



Austin Times

Do the right thing, save an Austin!

March - April 2025



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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**.

ZOOM log in is available for meetings.

www.austinmotorvehicleclubqld.org

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Members

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.

ZOOM log in is available for meetings.

Links provided to members via email.

President's Corner

The breakfast day at the Club Rooms was very successful. Good progress was made on the wiring loom for the 1800 and good progress was made on the future of the Web Site and Facebook Group and Kris is looking to streamline the Impromptu Run information.

The events calendar is almost full for the year and there should be something for everybody in the runs.

The AOA preparations are advancing and thank you to Desley for liaising with the quilt people and sending them what they require. Desley and Jill will be looking after the regalia and by the time you read this, what will be available will be settled. The budget for the AOA will also be settled and a registration amount for the event settled. Ken will be sending out regular newsletters and we will be ready to take entrants via the Web Site. Ken has the northern run programme in place, and we will come back via Maryborough so it would be a good chance for those going to the AOA to book accommodation.

Thank you to Bob Holdsworth for taking over the Concessional Registration job.

I would encourage some of the newer members to come on some of the runs. The restoration does not need to be finished and all members in any car are welcome and for the recently finished restorations a run is a good way to iron out any bugs.

Cheers Kev

AMVCQ Meeting 3 April 2025

Meeting opened by Kev Airton at 7.31 PM

Members	18 members present and 4 logged in by ZOOM.
Apologies	Irene Carlill, Desley Parker, Desley Carter, Kath Marmo and Bruce Johannessen
Visitors	NA
Previous Minutes	The meeting discussed the minutes from the previous meeting, which took place on February 6th. Ken mentioned that there was no meeting in March due to the cyclone. Moved Ken the Minutes be accepted and Seconded by Ken Carter. Carried
Correspondence	Ken shared an email he received from a lady planning her father's 90th birthday party, along the "This is your Life" theme, and her efforts to find an Austin A40 owner for the event. Ken asked the group if anyone had such a car that could be used to take the father from Ferny Hills to the City Hall to the party. Father's first car was an A40. Kev offered to help. Thanks Kev! He also advised a resignation from Bill Lee had been received. Bill had joined the club in April 2023. He only has a Mini now and has joined the Mini club. A30 Spotlights Mag received from the UK. Ken moved the correspondence be accepted and endorsed. Seconded by Mike Wade. Carried.
Treasurer's Report	Barry presented the financial report for the March quarter, which included the opening balance, income, payments, and the balance as of the 31st of March 2025. Moved Barry Seconded Ken Carter. Carried.
CLUB Business	Mark provided an update on the club's tax returns, which are up to date with nothing to pay. Next return will be in 2025. We are required to lodge a nil return every year. We now have a Tax File Number. Mark mentions needing to officially be appointed as the liaison person for the tax office.
Next Events	Michael Wells discusses upcoming events for the club, including a visit to the Brisbane Bus Museum on July 5th arranged by Irene and 3 potential runs to be organized by John Cameron. Doug is arranging a visit to a Gasket manufacturing business. Michael also mentions the upcoming Workshop Saturday 12th April. Several external events such as car shows, and swap meets. The group is planning a weekend away to Warwick to celebrate the birthdays this year of 5 members who are turning 80. Run is 16-18th May. Members can find details on the web.
Cars and Parts	The meeting then shifts to a discussion about Austin cars, with Kev updating the meeting on the current project of restoring the Austin 1800. A Wiring Loom had been obtained but needed sorting and was planning to bring it to the workshop day. After wiring the car the next project will be to install the engine. Barry mentions he may be looking to purchase a new rear axle for his Austin A40.
Regalia	NA
Membership	NA
Concessional Registrations	Bob agreed to take over from Ken Carter and look after future Concessional Registration matters.
Web/Facebook	NA
General Business	<p>Paul's Business and Automotive Projects</p> <p>Paul Viner discusses various topics including his business, automotive parts, and personal projects. He mentions finding a screw supplier for a specific part and talks about working with students who have made aluminium toolboxes and mobile stools. Students don't want to keep them, so Paul is offering them to members. Provided examples of the mobile chairs and toolboxes made by his students. Great when working on your car.</p>

Meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Next Meeting 1 May 2025

Stories of our Austins

This is a pic of my 1954 Austin A30 which I bought in October 2023.

