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Cover Photo:

During our Austin 7 pre-war run to Broken Hill in 2018 we parked outside the
Silverton Hotel and went inside to have a meal.

A local saunters over to view the display.

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A Word from GB



Over the past months, our Club has started to come alive again at meetings and celebrations. We celebrated our 70th year as a club with a day at the clubrooms, coffee caravan, history talk by Barry Frost, speech by our patron, Stephen Mullighan, a display of Members' cars, lunch and birthday cake. Over 70 people attended and this was a success since we were in hibernation for over 2 years.

Working bees at the club prior to the party saw the gardens covered with bark chips and a lot of pruning done to spruce up the grounds. Thank you to all who attended and helped clean up.

The next thing that took place was a BBQ lunch put on for the Modern Regularity Group where Tony Morgan catered for the meal. This was a first type of event we have had with this group and it was well attended. I look forward to having another one during the year and enjoying their company over a meal.

The straw that broke the camel's back took place at a committee meeting night when one of our members broke through the floor near the back cupboard. The 50 plus year old floor had seen its day, so we decided we needed to replace the worn out flooring.



We had a new floating floor with wider and thicker boards fitted over the old floor. It was fitted in one day so as to not interfere with the use of the clubrooms. A group of members cleaned out the hall on the Saturday and returned the chairs,

stage and cupboards the following Wednesday.

Thanks for your help in preparing the hall for the refit, and thank you David Grear for the fruit bun we had after the work was done. We all sat on the re-adjusted height seats connected to the outside aluminium tables to try them out.

Then it was time to celebrate our Christmas Dinner at the Mawson Lakes Hotel. There were 45 adults and one child attended the dinner, one of the best I have attended for the quantity of food we all received. After the main course was served, I noticed the waitress come out with a massive heap of take-home boxes for those who wanted to have another serve at home the next day.



The venue upstairs gave us our own room with Christmas music playing quietly in the background, a slide presentation set up by David Searles of old pictures of club activities over the previous 70 years, was enjoyed by all.

There were many positive comments that could be heard during the presentation. We were all given a number to be in the draw for one of 15 prizes on the front table.

Back at the clubrooms after the Christmas activities, we used a Meeting Owl (similar to Zoom, but better) at our committee meeting which allowed Andrew Dawes to stay at home at Meningie to participate in the meeting. We still have a problem with Telstra in his area in connecting to the Owl, but we will work on it to try and improve his connection. We used it at a general meeting and one member connected to it and took in the meeting with us.

This unit gives country members a chance to join in the meeting in their own lounge rooms. If you do not like travelling in the night you can all join in on the general meeting, just look at Ralph's email sent out with how to connect into the system. You can see on the screen whoever is talking and we at the club can see you on our large TV.

Thank you to all who have helped around the club in 2023, repairing, painting and in the garden and yard area.

May 2024 be a year of getting together with other club members and enjoying their fellowship on outings and meetings of the club. We are a car club so let's show our cars to the rest of South Australia instead of showing them the walls of our sheds.

To all Members and Friends have a very Happy New Year, and many of them.

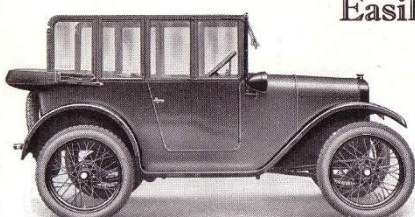
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Graham Buesnel

President, Austin 7 Club SA Inc

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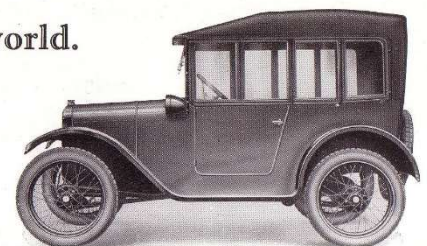
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Touring Car with Hood and Sidescreens.



