



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

70th Anniversary 1953-2023

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• VINCY-MANŒUVRE •

*C'est dans 2 mois
et quelque...*

Olivier Debras

**FERME DE NAVARRE, 10 GRANDE RUE,
77 139 VINCY-MANŒUVRE**

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**
- 1.9.23 Old Car Day**
- 11.9.23 A7C AGM**
- 15.9-17.9.23 A7C Border Run to Mount Gambier**
- 17.9.23 Gawler Swap Meet**
- 17.9.23 Morgan Swap Meet**
- 19.9.23 A7C Leisure Run**
- 24.9.23 Arthur Clisby Picnic at Macclesfield**
- 25.9.23 A7C Technical Night**
- 15.10.23 A7C 70th 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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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 five points, flanked by two horizontal lines.

**Registrations
Now Open!**

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



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

- **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 1st roundabout at Golden Grove Supplies)

Then taken 3rd 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 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** 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.

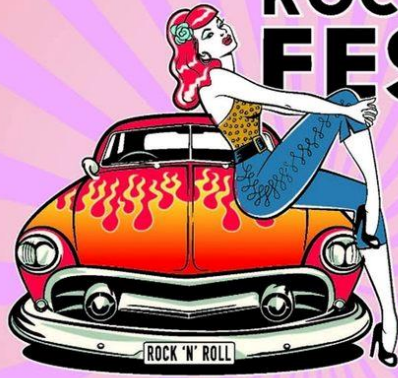
We are looking forward to good numbers from each side of the Border, and a bit warmer weather than our previous June events.

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VICTOR HARBOR ROCK 'N' ROLL FESTIVAL

16-17 SEPT 2023



City of
Victor Harbor



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WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Friday 15th

Hotel Victor - **The Windsor Kids** (8.30pm - 11.30pm) free entry

Grosvenor Hotel - **The Rollbacks** (8pm - 11pm) free entry

Town Hall - **Midnight Shift** (8pm - 11.30pm) Legends R'n'R Club ticketed event

Saturday 16th

Hotel Victor - **The Vigilantes** (8.30pm - 11.30pm) free entry

Grosvenor Hotel - **In The Doghouse** (8pm - 11pm) free entry

Anchorage Hotel - **The Memphis Suns** (7pm - 11pm) free entry

Town Hall - **Lengends R'n'R Club** (8pm - 11.30pm) ticketed event

Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th Sept:

There's 2 full days of entertainment for the whole family including a variety of new and second hand trade, memorabilia, market stalls, food vans plus Warland Reserve will also be hosting Shannon's Show'n'Shine including Hot Rods, Customs, Classics and Bikes.

You can also get your dancing shoes on with DJ's plus live Rock'n'Roll and Rockabilly bands all on one stage this year from 10am - 5pm.

WARLAND RESERVE STAGE

Saturday 16th

11.00am - **The Chevytones**

2.15pm - **The Satellites**

Sunday 17th

11.00am - **The Silverados**

2.15pm - **The Lincolns**

For further information go to

www.rocknrollfestival.com.au

www.facebook.com/victorharborrocknrollfestival

For Car Cruise Registration information go to

rocknroll@hmv.org.au

HMVC Events Coordinator: 0402 495 708 or 0417 857 325

Arthur Clisby Memorial Picnic Day

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.



The "Federation" in its various titles has been serving the interests of historic motorists in South Australia since 1971.



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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)



The Bendigo Swap Meet

The next Swap Meet will be held
11-12 November 2023



WAYVILLE SHOWGROUNDS ADELAIDE
Friday night November 17th &
all day Saturday November 18th

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

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

HOT ROD HAVEN

Hot Rods & pre '65 Customs



First Sunday of the month Henley Sailing Club.



Racing Motorists Along Coorong.

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Record Attempts on Pipeclay.

SUDDEN STOPPAGE OF
ATTEMPTS THROUGH BREAK-
DOWN OF ENGINE.

NINE RECORDS CLAIMED.

John F. Snow, a Sydney racing motorist, attempted to establish a mileage and speed records on the pipeclay on **the Coorong**, near Salt Creek, with a Delahaye car. He started at noon on Thursday, January 5, and continued throughout **the** night. This car he raced in **the** South Australian Grand Prix (75 miles) and **the** Australian Grand Prix (100 miles) on **the** Lebethal Grand Prix and T.T. circuit on Monday, January 2, and **the** record attempts were made for one hour, six hours, 12 hours, and 24 hrs.

Preparations for **the** long drive were made by Sporting Car Club officials, when a suitable course was selected and surveyed by a club member, Mr. G. D. Moore.

