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ROBERT BENOIST, VAINQUEUR DU GRAND PRIX AUTOMOBILE, PASSE EN VITESSE

Le Grand Prix de l'Automobile-Club de France s'est disputé dimanche sur 80 tours, soit 1.000 kilomètres, du circuit de la piste routière de Linas-Montlhéry. Benoist, qui fut relayé un moment par Divo, gagna l'épreuve en 8 h. 54' 41", à la moyenne horaire de 112 km. 220. Le coéquipier de Benoist, Wagner, qui passa quelques tours le volant à Torchy, se classa deuxième devant l'Italien Masetti, qui pilotait une voiture anglaise. La victoire française, la première depuis la guerre, fut malheureusement attristée par l'accident mortel d'Ascari et l'abandon, en signe de deuil, de Campari et Brilli-Peri, coéquipiers du coureur italien.

What's on and What's not.

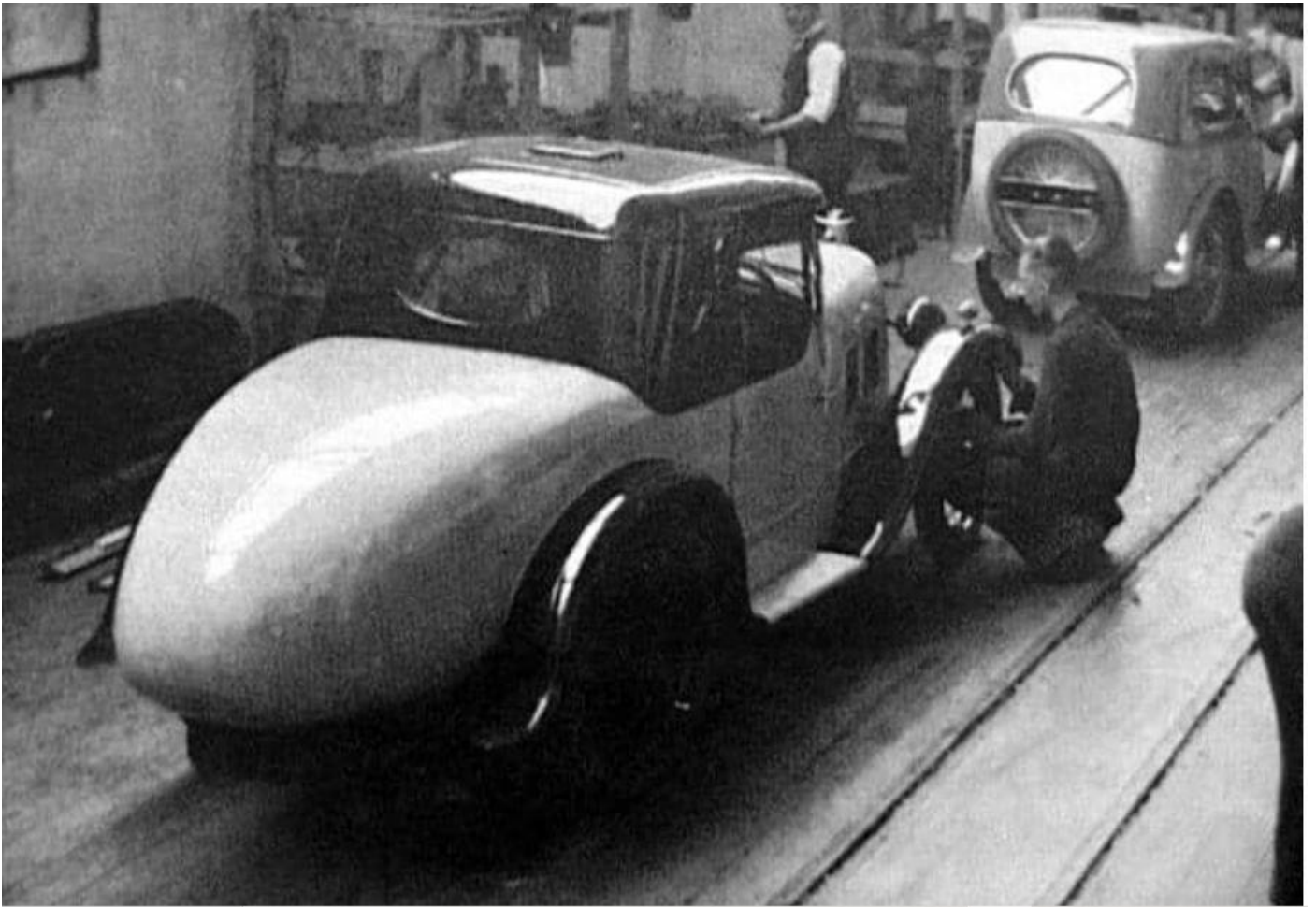
- 15.3-17.3.24 Adelaide Motorsport Festival**
- 17.3.24 Historic Gathering at West Beach**
- 17.3.24 Woodside Swap Meet**
- 17.3.24 British Classics Tour**
- 21.3-24.3 Aust F1 GP Melbourne**
- 24.3.24 50th Anniversary of the opening of the clubrooms**
- 25.3.24 Technical Night**
- 26.3.24 Leisure Run**
- 29.3-31.3.24 Easter**
- 8.4.24 Club Meeting**
- 14.4.24 Day Run to Mypolonga**
- 14.4.24 Gawler Club Veteran & Vintage Run**
- 21.4.24 Regularity Round 2**
- 22.4.24 Technical Night SWAP MEET**
- 23.4.24 Leisure Run**
- 5.5.24 Old Crocks Run SCC**
- 5.5.24 Naracoorte Swap**
- 13.5.24 Club Meeting**
- 17.5.24-19.5.24 Pre War Run to Burra**
- 19.5.24 Day Run**
- 25-26.5.24 Historic Winton**
- 27.5.24 Technical night**
- 28.5.24 Leisure Run**

