

# AUSTIN TIMES.



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## July - August 2024



Austins in the shade at Atkinson Dam

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## Members

**ZOOM log in is available for meetings.**  
Links provided via email.

## President's Corner



It will be sad not having David Roberts at the meetings and runs. He had a wealth of knowledge and was keen to share it and talk about BMC cars. Allan Waller was another with great knowledge about A40s and a regular attendee at meetings and runs. Both will be sadly missed.

The Cars and Coffee seem to be working well and can be expanded over time. If there is a Cars and Coffee every week in a different location that would good. The venues need to be spread so it can suit most members.

Thank you to the guys who picked up the 1800 and delivered it with the bits. I must say it did not surprise me when the vote was taken to put it back together. There are plenty of skills spread amongst the members and it shows a Club spirit when that happens. It will take some time to get it to a 'going state' but I am sure it will be worth it to keep another Austin on the road and for the members to work together.

All British day is around the corner so keep that in mind and also the details for the Gympie run are out so book your room.

The AGM is in September so come along and do not be afraid to take on a job, it is worthwhile.

Cheers Kev.

# Welcome

## New Members

To new member Matthew Vines from Kedron and his 1967 Morris Mini Saloon.

Also a warm welcome to Paul Viner and Kath Marmo from Brighton with an A40 Somerset Saloon. It was lovely to meet Paul and Kath at our last meeting.

## From the Editor

Dear Members.

Included in the Austin Times this month are the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting so that you may refresh your memory before Thursday 5 September (our next General Meeting followed by the AGM 2024).

As I indicated at last year's AGM this would be my last year on the magazine. Time for some fresh new ideas to carry the club into a rapidly changing and very different world from the one experienced by the man who started it all, Sir Herbert Austin.

This magazine includes a few of the innovations planned for the Magazines to come, and hopefully you will support the next Editor as you have done me.

I have mostly enjoyed my time putting the 'Austin Times' together and would like to acknowledge the articles and humour provided by Nairn Hindhaugh and Allan Waller in particular. My thanks also for the contributions from other members as they have travelled around our country or found some 'Techo Talk' suitable for the 'Mag'.

I think we are very fortunate to belong to this happy, friendly club of like minded Austin lovers.

Sincerely Desley Parker

# **Austin Motor Vehicle Club Qld (Inc)**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Held 7/9/2023 at 8.25pm**

**Apologies** Andrew Hockley, Brian Wright, Desley Carter, Richard Brown

**Attendees** 23 at meeting 3 ZOOM attendees 1 Visitor

President Kev welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance.

Ken discussed the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting which were included in the recent Austin Times and were accepted and approved as published.

### **President's Report**

Kev advised his report was reproduced in the Magazine and thanked everyone for the support during the year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Doug Benckendorff presented his financial report and advised that the books had been Audited and a copy of the report was in his possession. Doug mentioned that the Auditor had mentioned that 2 payments were made without documentation One was for Kev's and Paula's payment for suppers provided after meetings \$200.00 the second was to Ken Parker reimbursing him for the deposit paid in June to Downs Steam to confirm our booking for our Christmas in July Dinner at the end of the Western Qld Run. Documentation was received at the dinner in July when the final payment was made, and the 2 Invoices/Receipts have been passed to Doug for the files. Doug mentioned he won't be paying without an Invoice in future. Auditor would also like to see the minutes book in future Audits which provides evidence that monthly payments were authorised and passed at the monthly meetings. Doug moved that the Auditors report be accepted. Seconded Kev Airton. Kev asked Doug to provide his end of year report to Ken for the records. Carried.

### **Membership Officer's Report**

Ken has been holding the Membership Officers position while Chris has been in poor health. Ken presented and read his report. It is attached with the minutes. Total Membership 103 at the end of June 23.

### **Editor's Report**

Desley Parker presented her editor report, and it also was in the Austin Times. It is also attached with the minutes.

Web Mark Ellem provided his verbal report and advised he looks at updating the web regularly. Looking at how payments may be processed via the web. Ken asked the question re access to use PayPal. Mark explained how it works. Kris advised he worked for a gateway company. Mark has a new best friend.

