

Baby Torque

September 2025



Five out of six Austin 7's taking part in the Shipwreck Park/Woodman Point run.

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Club meetings and Spares Shed
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President's Report

Volunteer contribution to Western Australia (WA)

In 2023, 65% (1.5mil) of adults in WA volunteered 400 million hours, with 1/3rd working informally for organisations such as ours.¹ These volunteers contributed \$63.9 billion of benefit to the State with the average time contribution of just 5 hours a week. Incredible.

¹ Volunteering WA (2023). Western Australian State of Volunteering Report 2023.



AGM to be held on 2 November 2025

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in November and at that time, all Executive positions will become vacant. These positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Spares Shed Manager, Spares Shed Assistant x 2, Events Coordinator, Concessional License Officer, Librarian, CMC Delegate, plus the Baby Torque Editor, Deputy Editor, Assistant Deputy Editor and the Distribution Officer.

We would like to encourage members to consider nominating for one of these positions. The nomination form must be completed and returned to our Secretary 21 days prior to the AGM.

What our Office Bearers do -

President: Oversees the Executive operations of the club. This involves Chairing meetings, contributing to the club magazine, addressing members concerns and generally supporting the Executive.

Vice President: Steps into the Presidents role if they are unavailable.

Secretary: Manages all administration for the club, records the minutes at meetings and looks after pastoral care and emails *Baby Torque* to affiliated clubs each month.

Treasurer: Manages all finances of the club and prepares various financial reports.

Spares Shed Manager: Manages all spares (incl cataloguing and stocktakes), sources and orders parts for members and provides expert advice as required.

Spares Shed Assistants: Assists the Spares Shed Manager as required.

Events Coordinator: Organises the events calendar, encourages members to host a monthly run, chooses someone to write a run report and reports to club at monthly meetings.

Editor Baby Torque: Prepares and prints the *Baby Torque* each month, sources stories and technical reports for the *Baby Torque*, encourages members to contribute and emails *Baby Torque* to members ..

Deputy and A/Deputy Editor BT: Assist the BT Editor as required.

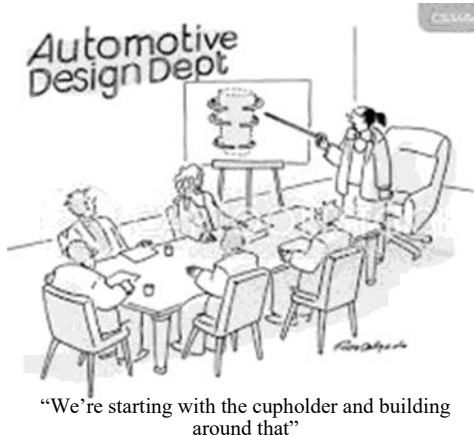
Distribution Officer: Distributes magazines via the postal system.

Librarian: Houses the club library, catalogues new publications and maintains a current list of our holdings.

Concessional License Officer: Maintains records of vehicles on concessional licenses through the club as per legislative requirements.

CMC Delegate: Attends CMC meetings and reports on issues of interest at club monthly meetings.

We look forward to financial members completing nominations for any of the club positions. With the average contribution of our Office Bearers ~ 1 hour a week, I am sure you will agree it is not an onerous task however, hugely appreciated.



Keep on sevensing
Alexandra McManus
President

PERKOLILLI RED DUST REVIVAL 29 September– 5 October 2025



The Austin Seven Club of WA will be well represented by eight drivers at this year's Perkolilli Red Dust Revival. Fifteen Austin 7's from around Australia will be taking part this year, including some very excited first time participants.

General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club of Western Australia (Inc)

Sunday, 3 August 2025
34 Honey Road, Forrestfield

1. Opened at 10.00 am

Welcome by President Alexandra McManus,

2. Attendance: .Jim and Kaye Reid, Gordon and Alexandra McManus, Chris Daniels, Rodney Kneuss, David and Rhonda McPherson, Clive Ball

Apologies: David and Jennifer Chalk, Marion Gathercole, Rod Withnell, Brian and Gloria Haines, Sheila Ball

3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting on 6 July 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record with the inclusion of Rodney Kneuss as an attendee.