A pic came up on Facebook marketplace one night and I thought, how cute, seems cheap!

Next day I owned her and learned from club members she wasn't really cheap at all. 😊

I'd never even considered having a vintage car before!

Because I had accommodation booked at Coolangatta in 2024 for Cooly Rocks, part of my thinking was, I could have my own old car there.

All that never happened in the end.

However....maybe it was meant to be, seeing as AOA is happening in Maryborough next year which is where I'm from. I'm looking forward to that.

Lucky for me, seeing as I have zero mechanical skills, Club members have been very kind and helpful.

That's a little bit of my story.

Cheers

Jenny Simpson



Austins out and about

The photos below were sent to Lorraine Wright by Pam & Gary Crook. Spotted in Wynyard (Tasmania) looking too good to be a garden display!



The photos below were taken by Lorraine Wright while on a recent trip to Windermere (Ballarat). The sign on the old shop is appropriate. Rust in Peace.



A very special birthday surprise!

In March, the Austin Motor Vehicle Club Queensland (Inc.) website received an intriguing enquiry...Lisa and Kerri Duran had reached out to organise a very special birthday surprise for their father, John, who was turning 90 on April 3rd. They wanted to celebrate this milestone by doing a 'this is your life' type day. As John's very first car that he bought himself was a 1952 Austin A40 (and to this day he still remembers the registration plate!), his daughters wanted to get him back into an Austin!

After quite a bit of ringing around by our diligent secretary Ken Parker, it was lined up that President Ken would drop in to see John on Saturday, April 5th to surprise him with a walk down Austin memory lane. Pictures capturing this very special birthday surprise are on the next page.

John's story

In 1961 at the age of 26, after riding motor scooters (aka mopeds) for 8 years, I decided to buy my first car. Looking at used cars behind the long gone, shell service station at Red Hill in Brisbane, one car in particular, caught my eye. It was a 1952 Dark grey, Austin A40 Devon sedan, and to this day I recall the registration being Q584-646.

I decided there and then to go get my car licence from Main Roads, which back then was situated in Albert Street Brisbane city.

After buying what was now my pride and joy, I wanted to spruce it up. So, with a paint brush in hand, I proceeded to paint the dashboard and wheel rims in bright red, and like many young chaps went cruising along Queens Street with ribbons on the aerial, it was the 'in thing' in the 60's.

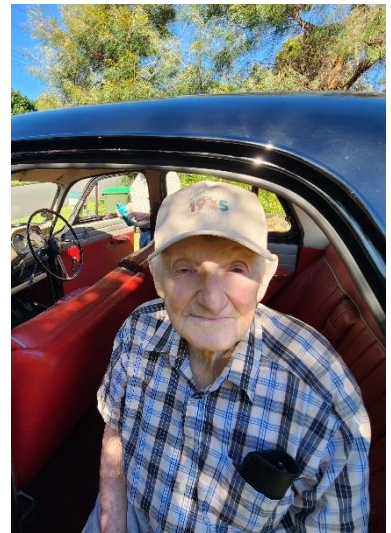
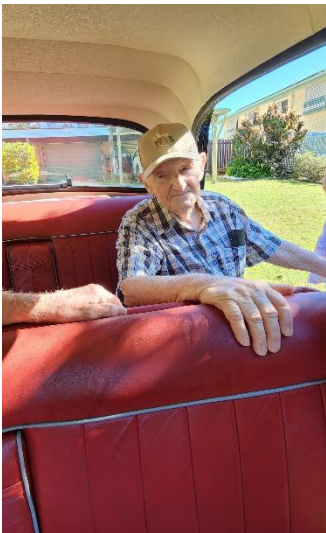
Although it was a solid car, a couple of mechanical problems caused a few hassles, and I always found the steering column shifter awkward, and the door handles odd as they sloped downwards.

Many enjoyable days were spent in my first car, including weekends driving down the coast and going to the Speedway most Saturday nights.

After a sudden event which occurred in my life in 1966, I made the impulsive decision to say goodbye to the A40 after having it approximately 5 years.