### **Election of Officers for 23-24**

Kev asked David James to chair the meeting.

Ken mention that he had received no nominations for any of the club positions.

David took control of the meeting after introducing himself.

David called for nominations from the floor.

Position	Person Nominated	Nom By	2nd By	Accepted by & Confirmed
<b>President</b>	Kev Airton	Paula Airton	Desley Parker	Kev Airton
<b>Secretary</b>	Ken Parker	Kev Airton	Kris Palmby	Ken Parker
<b>Treasurer</b>	Doug Benckendorff	Kev Airton	Ken Parker	Doug Benckendorff
<b>Editor</b>	Desley Parker	Kev Airton	Nairn Hindhaugh	Desley Parker
<b>1st Assistant Editor</b>	Nairn Hindhaugh	Ken Parker	Paula Airton	Nairn Hindhaugh
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant</b>	John Elsol	Nairn Hindhaugh	Ken Parker	John Elsol
<b>Membership and Postal</b>	Ken Parker	Ken Carter	Kev Airton	Ken Parker
<b>Librarian</b>	Steve Hayes	Jenny Hayes	Kris Palmby	Steve Hayes
<b>Concessional Registration</b>	Ken Carter	Ken Parker	Kris Palmby	Ken Carter
<b>Webmaster</b>	Mark Ellem	Kris Palmby	Steve Hayes	Mark Ellem
<b>Regalia</b>	Rex Eaton	Nairn Hindhaugh	Kev Airton	Rex Eaton
<b>Events</b>	Andrew Todd	Kev Airton	Mark Ellem	Andrew Todd
<b>Publicity</b>	Andrew Todd	Ken Carter	Paula Airton	Andrew Todd
<b>Vice President</b>	David James	Ken Carter	Paula Airton	David James

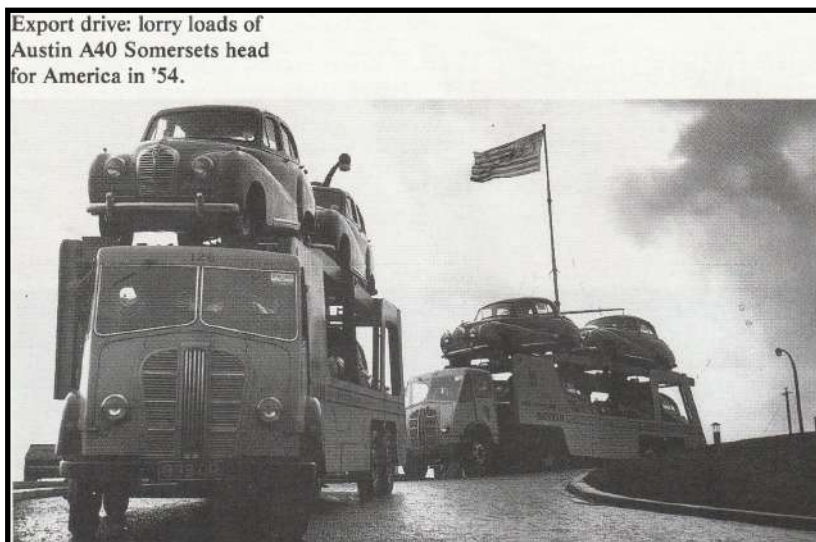
All positions having been filled and confirmed and accepted David vacated the chair.

Kev thanked David for a fine job.

### Auditor Appointment

The Auditor, Gordon Robinson of G A Robinson & Company, Morayfield has agreed to continue and Audit the Clubs books for another year. Doug thanked Gordon. Ken Parker did mention that when he collected the books from the Auditor that his wife Karen mentioned Gordon was looking at retirement soon but was happy to do the Audit again this year. Something for Doug to look at towards the end of this financial year.

Annual General Meeting closed 9.10 pm.