Moved: Jim Reid

Seconded: Gordon McManus

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil

5. Correspondence In:

Magazines: A7OC London Norfolk Natter Dorset A7 Devons7's (July and August) Baby Torque Replies: QLD Register (Tim Brady) Focus Cornwall NA7C.

Emails: CMC regarding ATO seminar – Treasurer unable to attend; The Exchange Hotel Pingelly re holding events there.

Correspondence Out:

Emails: *Baby Torque* to members and affiliated clubs; reminder for September run,

Single event runs: Bryan Scrivenor 13 July day run 7UHA747

6. Reports.

6.1 Treasurer's Report—Clive Ball

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Clive Ball

Seconded: Gordon McManus

CARRIED

Motion: That the following accounts be passed for pre-approval of payment if within \$30 of previous account: printing of *Baby Torque* by Seaview and postage of *Baby Torque*.

: **Moved:** Clive Ball

Seconded: Rodney Kneuss

CARRIED

6.2 Spare Parts Report—Gordon McManus

Not many sales this month. Parts order placed.

6.3 Librarian's Report—Alexandra McManus

Book of the Month '*Gumdrops finds a friend*' the adventures of an Austin 7. The A7 publication list was also provided to members for perusal.

6.4 Editor's Report—Marion Gathercole

Nothing to report. Marion absent due to storm damage

6.5 Events Report

We had a great time on our last run. Thanks to Ang and Katy Fiora and their

daughter Tina. Austin 7's show up rain, hail or shine. Our next run will be hosted by Tom and Tori. Please let them know if you will be attending. Details are in the *Baby Torque*. September's run will be hosted by David and Heather. More info in the September *Baby Torque*

Members were asked to please consider hosting a run in 2026. If everyone put up their hand to organise a run, members would only have to organise one run every two years.

NB: Next month's meeting will be later than usual due to Father's Day. Details in the *Baby Torque*

7.0 General Business

: Some of the Executive Committee will not be renominating for the next financial year. Please consider nominating so some of our long-standing Executive can have a break. **No committee, no club!**

Morning Tea Roster: Gordon and Alexandra McManus

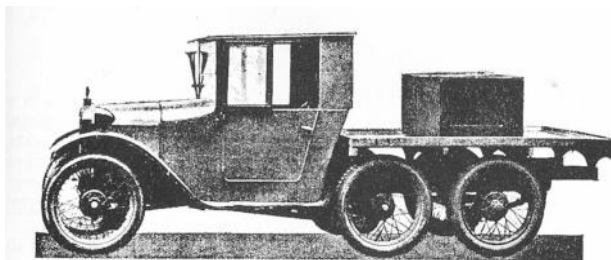
Raffle: Prize donations gladly accepted.

Meeting Closed: 10.20 am

Date of next General Meeting: 14 September 2025

Austin Seven "Specials"

A working 6 wheel Austin 7 truck, and a "retired" Austin 7.



SHIPWRECK PARK TO WOODMAN POINT JETTY RUN 17 August 2025

Wow. What a great run on a lovely, crisp day in August.

Tori Shier organized for us to meet at Sienna Wood Shipwreck Park in Hilbert (a mystery destination for most of us as it is located in a rapidly expanding area in the southern districts of Perth). Roadworks and witches hats were very much a feature of the day.



Shipwreck Park gives visitors an opportunity to experience life on the sea with multiple decks, cargo containers and a ship speed controller to be explored. For those wanting to stay safe on land, there's plenty of seating and BBQs, and a kiosk.

The Austin 7 runs are always an interesting way to see our city and find out what is actually going on outside our own local confines.

