friends.

Looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones

Regards

Tony Groom

AOA 2024 Director

0412 036 774

Old Adelaide



Corner West Tce. and South Tce. 1964

Some of the Austin 7's that raced at Perkolillie in September 2022. Write ups from the program.

12.

AUSTIN TEN LETTUCE LEAF

The Ten was found at a used car dealer in Stepney, South Australia and bought in February 1974 for \$180. "It was a mess," said David Biven. "The body was stripped down and was certainly not in working order. I was 22 and I had never rebuilt an engine – in fact I didn't even know what model Austin it was!" The Ten came from the red dust country around the railhead town of Peterborough, 250 km north of Adelaide. Perko will be like going home!

The roadster body was built in Adelaide by TJ Richards & Sons Ltd. The shape was copied from the English models but was modified somewhat. The dashboard instruments were positioned in front of the passenger as it could not fit the normal position – quite a stretch when using the choke!

"The four cylinder 1125cc motor was very simple but had so much more torque (for an Austin) than the Seven," said David. "The paint colour was chosen (bright and loud instead of the original dark green) reflecting my youth in the early 70's. I named it "Lettuce Leaf" because I thought it had to stand out in the traffic due to its slow speed on



the roads! Since then, the Austin has attended 16 Bay to Birdwood runs and was a participant in the Opening Rally to The Birdwood Mill on 10th December 1977 which was before the Inaugural Bay to Birdwood in September 1980. After 48 years of ownership, David drives Lettuce Leaf around the country roads of Victor Harbor and it relishes the dirt tracks and the seaside.

13.

AUSTIN SEVEN

Wolf Semler had a spare chassis after building an Austin Seven Chummy plus a few other bits. A friend suggested that he build a racer and start racing. That was two years before the 2019 event.

He did everything himself with the help of his "little partner". She helped bend the aluminium sheets into something resembling a car body. She sat on milk crates testing brakes and clutches. She even donned overalls and became his pit crew. Wolf sewed the upholstery and carpet and rebuilt the engine. He poured his own bearings, which worried him for years, but they took all punishment without a problem. "Jenny loves the colour blue, so I painted it blue," said Wolf.

"Three of us set out to cross the Nullarbor. Stuart and I had a car each and Andrew was our pit crew, because he was the only one who could cook without poisoning everyone. We slept in our cars in various spots on the road. Not the best thing to do when you are



73 and 74 respectively. Andrew was 41, the bed in his car was a work of art. Only the four posts were missing. But tell you what, it was worth all the hard work and discomfort, because the three of us had the greatest time ever and we swore if we were still mentally and physically able, we would return in 2022."

33.

History of Gawler Belt sprints as told in the 50th Anniversary Austin 7 Club Book.

In 1958, the realignment of the main Gawler-Nuriootpa Highway at Gawler Belt (Willaston) resulted in a stretch of bitumen road being closed off and becoming private property. Successful negotiations with the landowner resulted in this becoming the new site for all 9 Chain Sprints from 24 August. Bruce Berry recalls, “Norm Butler knew someone at the nearby roadhouse who told him about the bit of closed road and that’s how we got to use it”. This site was ideal, as by the time room had been left for the pits, the start area and enough road to safely slow down and stop in, there was only 9 chains left!

The Club could not charge for admission to these events but sold drinks to help cover costs. Later, as the event became very popular, suggestions were made to lengthen the run, but because of these limitations, it stayed at 9 chains.

The growth in popularity of these Club sprints meant that entries now had to be divided into 4 categories – “A7 Specials” and “A7 Standard and Sports” and “Other specials” and “Other cars”. On September 26, 1958, the MGCC was invited, resulting in 5 classes and the 7 December meeting was open to all CAMS clubs.

These sprints became the “flagship” for the A7C and were directly responsible for the continuing growth in membership – from 100 at the end of 1957, to 126 in 1959 and 296 in 1962. In 1959, four sprints were conducted, with entries growing from 16 in January to 27 for the last in November. Col Riches, Dodge V8 set FTD at four of these, his best being 9.7 secs.



