



Austin Times

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November 2025 – December 2025



Austins at Petre Village – November 2025 – Pictures by Barry Horey

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The **Austin Motor Vehicle Club** meets the
first Thursday of each month (except January)
at the Veteran Car Club, 1376 Old Cleveland Rd. Carindale,
commencing at **7.30pm**.

GOOGLE MEET log in is available for meetings.

www.austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org

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Password for the AMVCQ (Inc) website can be requested from the Secretary and will allow members to view the *Members only page*. This password will be updated regularly.

GOOGLE MEET log in is available for meetings.

Links provided to members via email.

President's Report

A Happy New Year to all members, may it bring all you wish for.

It is now time to start the new year with some ideas for Club outings. If you have any suggestions talk to Michael Wells and he will help you bring them to fruition.

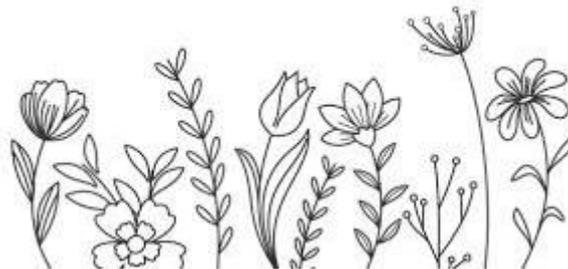
The AOA in Maryborough is fast approaching so get your registration in and accommodation booked. Numbers at this stage are looking good and it should be a good manageable event.

Now that there is a place for the Project Car to go which will be much closer to most of the members, we need to get it movable and stoppable and then it can be relocated. So as soon as it gets a bit cooler, we will be looking for some workers. Also, there is the doner 1800 and the Lancer to strip and get to the scrappie.

At the next meeting there will be several samples of Club shirts from various places. We need the members to look at these samples and over the next month think about what style of shirt and what colour we want for a Club shirt as we need to restock. The pick of style and colour will need to be repeatable for restock purposes.

At the March meeting we will need to decide so an order can be placed. The idea is to be at the meeting or on Zoom so you can have a say otherwise you will be living with what the members decide.

Cheers Kev.



VALE

We have had the sad passing of Lieka Benckendorff recently and our thoughts are with Doug and family at this sad time.

AMVCQ(Inc) Members Meeting

6 November 2025

Meeting opened at 7:32 PM

Members	15 Members present, 5 on ZOOM and 2 visitors.
Apologies	Richard Brown, Jenny Simpson, John Elsol, Kath Marmo
Secretary Report	Ken having presented the minutes in the latest Austin Times asked for any discussion. There being none moved the minutes be accepted. 2nd Steve Radford, carried.
Treasurer's Report	Barry presented his report as at 31/10/25 to the meeting including the AOA account. As the club term deposit was up for renewal it was felt it was prudent to transfer \$5000.00 to the main club account. Barry noted a shift from a 12-month term to a 6-month term deposit, resulting in a better interest rate. As a result of Jenny's hard work in selling a lot of our regalia, the need to resupply our regalia stocks is due. This will be discussed by the club Management so that Jenny has stock to continue to supply new members and existing members Moved by Barry 2 nd by Paula, Carried.
Events	Michael discussed upcoming swap meets and club runs, including the upcoming visit to the Petrie Markets for morning tea and the Ferny Grove Tramway Museum for lunch on November 23rd. The group also discussed advertising efforts for the AOA, including an update to Restored Cars Magazine, and planned a Christmas gathering at a restaurant, with a decision on whether to hold it midweek or on a weekend still pending. Ken and Nairn discussed plans for a recce trip for a Xmas venue to check car parking and facilities at Wynnum. This Christmas event, our last for the year, was tentatively scheduled for the Sunday 7 December. A potential new venue for Coffee and Austins was suggested, The Silver Spoon at Beachmere, which could be used for a future coffee gathering. An alternative visit for next year. Coffee and Austins will continue each month.
1800 Project car	The team decided to delay the 1800 Project event until the end of February due to distance, heat, weather and logistical challenges. Mark is planning to canvas member Ethan, from Timeless Automotive, for the use of space he has at the former Abingdon Motors located in Dutton Park. It would mean moving the 1800 to Brisbane which would be more accessible to members who wished to work on the car. Further work will be planned for the new year. Conversation ended with a brief discussion about the car restoration project and potential workshop support. Progress and Buyers Kev discussed the progress of the car project, emphasizing the need to complete the wiring before moving on to other tasks. He mentioned a potential buyer who was concerned about the project's timeline but expressed optimism about the buyer's continued interest. Kev also shared an inquiry from a person who plans to visit and view the car.

