



FLAT CHAT NEWSLETTER
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COMING EVENTS

JULY

7th General Meeting
 13th Committee Meeting
 17th Donald Healey Birthday Display

AUGUST

4th General Meeting
 6th Central Coast W'shop
 10th Committee Meeting
 Sydney Technical Workshop

July 3rd is the birthday of Donald Healey and over the last five or so years, our club has held what has become one of the most important days on the AHOC's calendar

The Donald Healey Birthday Display Day.

The Display Day was to be held on the actual day, but less than pleasant weather meant that it was postponed to Sunday 17 July.

This year the Display Day is being combined with our annual Show and Shine so how about coming along with your car to Parramatta Park on Sunday July 17rd?

DONALD HEALEY BIRTHDAY DISPLAY DAY SHOW & SHINE 2022



Please join us on **SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022**

At the Bowling Green, Parramatta Park
 (Located near the main entry at the corner of Macquarie & Pitt Streets Parramatta)
 From 10am until 3.30pm

Due to COVID we are NOT supplying lunch so please bring a picnic lunch, a chair and your car

Donald Healey was born on 3 July 1898 and throughout his lifetime was involved with the development of Healey, Austin-Healey, Riley, Alvis, Triumph, Jensen, Humber, Nash, Invicta and Austin marques

Austin-Healey Owners Club (NSW) Inc would like to celebrate DMH's birthday with a gathering of many of the above cars as possible.

For further information, please contact Ross on 0408 465 547 or email us at enquiries@austinhealeynsw.com.au

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Our monthly meetings are held at Strathfield Golf Club, 52 Weeroona Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135 on the 1st Thursday of each month commencing at 7.30pm.

Members and guests are welcome to join us for dinner in the bistro from 5.30pm.

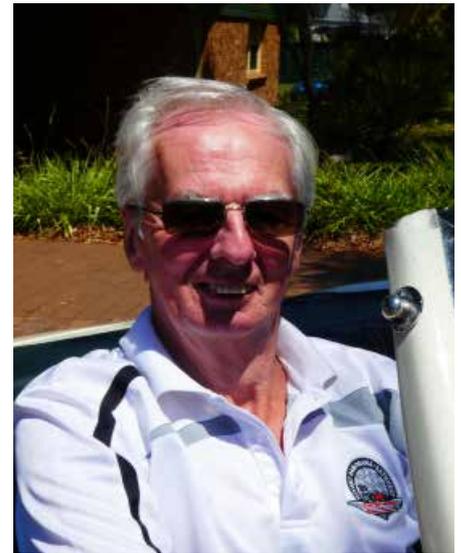
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the May Flat Chat, I mentioned that I was looking forward to the Mini-Rally in Mildura. Well, we had a great trip to Mildura and really enjoyed the Rally as no doubt you have read in last month's Newsletter. Yesterday (30 June) not only did I have to collect some EOFY data from the Internet, I also had the unwelcome task of notifying the postponement from 3 July to the 17th of the Donald Healey Birthday Display Day. This was in the expectation that forecast heavy rain and strong winds would make Donald's birthday a miserably damp if not downright soggy event if held on 3 July. As I write this (Friday), the chap on the radio is almost happily forecasting a possible 'East Coast Low' forming this weekend. These are not uncommon events, but they are occasionally severe, akin to a Queensland cyclone. It was one of these that parked the 'Pasha Bulker' on the beach at Nobby's Head in 2007.

This weekend's foul weather forecast somehow also brought to mind the Mini-Rally which also just happened to coincide with the wettest weekend that Mildura had experienced for some months. The locals were very happy with the rain, as they needed it, but it did dampen the enthusiasm for car displays and outdoor events. That makes two significant Austin-Healey events which could have been a lot drier.

Not having much else that needed my urgent attention, I investigated a bit further. Imagine my surprise when I discovered from our rainfall records show that our March General Meeting just happened to be scheduled on the day when we had the second highest rainfall of what was a very wet month. Then in April we managed to pick the very day when we had absolutely the highest rainfall in that month.

Looking back over the years there



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have been some memorably damp events. There was the 'Fire Frolic' back in those halcyon pre-covid days of March 2020. It rained. Oh boy did it rain! I've never managed before to fill the footwell of my '100' with water, but managed it that trip. At least it was warmish water, but that didn't really improve Louise's appreciation

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If you want to send something by post, the Club's address is:-

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It would be appreciated if there were no phone calls to committee members after 9:00 PM.

EXHAUST LEAKS



By Patrick Quinn
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Greetings and welcome to the July 2022 issue of the Flat Chat Newsletter.

I did intend that this issue of the *Flat Chat Newsletter* was going to include the report on the Donald Healey Birthday Display Day, but the weather gods had other ideas. It's come down in buckets resulting in devastating floods for so many poor folk. For us, not being able to get across the Hawkesbury River is relatively minor.

So this *Flat Chat* isn't quite chock-a-block as I would have liked. Anyway thanks to Ronnie Strange for his thoughts on comparing the NRMA's *Open Road Magazine* to *Flat Chat* and the *Australian Austin-Healey*. Please don't get me started on how after the NRMA bought Australian Classic Car the successful publication went downhill very quickly.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find reports on the Central Coast run to Spencer held on 4 June and the display preparation workshop on 25

June. Many thanks to Terry and Pat Bancroft for opening their home on the day and especially to Terry who had not long beforehand suffered a stroke.