It was Westward Ho to Woodman Point after coffee and a chat, and admiring Tori who was very proudly displaying #73 on her car - her commitment to heading over to Kalgoorlie for the Red Dust Revival in September. She is to be admired for her hands on involvement with her beloved car. Dave Halewood would have been chuffed.



Gordon and Alexandra, Doug and Di Galbraith, Jim and Kaye Reid, Hugh and Glenda, and Tori Shier in their Austins were met by David Harvey in his little car at the roundabout as the contingent headed off to Woodman Point by the sea from Shipwreck Park by the hills. Clive Ball and Marion Gathercole were tail-end Charlies in their moderns.

Happily the drive was completed without any unforeseen hiccups and a very pleasant, leisurely Sunday drive was enjoyed.

The cars attracted much interest, as always, with lots of waves, photographs and looks. Seeing so many cars of that vintage in amongst 4WDs and speeding moderns (will they still be on the road in 90 years time?) is a rare sight.

Rodney and Kay Kneuss joined us at the delightful Woodman Point park. Sunshine,

good conversation and camaraderie with a cuppa and a nibble were all elements of another enjoyable outing with the Austin 7's.

The Woodman Point Ammo Jetty, adjacent to the park, was originally constructed in 1903 and used for loading and unloading explosives. The jetty has been open to the public since 1984, is one of the most used jetties in the Perth metropolitan area, and is an important part of the coastal landscape south of Perth. The surrounding beach and existing jetty are popular for swimming, fishing, snorkelling and scuba diving.

In 2020 the State Government allocated \$9.69 million to rebuilding the jetty. The old jetty will be demolished but its concrete piles, installed in 1939, will remain due to their significant heritage and popularity as a dive site.

Thank you Tori and Tom for organising the run and getting us out and about in our little cars to enjoy our beautiful city and environs. Tom Emmans (co-organiser) was busily organising/building a trailer to transport two Austins to Perkolilli and was unable to join us on the day.



Tori Shier, Hugh Fryer, Glenda, Clive Ball, Jim Reid, Kaye Reid, Alexandra McManus
Gordon McManus, Di Galbraith, Dough Galbraith, Marion Gathercole

84 (now 97) YEARS AGO.

(Reprinted from the 1979A and B issues of the A7CA magazine which acknowledged permission from the Austin 7 Club of South Australia Inc.)

In October 1928 a young chap named HH Shearer, then 20 years old, accompanied his father, a cottage building contractor, on an overland trip in an A7 roadster from Adelaide to Perth to look for work. He kept a diary and took a number of photographs.



Leaving home, 16 October 1928.

1st Day. Left Adelaide at 7.10 am Tuesday 16 October. We had a good run to Port Augusta but slow ridiculous road. We had dinner, bonza hot dinner at Yacka 1 pm, 107 miles from Adelaide. It was a glorious day. We reached Melrose at 4.30 pm. There was aeroplane stunting here, from Adelaide Moth plane. We stopped and watched him for a while, then sent wire to you. Between Melrose and Port Augusta there is a very dangerous Pass - they say it is, but not, it's steep. We went through this Pass just before dark and was glad too. Wouldn't like to go down through it in the dark, Horrock's Pass. Anyway we left the hills and headed for Port Augusta. We were about 27 miles distant. Dad said "We'll pitch tent just outside of Port Augusta", we tried, but the mosquitoes were awful, eat you alive, big ones. So anyway we went straight to one of the Hotels in Port Augusta and put night in there. We arrived about 8 o'clock, we travelled 217 miles by my speedo.

2nd Day. Wednesday. Left Port Augusta after filling tank with petrol at 8 o'clock. We were advised to take short cut straight through to Ceduna: 300 miles from Port Augusta. But the map and guide we had told us not to take this road because it was very sandy and rough, to go through Colwell about 120 miles further. This way we intended going, until we were told we could get through straight track and it wasn't very sandy. So, anyway, we thought it over and decided to give it a go. We did and talk about road, it was rough and dry. It hasn't rained for three years, so you can imagine how dry it is. We were 15 miles from Port Augusta and dad was sick, car sick, by jove, he was white and bilious, then we had a puncture.