COMING EVENTS FOR 2024

January 2024

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 8 Club Meeting
- 20 TTM EOS Dinner
- 26 Aust Day Run to the Two Dams

February 2024

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 11 Regularity R1
- 12 Club Meeting
- 18 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 26 Technical Night Run & BBQ
- 27 Leisure Run
- 27 50th Anniversary of the acquisition of the Clubrooms by the Austin 7 Club SA Inc

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
- 25/28 Pre War Austin 7 Run to Burra

May 2024

- 5 "Old Crocks Run" Invitation SCC
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Club Meeting
- 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 three 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 Oval.
- 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

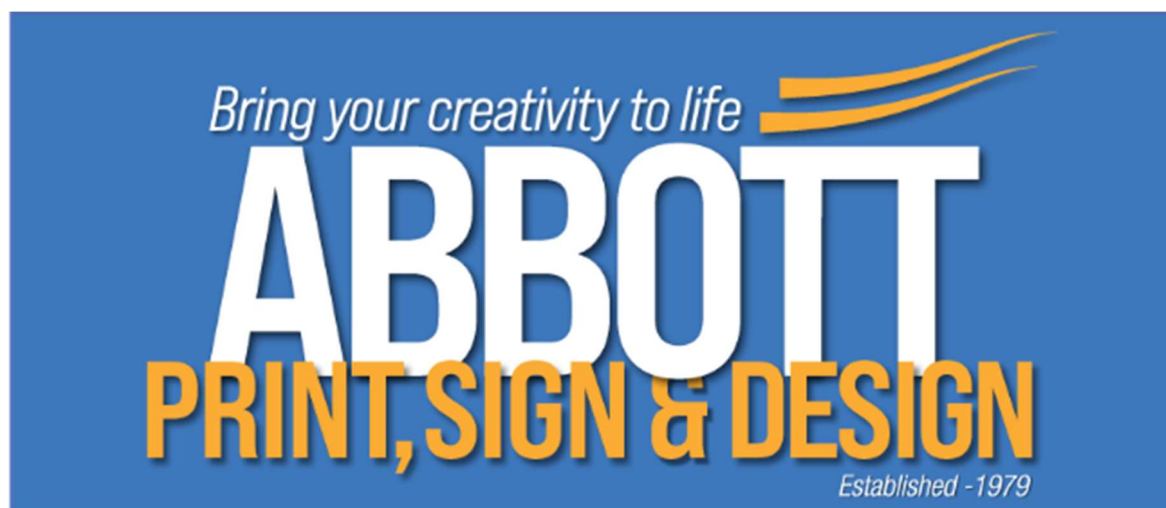
- 1 Regularity R6
- 2 Committee Meeting
- 8 Christmas event
- 9 Club Meeting.

In 2024, the Austin 7 Club SA Inc will be reviewing its Constitution.

A sub-committee has been formed and submissions are now open for members to submit any item worthy of inclusion in or deletion from our constitution. Submissions may be made to the Chairman, Graham Buesnel at the clubroom address.

There has already been a suggestion to include in our membership, a partner and dependents of a full member, also the facility of having Social members (ie those without a vehicle) will be discussed.

Any submission that is drafted into a revised constitution will require the approval of members at a Special General Meeting which will be announced for later in the year.



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Club regalia for sale:

The club has a variety of items of interest to members which are available from the Treasurer each meeting at the clubrooms.

Austin 7 Club Decal large	\$2.00
Austin script hat/lapel badge:	\$3.00
Austin 7 Club Cap	\$12.50
Austin 7 Club Hat	\$15.00
Austin 7 Club Badge Metal Radiator	\$22.00
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Yellow Polo Shirt:	\$20.00 size XXXL
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Dark Blue Polo Shirt	\$34.00 sizes M, L, XL & XXL.
Austin 7 Long Sleeve Polar Fleece Jumpers:	\$45.00 sizes in stock S, M, L, & XXL.
Austin 7 Club SA Numberplate surround.	\$8.00 each
Austin 7 Lubrication Chart, Laminated	\$20.00 (available from A7 spares shed)

50 years of the Austin 7 run to Ayers Rock & Return in 21 days

50 years ago on Saturday morning the 1st of June 1974, three Austin 7's assembled outside the State Administrative Centre on the slip road on the north-eastern side of Victoria Square. A small crowd of well-wishers gathered, along with the potential drivers of the Austin 7's who were Ian Jones, Ian Motley and Gwilyn Henry-Edwards.

As reported in the Austin 7 Journals number 45 of July 1974, the trio were flagged off by the Chief Secretary, Mr. Kneebone.

A reproduction of the 1974 Ayers Rock report and the re-enactment in 2024 will appear in the July 2024 Journals

The re-enactment of this departure which will take place from the same location outside the State Administration Centre 198 Victoria Square is by no co-incidence, in 2024, the 1st of June, also a Saturday.