I managed to find a few other things that I hope that everyone will find entertaining and informative. There are photos of Healeys and Austin-Healeys that ran in this years Mille Miglia and looking at the entry list there were a total of 26.

Some Austin-Healey owners are prolific sales brochure collectors so when I saw a 3000 hard top brochure come up on eBay UK, I had to borrow the photos for everyone to see. I didn't know that such a thing existed.

The word of the month is certainly 'disheartened'! Last month I mentioned that the engine of the Quinn Austin-Healey wouldn't turn over. Both Neville Stirton and I used a big and bigger screwdriver without success. Neville retired to the corner and came back a few days later with an endoscope so we could have a look down the cylinders through the spark plug holes. Thank you Ray

Roberts for the use of your machine.

We didn't need to go past no 1 cylinder and the problem was plain to see. There was rust on the cylinder wall that was preventing the piston from moving any reasonable distance.

How come? We didn't know so the cylinder head was removed and yes it certainly was rust. In case you're wondering the engine has been rebuilt with next to no miles since. Our first thought was that the cylinder head had developed a leak, so that is currently away receiving a pressure test. However after a bit of head scratching we are fairly sure it's not the cylinder head, but won't know for sure until the results of the pressure test comes back. More likely it's coolant seeping between the cylinder sleeve and the block. Yes the engine received six sleeves during the rebuild.

Is 'disheartened' a suitable word? Probably not strong enough.

Trust, you enjoy this issue of the Flat Chat Newsletter, and I look forward to receiving your words and photos.



Monthly Meetings

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Strathfield Golf Club Weeroona Rd, Strathfield. Starting at 7.30pm or enjoy dinner from 5.30pm



Minutes of the General Meeting

Thursday, 2 June 2022.

Commenced: 7:50 pm.

Venue - Strathfield Golf Club

ATTENDEES

11.5

VISITORS & NEW MEMBERS

Visitors welcomed were Julian & Miriam Aubanel, and Nagy Khouri.

APOLOGIES

Terry & Patricia Bancroft, Mal French, Denis Kasza, Garry Lee, Bryan Levy, Gordon & Louise Lynas, Doug & Pamela Ross, Judy Sherman and Ronnie Strange.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the General Meeting held 5 May 2022, as published in the June 2022 issue of *Flat Chat*, be verified as a correct record of that meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The only snail mail received was the May issue of The Australian Jaguar Driver.

Electronic magazines and newsletters received included:

- Rally Directions (CRC) – April
- Healeys West (WA) – June
- Speed Read (MSA) – May
- Healey Torque (Qld) – June
- 100's & 1000's (Vic) – May

Other non-spam emails received were:

- A reminder about the Cooly Rocks On Festival in Coolangatta (10-12 June)
- Chance to win a 1974 Chev Corvette convertible & 2022 Scout Indian motorbike through Shannons insurance
- Call from the CMC for 2022 Volunteer of the Year nominations (forwarded to the Committee)
- Request from a non-member to attend the

DMH display day with his 1964 Sprite (for warded to Ross Penman)

- Opportunity to purchase copies of a limited edition book "Around the World in 80 Weeks" (in a Sprite!) from the author, David Matthews.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John then reported on the Club's funds as at 31 May 2022:

Debit card	\$301.93
Main Account	\$3,848.81
Cash Reserve	\$12,501.05
Charlie's Run	\$3,151.82
Term Deposit	\$79,221.94

Total interest received was 57c – a massive 350% increase on the previous month!

Receipts for the month included 2022/23 membership subscriptions (\$1,715), deposits for the Jacaranda Run (\$300) and regalia from the May meeting (\$19). Payments included a further \$150 for the 2023 rally logo, \$11,000 deposit to Chateau Elan for the rally, \$1,975 for issue 31 of the national magazine, \$59.98 for Flat Chat software (May & June), and a bond of \$570 to Parramatta Park for the Donald Healey Birthday display day.

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bruce reminded everyone of a couple of upcoming events:

- Workshop at Greg Strange's premises in Darlington – 11 June
- Show'n'shine/concours workshop – 25 June at Terry Bancroft's residence
- Donald Healey Birthday Display Day – 3 July at Parramatta Park
- Colin Rule reminded everyone of the Central Coast coffee run on 4 June

Bruce advised he was looking for a location for the August workshop in Sydney.

A couple of potential future locations/events included:

- The Motorlife/NRMA museum in Wollongong
- The aircraft museum in Albion Park
- Wings over the Illawarra (27-28 November)
- A garden drive in the Blue Mountains in early November



Bruce noted that the Events section of the website was now up and running and it was his intention to add affiliated events to this area.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT

No report

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

After having to iron out a few technical gremlins, Jim did a demo of the Club's website, including the Events section, and also how members could add details of their cars.

MEMBERSHIP

Christine advised that she was going to investigate why so many of the invoices weren't attached to the membership renewal emails she'd sent out.

Nineteen members had already paid. There were 34 attendees at the meeting.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Patrick advised that *Flat Chat* and the *Australian Austin-Healey* had been emailed and mailed respectively.

REGISTRAR

Patrick advised that there'd been three new cars added to the list of historic vehicle registrations in the last month.

HISTORIAN

No report

LIBRARIAN

No report although Alan Mitchell advised that he had a new book to add to the library.

TECHNICAL OFFICER/CLUB EQUIPMENT/SPARE PARTS

Greg had a few technical tales for the meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No report

CMC REPORT

With respect to the CMC's call for a Volunteer of the Year, Ray thought that Tony De Luca would be a deserving nominee. Even though Tony had passed away

a year ago, Ray thought his enormous contribution deserved recognition.

