



# Austin 7 Club of S.A.

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1953-2023**

**Bulletin Number 165**

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## **What's on and What's not.**

**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.**

**23.7.23 A7C TTM Regularity#4**

**24.7.23 A7C Technical Night**

**13.8.23 Willunga Swap Meet**

**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**

**15.9-17.9.23 A7C Border Run to Mount Gambier**

**17.9.23 Gawler Swap Meet**

**17.9.23 Morgan Swap Meet**

**24.9.23 Arthur Clisby Picnic at Macclesfield**

**15.10.23 A7C 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**16.10 – 27.10 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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## **Sillier than a Seven**



## **Berkley T-60**

# Sports and Specials





## 2023 Dates

Our competition dates for 2023 are as follows.

July 23, Aug 27, Nov 5

All at Mallala



# **BAY to BIRDWOOD**

**Registrations  
Now Open!**



# BURRA - MORGAN RUN

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Come and see the wonderful  
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Cars will be lined up at Paxton Square  
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to be flagged off at 9.30am

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



## **Hills Luncheon 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Contact Christine Cutting 0412 092 760**

- **10.30 am Meet at the Bakery for coffee /morning tea.**
- **11.30 am Leave for Blacksmith's Inn**

**Turn Left on North East Road for approx. 6 k / 3.5 miles**

**Then turn left on to Golden Grove Road**

**Follow Golden Grove Road for approx. 6.4 k / 4 miles.**

**(through 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout at Golden Grove Supplies)**

**Then taken 3<sup>rd</sup> exit at next roundabout on to One Tree Hill Road**

**Follow One Tree Hill Road for approx. 9.5 k / 6 miles to Cross Hill Road**

**Turn left on to Cross Hill Road for approx. 1 k / .5 mile to Black Top Road**

**Turn left on to Black Top Road**

**Blacksmith's Inn will be on the left.**

- **12.30 pm Lunch at the Blacksmith's Inn Black Top Road One Tree Hill**

**Note ...If you miss the Cross Hill Road turn off go a little further to the Black Top Road turn off on the left.**

**Return route if required.**

**Turn left out of the car park follow Black Top Road down to Main North Road comes out just North of the Old Spot Hotel .... then to your destination.**



# Border Run 2023

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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** which has been renovated since we were there about 6 years ago. 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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**Sunday 24th September 2023**



Macclesfield Oval & Sporting Complex  
Cnr. Davies & Kingrose Streets Macclesfield

*An old-style club drive and picnic day, a perfect opportunity to the give your vehicle a shakedown run prior to Bay to Birdwood.*

**Entry is FREE\***

**No entry fee but no free lunch unless you bring your own!**

**All we ask is the Club does a count of how many vehicles are coming and how many would be buying food on the day.**

**Please let Brian Davey know on 0400826969 by Friday 15th Sept.**





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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*

7<sup>th</sup> March -11<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> April so tentative accommodation bookings can be made – no obligation at this point.**



## *Austins Over Australia 2024*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>o</sup> with cool 11<sup>o</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>. We're off to Millthorpe via historic Carcoar. (100k return)

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

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. Display day in central Orange.

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

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>. 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

# **IT'S ON IN 2025! LAKE PERKOLILLI RED DUST REVIVAL**

**29 SEPTEMBER to 5 OCTOBER 2025**



## **Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival Returns for 2025**

**The next Lake Perkolilli Red Dust Revival will be conducted from 29 September to 5 October 2025, following an agreement with the Goldfields branch of Variety the Children's Charity and the Lake Perkolilli Motor Sports Club Inc.**

**The Red Dust Revival is Australia's greatest outback historic motor sport event with 114 vintage cars and 40 vintage motorbikes, all built before 1940, driving at speed on a claypan in the bush, 45 minutes from Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. There's nothing else like it in the World.**

**Variety will manage the event, arrange the construction of the Red Dust Revival facilities on the claypan and coordinate the camping. They will also supervise more than 140 volunteers who make the event possible. Proceeds from the event supports kids who are facing many challenges through sickness, disadvantage or living with disability with a focus on Goldfields families. The Lake Perkolilli Motor Sports Club Inc will manage the historic car and motorcycle entries and assist Variety with planning and the conduct of the track events.**

**Following feedback, the event has been timed to the school holidays so that more families will be able to attend. Since the last Red Dust Revival in 2022, enquiries have once again been received from all over Australia and overseas.**

**MORE DETAILS ON CAR AND MOTORBIKE ELIGIBILITY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE COMING WEEKS**

# Coorong Speed Record



(F Pearse)

**The Jack Saywell Alfa Romeo Tipo B/P3 and John Snow Delahaye 135CS and friends at The Coorong, South Australia on January 5 and 6 1939...**