At Victoria Square



At the SA/NT Border



At the Entrance to Ayers Rock National Park

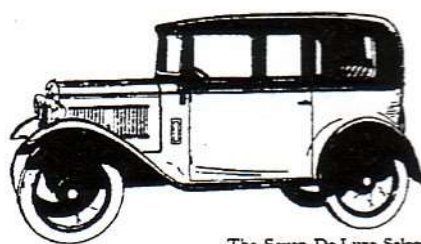


Assembled on the top of Ayers Rock

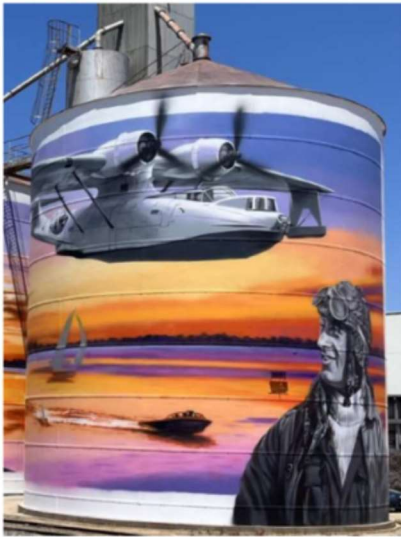
The participants of this historic 1974 Austin 7 event were: Ian Jones; Ian Motley; Gwilyn Henry-Edwards; Ron Burchett; Colin Hanks; Heather Lane; Trevor Knuckey; Mike Talbot; Geoff Kain; and Stephen Sneesby.

More precise details of the re-enactment will be in the April Journals. If you would like to offer anything special about the re-enactment, please let Ian Motley know on 8278 5582.

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In 2023, the Austin 7 Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary. A couple of events were held during the year including our run to Marree and the Farina Bakery in June and a display day held on the 15th October at the Clubrooms. At the luncheon, part of the day speeches from Barry Frost and our patron, Hon Stephen Mullighan were made. Below is a transcript of Barry's presentation.

"WELCOME TO YOU ALL. This year the Austin 7 Club of SA Inc is celebrating its 70th year. I will speak on three things that the club has done which are worthy of mention.

1 - The TIMING TEAM

From our beginning in 1953, Austin 7 Club Members ran cars in sprints, races and other competitive events. SO, due to demand, in August 1960, we organised our FIRST race meeting at PT Wakefield.

BUT to run a race meeting, you need a timing team and stop watches. A team was formed and

FORTUNATELY, one of our members was a qualified watchmaker and he built a large clock which timed with a sweeping hand to 1 second. It was mounted on the track edge at Start/Finish line, in view for the timekeepers. This proved so successful that from then on we were hired by the Sporting Car Club to time their events. As cars became more competitive, timing accuracy increased from 1 sec, to 0.5, to 0.1, to 0.01 and to the current 0.0001 secs. The now redundant big clock was displayed at the Birdwood Motor Museum for a time, and is now on display on the wall of the spares shed.

Since that 1960 August date, we have timed events for cars, bikes, karts – at Club, State and National levels in SA and interstate. These included every F1GP at Adelaide and Melbourne until 2019; and every NASCAR meeting at Calder Thunderdome for 10 years from 1985 and every Supercar meeting in Adelaide until 2019; and other categories National and International meetings, also in SA, Interstate and Overseas.

So by the last meeting for 2023 on 5th November, the total is **971**.

Thanks to my team for earning many thousands of dollars for our Club!

2 - THE PURCHASE OF THESE CLUBROOMS

For our first 20 years, general meetings were held in various locations, generally in the Eastern suburbs, but by then we were looking for something of our own ... A search began for a suitable site, and eventually this one was found; a deposit was paid and on 24 March 1974 we officially moved in!! Then in March 1987, after super-human fund raising efforts, we paid off the loan, so **they now really were ours!**

3- THE SPARES FOR Austin 7s

So far I've deliberately not named anyone - BUT Names are necessary here!!

Pre 1971, when the club was meeting at the Westbourne Park Memorial Hall, Ian Motley, who was working for Port Carriers as a customs agent, started to purchase spares on behalf of members from suppliers in England. The spares would be ordered one month and then supplied to the members at the next meeting. This was a good turnaround considering freight and payment systems that were available back in the day.