Ray advised that the police were still being very active out Windsor way. Also, the CMC had written to Transport for NSW querying whether one of the conditional registration forms was accurate.

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH CAR CLUBS

A meeting was scheduled for the following week, so Christine would have more news after that. She advised that she would find out the cost of the All British Day tickets and report back to the Committee.

CSCA REPORT

Colin provided a brief update on supersprint activity.

REGALIA

Colin was at his best with selling a heap of framed photos/pictures donated by Allan Whitehouse – all got snapped up with only minimal coercion!

With respect to the coloured seatbelts he'd shown off last month, Colin updated everyone on the correct pricing of \$360 for lap-sash and \$220 for lap only.

And of course there was the usual range of stickers, coasters, umbrellas etc.

FOR SALE/WANTED

Patrick had bought in a heap of magazines and books to give away.

Jim reminded everyone that they could advertise items on the website.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Alan Mitchell advised that he had some Healey and Austin-Healey trading cards and he had also made a diorama with a new Matchbox AH
- There was some general discussion on vintage and veteran car insurance available through Shannons and the NRMA.

Meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

Vice President's Report

By Jim Phillips

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NSW Chapters - Non-City Members this is for you to respond to:-

I believe that this is probably the first time that you will have seen a report from the vice president in Flat Chat. It may be two reports, first and last, so let's see.

At the last committee meeting, after inquiries from a couple of "non-city members" to organise events within their locales, and as the Vice President doesn't really do anything within the club, I volunteered to further the idea of setting up chapters of the NSW club.

I recall many years ago, a recurring topic at meetings was the demise of single marque car clubs, especially those that were for cars no longer produced and that our club needed to be considering how we would respond. Well, it seems that these concerns were ill founded and instead members are moving to the country with their Austin-Healeys and enjoying the benefits of country driving.

Often, they are unaware of any members that may be in their area and the concept of having chapters is that the club can facilitate putting those members who are not in the Sydney area in touch with each other and our wider club membership. Our previous Social Secretary, Helen Vance, advocated for this concept and did some work, but obviously it needs members to put their hands up to get involved. Our website now makes that a little easier as it caters very well for the chapters, I'm told.

Colin Rule on the Central Coast has been running workshops/runs/coffee once a month for some time now and these are reported in each month's edition of Flat Chat. Currently we have about 30 members living in the Central Coast area, but members from Sydney quite often attend as it provides an opportunity to take cars out of their garages.

So far, such members as Geoff Golding in the Southern highlands and Greg Poole in the Bathurst areas have agreed to coordinate events, which is a good start. With the assistance of the webmaster, we have



been able to allocate members' postcodes into the regions designated by the NSW government which is a base, but my difficulty is that regions specified by the government, I'm assuming driven by population numbers, don't reflect the population area of our members.

What now needs to be done is: -

1. Members to volunteer to be the co-ordinator of events in their area (This doesn't necessarily mean organise, but to be the point of contact for events that other members may arrange).
2. Provide me with the postcodes/towns that would represent an area that members would attend so that I can create a list of members in that area to advertise events to.
3. Arrange some events or even participate in an event such as cars and coffee being held locally which might be a good opportunity for Austin-Healey owners to get together. Social Secretary Bruce Ewan would be happy to provide ideas and encouragement.

The role of the coordinator will be to provide a report to go into Flat Chat. This allows for our members to become connected, as well as including details of upcoming events which can be advertised and allow members on Historic registration to participate without using up days on their logbooks. Have a look what Colin does for the Central Coast to get an idea.

My contact is Vice President so please get in touch with me with your thoughts and ideas so that we can get this on the road and make the NSW club more inclusive, and not just for city slickers.

The website caters for chapters and when allocated will just send emails that are only relevant to a particular area which should reduce the number of unwanted communications.

Membership renewals are slowly being received.

If you wish to make your payment and you have not received an invoice, please make the payment to the following bank account for \$100 for one or two members and family members add \$20 for each child (Mark Boyd) with your surname in description so that we can marry the payment – if you cannot use alpha characters then use your postcode:

Westpac Banking Corporation
BSB: 032-669
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 252564

I understand from the number of emails I have had from members that you do not read my report in Flat Chat. Sorry with pressure of working for accountants at June year end I have not had time to answer the 113 emails received. The above request to make your payment was in June 2022 Flat Chat on Page 7 so you are not disadvantaged of not being able to take your car for a drive (mind you at the time of writing this who would want to) or miss out on receiving Flat Chat. Note, if your payment is not received by the end of the month you will not get the August 2022 Flat Chat. When will this rain end?

Given the issue over the past three years with invoices I will seriously be think about not issuing them in future years.

New members this month are:

- Lew and Anne McAllan from Bonnells Bay with a 3000 MKI BN7 and Sprite MKIV
- Brendan Ryan from Cremorne with a 100/6
- Rob and Judy Newton from Bathurst with a 3000 MKI BT7

All members have been accepted as Associate mem-

as it was her feet that were inundated. Long term club members still speak in awe of the rain that hit the 1988 Sydney National Rally. I suspect that there have been other spectacularly wet events over the years, but that one seems to take the prize in the Club's collective memory.

Now after a remarkably dry June (only a total of 15mm in my rain gauge) we have managed to book a really wet and windy Sunday for Donald Healey's birthday, our premier Display event. No doubt, he like me, was grateful for having a summer birthday (in England that

Membership Report Christine Lyttle

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bers until the committee meeting and then they will be upgraded to full memberships.