**The two intrepid Sydney racers contested the 1939 Australian Grand Prix at Lobethal on 2 January, the handicap race famously won by Allan Tomlinson in his MG TA Spl s/c. Saywell aboard 'the fastest car in Australia' was off scratch and finished sixth, slowed by tyre problems on the scorching hot South Australian summer day. Snow was off 4 minutes 15 seconds in the French sportscar and was fourth. Everybody that day was outfoxed, out-prepared and outraced by the three youngsters from Perth- Tomlinson and two fellow racer/fettlers Clem Dwyer and Bill Smallwood.**



**Whilst in South Australia they decided to attack some Australian speed records on the pipe-clay surface of The Coorong, at a little spot near Salt Creek, 210 km from Adelaide.**

**Huge amounts of preparation went into the attempts with the Sporting Car Club of South Australia playing an organisational role and in ensuring compliance with international rules.**



Not the Coorong but the Lobethal paddock earlier in the week- John Snow's gorgeous Delahaye 135CS- he used the Hudson behind in the Australian Stock Car Championship that weekend too (N Howard)

**Whilst attempts were being made by Snow and Victorian racer Lyster Jackson over longer distances/times, both Snow and Saywell also wanted a crack at The Flying Mile (Class C for Snow and Outright for Saywell) which had to be timed to the nearest hundredth of a second rather than a tenth of a second- the best which could be achieved with a chronometer.**

**The Adelaide University Physics Department were involved in creating some automatic photo-electric timing equipment which met the accuracy requirements of the international regulations.**

**Two existing speed records had been set in South Australia during February 1935 at Sellicks Beach by John H Dutton (Class C 92 mph Flying Mile) and CW Bonython MG (Class A 76.09 mph) but the Fleurieu Peninsula beach would not suffice in length for this endeavour which sought records between an hour and twenty-four hours.**

**A huge open area was needed with space for long, high speed corners to keep average speeds up. Whilst the opening photo may be at the Coorong, it could be at Sellicks- perhaps its a promotional shot taken prior to the record attempts or maybe a test run. Let me know if you have certainty about the locale.**

**Weather delayed the attempts by a few days but the SCCSA officials were out and about at 5 am on the morning of Thursday 5 January 1939 and prepared a surface as 'smooth as glass'- the wind was up on the day and was said to be anything up to a 40 mph headwind.**

**The temperature was 96 degrees Fahrenheit, by the end of the week the temperature in Adelaide was 117 degrees! 'Despite that a crowd of over 200 people ventured out into that desolate landscape and into those incredible temperatures, setting up a tent city' wrote John Medley.**

**The chosen course had been professionally surveyed by an SCCSA club-member and measured 10 miles 318 yards- it was a huge oval comprising two straights of 5 miles and 'wide circles at either end for turning'.**

**John Snow started the blue Delahaye 135CS at noon and was soon lapping consistently, the intent being to stick to a plan to coax the car through 24 hours- it wasn't a sprint after all.**

**John covered the first 185 miles in just over two hours averaging 92 mph. The car was then refuelled in 4 minutes and Lyster Jackson jumped aboard- he maintained the average of 92 mph in his 10 lap stint and then made another refuelling stop and some 'engine adjustments' were made. The first tyre stop, which took 49 seconds, was made a little later and then Jackson was relieved by Snow after the speedy machine had completed 35 laps, or about 366 miles.**

**Snow had been going again for less than 3 miles when valve trouble ended further motoring at about 6.30 pm.**

**A perfect world would have been popping a spare engine into the car between the 150 mile Grand Prix and the record attempt but Snow didn't have a spare despite his wealth. The car 'was overhauled by the Englishman brought to Australia specially to prepare the car'- lets come back to that point. The distance travelled in the first hour was 92 miles, for three hours about 275 miles. Jackson did the quickest lap at 6:26 with Snow's 6:32. 'No attempt was made to push the car' but a mean speed of 130 mph was reached on the long straights.**

**Continued next week.**

# TRACK SMOOTH AS GLASS

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## Speed Attempts In **Coorong** Today

From **"The News"** Special Representative.

POLICEMAN'S POINT, Thursday.  
**O**N a surface smooth as glass and in clear, fine weather, **the** Sydney racing motorist, J. F. **Snow**, at 1 p.m. today began an attempt on several Australian speed records. Officials of **the** Sporting Car Club and other helpers had been working since 5 a.m. preparing **the Coorong** nine-mile pipeclay track for **the** attempts.

Snow is driving a big, high-powered Delahaye, which he used in **the** Grand Prix event at Lobethal on Monday. It was taken to **the** Coorong on a motor truck early today and unloaded without any difficulty.

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The advertisement features a central illustration of a red Austin delivery van with a spare tire mounted on the side. A man in a white coat is loading a basket from the back of the van. Above the van, a circular graphic contains illustrations of a fish, a ham, and pumpkins. To the right, a woman in a brown dress and white apron is seated at a desk, operating a typewriter. The background is a light cream color with some faint stains.

# For Sale

Boot lid for an Austin A30

Contact Neil 0408 859 752



# Friday Funny