The team claimed records to the Australian Automobile Association for 50, 100 and 200 miles- 50, 100, 200 and 500 kilometres- and 1 and 3 hours. Those recognised in the Australian record books are;

Continued from last week.

Standing 100 km 40 mins 45.5- 91.47 mph, Standing 200 km 1 hour 21.29.0- 91.51 mph, Standing 50 Miles 32.55.4- 91 mph, Standing 100 Miles 6:5.33.0- 91.51 mph.

Obviously the Delahaye was in no fit state to attack the Flying Mile, whilst one newspaper report has it that Saywell's Vittorio Jano designed masterpiece did 132 mph for the Flying Mile and 88 mph for the Standing Mile.

'On the following day , it was Jack Saywell's turn...the task was perhaps simpler, the red car attacking only two records, the standing start and flying start mile- but the blistering temperature, sandy surface and blustery 45 mph sidewind across his path were going to be a hindrance...in accordance with AAA rules, a run in each direction was required, and the Alfa used its Lobethal rear axle ratio, the second highest of four available' John Medley wrote.

'Using a four mile run in against the breeze, Saywell averaged 128 mph for the first officially timed run. In the opposite direction he used a shorter run in and averaged 140 mph for the flying mile. The average of the two runs was 134.7 mph, the fastest officially recorded speed in Australian history breaking the previous record by over 35 mph'.

'The Alfa was then prepared for its attempt on the standing start one mile record. Spewing dirt off its spinning back wheels for the first 400 yards, the booming Alfa then got into its stride

and crossed the line at 142 mph, wind assisted. Into the wind Saywell crossed the finishing line at 125 mph. When the times were totalled and the speed averaged, the mean speed was 89.2 mph, another new Australian record' John Medley wrote.

Some Australian enthusiasts will be aware that John Snow, scion of the wealthy Sydney 'Snows Department Stores' family made annual trips to the UK both to purchase merchandise for the family business and to race and purchase some top-end cars either to order or for re-sale back in Oz.

The 1939 AGP grid, for example, comprised at least four cars (John Crouch Alfa 8C2300 Le Mans, Colin Dunne MG K3 Magnette, Saywell's Tipo B and Snows Delahaye 135CS) imported to Australia by the front-rank Sydney racer.



John Snow during the 1939 AGP weekend at Lobethal, Delahaye 135CS (N Howard)

The Delahaye was a remarkably astute purchase by Snow for Australian handicap racing- it was not an outright winner other than on the 'right day' but with enough speed and reliability built into it by virtue of its sports-racer intent would always be 'thereabouts' in the handicaps which predominated in Australia. And so it was, mainly. The car probably coulda-shoulda won several AGP's, but in the end it only took the one, in John Crouch's hands at Leyburn, Queensland in 1949.

The 6 cylinder, 3557cc, OHV 160 bhp car, chassis '47190' was turned into a 'corn-chip' as a consequence of a disastrous trailer fire due to an errant cigarette butt flicked out of the car window upon the trip back to Sydney after the 1951 AGP at Narrogin, Western Australia. Enough of the car existed to reconstruct in the seventies/eighties.

The English mechanic referred to earlier was 'Jock' Finlayson, he was brought to Australia by Snow and Saywell who by that time were operating 'Monza Service', at 217 Bourke Street, East Sydney looking after various racing and top-end road cars.

The very well credentialled (ex-Bentley, Birkin, Straight, Seaman) poor chap totally stuffed up the timing of Saywell's 2.9 litre, DOHC, supercharged Tipo B engine when he rebuilt it and rooted the engine as a consequence.

With no confidence in anyone else locally to address the engine and having plenty of moolah Jack popped the engine onto a boat back to Milan, but the ship is thought to have

been sunk in the immediate months of the War- Saywell never saw that engine again!

Chassis '5002' was not reunited with a motor of kosher original specification until it was restored in Australia in the early sixties. It had an active, long, eventful racing career mind you, albeit fitted with GMC and Alvis motors...

Credits...

Fred Pearse Collection, 'John Snow: Classic Motor Racer' John Medley, Norman Howard from the Bob King Collection

Tailpiece: Jack Saywell, Alfa Romeo Tipo B, AGP Lobethal 1939...



(N Howard)

Old Adelaide



Angas St 1929 Tram Depot in the background

Buy, Sell & Exchange



For Sale

1948 Austin A40

Devon 4 door saloon

**Originally purchased from Grenfell Motor Company, 162
Grenfell St Adelaide on 15/1/1951**

**It was in running order when garaged 28 years ago, but not
started since.**

**It's partially restored with seats already reupholstered.
Proposed price about \$1500.**

Thanks very much

Dirk Keuning

0413484867



Friday Funny

Got my hitch installed, can't wait to start towing!