We pushed on and dad was sick again. We never saw a town or anyone until we got to Corona station, no grass, just stones and dust. Here we had dinner. It was about 11.45 am and about 80 miles from Port Augusta. We could see in the distance, Iron Knob, I suppose about 8 miles away. See a big hill with a quarry and half hill blown away. Very interesting. Dad was weak, but made a recovery and then it started to blow, heavy head winds, it was awful country. We had about 10 miles of clear plain, flat, and then 10 miles of scrub and in the plain it blew sand, honestly it held us back and the sand would sting our faces. We went on slowly through sand, not bad, could only travel 15 to 20 mph till we came into a wild looking place, one house and about 3 wurlies. This was Nonnings about 50 miles from Corona. It was about half past 3, it was still blowing and we asked an Afghan the road to Ceduna and he said "Straight on".

We went on, talk about road, we had to go down creeks, dry of course, but the banks were steep. The road was for a wide track car and we had to make our own tracks. This made it a bit hard, especially in the sand. You ought to see the kangaroos and emus, lots of them. We knew there must be a station here now because we knew these animals would have to have water, so sure enough we sighted a station. This was Yardea. The car was running wonderful up to this. Yardea is about 170 miles from Port Augusta sheep station, left because of drought. We pulled up at one of the houses and asked whether they would mind if we put up for the night in one of their sheds. This was about 7 o'clock. They said there is a spare room over in the barn so we were fortunate. We had tea but couldn't have a wash because they're carting water 8 miles now, the water hole is running dry and when it does they will all have to clear out, half have gone now about 12 whites and a few blacks. We were soon in bed and asleep. You only have to get up early or go out at night and you'll see kangaroos and emus, horses and other animals all around the station after water, poor things. Just as well we brought our own water from Port Augusta. Just give you an idea how dry things must be here.



Wirrulla, SA. Petrol at 3/6 a gallon

.....to be continued

The 28th Annual Harvey Run

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2025

Our Annual run to Harvey is on in October. It's a great opportunity to drive our cars for two days with likeminded company. Lyn, Paul and I are looking forward to another great year.

We would also like to thank those that have offered to help setting up at the hall on Saturday afternoon. As always, a big thank you to everyone who helps out at the cottages, it's very much appreciated.



MEET at Pioneer World, Armadale, at 8:15 am for an 8:45 am departure.

We will be traveling along the back roads, stopping for morning tea at Pinjarra.

LUNCH will be in Harvey, provided by Paul and Lyn at their house.

Country members are welcome to join us here. There will be a few interesting items to look at after lunch, before departing to either the cottages or brewery for refreshments.

We are staying at **Myalup Pines Cottages**, bring sleeping bag and pillows, towels etc. The Saturday evening meal, accommodation and a cooked breakfast are included in the cost of **\$75.00 per person**.

Sunday morning, we will be having breakfast as usual, then at the group photo the Paddy Malone trophy will be presented before departing on a tour of Harvey and heading home.

If you would like to attend, either

post a cheque to Hugh Fryer, 3 Ranford Way, Hillarys, 6025

OR pay electronically over the internet, direct debit

BSB 036027 Account no 454779, putting your name in details section.

Entries close, 6 October 2025.

We look forward to catching up with everyone.

Hugh (Mobile 041 996 4543)



THE WILLY WAGTAIL RUN
19-22 September 2025
hosted Chittering branch of VCC and Austin Motor
Vehicle Club

Bindoon Historic Vehicle Day
21 September 2025

The Historic Vehicle Day will be held at Bindoon Oval, Great Northern Highway, Bindoon between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.
The Historic Vehicle Day is a family friendly event with a large display of vehicles, market stalls, kids' activities, demonstrations and food and drink vendors.

28th ANNUAL HARVEY WEEKEND
18/19 October 2025

Registration details on page 11 *Baby Torque*.