## AMVCQ General Meeting 4 July 2024

Meeting opened by David James at 7.35

<b>Members</b>	15 members and 3 ZOOM members
<b>Apologies</b>	
<b>Visitors</b>	Alf Boyce
<b>President</b>	
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	The minutes of the last meeting were read and passed. Mike Wade proposed it, Ken Carter seconded it, so passed.
<b>Correspondence</b>	Correspondence arising was moved and seconded.
<b>Business arising</b>	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	The Treasurer's report was presented and agreed.
<b>CLUB Business</b>	
<b>Next Events</b>	Andrew Todd gave details of the club run to Samford and Dayboro on Sunday <b>14 July</b> . Mike Wade gave details of the Austin Healey day at the clubrooms on Sunday <b>14 July</b> . Mike Clements gave details of the Coffee morning to be held at Rochedale on <b>second Thursday</b> of the month. Glenn Todd is organising a weekend away in the Cooroy/Gympie area. John Cameron gave details of the Redcliffe Customs & Hot Rod meets on 20 October as a suggested venue.
<b>Cars and Parts</b>	Nairn Hindhaugh gave details of a 1966 Austin 1800 being offered to the club – too good for the crushers.
<b>Regalia</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	
<b>Concessional Registrations</b>	
<b>Publicity and Web/Facebook</b>	
<b>General Business</b>	

Vice President David James

Acting secretary Nairn Hindhaugh

Meeting closed at 8.45 PM

### Next Meeting 1 August 2024

## AMVCQ General Meeting 1 August 2024

Meeting opened by Kev Airton at 7.35 PM

<b>Members</b>	24 members per attendance book. 5 ZOOM members
<b>Apologies</b>	Rex Eaton, Richard Brown, Desley Carter, Terry Coke
<b>Visitors</b>	Alfie Boyce was welcomed as well as new members Paul Viner and Kath Marmo
<b>President</b>	Kev welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked David James for taking the July meeting and Nairn Hindhaugh for acting as secretary in his absence.
<b>Previous Minutes</b>	Minutes from July meeting were presented and moved by Mike Wade. Seconded Merv Thompson. Accepted.
<b>Correspondence</b>	Nil
<b>Business arising</b>	Nil
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	The financial report for the club and the AOA 2026 report were presented by Doug and Nicole. Moved by Ken Carter. Seconded Ken Parker. Accepted.
<b>CLUB Business</b>	Discussion about the restoration of a partially restored 1966 Austin 1800 Mark1. Workshop Days to be arranged.
<b>Next Events</b>	<p>(1) <b>Andrew Todd</b> talked about the event held at <b>Samford and Dayboro</b>, which was attended by a few brave souls despite the early start and the cold weather. He thanked those who attended.</p> <p>The conversation also touched on a potential AOA bag for Maryborough, but no further details were provided. Andrew advised he had received the AOA Maryborough Car Badges which looked spectacular</p> <p>(2) <b>Mike Wade</b> provided info about the run to <b>Atkinson Dam</b> scheduled for Saturday 3 August. He warned there would be no run sheet but that he would provide maps of the run</p> <p>(3) <b>Glenn Todd</b> to send detailed information about the <b>Gympie Run planned for 28/29 September</b>. Glenn is seeking numbers interested in attending as he needs to inform the organizers and motel about the expected number of attendees.</p> <p>Glenn confirmed he had arranged for <b>10 to 12 rooms at the Great Eastern Motel</b> in Gympie and was preparing for a great event. <b>Early run</b> plan was to spend <b>Saturday driving via Kenilworth, Imbil, Kandanga and Amamoor</b> arriving at Gympie to spend the evening at the motel and on Sunday, the plan is to join the local club (The Gympie Historic Auto Club) for a <b>run around Gympie</b> and possibly lunch. They also agreed to explore some interesting sights around Gympie on Sunday morning.</p> <p>Glenn to confirm arrangements so that Ken can provide members with the run details. Glenn agreed to prepare a rough itinerary, focusing on the sections for the Saturday</p> <p>(4) Additionally, <b>John Cameron</b> shared his preliminary work on a proposed run to <b>Rainforest Liqueurs, Conondale, for October 26th</b>, which would be a <b>joint event</b> involving the <b>Sunbeam Club and the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club, and Austin Club</b>. John discussed the joint visit idea to John R King and Mary R. King Rainforest Liqueurs, an Australian Indulgence 272 Ahern Rd Conondale Q 4552 selling native Australian gum tree liquors and other products John makes. John Cameron was asked to provide more information so Ken can advise members.</p>
<b>Cars and Parts</b>	<b>Austin 1800 Mark 1</b>

Kev proposed three options for the partially restored car: (1) sell as-is, (2) fully restore and sell, or (3) contact the original owner who had to leave it behind when transferred, to see if he wants to buy it back after restoration. The group agreed they needed to decide on a course of action.