To mark my 90th birthday, my daughters did a 'This is your life' birthday flashback for me, reminiscing on the past. I was gifted a ride in a 1956 Austin A90, bringing back many memories. Many thanks to Kev for my special, enjoyable day.

John Duran



Workshop Day

We woke up to a miserable day on Saturday 12 April for our Breakfast/ Workshop/ Meeting day at the clubrooms. Another day of pelting rain on the Bruce Highway for us.

Kev and Nairn manned the Barbecue and produced breakfast for a hungry horde of club Members.

The horde included Ken and Desley Carter, John and Jill (first time at the club rooms), Lorraine and Brian, Mark Christine and Jayne with Mammy the dog (adopted club member), Bob and Fiona (with cake for morning tea), Bob Duncan, Irene, Nicole, Kris and Mckenzie, Nairn, Mike Wade, Michael Clements, Michael Wells, Ross, Paul, Barry, Richard, Doug and Chantal (Doug's daughter), Ken and Des Parker, President Kev (without Paula due to unforeseen circumstances) and new member (Stephen Radford).

The sausages, eggs, bacon, disappeared quickly in between conversations and catchups.

It was then on to the next item on the day's agenda - sorting out the loom for the 1800 so that the club project could move on to the next phase of restoration. A few, with expertise, took part in this exercise. Ken Carter, Michael Wells, Michael Clements, Paul Viner, Nairn Hindhaugh (using his 1800 to check wiring locations) and anyone else with any knowledge of electrics joined in to complete the job.

Some attendees left before lunch making their way home before the storm hit.

It was a BYO lunch Day so moving on from the headache of the loom, those remaining and some new arrivals moved on to the meeting phase to decide on what changes needed to be made to the IT component used by the club.

Some discussion around The AOA 2026 took place as well as upcoming Club runs to Warwick and Gayndah, Bundaberg and Maryborough and others on the drawing board as advised by Michael Wells.

Lots accomplished with a great roll up of club members on the day! See pictures from the day on the next page.



Tech Talk

Replacing head studs with bolts on an Austin A40

By Barry Horey AMVCQ member

Having had a head gasket blow I decided to fit new head studs as I didn't know how many times the existing ones had been torqued. Much to my dismay new head studs are not available, not even in the UK. It was suggested I contact an engineering firm and have them manufactured but they didn't want to even quote.

I found a Brisbane company, Bolt & Nut Australia located in Murarrie, had 4" x 3/8" BSF 20 TPI high tensile bolts. I needed 4 x 4" and 7 x 3 1/2" so I ordered 12 (so I had a spare if needed) plus high tensile washers and a 3/8" BSF 20 TPI Die Nut.



Using the die nut, I extended the thread on a bolt by 1/2" then cut off 1/2", cleaned the end of the thread before removing the die nut ensuring the end thread was clear. This was done for the next 6 bolts.



New head gasket fitted to block using 2 of the old studs as guides. Studs then removed and the new bolts with washers fitted and torqued down starting at 20 psi and working up to 35 psi in 5 psi increments.



Head in place with rocker assembly and bolts torqued down.

Events

16 to 18 May Warwick Trip

Visit to Warwick for 80th Birthday celebrations this year!
Separate run sheet with details for those coming along.

Saturday, May 17 National Motoring Heritage Day

7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Ormiston State School
82-110 Gordon Street Ormiston, QLD

23 to 27 July Central Queensland Run

Perhaps for a Christmas in July dinner. More information to come.

Coffee and Austins

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

10:00 AM 12:00 PM
94 Flinders Parade
Sandgate, 4017

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

10:00 AM 12:00 PM
The Curious Caravan Café
302 Grandview Road
Pullenvale, 4069

Thursday, May 22, 2025

10:00 AM 12:00 PM
Tenancy 5 21 Lorisich way
Rosedale 4123

Classifieds

Austin tool kit wrap, Jack and maybe an old foot pump

I believe I have an original Austin tool kit wrap, Jack and maybe an old foot pump?

I'd love to chat to an enthusiast to discuss best outcome for these pieces.

I look forward to a chatting with the right person soon. Scotty.

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