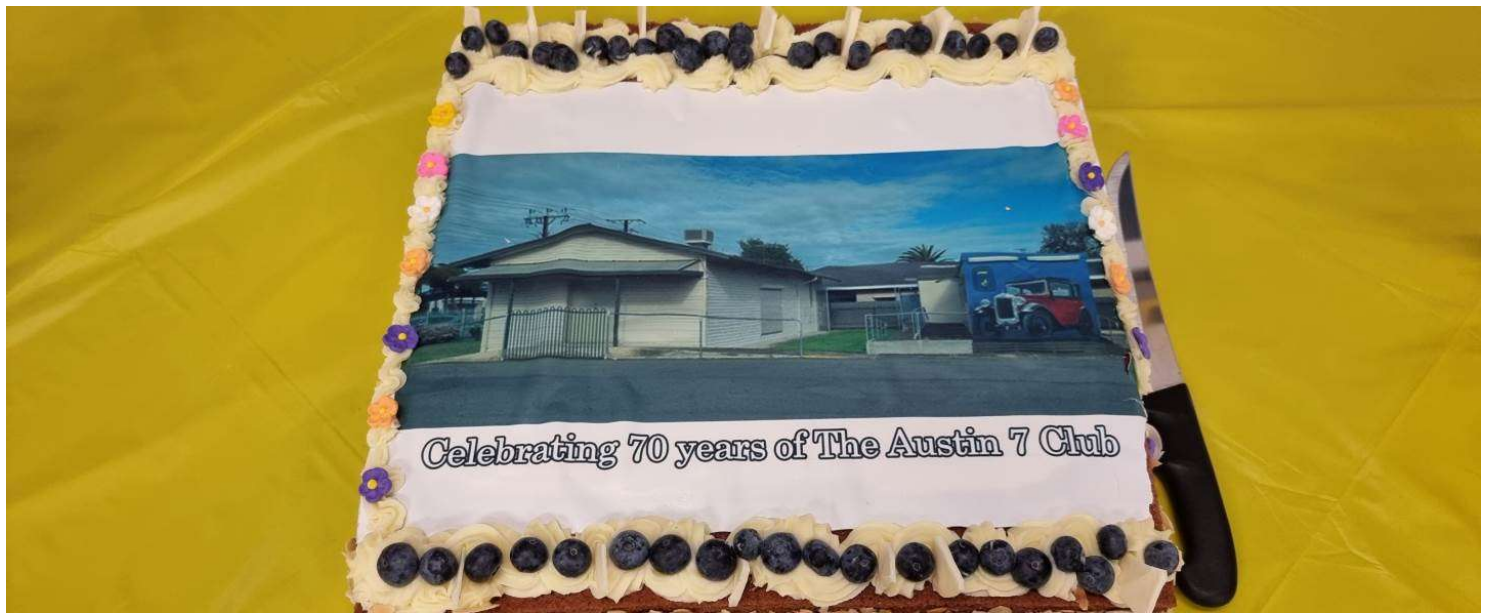
Charlie Adams, who was a spare parts interpreter in his job, then took over and with Bruce Bridgart's help, had stock at his home for members to purchase. When the club moved to these clubrooms in 1974, the tennis court shed became the spares shed.

Graham Burge took over in 1979 and the third Monday night of the month was used for the sale of spare parts. Stan Gafney took over in 1985 and at some meetings the turnover was \$600. Dave Hall took over in 1990 and the spares moved into an ATCO hut, as the white ants were taking over the tennis court shed! David Grear was next in line in 2000 and continues in this role today. Spares moved to the new shed in 2012 and have already expanded once since then.

The Spares service has thus been the lifeblood of the continued success of our name-sake,... the AUSTIN 7.

Thanks must go to ALL members ...committees/members/competitors/volunteers/enthusiasts ... for 70 years of support."

Barry Frost



The Cake before it was divided up for all attendees.



Lyn Clerke & Brenton Spangler did the honours in cutting the cake.





The outside display of Austins and below more club cars & a few moderns.



Near the spares shed, Chris & Jess Seidel set up their Sugar Coated Coffee Van for the dispensing of Cappuccinos and other coffees. Many thanks to both of you for doing this again in 2023 following last year's event which was a little damp. No problem this year however, and many appreciated the finer taste of a well-prepared coffee. Thanks again!.

Ian Motley erected his display tent and was busy during the day discussing the historic and generally exciting attributes of motor sport especially when done in an Austin 7.



The 2023 Bay to Birdwood was held on Sunday 22 October and 40, yes 40 members (according to the program) attended this event. A cool day with light winds.