**Engine and Gearbox Progress**

Kev discussed the current state of the engine and gearbox, which are being worked on in the shed. He indicated that various specialists were needed to complete the bodywork, wiring, and painting. Barry mentioned a company in Victoria called Vintage Wiring Harness that provided him with a complete wiring harness for his Austin A40 He will check price for 1800.

**Scheduling Workshop Days**

Kev led the discussion on scheduling multiple workshop days, with the aim of finalizing a body for a project. After some consideration the group decided to meet on **Tuesday 13 August at 9am at Plainland**. Kev also mentioned the need to rationalize the shed due to an increase in equipment and supplies.

<b>Regalia</b>	Rex absent through illness. He had a fall and was struggling with wrist pain. Planning another railing for his stairs.
<b>Membership</b>	<p><b>New Membership Applications and Issues</b></p> <p>Doug felt only 66 had paid so far for their membership renewal. Ken will email once Doug confirms.</p> <p>Ken and John Cameron discussed new membership applications and issues related to payment and submission of forms. John confirmed that he had submitted an application for his daughter, Vicky, but Ken asked if he had received a receipt and asked John to check the status. They also discussed a potential issue with the renewal of existing membership forms versus the application for new member form.</p>
<b>Concessional Registrations</b>	A request from Frank Carroll to register one of his Austins was received by Ken Carter. A letter is required for this to occur.
<b>Publicity and Web/Facebook</b>	
<b>General Business</b>	<p>Ken shared his experience of attending a men's morning tea event at the Volunteer Marine Rescue in Cleveland arranged by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers' Club, where he learned about their organization, event planning and in the carpark saw his first historic car conversion to electric. Ken plans to write a story about his visit. He also reminded the members that the Bayside Club has extended an open invitation to our club members to attend their events.</p> <p>Additionally, David Bright discussed the restoration of his Austin 10, which he had been working on since 1964 and was finally completed.</p> <p>President Kev Airton Secretary Ken Parker</p>

**Meeting closed at 8.26 PM**

**Next Meeting Thursday 5 September 2024**





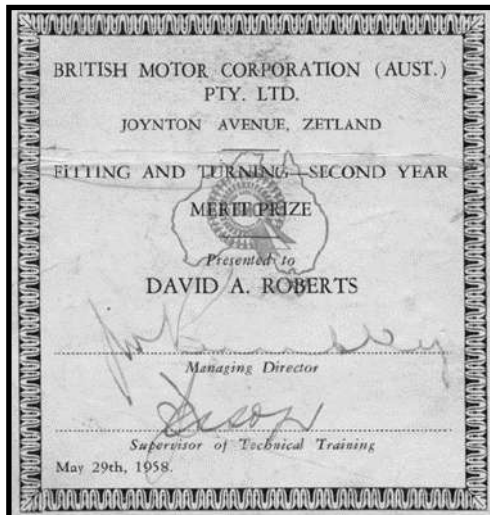
## VALE

**David Arthur Roberts**

**16 July 1940 – 2 July 2024**

David was the youngest of three boys and lived at his family home in Randwick, NSW, until his marriage to Lorraine in 1966.

David completed his secondary schooling at South Sydney High School obtaining his Intermediate Certificate in 1955. His first job was working as a message boy for the Commonwealth Dental Supply Co. but after 2 months his father insisted, "You've got to get a Trade!" On 16th January 1956, following an interview with the superintendent responsible for setting up the Austin plant, he commenced a 5-year apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner with the Austin Motor Co/BMC. He was one of the first apprentices at the Austin Motor Co at Zetland. His pay was 3 pounds 10 shillings a week plus a 20 pence attendance bonus every 3 months.