Welcome Lew and Anne, Brendan, Rob and Judy to the Club and look forward to seeing you at an event or meeting soon.

Jim gave a demonstration on how to use the website at the general meeting on Thursday 2 June 2023 and we would request that all members log in to the website and check your details and update your car details. The RSVP was also demonstrated and it is up and running for future events, we do entice you to use this when attending events. Thanks in advance for taking the time to view the website and add your vehicle photos.

I am heading overseas on 14 July for 6 weeks so will try to keep the payments updated while I am away as I will be informing Patrick of members who have not paid as you will not receive the August 2022 Flat Chat, we hope to see your payment soon!

Look forward to seeing you at the general meeting this Thursday or another event soon!

Keep safe and well!
Happy Healeying
Christine Lyttle

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is). Now I live in Australia, and I wish he had been born in November or May or some month when the Sydney weather is usually of the 'Goldilocks' variety, neither too hot nor too cold, and not usually particularly wet. Perhaps Donald, like the Queen, should have an 'official birthday' at a balmy and drier time of year?

Looking forward to meeting lots of our members at Donald's deferred Birthday on Sunday 17 July.

Happy Healeying

Gordon

Social Report

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The wide-open plains between Richmond and Penrith are fertile grounds, as the most recent Austin-Healey NSW Club gathering held Saturday 25 June within this precinct proved.

Patrick Quinn guided attendees through the process of preparing a car for Show & Shine, leading into the basics of concour preparation.

Concour display and preparation is a huge step, a large investment of time and sweat equity, often coupled with the enormous costs of doing so.

As the rise in classic car collecting and admiration grows, so do the number of show and shine events across the state and the continent. Most are a great day out, a guide of next steps to perfection, if that's your thing, plus the chance to see the rare and valuable, meet fellow motoring enthusiasts and more.

Patrick as the AH NSW club's leading light for period correct restoration, started by guiding us through the books that help to return 50 year old plus cars to factory spec. Moving through the cleaning aspects that we all know so well, the next steps were what is required to get to the concours standard and the rigorous rules that dictate that journey.



We have close to 200 cars in our club, yet only two that meet and have been judged as Gold standard. From that deduction it seems many are not interested in trailer queens with perfect paint and factory correct. We want something close to factory spec, yet which we can enjoy without being too precious.

I have tried where possible to return my car to factory spec, yet driving enjoyment ranks much higher and the miles are being cranked up. In the not too distant future a second AH is likely, original panels and engine yet with modern resto mod elements.

With June behind us, plans are well advanced for events and gatherings from July through to December. Trains, planes and automobiles plus gardens,



L-R. Richard Horwood, Terry Bancroft, Greg Strange, Frank van den Berg, Pat Bancroft, Peter Laurantus, Caroline Quinn, Dianne Lawlor, Ray Roberts and Patrick Quinn.

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historic houses, art sculpture and more. To see the plans please visit austinhealeynsw.com.au/events.

More importantly please register in advance so as to provide an indication of what is of interest for future planning.

Most of these events require a lot of time and planning to occur, both in advance and then on the day. For the rest of 2022 should we not get the required numbers a week out, I will cancel the event and notify those who have registered. So please register early. Make sure that you are not sitting at home in front of the TV, with the neighbour's cat.

Tell the neighbour you have plans, and they are the boring ones.

- 17 July Donald Healey Birthday celebration Parramatta Park.
- August Sydney Technical Workshop.
- August NRMA Motorlife Museum Wollongong.
- September- All British Day - Kings School North Parramatta.



- October
- November - Highfields Gardens - Little Hartley.
- November - Wings Over the Illawarra - Display Day and Aircraft Show (Free entry for Classic cars being displayed. Register in advance to be included).
- November - Christmas Markets - Darling Point.
- December - Christmas Party.

Don't Ask!

Please don't ask, I am without words why someone would want to do this to an Austin-Healey. No prizes for guessing where this is located.





Historic Vehicle Registration News

If you have a car on Historic Vehicle Registration you should read this.

A very busy month, with hardly a day passing without a renewal and on one particular day there were five.

It's also a very important time of the year. The time when you are asked to renew your AHOC membership. If you have a vehicle conditionally registered there are four Transport for NSW rules that you must adhere to.

1. your vehicle must be at least 30 years of age or older from the year it was manufactured. The vehicle must not be modified.
2. your vehicle must comply with the applicable vehicle standards as at the date of vehicle manufacture.

3. your vehicle must be as close to original condition as possible, with no alterations except for safety features such as seatbelts, turn indicators or period options, accessories and safety items.

4. you must be a member of a Transport for NSW-recognised historic vehicle club.

This time of the year is when the fourth rule becomes important, because if you are not a member of a recognised historic vehicle club your vehicle becomes unregistered. Of course, the AHOC is a recognised historic vehicle club, hence the importance of ensuring that your membership renewal is done in a timely way. You can choose to continue the registration of your vehicle through another historic vehicle club. That's your business, but it would be nice to let me know if you intend to register your car(s) through another club.

By the way there is not a single vehicle within our club on Conditional Registration that does not comply with rules 1, 2 and 3 above.

In case you have forgotten what to do when it's time for renewal, the following are the steps necessary.