Greg McEwin MAC HEALEY

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Dennis OVERALL AUSTIN "7"

Dennis Overall A7



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Lew Jones Ford V8



Col Richies Dodge V8

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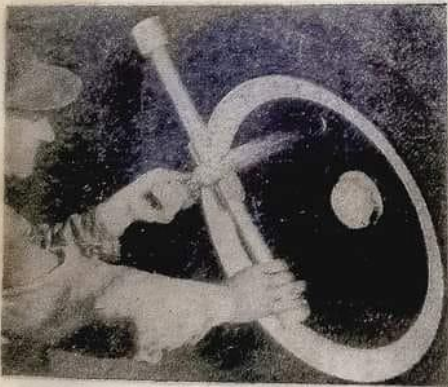
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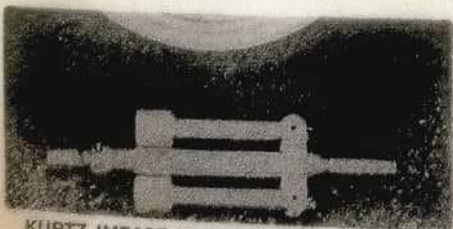
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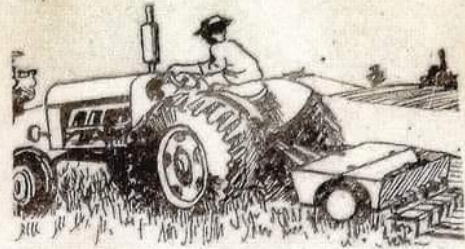
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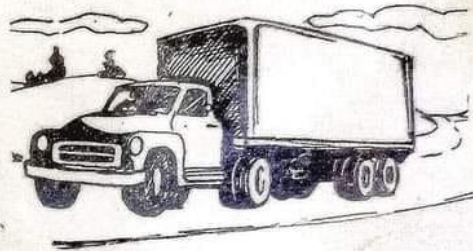
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For Sale

Two 1938 yes 1938 Austin 7 Wheels and hubs from a trailer.

Size 4.50 x 17

The wheels do not have the locating lugs on the brake drums.

Comes with Axle and Springs

Offer

Sandy McLachlan

Phone number is: 0456 415 811, Adelaide Metro area.

For Sale

Austin 7 sports special 1934



This car was first registered in the UK in 1934 and probably as a standard RN 4 seater saloon. At some stage, probably during the War, the registration lapsed. In 1957 the car was re-registered for road use in Buckinghamshire.

By that time the original body had been removed and the car re-built as a two seater “special”. This conversion involved amongst other modifications lowering the suspension, fitting improved “bowdenex” front cable brakes and modifying the engine.

The body shell was probably manufactured by Super Accessories of Bromley, Kent, a garage company specialising in the production and supply of Austin 7 special bodies and accessories from 1956 to the early 1980's.

The car was in barn storage from 1974 to 1994 when I acquired it. By that time the modified engine has been replaced with a standard "unimproved" Austin seven engine. I re-registered the car for road use.

Since 1994 the car has been in regular road use. The crank shaft broke in 2002 throwing a connecting rod through the side of the crank case. This involved a major engine rebuild with replacement crank case and crank shaft, high compression cylinder head, deep sump, competition manifolds and the substitution of an SU carburettor for the original side draught Zenith.

**The Vehicle is in New South Wales and is advertised on Ebay
Link below.**

[Austin 7 sports special 1934 | eBay](#)

1949 Austin A40



FOR SALE AUSTIN A40 DEVON

1949 EXCELENT CONDITION IN REGULAR USE.

LOCATION: NORTHERN ADELAIDE

\$10,000 ono

CONTACT: JOHN STEVENS 0458 295 518

Give Away



One Wheel probably Austin 8

Contact Don 0439 882 693.

Friday Funny

A woman was surprised to find an old picture of herself, younger, slimmer and falling in love with her future husband. When she showed him the picture he said, "WOW, look at that..."



"That's my old Impala!"