This was my 31st time attending this event, and along with David Garnett and David Biven they would not be too far behind in their number of attendances of the Bay to Birdwood.



David Garnett entered two Austin 7s, his favourite A7, "Peanuts", and his roadster.



David Biven and his brother-in-law Jim Henderson, suitably attired for the event.

AUSTIN 7 CLUB - 4 WD TOUR OF THE COORONG

Suggested and planned by Andrew & Debbie Dawes

Friday 27th October: We dropped our Jack Russell off to our son's house and via Taillem Bend we headed toward Meningie with one "oh no!" moment when the engine of our beloved Discovery shut down with dashboard lights flashing. Once realising that our navigator dog had slipped off his perch on the centre console and must have touched the 'MODE' button we were soon on our way again. We booked into The Waterfront Motel and headed to the Meningie Golf Club to join other early arrivals for a great dinner.

Saturday 28th: We met the rest of the runners at the Lions Park by the lake to receive our numbers, show bag with map and information sheet then headed off in convoy just after 10am, at first toward Coonalpyn but soon turned off to follow The Alexander Tolmer Gold Escort Route along secondary roads then fire tracks, passing huge farm paddocks to Mount Boothby Conservation Park where we pulled in for lunch and set up near a very disgusted stumpy-tail lizard. Bouncing along merrily following the fire track and the car in front, along the edge of the Messant Conservation Park. We came out at the Salt Creek Café van where 34 plus people arriving at once nearly overwhelmed the poor chap left to make and serve the coffee and muffins. From here it was a smooth run to Kingston and the Lacepede Bay Motel where a sedate "happy hour" was held on the lawn by the pool before walking around to the Royal Mail Hotel where we took over the dining room and all enjoyed a great evening.

Sunday 29th: An early start for a big day saw the Austin 7 Club's new fold-up barbecue set up on the lawn and our chief guide and chef Andrew and his crew cooked our bacon and eggs breakfast as the motel no longer runs a dining room. We all met at the Jetty before heading off to Long Beach for an exhilarating run along 9 miles of pristine coastline noting that the tide was slowly but surely coming in, until we reached "The Granites", three huge oblong lumps of rock on the edge of the beach topped with shags, gulls and other waterbirds. Now the test – the climb out - with one by one doing a flat out run through deep sand up off the beach to the carpark with a cheer going up from the front runners as each car made it. Poor Laurie and Pam stopped mid run but backed down and made it on the second go. We heard later that it took three goes for the leading red vehicle to make it. It was great fun all round.

Off along the Old Coorong Road through gates normally locked, we were lucky to visit the lovely old CANTARA HOMESTEAD where the group photo was taken. Getting 18 4WD's into a shot is harder than 18 Austins. From the front porch Peter Doolette told us the history of the house and the area before we walked through the house and grounds and took in the huge sandhill between the house and the beach. Once the gates were unlocked again we headed along the Princes Highway to 42 mile Crossing for lunch in the shade of a lovely shelter with nesting swallows under the roof. Once more the barbecue came into use. but struggled this time with the number of sausages etc. loaded on the hot plate.



Off back to Salt Creek and once again Andrew had the key to the gate to get us in for a lovely drive through the Martin Washpool Conservation Park where we followed seldom used overgrown tracks through beautiful natural wetland now being rejuvenated after years of water from the Grampians being diverted to the sea through drains. All cars now have had the dust removed and their bellies clean. We saw the lake from a distance but were unable to reach it, still it was well worth seeing and we thank you Andrew for being able to get us into places few people ever

see. It was a fantastic weekend and you and Debbie did a wonderful job.

After an ice cream each at the Salt Creek Café we bade farewell and headed back for the dog and home, tired but happy.

Marilyn and Leigh Thomas

Austin 7 Club visits the Coorong.

Approximately 20 people gathered at the Lake Albert Golf Club in Meningie for tea on Friday 27th of October. The group consisted of locals and Austin 7 Club members which were about to embark on the first ever 4WD event run by the Austin 7 Club. After a lovely meal the group dispersed for the evening ready to meet other fellow members on the Saturday before touring the Coorong Region.

Saturday morning (28 October), 4WD tour participants were to meet at the shelter in the Meningie Lions Park however this didn't happen as Coorong District Council is upgrading the Shelter area, so we met opposite Happy Daise Café in the main street. Thirty-Four participants lined up to register for the event with 19 vehicles, all vehicles were given an information pack which included a map with the proposed route for the day highlighted.