David's early days

Machines from Longbridge UK arrived weekly and were put in place by two Stacatruc forklifts. Twenty tradesmen from Longbridge were in Australia on a 2-year contract. They were there to assist the local tradesmen assemble and start up the plant. For the next four years David worked throughout the Austin Motor plant gaining invaluable experience in all departments.

One of David's jobs was to test drive new cars, the 1500 Wolseley or Lancers on day trips to Bathurst or Goulburn. Wow! what an experience for an 18-year-old! In 1961, David finished his 5 years apprenticeship.

David worked in many jobs throughout NSW and Queensland some being -The Cockatoo Island Dockyards, Garden Island, undertaking work on both Naval and Merchant ships including HMAS Stuart, HMAS Voyager, and HMAS Anzac, Commonwealth Engineering and Evans Deakin at Kangaroo Point shipyards.

In August 1964, David was 24 and joined the Merchant Navy as a Junior Engineer with Port Line on MV "Port Pirie" sailing from Sydney to London. His first port of call on this voyage was Brisbane and he remembered it as just bush, a country town.

David continued his love of the ocean and Brisbane's Moreton Bay, and particularly Russell Island.

In July 2003 David and Lorraine joined the AMVCQ and enjoyed many outings with the club. Together they looked after Membership and Postage of the Austin Times at one stage and arranged name badges for new members together with members' year badges.

He was happy to share his knowledge of Austins and all things BMC with members and loved his 1960 Wolseley 15/60.

**Rest in Peace  
David**

**Ken Parker**



## VALE

Allan John Waller

10 December 1942—10 August 2024

Allan was born in December 1942 and lived most of his early life in the Salisbury area of Brisbane. He married Margaret in 1970 and they moved into a newly built house in Sunnybank. He bought an Austin A40 Devon to restore and was a member of the Austin A40 Club in NSW. In 1981 Allan, Margaret and two others – Greg Peat and Terry Jorgensen decided to start a Queensland branch catering to all Austins. The first meeting was held on July 24th 1981, and the Club has prospered ever since. Allan was member No 2, and also President for the first year.

He had many interests apart from Austins; he was Member No 1 of the Historic Commercial Vehicle Association of Qld, Mount Gravatt Men's Shed, the Number Plate Collector's Club, the Coopers Plains History Group, and was involved with many charities.

As an early member of the AMVCQ, he held a number of positions, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Rally Organiser, Sub Editor and Librarian. He also came up with the idea of calling the newsletter 'Austin Times' starting off in April 1982.

At many outings and Club meetings, he often bought one of the numerous overseas students that he and Margaret had as home-stays. They were mainly from Japan, Taiwan and South Korea, and in the early days his foster-daughter Connie also came along.

He had a great sense of humour; his laugh was infectious, but he was always very modest about his achievements. Certainly a great practical joker – more than one person wondered why their car was making a strange whistling noise, only to find a teapot whistle on their exhaust pipe, or a bra hanging off the boot lid handle when on a club outing.

He also encouraged younger members of the club, and was notable in that he welcomed any new-comer at meetings, showing them around finding out what they owned and then introducing them to those who had similar cars. Allan owned among other things, an A40 Devon, two or three A40 Tourers, a ute painted in Austin service colours, and he still owned a 1956 Austin A40 Countryman.

Allan and Margaret had just celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary the day before Allan passed away at home. He had attended the Club meeting on the Thursday night before that. He said to me a couple of weeks before that, "I've had a really good life" and we would agree that he had indeed, as well as enriching others.

Nairn Hindhaugh

Our Austin Boy with his toys





Terry & Val Jorgensen and Margaret & Allan Waller at the third birthday 1984.