- Once you have received the renewal from Transport for NSW, arrange for your vehicle to be inspected for roadworthiness by either an Authorised Inspection Station or one of the volunteer AHOC inspection officers. See page 2 of this Flat Chat for their contact details. Remember all vehicles including Historic vehicles need to be inspected and passed as roadworthy.

- Complete the left hand side of the "Historic Vehicle Declaration" and post it to me at my home address (See page 2 of this Flat Chat for my address) along with an indication that your car is roadworthy or a copy of the pink slip. Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope. There is no need to send me the registration certificate. Do not post me the documents by Registered Post as that just slows down the process as I have to go to the post office to accept a registered postal item.

- Once returned, either go to your local Services NSW office to do the renewal or post to Transport for NSW in Parkes. That address can be found on the registration papers.

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Motor Mechanic



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Central Coast Coffee Run to Spencer



Sitting at my computer scratching out some thoughts on the June 4th Spencer run, my thoughts go straight to the Friday before.

Friday the 3rd June, Kerrie and I were invited on a 'convertible run' to the Hawkesbury River with a ferry ride to Dangar Island for a really nice lunch.

The day was bitterly cold with no sun. On the way home driving the old 100, we were absolutely drenched and all I could think of was the weather for tomorrow and Spencer!

We had already cancelled the month before owing to torrential rain and road potholes, so it was an anxious wait. Saturday morning 7am came and to my delight, blue skies and not a cloud in sight. A perfect day.

All the ingredients for a great day's touring in our cars.

Four Austin-Healeys left Kincumber South around 9:20 a.m. Travelling in convoy through Gosford

and up to Somersby where we met two more Austin-Healeys, a MGB and an Austin Westminster. Leaving in convoy we travelled along the very scenic Wisemans Ferry Road and yes it was a brisk morning, but the sun was streaming down through the trees and onto the winding road ahead. Arriving at The Spencer Cafe on the Hawkesbury River around 11:30 AM was pure joy.

As our convoy (with the MGB as the sweep car) arrived at the Spencer Cafe, Lew McAllan who was driving the MGB couldn't wait to get out his car.

He came up to me and said, "I've been following you guys in the Austin-Healeys and they look so good. I want one!" Now have a new member in our club as Lew has purchased the BN7 previously owned by Neil and Kay Janes.

However there is more to our story. At Spencer two very nice young French ladies were admiring our cars. So I thought to myself, the best way to introduce our new friends to the Austin-Healey Marque was to take them for a drive around Spencer.



John Wakeling with jeune femme française.



Jeune femme de France with Mark McAllan.

So volunteers John Wakeling and Mark McAllan offered their services. That did the trick. Now we will have Soleene and Estelle joining us to celebrate Donald Healey's birthday on 3 July at Parramatta Park rose garden. (Now 17th July. PQ)

Also joining us for coffee, cake and a spot of lunch at Spencer was none other than, Col Goldsmith driving his new "Lexus" and arriving from the other end of town.

That made six Austin-Healeys, a Westminster a Lexus and a MGB. Those attending were: Mark and An-

nie McAllan BJ8, Scott and Kim Parry-Jones 100/6, Larry Johns MK1 3000, John and Kay Wakeling BJ8, Damian and Shena Carrick BJ8, Denis Kasza Westminster, Lew McAllan MGB, Col Goldsmith "Lexus" and Col and Kerrie Rule 100.

The July workshop will not be held at South Kincumber as we are going to Parramatta Park Rose Garden on Sunday 3rd July for The Donald Healey Birthday celebrations.

So Happy Healeying folks and all the very best. Col and Kerrie Rule.



Spot the Austin-Healey

Yes there is an Austin-Healey in this photo of a UK traffic jam and I have made the photo big enough so you can see it.

Sorry no prizes for finding it, just lots of warm feelings that will be worth it on the cold and wet day.

The July monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 7th at Strathfield Golf Club Weeroona Rd, Strathfield. Starting at 7.30pm or enjoy dinner from 5.30pm



A-H Magazine V NRMA Open Road A Thought(s) from Ronnie

Just finished reading the *AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN-HEALEY* and *FLAT CHAT*, always an enjoyable experience. These publications remain true to their objective featuring the marque cars. There are however some exceptions where pictures of people from far away places are seen lobbing Big Macs down their necks, but at least they own Austin-Healeys.

I'm a member of the NRMA or is it the YMCA, I get confused. I've "enjoyed" being rescued on two occasions after lengthy waits, but think I may have a solution to that, see later. I have no photos of these occasions as my camera senses embarrassment and refuses to work.

I receive their *OPEN ROAD* publication periodically.

The nostalgic articles are the things I find most interesting and that's about all I read. I do secretly read the members' letters. Secretly, because who would admit knowing these people. I've just read a letter from someone who bought a car in yellow because they couldn't find their previous car in a car park because it was white like all the other cars.

Another one bought a particular car because it was easier to lift the kids into. That should not be the reason you buy a car. These people, they're called **MOTORISTS** not drivers, should have special licenses and be limited to operating their vehicular choices in their own street.

Have you seen how long some people take to park their car especially reverse 90 degree parking? Well imagine if as one helpful letter writer suggests that all cars be fitted with reversing alarms like you hear from trucks?

I'm fortunate, my automatic memory obliteration process erases all the previous boring/pedestrian/inane scribbles of these *Open Road* **MOTORISTS**.

But wait, one more springs to mind, maybe I read it wrong and I'm not about to check it, the police might be watching, but someone said wide comfort-

able shoes could be the cause of cars being driven backwards into houses at high speed. Maybe I'm being judgmental or unsympathetic.