Regalia	The group touched on the need for a future committee meeting to address club regalia low stock levels.
Website Updates	Kris reported on Facebook group management, noting careful vetting of new members to prevent unwanted ads. He also addressed website renewal and functionality, deciding to maintain the current setup until after the AOA event. Barry inquired about Zoom and Google Meet costs, and the group considered switching to Google Meet for potential cost savings when ZOOM runs out in early 2026. Mark suggested waiting to make a decision until the next club committee meeting.
AOA Event Planning and Communications	Updates and planning for the AOA event and associated communications were discussed. The team also discussed creating content for the new AOA Facebook page, with plans to post newsletters and memorabilia.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Next Meeting 4 December 2025

Last meeting for 2025

AMVCQ Members Meeting

4 December 2025

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM

Members	President Kev welcomed the members attending and those on ZOOM
Apologies	Apologies received from Mike Wade, Rex Eaton, David Bright, and Richard Brown.
Visitors	One visitor Rory Jones
Previous Minutes	Secretary Ken advised that the minutes for the previous meeting were issued to members electronically and would be in the next Austin Times. Moved Ken they be accepted and seconded by Bob Holdsworth Carried
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Barry presented his financial report and moved it be accepted. Seconded Michael Wells Carried
Events	<p>Janelle and Michael organized a successful run on 23/11/25 to Petrie Markets for morning tea and a visit to the Tramway Museum at Ferny Grove for lunch.</p> <p>Nan, Ken and Desley conducted a reconnaissance for the upcoming Christmas event, considering venues in Wynnum and Manly. Deciding on the Lota Esplanade.</p> <p>Upcoming events were discussed, including the Toowoomba swap meet, the Christmas run, the Allora Heritage Festival and the Bayside Restorers Club event on Australia Day.</p> <p>Michael discussed the upcoming events, including the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club's Australia Day rally and the Club's Christmas run to Lota on the Esplanade.</p> <p>He mentioned that the club's contact details with Restored Cars Magazine had been updated and that they would run an advertisement for the AOA in Maryborough and on the Austins in Australia Facebook page.</p> <p>Ken also provided details for the Christmas run, including the meeting location and route, and noted that members could bring their modern cars due to potential inclement weather. Ken provided directions to the Christmas event location at Lota after meeting at the club rooms starting point. He mentioned that Kev will bring gazebos for shade.</p>
Car Parts and Project Updates	Kev and Michael collected a large supply of A70 car parts from Chris Roberts, who is moving from Blackbutt and is moving his collection of cars and parts. Thanks to Chris for his generous offerings. Kev also provided an update on the project 1800 car, noting that it is progressing but still has a long way to go. Member Ethan, a mechanic and owner of Timeless Automotive,

previously known as Abingdon Motors, has offered space in his workshop at Dutton Park for the project car, with the proviso that any hoist work must be kept to a minimum as the car needs to be moved from the upper floor to the work bay and hoist on the ground floor. Mark will liaise further with Ethan and it is likely we will move the car after February. This will give members interested in working on the car access in Brisbane rather than driving to Kev's at Glenore Grove.

General Business

The AOA newsletters were added to the club's website, and Kris was tasked with checking the website domain's expiry date.

Bob created a suggested display banner for club cars when attending events, and the group planned to refine and distribute it.

Michael Wells displayed a panel used by the Toowoomba Morris Group made of aluminium sheeting. They cost about \$30.

The need for the club to update its Regalia supplies and in particular to settle on a club shirt to improve visibility was discussed. Members with different club shirts to bring them to the next meeting to give the members a view on what other clubs are wearing.

Ken provided an update on registration numbers for the upcoming AOA event. So far over 50 cars registered. Another newsletter will be produced during December/Jan and will probably advise a closing date for registrations.

Mark discussed tax implications for the club, highlighting the need to lodge a tax return for the 2024-2025 year. Interest earned on our term deposit has taken us over the income level.

The group also addressed the need for volunteers from members attending the AOA to assist in Maryborough, including roles in Raffle ticket sales, bar service, parking and welcoming attendees.

The conversation ended with a brief discussion about changing the electronic software used for meetings from ZOOM to the GOOGLE MEET platform commencing in February 2026 for those members logging in to our meetings.