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

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Sports and Specials



1929 Swallow coupe



The Vintage Sports Car Club SA

Historic Motor Vehicles Gathering

Vintage Veteran Classic



17 Mar

10 am - 2.00 pm

Car enthusiasts, general public, young and
old, family fun day, a taste of yesteryear

Food & drinks available

ALL Welcome

FREE ENTRY

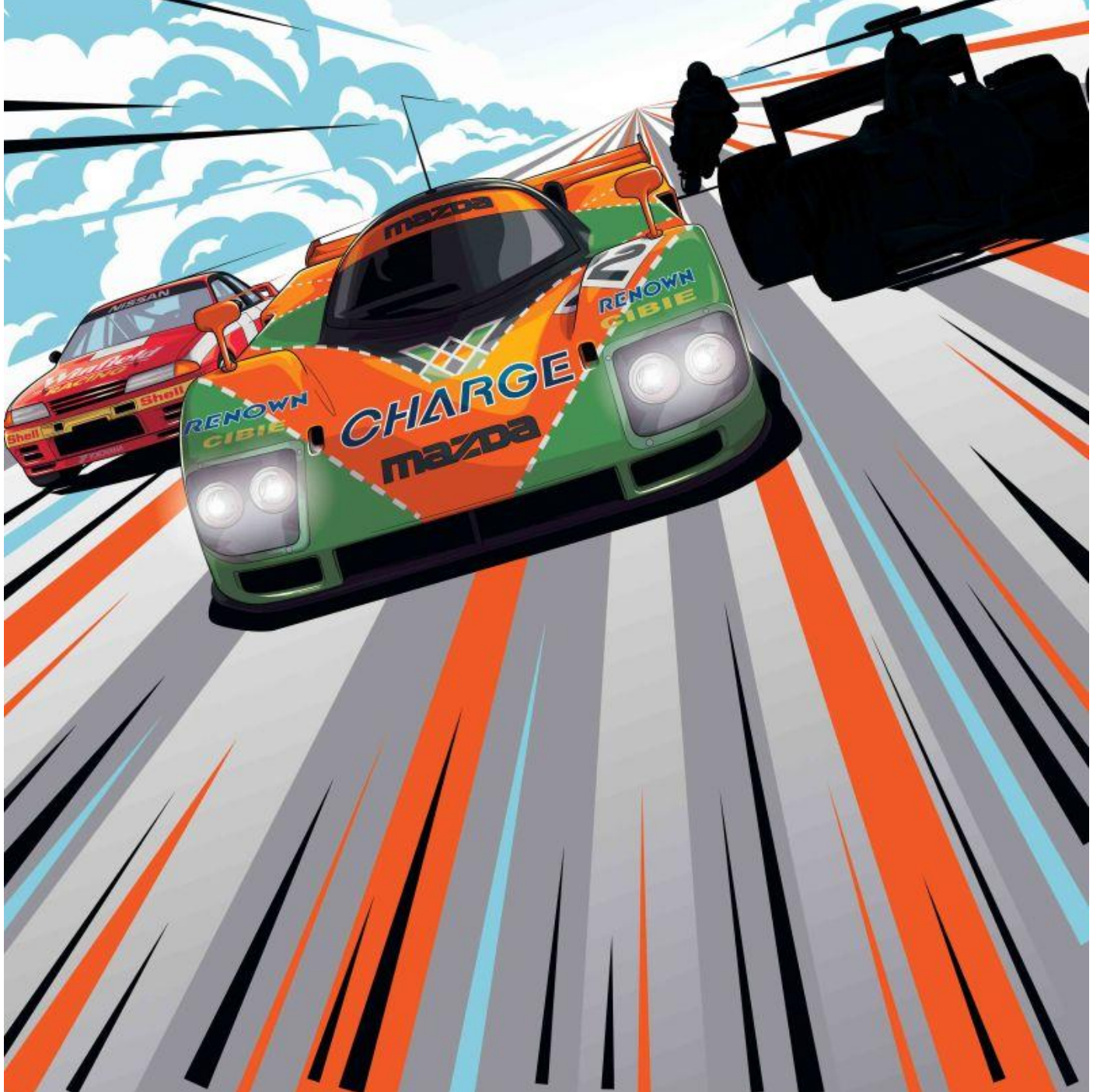
Barratt Reserve West Beach Rd
West Beach

For information email: patchwork@internode.on.net



ADELAIDE MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL 2024

MARCH 16, 17 2024





Celebrating 25 years

The Lower Murray

Vintage Machinery Show and Tractor Pull



Celebrating 25 years

Over 150 Displays

Chaff Cutting

16th & 17th March 2024.

Murray Bridge Show Grounds,
South Australia.

Vintage Cars

Vintage Engines
and Tractors

Old Trucks

Antique Working
Machinery

Raffles and
Prizes

Admission:

This is a FREE event.

Tractor Pull

Hay Baling and
Rock Crushing

Food and Drink stalls onsite.

Gates open at 9:30am.

Cars and Coffee
Sunday

www.lmvemc.com



Lower Murray Vintage Engine
and Machinery Club



McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic 2024

Dinner: Sat 13th April 2024
Parade: Sun 14th April 2024



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Sunday 14th April 2024



**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
FAMILY FUN!**



50 Years in Our Clubrooms

March 1974 to March 2024

In March 1974 the first Club meeting in our club rooms was conducted.

To commemorate this historic event in the life of our club come along to our special event on **Sunday 24th March 2024**



Programme:

10:00- 11:00am	Morning tea at The Watershed 665 Salisbury Highway, Mawson Lakes (Near the junction of Port Wakefield Road and Salisbury Highway)
11:00am	Depart on a scenic convoy to the Clubrooms
12:15pm (approx.)	Lunch at the Clubrooms Consisting of Subway Platters, followed by Fruit salad and ice cream BYO alcohol if desired
Booking is essential By: Monday 18 March	Chris Cutting 0412 092 760 Or email: touring@austin7clubsa.com.au
Cars:	To add to the historic nature of the day, please bring your historic car – but don't let tis request stop you from coming.



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

Technical Night Monday 25th

March 2024

**We have a demonstration of an
Electrical Discharge Machine.**



**This machine can
remove broken studs in
blocks without damage.**

**One of our member's will have his
Snap-on truck in attendance.**





Leisure Run to Old Noarlunga

26th March 2024

Caffe Buongiorno at O'Halloran Hill for Coffee.