The adverts in our publications of Austin-Healey material are relevant to the main theme, Austin-Healey cars and their associate parts.

If you must, just secretly have a look at *Open Road* inside back page. I'm lost for words. A hideous ceramic object with cover that plays music when it's lifted about the size of my hand called an heirloom! Not even big enough for a small spanner. But, I must admit I couldn't make one myself for that price.

If you're hard of hearing the first thing you would not do is consult *Open Road*, but there is in case you forgot you were a bit deaf. Naturally I haven't looked in detail, but there's something about a Christmas village that lights up. I'm all for people from the northern hemisphere celebrating Christmas in July, but not this thing. Thankfully it's not available in store; imagine the shock if you casually glanced into a shop window and spotted one.

As I alluded to earlier, waiting times could be reduced greatly if there were more rescue trucks and operators. If the NRMA didn't send their drivers off to pilot cruise ships all around the world we'd be picked up much earlier. The NRMA should get out of the cruise ship business and focus on cars.

Have you seen that bloke from the NRMA on television who criticises everyone and reports on how awful it is that petrol prices are high. Mate we know that, why don't you do something. You're the **MOTORISTS ASSOCIATION** already, which includes drivers.

End of rant.

Forthcoming article, "AUSTIN-HEALYS ON CANVAS", just need to paint them first.

Ronnie Strange



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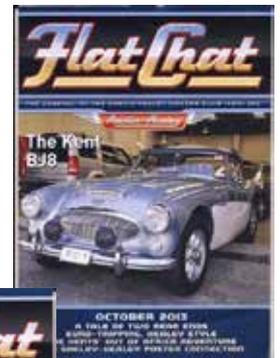
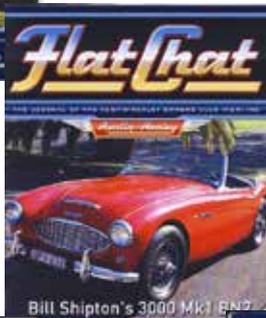
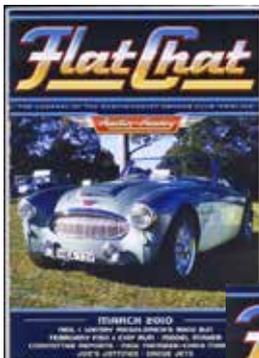
Flat Chat Back Issues

Interested in receiving backcopies of Flat Chat?
Now available, digital copies of Flat Chat for 2005 through to July 2022.

That's 180+ issues for you to read at your leisure.
Free and gratis to members. All you have to do is to send a 1-3GB USB (thumb) drive to me at the below address along with a stamped self-address envelope.

Patrick Quinn
"Wongaburra"
116 Warks Hill Road
Kurrajong Heights
NSW 2758

You can give me the drive (& stamp) at a meeting.



Competition Uplift

Is interest in competition on the uplift within the AHOC?

Perhaps so, going on the short email recently received from club member Chris Komor who has been running his 100 over the last few years at such diverse circuits as Phillip Island, Sandown and Winton.

At the March 2022 meeting at Phillip Island, the ex-Colin Goldsmith 3000 was run by Becher Townshend, the brother of club member Patrick Townshend who bought the car from Colin last year. Just recently Becher, who lives in Tasmania, purchased the ex-Brian Duffy racing 100/6 and says that he will

be joining the AHOC NSW.

In September this year Chris (100), Patrick (3000) and Becher (100/6) will be competing in the Baskerville Historics. If you don't know, the Baskerville circuit is located just north of Hobart. Chris also tells us that both he and Becher will be running their Austin-Healeys in the Lufra Hillclimb (Eaglehawk Nest, Tasmania) in August.

Here is a link to Becher Townshend running at Lufra Hillclimb in 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dISU3V4oYxc>



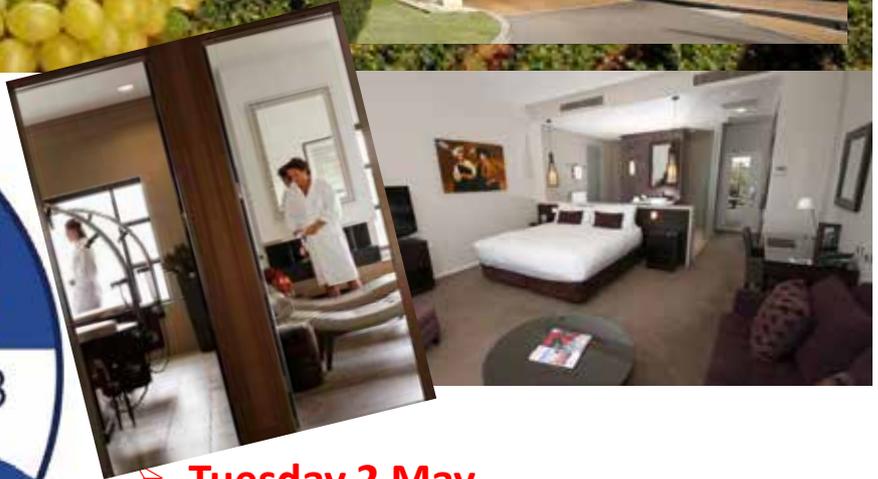
Chris Komor running his 100 at Phillip Island.



Becher Townshend in Patrick's 3000 at Phillip Island in March 2022



The 100/6 of Brian Duffy at Phillip Island in 2011.