Meeting closed at 8:34pm

Next Meeting 5 February 2026

Mobile Phones & Driving in Queensland — What's Legal?

Charging your phone while driving is perfectly legal — but using it is another story. Here's what drivers need to know:

☑ What's Allowed

- You can charge your phone in the car.
- You can use hands-free features (like voice commands or Bluetooth) if you hold an open or P2 licence.
- Your phone must be in a cradle or safely stored — not on your lap or in your hand.

✗ What's Not Allowed

- Touching the phone while driving or stopped in traffic (even at lights) is illegal.
- Holding or resting the phone on your body is banned — even if it's turned off.
- Learner and P1 drivers under 25 must not use phones at all while driving — not even hands-free.

Tip for Club Members

If you're heading out on a club run, make sure your phone is mounted securely and set up before you hit the road. Charging is fine — just don't touch it while driving!

Here is a link to check out more information <https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/road-safety/mobile-phones>

If you intend driving across borders it would be wise to check rules in other States before setting off. Or simply turn the phone off and place it in the glove box before departing.

Here's a breakdown of how the rules and penalties vary across other States

Mobile Phone Use While Driving by State/Territory

State/Territory	Handheld Use Ban	Other Restrictions	Demerit Points	Fines
Queensland (QLD)	Yes	School zones, repeat offences	4–8 points	\$500–\$612
New South Wales (NSW)	Yes	Learners/P1: no phone use at all	5 points	\$362
Victoria (VIC)	Yes	Learners/P1: total ban	4 points	\$500
Western Australia (WA)	Yes	Viewing texts, videos, apps banned	3–4 points	\$514–\$632
South Australia (SA)	Yes	Standard handheld ban	3 points	\$500
Tasmania (TAS)	Yes	Standard handheld ban	3 points	\$500
Australian Capital Territory (ACT)	Yes	Internet, apps, social media banned	3–4 points	\$498
Northern Territory (NT)	Yes	Visual display units also banned	3 points	\$500

Article by Ken Parker

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Tramway Rally

November 23rd dawned a little damp over Brisbane and surrounds. We were greeted by 2 wet Austins waiting for us at the meeting point (thank you Paula, Kev & Nairn for being brave in the pouring rain when the rally organizer chickened out).

The rain eased on the drive from Chermside to morning tea at Old Petrie Town – where we were greeted by 3 Austins and a Wolseley shining in the sun under a clear blue sky. After getting the essential morning coffee the members took in the sights and sounds of the village. The North Pine Trades Guild was a big hit with club members speaking to guild members about potential casting jobs for some hard-to-find car parts. Members of the Qld Steam and Vintage Machinery Assn showed members the treasures hidden deep in the shed – including starting the very impressive Blackstone engine.

We left Petrie for a tour through the outer North Brisbane suburbs including cruising past North Pine Dam and Samford to arrive at our lunch stop – The Brisbane Tramway Museum.

Parking the cars on the museum's "main street" the cars attracted the attention of fellow guests as we took in the living history that was Brisbane's trams.

The Brisbane Tramway Museum Society was established in 1968, when it became apparent that the Brisbane City Council was preparing to close Brisbane's tram system. In 1972, a site at Ferny Grove was made available and a museum built, opening in June 1980. As of 10 November 2005, the museum has a collection of 25 trams, 24 of which formerly operated on the Brisbane tram network. The museum has one of every type of tram that ran in Brisbane during the heyday era of tram travel.

The afternoon passed quickly as we travelled through the history of our trams from the oldest - No. 47, a "California Combination" or "Matchbox" tram, built in 1901 up to the newest tram in the collection - No. 554 a "Four Motor" tram built by the Brisbane City Council after the Paddington tram depot fire, commonly known as a Phoenix car.

Along with a trolley bus, recovery vehicles and unrestored trams, museum houses an extensive photographic collection of Brisbane's tramway and street transport heritage. A very enjoyable and fascinating glimpse into our forgotten past.

If you are looking for an easy and informative way to spend a Sunday, we recommend following the rally route at your own leisure. A very relaxed afternoon was had by all who braved the morning's dampness to join us.

Article by Michael & Janelle



The oldest tram in the Museum's collection – Tram no 47 also known as a Matchbox Tram.



The cars sitting pretty in the sun.



Kev & Paula's A70 Hereford with Tram no 47



Austin Christmas by the Bay

On Sunday 7 December, some of our Austineers headed to Lota for a BYO Christmas get together. Since the park chosen was close to a Fish n Chip shop, some of the group bought lunch instead.