Then to the Old Noarlunga Hotel for Lunch.



The Old Noarlunga Hotel



Contact David Searles for Bookings 0408 700 047



Graham Paige Run - Mypolonga

Sunday 14th April



Morning Tea: At Mt Pleasant Bakery (if you wish) prior to departure

Time: 11:00am

Lunch: **BYO lunch** and beverages. Either bring your own or purchase necessities at Mt Pleasant

What: Large collection of Graham Paige cars as well as other makes. This could be the largest collection of Graham Paige cars in Australia.

Plus: Marlene has perfected a method for restoring **enamel badges**. View her work. If you have an enamel badge that needs restoration, bring it along for assessment.



Before:



After:

Club Automobile Francais (The French Club) members are also invited to join us on this run.

Bookings Essential: Please book in with **Martin Lewis 0414 727 893** or **Chris Cutting 0412 092 760** or at touring@austin7clubsa.com.au

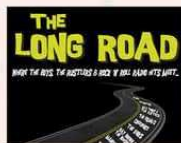


CLASSIC CARS & MUSIC
FROM THE 50s TO 80s

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024 | BIRDWOOD COMMUNITY PARK
GATES OPEN 9AM | FIRST BAND 10.30AM | FINISH 4.00PM

live music & cars, food & bar facilities

FEATURING MUSIC FROM:



AND DJ TONY

SPONSORED BY:



TICKETS & INFO:

Pre-purchased General Admission: \$20pp (kids U15 free!)
At-the-gate General Admission: \$25pp
Vehicle entrant: \$30/car load of legally seated occupants



email: birdwooddnj@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/birdwooddrivenjive>

scan for tickets →





**Pre – War Run to Burra
17th May -19th May 2024**

A great opportunity to use your car on quite low traffic volume roads around the Mid North of our State.

We will be staying at Paxton Square Cottages in Burra and visiting Farrell Flat to view their Silo art and then to Clare on Saturday.

Trailer Parking available at Paxton Cottages.

To confirm your accomodation booking please contact Paxton Square Cottages on 0488 513 101.

Room rate is \$180.00 per night.

Bookings will only be held until 1.4.24

Once you have booked please let me know

dgrear@optusnet.com.au

MEET THE TEAM



Glynis, Brian, Helen and Rob

**SWAN HILL BORDER RUN
13th-16th September 2024
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**



**Bring your Austin on a holiday. A short break admiring our northern reaches of Victoria. Learn the history of this area; the Paddle steamer, The Heart of the Murray, the agriculture, the Catalina seaplanes, the aromas and the camaraderie of our club neighbours.
What are you waiting for? To be part of our regular updates, register your interest on the form below via: phone, text, email, mail or carrier pigeon.**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – SWAN HILL BORDER RUN – SEPTEMBER 13th – 16th 2024

Name **CLUB SA / VIC**

PHONE **EMAIL**

MAIL ADDRESS

Return to: Rob Storr at email: Rob.trucktorque@gmail.com

Phone/ Text: 0477880281

Mail: 21 Springfield Drive, Narre Warren. 3805

OR

Brian Gibbons. 0418 508 611

Very pleased to take home a trophy from the Moonta Show “n” Shine 10.3.24.



Beryl Thorpe with her 1937 Austin 7 Roadster.

First prize 1930-1949 Category.

Austin's Over Australia 2024 Orange.

8/3/24-10/3/24

3 cars (Brian Kynaston A40, Ken and Maureen Nelson A105, Martin Lewis 16)

On Friday we went to Milthorpe historical town (about 150km round trip). Excellent day, fabulous rural machinery museum.

Saturday we went for another cruise beginning at Lake Canoblas about 8km out of town. Lovely lake-side park where we met with the local Gnoo Blas Car Club members.

Sunday was Show 'n' Shine for the approx 92 cars, including 4 1927/28 Austin 16/6 cars and a 1923 Austin 12/4 tourer.