2-5 May 2023

The NSW Club invites you to an event at Chateau Elan in the unforgettable scenery in the Hunter Valley.

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- **Tuesday 2 May**
Social meet and greet to refresh acquaintances with other Healey members
- **Wednesday 3 May**
Lunch in the wineries, dinner and dance the night away at the resort
- **Thursday 4 May**
Display of Healeys, some time to explore the Hunter and the Gala Dinner
- **Friday 5 May**
Brunch before saying goodbye and set off for your drive home

**Further Details to be revealed soon
Bookings will open September 2022**

Healeys and Austin-Healeys in the 2022 Mille Miglia

As the last Mille Miglia took place in 1957, entries are restricted to those vehicles built before 31 December 1957



Healey Elliott



100



100



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Pre-War Jensen

We no doubt all think of Jensen being the manufacturers of our Austin-Healeys, before they were sent on to Longbridge or Abingdon to have the mechanicals fitted.

However Alan and Richard Jensen built their first body for an Austin 7 back in 1926 and from then until the onset of WW2 had moved on to producing cars under their own name. There were also a huge number of commercial vehicles under the marque name of JNSN.

After contributing to the war effort, post hostilities Jensen Motors were building both cars and commercial vehicles and the 1950s and '60s were building not only the Austin-Healey, but also the Austin A40 Sports, Volvo P1800 and Sunbeam Tiger. Then followed the Chrysler powered Jensen CV8 and Interceptor.

The late 1960s saw the company hard hit by the change in the US car safety regulations, but the company continued through the 1970s that also saw the release of the Jensen-Healey. Unfortunately Jensen didn't make it through the mid-1970s, although there have been a number of unsuccessful attempts since to rebirth the Jensen name.

Pre-war examples of the Jensen marque are very thin on the ground so when one does come up for sale it's worth a look.

It's a 1938 Jensen 3½-Litre S-Type Dual-Cowl Tourer built for the Earls Court Motor Show of the same year. It is powered by a 3½ litre Ford side-valve V8 which made it a good performer when new. It was used by Alan Jensen in period and has pre-war rally history. It came up for auction, but the highest bid of £138,500 didn't reach the reserve.





Tasmania Tour - 2022

Most would be aware that the tour of Tasmania organised by Terry and Pat Bancroft scheduled for February had to be postponed due to Covid.

Well the good news is that the new dates for this popular event are 9 October to 23 October inclusive.

Terry is happy to provide the below itinerary for those who are interested.

If you want to know more please contact Terry Bancroft on on 0409 323 133, (02) 4777 4883 or bangers@bancroft.id.au



Austin Healey Car Club

Tasmania Tour 9 - 23 October 2022

Day 1 Sunday 9th October 2022

Melbourne to Devonport

The Spirit of Tasmania departs Station Pier (this may change to Geelong) 7.30pm for your overnight sailing to Devonport. Upon arrival at 6:00am, disembark and proceed with your tour.

(Breakfast will be at the Edgewater Hotel Ph: 03 6427 8441)

Day 2 Monday 10th October 2022

Devonport to Launceston

Stay LAUNCESTON : Country Club Villas
In 10 Out 13 October
Includes Full Buffet Breakfast Daily

Day 4 Thursday 13th October 2022

Launceston to Scamander

Stay SCAMANDER: Scamander Beach Hotel
In 13 Out 14 October
Includes Cooked Breakfast



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**Day 6 Friday 14th October 2022****Scamander to Hobart**

Stay HOBART : Old Woolstore
In 14 Out 18 October
Includes Full Buffet Breakfast Daily

Day 10 Tuesday 18th October 2022**Hobart to Queenstown**

Stay QUEENSTOWN : Gold Rush Motor Inn
In 18 Out 20 October
Includes Cooked Breakfast Daily

Day 12 Thursday 20th October 2022**Queenstown to Burnie**

Stay BURNIE : Beachfront Voyager
In 20 Out 22 October
Includes Cooked Breakfast daily

Day 14 Saturday 22nd October 2022**Burnie to Melbourne**

The Spirit of Tasmania departs East Devonport terminal at 7:30pm for the overnight crossing to Melbourne.

Day 15 Sunday 23rd October 2022**Arrive Melbourne**

The Spirit of Tasmania berths at 6:00am (either at Port Melbourne or Geelong - TBA)

Costs			
	Land	Porthole	Inside
Adult	\$1772.00	\$465.00	\$415.00
Single Person	\$2722.00	\$674.00	\$574.00

The above adult price is based on per person and 2 people sharing a room/ cabin
The above Single person price is based on per person and 1 person in a room/ cabin
Vehicle under 5 metres \$198.00 return



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PURPLE HAZE – CHARLIE’S RUN 2022

In 2018 Charlie’s regulars will recall that we went north and had a lovely time meeting fellow Queensland and Northern NSW members at Inverell and Dorrigo. Over a glass or two of wine one evening on that trip, it was suggested that it would be great if one year Charlie’s Run was to visit the Grafton Jacaranda Festival. This is an event that a select group of northern members have made a fixture in their calendar for a number of years. As they recommended it so highly, this year you have the opportunity to join them to enjoy the oldest floral festival in Australia.

This year, the Festival is being held from 28 October to 6 November, although we will be visiting for only a few of those days. As usual we will take a relaxed tour both to get there and to return. Our provisional schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, 2 November – travel to Gloucester.