The Gazebos went up and there was plenty of shade and cool breeze to keep everyone comfortable.

Only a few Austins made it to the lineup because a storm and wild weather was predicted. Aircon was a 'must have' for the drive to the bay.

Irene and Jenny arrived with their baskets overflowing with goodies plus Christmas cloth and 'the works'.

Jen also brought along a few Christmas quizzes to test the brain power of the attendees. Much laughter ensued.

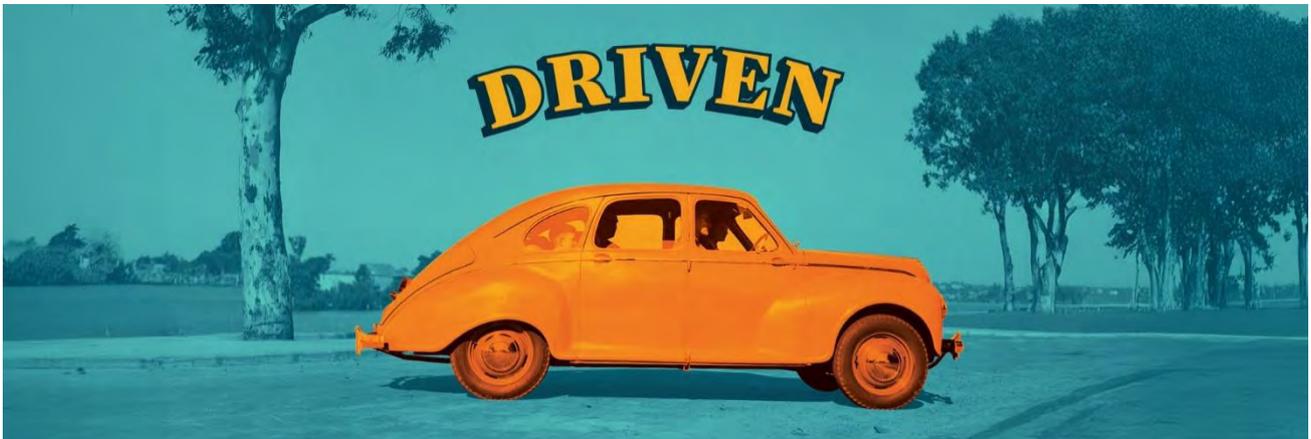


Bruce and Rhondel, Janelle and Michael, Brian and Lorraine, David and Andrea, Madonna and Bernie, Merv and Margaret, Paula and Kev, Ken and Des, Nairn, Steve, Jen, Irene and Rory participated in the outing.

Article by Desley Parker

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO?



DRIVEN: every car has a story on at the State Library South Bank

How many times have members of the public come to talk to you about your Austin when we are out and about?

Well, the State Library has a display on presently, which celebrates our journey through time in relation to the cars we have owned and wanted to own.

The display includes artwork and memorabilia from the 1900's onwards as well as home movies and photographs.

Ready for a bit of nostalgia? – maybe a trip to the State Library will be a trip down memory lane.

The exhibition is free and runs from now until 8 February.

Time:

9am till 5pm Monday to Friday or
10am till 5pm Saturday and Sunday

Article by Desley Parker

The first Australian Grand Prix

Do You Know...?

- ❖ When the first Australian Grand Prix was?
- ❖ Where the first Australian Grand Prix was?
- ❖ What car won the first Australian Grand Prix?
- ❖ Who drove the winning car in the first Australian Grand Prix?

A lot of members probably know the answers to these questions because it was all about an Austin 7.

In the beginning...

- ❖ A race was held on 15 January 1927.
- ❖ It was a speedway event held at the Goulburn Racecourse. The cars raced in pairs over 4 laps of 'a mile and a bit on an oval grass track' until the fastest two competitors competed in the final over six laps.
- ❖ This race was won by Geoff Meredith in his Bugatti T30.

BUT...

The following year permission was granted by the Woolamai and Phillip Island Shire Council for the 'Victorian Light Car Club' to host the 100 Miles Road Race at the Phillip Island road circuit.

This race was then considered to be the First Australian Grand Prix.

- ❖ This race was scheduled for Monday, 26 March, 1928.
Because of inclement weather, it was finally run on Saturday 31 March 1928.
- ❖ The winning car was a modified Austin 7 which was supported by the Austin Motor Company and driven by Arthur Waite.