Organised by Hugh Fryer, Lyn and Paul Egerton Green



2025 Austin Seven NATIONAL RALLY
21-24 October 2025
Murray Bridge South Australia

For more information contact
President Alexandra
or website

austin7clubsa.com.au/national-rally-2025/



MERCHANDISE

The monogrammed hand towels are now available and have been a roaring success. At \$13 each they are a real bargain.

Purchase at the next meeting
or via email to President Alexandra.



Spares Shed 3 August 2025

Members who need spare parts old and new can ring Gordon direct on

Mobile: 0417 988 190



September Birthdays

John Bannister

Steve Coleman

Lyn Egerton-Green

Angelo Fiora

Noelle Gray

Coralie Searles

Les Searles

If you are lucky enough to get old, you should celebrate it.

Iris Apfel



Spring is about to brighten up the weather and may it bring relieve and some joy to all who are doing it tough healthwise.

Best wishes to all.

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Closing date: 29 August 2025

Please send items to gatherm@outlook.com.au

DAVID and HEATHER HARVEY RUN

21 September 2025

MEET Shelley Sailing Club, Shelley Beach Park,
Riverton Drive, Shelley

TIME 10.00 am

BRING morning tea refreshments and chairs

DESTINATION 15 Watson Hill Road, Winthrop (end of cul-de-sac
with plenty of parking)

RSVP to Heather (mobile 0448 725 379) by 14 September 2025 for catering purposes. Also, advise any special dietary requirements.



Shelley Sailing Club (SSC) was established in 1974 on the beautiful Canning River, a relatively quiet area with generally shallow waters

RED DUST REVIVAL 2025

Fifteen Austin Seven are entered for Red Dust Revival 2025.

From Austin Seven Club of WA

Gordon McManus, Tori Shier, Angelo Fiora, Chris, Sean and Oliver Daniels (one car), Hugh Fryer.
Tom Emmans in an Austin 10

From Western Australia

Al McNiven, Will Fryer, Dave Sutherland, Casey Wood (Kalgoorlie),
Murray Wood (Kalgoorlie), Chris Edgar

From South Australia

Wolf Stemlet, Jim Henderson, Andrew Grace

From New South Wales

Rodney Thomas

There will be some very excited first time participants. Good luck everyone.

WHAT'S ON WHEN IN 2025-6

2025

September	7	Father's Day
	14	General Meeting and Spares Shed
	21	Club Run David and Heather Harvey
	29	Red Dust Revival, Perkolilli
October	5	General Meeting and Spares Shed
	5	Final day of Red Dust Revival, Perkolilli
	18/19	Harvey Run Hugh Fryer, Lyn and Paul Egerton-Green
	20/21	Austin Seven National Rally, Murray Bridge, South Australia
	31	Fees to be paid to continue Concessional Licence Code 404
November	2	AGM, General Meeting and Spares Shed
	16	Club Run Stanley Edge
December	7	General Meeting
		Christmas Windup Jill and Ian Merker

2026

January 2026		No General Meeting or Spares Shed Meet and Greet
February	1	General Meeting and Spares Shed
	15	Club Run
March	8	General Meeting and Spares Shed
	22	Club Run
April	5	Easter Sunday
	12	General Meeting and Spares Shed
	19	Club Run

Concessional Licence Code 404—Department of Transport WA

Single Event/Impromptu Runs notification

Email the Secretary with details of intended run date,
description of run and licence vehicle.

Secretary's email: jedda@iinet.net.au

All Code 404 users—Impromptu Runs

Section 8 of the Concessional License Code 404 Information Booklet describes the conditions of restricted use for a vehicle licenced under the *Veteran/Vintage/Post Vintage/Invitation Class*.

<http://www.transport.gov.wa.au>



Gems in our collection—cars and owners
Jim and Kaye Reid, Doug and Di Galbraith, Gordon and Alexandra McManus



Perkolilli participants ▲