Allan inspecting an easy restoration job, c 1986



Allan and Margaret at home



Terry Jorgensen, Allan Waller and Greg Peat, the three founders of the AMVCQ at the 10th Anniversary Dinner, 1991



Allan with A40 Ute in the Casino wrecking yard, around 1992



Allan and Michael Wells Wangaratta AOA 1995



Allan, Malcolm Coffey and Michael Wells, Casino 1992



Allan at Mount Morgan, Club Outing to Rockhampton, 2000



Allan receiving his 30 Year Pin and Certificate of Appreciation from Kev Airton, Crows Nest, 2011

*The last Funnies from Allan. He kept me well supplied.*



Hub cap envy



Make do and mend



More lights



New door handle



Car cleaning 101



Temporary exhaust fix

## Jumpers and Jazz

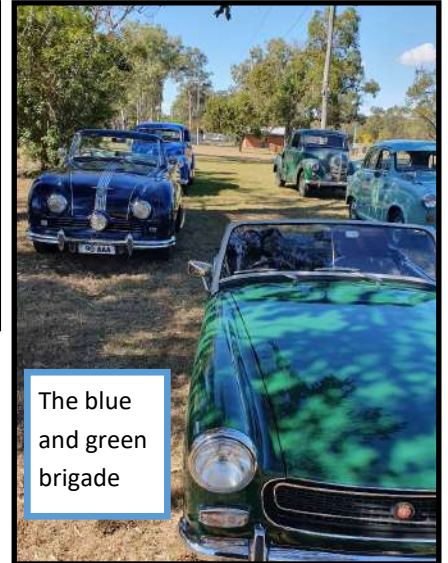
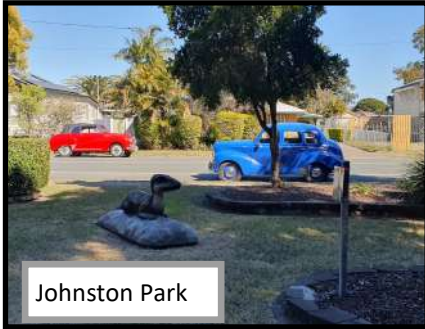
### Kev and Paula made it to Jumpers and Jazz

On the way back home in the van we spent a couple of days at Clifton. On the Sunday we went to Warwick to see the Jumpers and Jazz car display that they have in the main street and the park beside the main street for the overflow. About 400 metres of the main street was closed and was full of cars of various types. There were 4 jazz bands playing at intervals along the street where stages and seating were set up.

Member Ross Capern was there with his son as their band was playing during the weekend. Ross had clips on his phone of the bonfire which they had in Killarney the previous night. It was quite spectacular and well worth a weekend visit. Kev and Paula Airton



## Out and about in August at Atkinson Dam



Led by Mike Wade, we travelled a wandering route via Leichhardt, Walloon, Amberley, Rosewood, Marburg, Fernvale, Lowood, Coominya and ended at Atkinson Dam. We had a BYO morning tea / comfort stop break at Rosewood (Johnston Park) and a BYO lunch at Atkinson Dam. A very enjoyable country meander on the back roads on a stunning winter's day. Nairn left us at Rosewood. Bernie and Madonna joined us at Rosewood and we found Kaye and James at the Dam. Thanks Mike for organising a very enjoyable drive.





We were visited by a boy in his 1929 Dodge Roadster who was out for a spin to the Dam in the afternoon.

# On the road again (make that the river)

G'day Ken

We went for an eight day cruise on the Murray River between Murray Bridge and Blanchetown, South Australia on the Murray Princess. Wonderful trip. Do it if you get the chance.

The photos show the vessel and Austins encountered along the way.

The black A40 was in the car museum at Classic Cars, Swan Reach with many other British cars.

The A40 Tourer was used as a bar counter for campaign / orange juice at a "bush tucker breakfast" at Big Bend farm.

The A55 Utility, also at Big Bend farm, was used to hold the Kelpie sheep dogs during the sheep shearing demonstration.