Local guides for the trip were Peter and Lisa Doolette, Paul, and Sandy Fiebig, along with Andrew and Debbie Dawes.

The group departed Meningie shortly after 10.00am and headed out on the Coonalpyn Road and then making their way to Boothby Conservation Park where they followed the fire track on the eastern side of the park. Here there were several wildflowers along the edge of the park.

Boothby Rocks was our next port of call where we had a picnic lunch, and the group viewed the nearby granite rocks. After lunch Peter and Lisa gave a brief talk on a couple of bush tucker plants close by.

Messent Conservation Park was next with about 19 klm of sand track and a variety of native vegetation with Alf flat having extensive Banksia Flats. On leaving Messent we travelled past the entrance to the property Currawong which was owned in the 1960's and part of the 1970's by a Mr Bob Hawkes who was a keen conservationist and in 1973 hosted Prince Philip for an overnight stay while the Queen opened the Sydney Opera House.

Salt Creek was next with a stop at Sarah and Mandell's "Salt Creek Café" for a coffee and a Muntries Muffin. From here we travelled directly to Kingston and settled in at the Lacepede Bay Motel and for some, a happy hour to relax before dining at the Royal Mail Hotel just around the corner.

Sunday morning (29 October), saw us up early for an egg and bacon sandwich on the lawns of the Motel courtyard, (thanks to John and Beck for the eggs). After breakfast we assembled at the Kingston Jetty before heading to Long Beach where we travelled along the beach for approximately 15klm to the Granites. Even though the tide was low the water was higher than I expected, and we decided to park on the bitumen carpark rather than the beach.

Coorong National Parks had kindly allowed us access to Cantara Homestead site, on arrival Peter Doolette gave us a bit of history on the Homestead. Many took the opportunity to have a walk through the lovely old building before enjoying morning tea.

Another picnic lunch was next, but this time we were at the 42 Mile Crossing. David Grear gave a bit of a talk here about the time about 25 years ago when the Austin 7 Club visited 42 Mile Crossing and he drove a 1928 Ford A truck (now owned by Greg Rowett) across the Young Husband Peninsula. At that time the club was staying at Gemini Downs for the weekend.



After lunch we headed back to Salt Creek where Andrew explained where the water came, and Peter highlighted some of the history of the Martin Washpool Conservation Park. After about an hour of driving and sightseeing through the Park, we paid another visit to Sarah and Mandell's roadside café for an ice cream before most people said their goodbyes before heading off home. A dozen hard core A7 members dined at Freshie's Sunday evening before heading home on Monday.



Driving past huge farm paddocks to Mount Boothby Conservation Park



Mount Boothby Conservation Park where we pulled in for lunch on Saturday.





Boothby Rocks Conservation Park where we set up our lunch spot.



Sunday exiting the beach near The Granites, top Trevor Gent doing it in style in his aging Landcruiser and below Laurie Sutton with a more challenging exit in his brand new RAV 4.





Inspecting The Granites near the beach access.



Debbie Dawes holding the gate open to Cantara Station for us.



The line-up of the larger than an Austin 7 vehicles at Cantara Station Homestead.



With more in the line-up,



And more



There were 18 vehicles lined-up outside the Homestead of Cantara Station. They comprised seven Toyota's; five Isuzu's; two Mitsubishi's; one each of Hyundai; Landrover; Suzuki and Nissan. All vehicles and their owners had a great time down on the Coorong.



The line-up of 4WD's in front of the Cantara Homestead.



Peter Doolette being introduced by Andrew Dawes before giving a short history of the Homestead and surroundings in their heyday.



Those taking part included, Andrew & Debbie Dawes, David Gear, Tim Williams, Darryl and Margaret Beasy, Greg and Julie Lindsay, Keith and Wendy Seidel, Steve and Beryl Thorpe, Leigh and Marilyn Thomas, Pat and Carolyn Collis, Ross Edwards and Mike Price, David Searles, Neil and Rae Maslin, Matthew Gear, Lee and John Sandford, Trevor and Rosalie Gent, Chris Cutting, Peter and Lisa Doolette, Paul and Sandy Fiebig, Laurie and Pam Sutton, Alan and Marlene Hagger. Thanks Andrew, are we going to Arkaroola next?