Paul Ashton from Tasmania won the "Furthest Traveled" award, but part of that distance was by ferry. There were no WA members here, so the "Furthest Driven" award went to Martin Lewis, and the "Hard Luck" award went to Ken. Read more about his exploits in the next Journal. 2 trophies for 3 cars. The grand champion was the 1934 Austin Cabriolet Coupe built for the Prince of Wales to tour New Zealand.

The next AOA will be at Maryborough, Qld, approx 250km north of Brisbane 3rd to 8th June 2026.

community



A selection of classic cars at the Collingrove Hillclimb.

Sporting Car Club of SA celebrates 90 years

Nearly a century ago, Mr Percy Wien-Smith (pictured inset left) and Dr Cliff Downing had a lightbulb moment: to start a Car Club in South Australia. With only 120 cars on the road in SA in 1905, their mission wasn't easy and took two years to complete.

Their efforts led to the inaugural Old Cocks' Run on 5 May 1934, when 18 cars and 10 motorcycles travelled from Adelaide's CBD to Glenelg Oval. Despite two cars breaking down on the way, the run was a huge success with more than 85,000 people lining the streets to watch.

The club has since become the Sporting Car Club of South Australia (SCCSA) and is still going strong, increasing from about 40 members in 1934 to 1800 currently.

On 5 May, SCCSA will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Old Cocks' Run, with a journey from Victoria Park Grandstand to Wigley Reserve at Glenelg. Featuring two classes - pre and post-1935 - the run includes cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles.

Following the drive, there'll be a free community event with car displays, food trucks, family entertainment, and activities under the RAA marquee. For entry details, email SCCSA at manager@sportingcarclub.com.au or call **8373 4899**.

SCCSA has other big events planned in 2024, including an All British Day in March, with 90 club cars on display, and an event at Victor Harbor in November to mark the anniversary of the 1936 Victor Harbor Grand Prix.

► Visit sportingcarclub.com.au for more information.

Austin 7's featured in the RAA magazine article about the Sporting Car Club.

Garrie Cooper is to be inducted into the Motorsport Hall of Fame on Thursday 21 March behind the Senna Stand at the AGP meeting, his children will be on hand to receive an award and two period Elfin Racing Cars will be on stage for the ceremony, Mono MC6653 and Garrie's second 600, the 600B 6802.

PRESS RELEASE – February 2024

Garrie Cooper of Elfin Racing Cars to be inducted into the Motorsport Australia Hall of Fame



(Ian Smith photo)

The VHRR is proud to announce that the founder of Elfin Racing Cars, Garrie Cooper, is to be posthumously inducted into the prestigious Motorsport Australia Hall of Fame for his remarkable contributions to motorsport engineering and innovation.

Garrie Cooper, a visionary Australian engineer and entrepreneur, founded Elfin Sports Cars in 1957. His passion for motorsport and relentless pursuit of excellence led to the creation of some of the most iconic and successful racing cars in Australian motorsport history. Under his leadership, Elfin Racing Cars became synonymous with innovation, performance, and success on the track.

Throughout his illustrious career, Garrie Cooper engineered, produced and drove an impressive array of successful racing cars, including Formula Junior, Formula Vee, Formula Ford, Formula 2, Formula 5000, and sports racing cars. His meticulous attention to detail and innovative designs propelled Elfin Racing Cars to numerous championships and victories across various racing categories.

Garrie Cooper's legacy extends beyond his engineering prowess; he also fostered a culture of passion, integrity, and dedication within the motorsport community. His impact on Australian motorsport continues to resonate, inspiring future generations of engineers, drivers, and enthusiasts.

The induction of Garrie Cooper into the Motorsport Australia Hall of Fame is a testament to his enduring influence and lasting legacy in the world of motorsport. His innovative spirit and unwavering commitment to excellence will continue to inspire and drive the future of motorsport for years to come.

Elfin Racing Cars are today well represented within the spectacular M&O Sports and Racing category, many of which will be on display at the Australian Grand Prix, including two of Garrie's personal cars.

These cars will run in high speed demonstrations over the weekend and remain on display throughout the Australian Grand Prix 21-24 March 2024.