Mike and Yvonne Wade





# And another traveller—Irene out and about for the Cobb & CO re-enactment at Surat and Yuleba



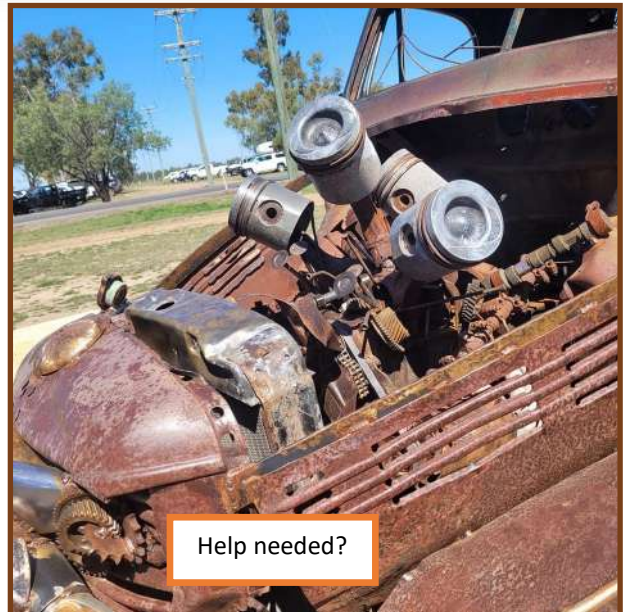
The Morris on show at Surat



Wire Wheels! Barbwire?



Can anyone fix this?



Help needed?

From Brian Wright—Garden Ornament in Mount Morgan



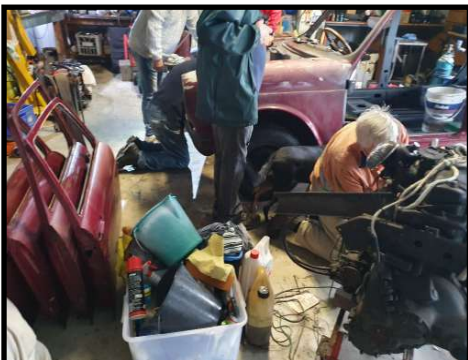
# THE BIG 1800 Mk1 PROJECT

Somehow Nairn found out about an 1800 which was about to be scrapped because its owner had been transferred to Tasmania. Any good Austin man couldn't stand by and do nothing, so a hardy band of boys went off to rescue all the bits one Saturday morning and took them to...

(You guessed it –Kev's shed at Plainland)

Next Question- What to do with the 1800? Answer—That's easy- let's restore it!

Club project underway!



So how quickly can the car be reassembled? With 2 Kevs (Airton and Chalmers), Alf Boyce, David Bright, Michael Wells, Mike Wade, Ken Parker, Nairn Hindhaugh and honorary member, Indi. Pretty sure Ken Carter will join the team. Should be a breeze! Keep up the good work, boys. It will be finished no time!



The A90 out in the rain



M Wade on the engine



Indi not too keen on the rain either



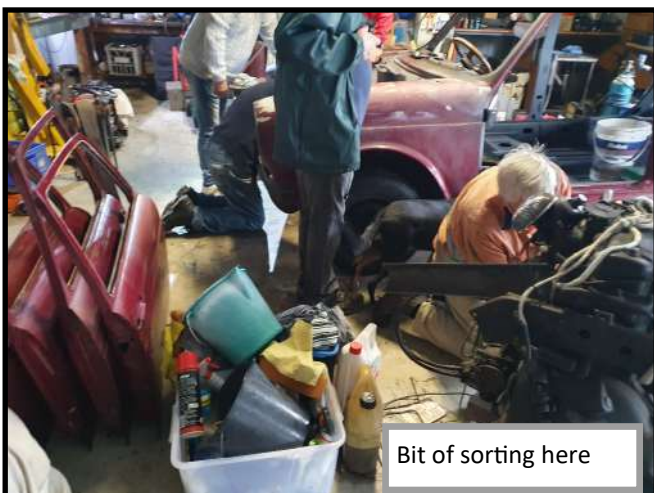
David Bright busy underneath



1800 up in the air



Need another bit



Bit of sorting here



Indi back in. Too wet, Dad.

# Then and Now-compare the pair

PHANTOM CORSAIR, is a prototype automobile built in 1938.

designed by Rust Heinz of the H. J. Heinz family, and Maurice Schwartz of the Bohman & Schwartz coachbuilding company in Pasadena, California.