Modern Regularity held at Mallala Motorsport Park 5 November 2023



2023 TTM Regularity Trophy - Round 6, November 5 at Mallala

Entries: TTM 31

Open Wheelers: 4

Weather: Fine and mild

Flies: Beginning to return!

Our sponsors were Hampstead Auto Repairs, Highland Titles and Richard Bailey. Midway during the first Practice session, Race Control/Timing members were treated to a display by a hare, which suddenly appeared on the inside of the track opposite race control, running easterly towards Clubhouse Corner. It skillfully avoided the oncoming cars, crossed over to the outside and then executed a high leap up over the concrete wall and disappeared into the tyre barrier!!

HEAT 1, 8 laps - 1st Fiona McCubbin-Mee Mazda 2, 27 pts; 2nd Neil Martin Triumph TR7V8, 28 pts; 3rd Stephen Mee Ford Fiesta, 39 pts; 4th James Stewart Toyota 86 GTS, 43 pts. Neil and one other driver scored two 0 pts laps and three other drivers scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 2, 5 laps - 1st John Ellis Holden Commodore VX, 28 pts; 2nd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 32 pts; 3rd Gary Owen Toyota 86, 34 pts; 4th John Tiller Mazda MX5, 34 pts. John Ellis and one other driver scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 3, 5 laps - 1st Toby Trenwith Mitsubishi Lancer 13 pts; 2nd Aaron Baker Hyundai Excel, 17 pts; 3rd Kristen Bailey Mitsubishi Magna, 27 pts; 4th Allen Hawkins Ford Cortina, 32 pts. Aaron scored three 0 pts laps; Kristen scored two 0 pts laps and Toby and one other driver scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 4, 5 laps - 1st Juris Kuznecovs Lotus Exige 380 Sport, 2* pts; 2nd Fiona McCubbin-Mee, 11 pts; 3rd Steve Alexander Renault Clio, 12 pts; 4th Aaron Baker 18 pts. *Juris scored four 0 pts laps – setting a new record – (existing record was 3 pts); one other driver scored two 0 pts laps; Steve, Aaron and four other drivers laps scored one 0 pts lap.

The meeting points: 1st Fiona McCubbin-Mee 105 pts, 2nd Neil Martin 138 pts, 3rd Susan Glasson 150 pts, 4th Noel Harris 171 pts, 5th James Stewart 175 pts.

Congratulations to the **2023 TTM Trophy** placegetters:

1st Anthony Verner 360 pts; 2nd Neil Martin 324 pts, 3rd John Ellis 265.5 pts, 4th Toby Trenwith 226 pts, 5th Cassandra Hoare 219 pts.

Congratulations to the **2023 Men's Trophy** placegetters:

1st Neil Martin 21 pts; 2nd Anthony Verner 20 pts; 3rd Noel Harris 16 pts; 4th John Tiller 9 pts.

Congratulations to the **2023 Ladies Trophy** placegetters:

1st Susan Glasson 23 pts; 2nd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 18 pts; 3rd Kathryn Page 14 pts; 4th Kristen Bailey 13 pts.

The supporting category was Formula Vee racers.

Heat 1, 5 laps – 1st Frank Chessell Stag, 56 pts; 2nd Baxter Midwinter Pantha, 79 pts; 3rd Andrew Mutch Elfin, 124 pts.

HEAT 2, 7 laps – 1st Frank Chessell 38 pts; 2nd Andrew Mutch 176 pts; 3rd Matthew Bialek, Spectre 514 pts; 4th Julian Midwinter Pantha, 1154 pts.

HEAT 3, 5 laps – 1st Baxter Midwinter 41 pts; 2nd Frank Chessell 117 pts; Matthew Bialek DNF.

HEAT 4, 6 laps – 1st Frank Chessell 31 pts; 2nd Julian Midwinter 294 pts; 3rd Andrew Mutch 346 pts.

The Open Wheel meeting points: 1st Frank Chessell 242 pts, 2nd Andrew Mutch 778 pts, 3rd Matthew Bialek 1156 pts, 4th Baxter Midwinter 1650 pts.

(As competition resumed after the lunch break, there suddenly appeared a huge plume of white smoke to the North-east of the track on the Owen Road.

A header fire had started a crop fire, which soon turned black, but with the expertise of 25 fire fighters and 5 aircraft it was contained to 17 ha in previously harvested lentil crops. The farmer was able to exit the remainder of the header unharmed and damage was estimated at \$220,000).

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