Garrie Cooper receiving assistance strapping into one of his iconic Elfin Mono Racing Cars



(Photo Mark Walker)

This Elfin 600B Formula Two, campaigned by Garrie Cooper in 1968, will be on track at the Phillip Island Classic and the 2024 Australian Grand Prix

For further information:

<https://www.vhrr.com.au/>



For Sale

1928 Austin 7 Chummy



Rescued from Whyalla in 2013.

100 % Complete and date correct.

When purchased the chassis was bent and broken it was replaced by a clean straight chassis.

Front and rear axles have been checked and are in good condition.

Motor has had a major rebuild with 40 photos taken.

37 head, Honda Pistons. 1 5/16 crank, new bearings, T24 Zenith Carb, Aluminum sump. Magneto has been to Perth.

Gearbox changes well and is quieter than some.

Speedo rebuilt by Don Eldred.

Radiator has modern core and was checked and cleaned.

Hood irons and folding side curtains included.

If you are allergic to magnetos, I will supply a Coil Motor in the price condition unknown.

Goes very well for a chummy. Completed 2019 Austins over Australia with no Problems 400km.

Needs work on scuttle rest of the body is quite good.

Easy Restoration nothing to find.

Drive as is or restore.

\$10,000 no offers.

Selling to fund something different.



For sale: 1937 Austin 7 sports.

Warm motor, runs and drives very well. Great fun to drive.
Purpose built trailer goes with the car if required.

Engine No M278469. \$22,000 Phone 0429 945 826 for more
info

Mildura, Victoria.



For Sale Trailer suit Austin 7 or Larger



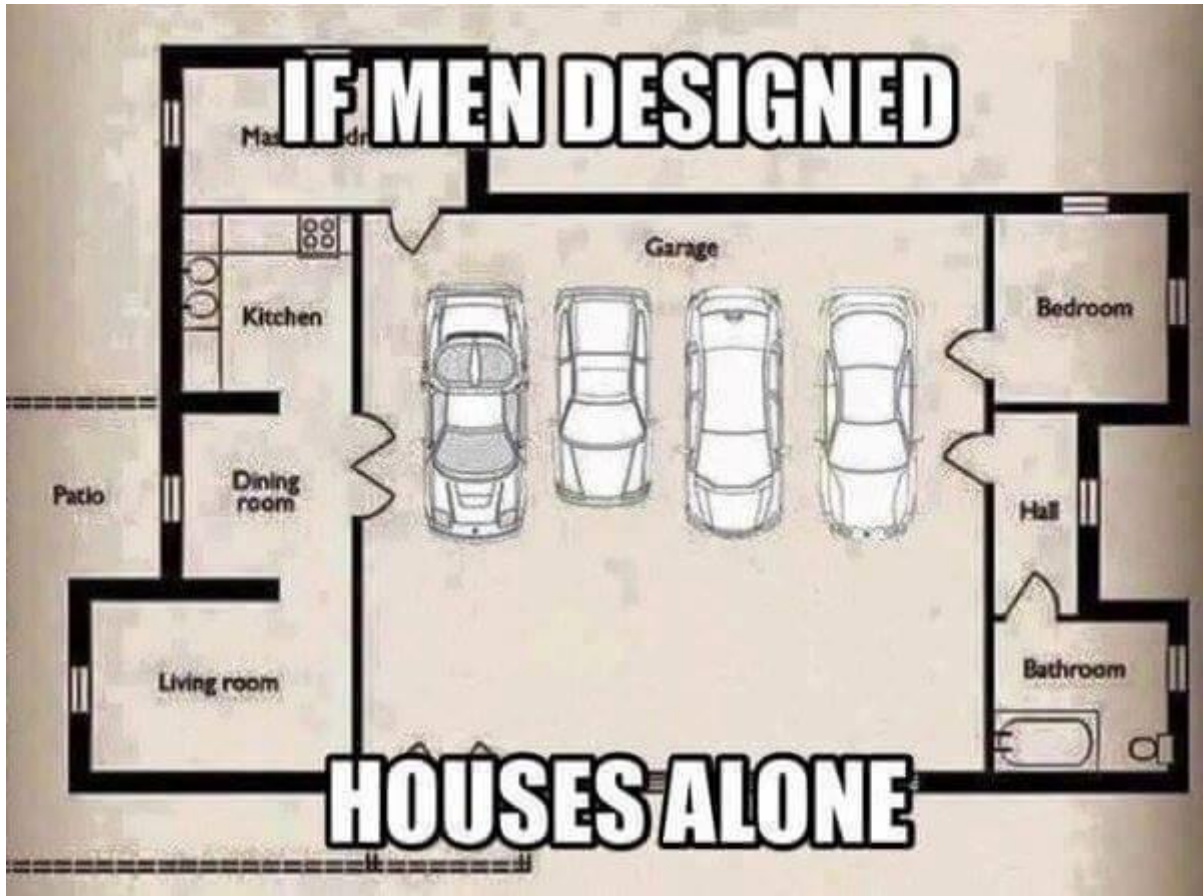
- Towbar length = 1.46m
- Trailer box length = 3.6m
- Height= 1.88m
- Width = 2m
- Mass/Weight = 700kg