The Phantom Corsair had no design precedent. Its streamlined shape was totally original and highly advanced, because of its futuristic features, and styling cues such as faired-in fenders and a low profile. Its steel-and-aluminium body measured just 57 in (140 cm) in height and incorporated fully skirted wheels and completely flush fenders while forgoing running boards. 2-door 5/6 seater sedan car also lacked door handles, as the doors were instead opened electrically using push-buttons located on the exterior and the instrument panel.

Heinz's sudden death in a car accident in July 1939 ended plans for mass, production leaving the prototype Corsair as the only one ever built.

The Phantom Corsair now resides in the National Automobile Museum (also known as The Harrah Collection) in Reno, Nevada. Price \$24 000 in 1938.

(Photos source: @conceptcarz com)



Stephen Corby writes in the Motoring section of the Magazine in the Weekend Australian and road tested the Rolls Royce Spectre. "The Magic Carpet Ride"

"The Rolls Royce EV feels like a cocoon even on cracked NSW roads".

SC admits that his "heart-rate rises proportionally to the price of the borrowed vehicle". The Spectre costs \$770,000 (mind blowing) even in this day and age.

## A few quotes from his article

"soothingly silent *calm and cossetting* three tonne Roller *enormous 107kWh battery* prodigious 900Nm of torque at any throttle *largely aluminium Spectre is 30% stiffer than any previous Rolls* displays surprising stability, even imperiousness, if you want to attack the bends in a sporty fashion **Engine** –two separately excited synchronous motors the tack –tick of the indicators designed to sound like the clinking of whisky glasses **Efficiency** 23.6kWh per 100km(530 km range claimed)" acknowledging words by Stephen Corby



Where have we seen a door opening like this before?

# Tech Talk from the Austin Service Bulletins

**B.M.C. (Aust.) SERVICE  
BULLETIN**

Distributor  
Dealer  
Fleet Owner

**C54**

FOR THE ATTENTION OF SERVICE AND PARTS MANAGERS  
AUSTIN DEALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

CARS

Dear Sirs,

BONNET SAFETY CATCH

The operation of this catch is controlled by two springs - one on the safety catch itself, and one which returns the hand release lever.

It has been established that, on initial production on a number of cars, these latter springs were omitted. Whilst there is only a remote possibility of the bonnet inadvertently flying open due to this omission, since the lever spring itself should prove adequate, as the cars are presented to you for service, would you kindly check and ensure that this spring is fitted.

AUSTIN  
A60  
CAMBRIDGE

The correct item is Part No. 4G2494 and fits in the holes provided between the hand release lever and the lateral bonnet stiffener.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. Poole  
General Service Manager

Ref. D.H.C.



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# 'Coffee and Austins' is up and running



An easily recognised Austin ventured out to Victoria Point for Coffee and Cars.

One comment from a participant - Nairn's car was his parent's car new. He worked at BMC in the advertising department.

Car and Driver famous!



One very cold morning at Samford for Coffee and Cars at Spokes. Only three cars and 4 brave souls. Andrew Todd, Ken and Desley Carter and Ken Parker in his modern.

Andrew, Ken and Desley went on to Dayboro where they met up with Robert La Roche



From Robert La Roche on Facebook



I was wondering why my A30 engine was taking so long to heat up!

Then I found this broken old thermostat.

Last time I checked it was about 20 years ago lol!

From Derek Hadgraft in Townsville 'An Austin on the brakes'. Photo by **DAYS MotorPix**



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## Classifieds: Member Cliff Crawford is selling his 1947 Austin 8 Tourer

"I am offering my 1947 Austin 8 Tourer for sale. The car featured in the Restored Car Australia magazine number 270 which was published for February-March 2022. I understand that the car was a full ground up restoration by Brendan Adams in Tasmania. Photographs are available of the restoration process and go with the vehicle as well as an Austin 8 manual.

The vehicle is red as the predominant colour with plum coloured mudguards. The vehicle is in very good condition both mechanically and the body, which is rust free. It would be ideal for the Austin enthusiast who likes to drive with the roof down.

It is available for a test run."

Location: Mitchelton

Price: \$18,000.00

Any inquiries to Cliff  
Crawford on 0400 057  
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Date listed: 19 July  
2024