Colonel Arthur Cyril Roy Waite (1894-1991) was an Australian racing driver. He was born in Adelaide and employed by an engineering firm. He served in Gallipoli where he was hospitalised and where he met Irene Austin, daughter of... (you guessed it), Herbert Austin.

After the war Arthur worked for the Austin Motor Company and was sent back to Melbourne to establish Austin Distributors Pty Ltd.

Before his return to Australia, he won races at Brooklands and Monza having established the firm's motor racing efforts in England.

A little bit of history – totally different to the juggernaut which is the Australian Grand Prix today and which will take place in Melbourne on 8 March 2026.

Maybe another Aussie winner?



BRITISH CARS ON TOP NOW AND ALWAYS



Australia's First Road Race —Kellow Cup—Grand Prix Won by the Marvellous Austin Seven

The Grand Prix

- 1st—Austin Seven (Captain Waite) 1 hr. 46 min. 40 secs.
- 3rd—Austin Twelve (C. R. Dickason) 1 hr. 54 min. 2 secs.
- 750 C.C. CLASS.
- 1st—Austin Seven (Captain Waite)
- 2nd—Austin Seven (B. R. Mas)
- 3rd—Austin Seven (T. M. Davey)
- 4th—Austin Seven (S. V. King)
- 2000 C.C. CLASS.
- 2nd—Austin Twelve (C. R. Dickason)

Again proving itself "The Champion of Champions" among the fastest cars in Australia 100 miles including 60 right angle bends in 1 hr. 46 min 40 sec.

The Austin Seven though only 750 c.c. won this race against all comers in the 1,100 c.c., 1,500 c.c. and 2,000 c.c. classes. Five Austin cars started and all finished the strenuous course.

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME
Victorian Light Car Club

100 Miles Road Race

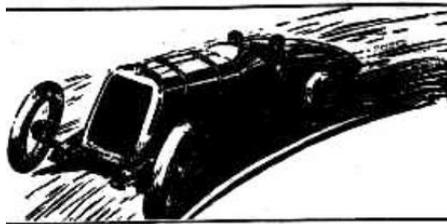
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After the loss of their son, the Austins celebrated a happier event on 14 October 1918 when their eldest daughter, Irene, married Captain Arthur Waite. Her Australian husband was a successful racing driver and would become a member of the Longbridge management team.

Article by Desley Parker

Acknowledging information and photos from Wikipedia and Primotipo.com

New Members and their cars!

Glen and Kelli Makey
(Membership number 760)



1960 Austin A60 BOBO Wagon



1962 Wolseley 24/80 Sedan



1958 Dodge Kingsway Sedan

John and Lisa Vichie
(Membership number 759)



1958 Austin A55 Cambridge Mark 1 Sedan

Patrick and Catherine McGrath
(Membership number 761)



1939 Austin 8 Tourer

Events

Coffee and Austins

Tuesday, February 17

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

The Curious Caravan Café
302 Grandview Road
Pullenvale, 4069

Thursday, February 19

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

Tenancy 5 21 Lorsch Way
Rochedale 4123

Tuesday, March 3

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

94 Flinders Parade
Sandgate, 4017

Tuesday, March 17

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

The Curious Caravan Café
302 Grandview Road
Pullenvale, 4069

Thursday, March 19

10:00 AM 12:00 PM

Tenancy 5 21 Lorsch Way
Rochedale 4123

Classifieds

Model A Tudor 1930 Left hand drive + Tilt Trailer

Manufactured in Denmark - after war travelled Europe Costa Rica. Refurbished in Scotland - travelled England and Europe - then Tasmania at Penguin for 10 years then Gympie now in Ipswich, Qld.

- 4 brand new tyres (spare wheels and tyres)
- Rebuilt carby (spare carby and distributor)
- New battery
- Wooden storage box on back
- Trophy winner Festival of wheels
- Price: \$35,000
- Also for sale a Tilt Trailer
- Only used a couple of times hand winch included
- Price \$10,000

Contact Jo on 0417 722 991 or Alan on 0417 747 167
Date listed: 10 January 2026



1971 Vandan Plas Princess 1300

- Almost all original, with 34,000 genuine miles.
- Comes with owner's handbook and service passport.
- Imported into Australia around 10 years ago. No rust. Comes with parts. Original BMC rubber mats.
- Serious offers considered.
- Location: Dutton Park, Qld

Contact: Ethan Spoljarevic (Timeless Automotive) on 0411 350 818 or email:

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