The cover is weatherproof & made from heavy duty rip stop pvc. It is registered in SA until Feb 2025.

The lights and wiring are all new and operating. Brand new aluminium car ramps for loading vehicles are included in the asking price of \$7,500.

My contact details are Peter Maxwell 0427 692695 and the trailer can be inspected in Goolwa.

Friday Funny's



Austin 7 Club Calendar 2024

March 2024

- 3 All British Club Day Echunga
- 4 Committee Meeting
- 11 Club Meeting (Public Holiday)
- 17 Historic Gathering at Barrett Reserve West Beach VSCC Invitation
- 21/24 Aust Formula 1 Grand Prix Melbourne
- 24 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Austin 7 Clubrooms in 1974
- 25 Technical Night
- 26 Leisure Run

April 2024

- 3 Committee Meeting (Wednesday)
- 8 Club Meeting
- 14 A7 Club Day Run to Mypolonga
- 21 Regularity R2
- 22 Technical Night
- 23 Leisure Run

May 2024

- 5 "Old Crocks Run" Invitation SCC
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Club Meeting
- 17/19 Pre War Austin 7 Run to Burra
- 19 A7 Club Day Run or event
- 25/26 Historic Winton
- 27 Technical Night
- 28 Leisure Run

June 2024

- 1 50th Anniversary of the departure of A7's from Adelaide to Ayers Rock commemorating 21 years of the A7 Club.
- 3 Committee Meeting
- 10 Club Meeting (Public Holiday)
- 14/20 Broken Hill Run
- 16 Regularity R3
- 23 A7 Club Day Run or event
- 24 Technical Night
- 25 Leisure Run

July 2024

- 1 Committee Meeting
- 8 Club Meeting
- 14 A7 Club Hills Luncheon.
- 22 Technical Night
- 28 Regularity R4
- 30 Leisure Run

August 2024

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 12 Club Meeting
- 18 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 26 Technical Night
- 27 Leisure Run

September 2024

- 1 Old Car Day Bethany Invitation
- 2 Committee Meeting
- 9 Club Meeting & Annual General Meeting
- 13/15 Border Run (70th) (to Swan Hill)
- 22 Federation Arthur Clisby Picnic Day at Macclesfield
- 23 Technical Night
- 24 Leisure Run

October 2024

- 2 Committee Meeting (Wednesday)
- 6 Historic Collingrove Hillclimb.
- 6/10 Arkaroola 4WD Run.
- 14 Club Meeting
- 20 Bay to Birdwood
- 27 Regularity R5 Club Championship
- 28 Technical Night
- 29 Leisure Run

November 2024

- 4 Committee Meeting
- 11 Club Meeting
- 14/17 Adelaide 500 Races
- 15/17 Bendigo Swap Meet
- 24 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 25 Technical Night & BBQ
- 26 Leisure Run

December 2024

- 1 Regularity R6
- 2 Committee Meeting
- 8 Christmas event
- 9 Club Meeting.

SA School Holidays 2024

13 Apr – 28 Apr

6 Jul – 21 Jul

28 Sep – 13 Oct

Adelaide Cup 11 March

Easter 29 March - 1 April

Labour Day 7 October