Thursday, 3 November – Gloucester to Armidale via Thunderbolt’s Way.

Friday, 4 November – arrive at Grafton and meet with the northerners.

Saturday and Sunday, 5 & 6 November - at Grafton to enjoy the festivities.

Monday, 7 November - depart Grafton for Port Macquarie.

Tuesday, 8 November - overnight at Tea Gardens

Wednesday, 9 November - Home.

This should mean that we will driving for around three hours each day leaving time for a leisurely lunch and to have a stroll around town each afternoon.

The cost of this run will be around \$550 per room for seven nights’ accommodation. As we have limited numbers this year, we can take advantage of some

smaller towns and motels, however these generally don’t have restaurants attached. Hence meals will be for you to decide at each location, although I suspect that our northern contingent will at least be able to provide good advice of where to eat. I suspect that we will probably organise a BBQ or such like for at least one of our Grafton evenings.

The Festival is very popular and accommodation is limited so don’t delay in booking your place. To do so, email or call Gordon (gordon1@aussiebb.com.au, or 0403 198 343) and don’t forget to pay your deposit of \$50 per person to the club by electronic funds transfer, including your name and reference ‘Jacaranda’.

If you can’t add a text reference, most banks will allow you to add a numeric reference so please use your club membership number or, if you don’t know that, your Postcode, to help me identify your payment.

If you are not able to make an electronic funds transfer, please deposit a cheque at your local Westpac bank payable to the Austin-Healey Owners Club NSW account detailed below and let Gordon know that you have done so by email or phone.

Westpac Bank: BSB 032 669, A/c no. 277411
‘AHOC Charlies Run’

Happy travels

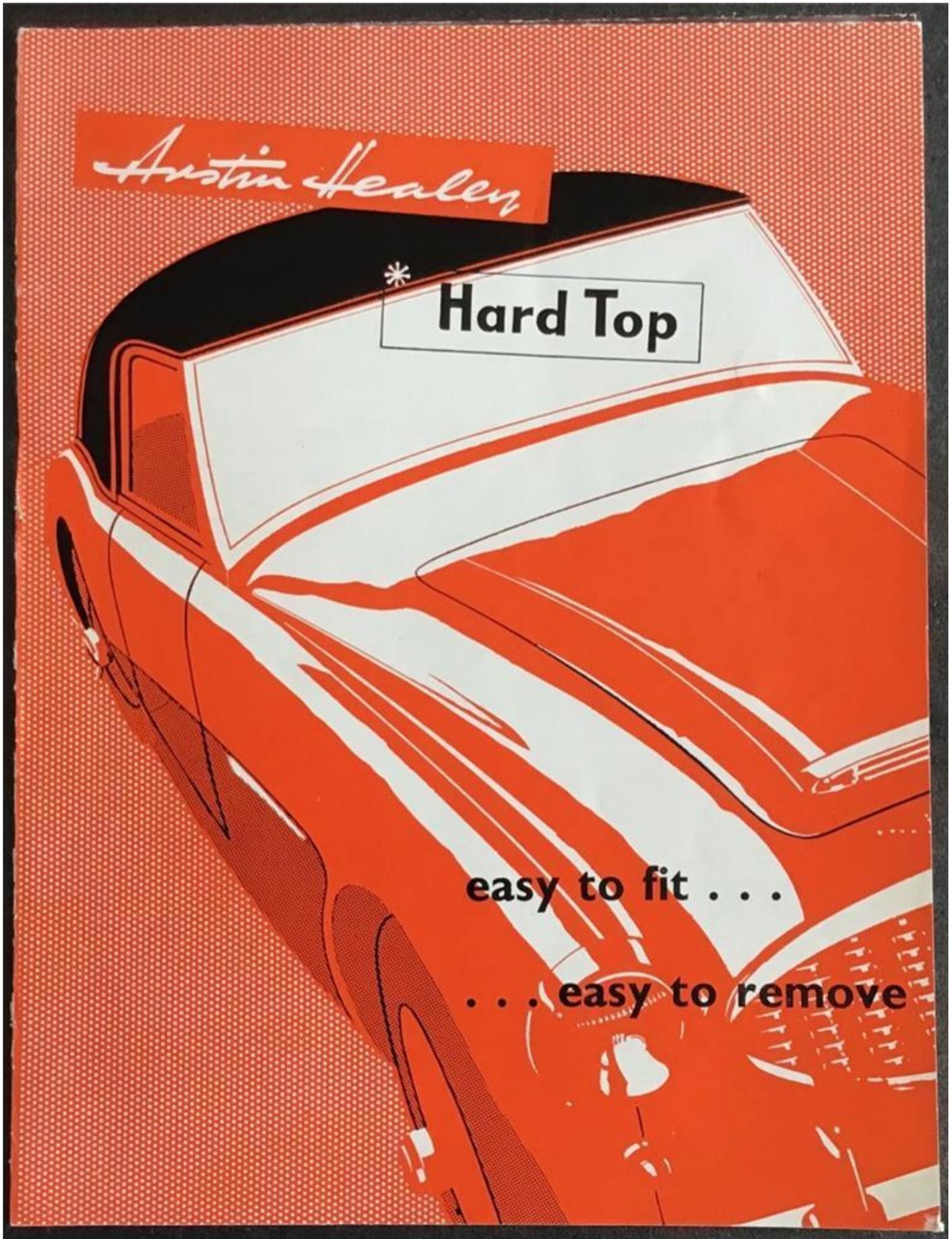
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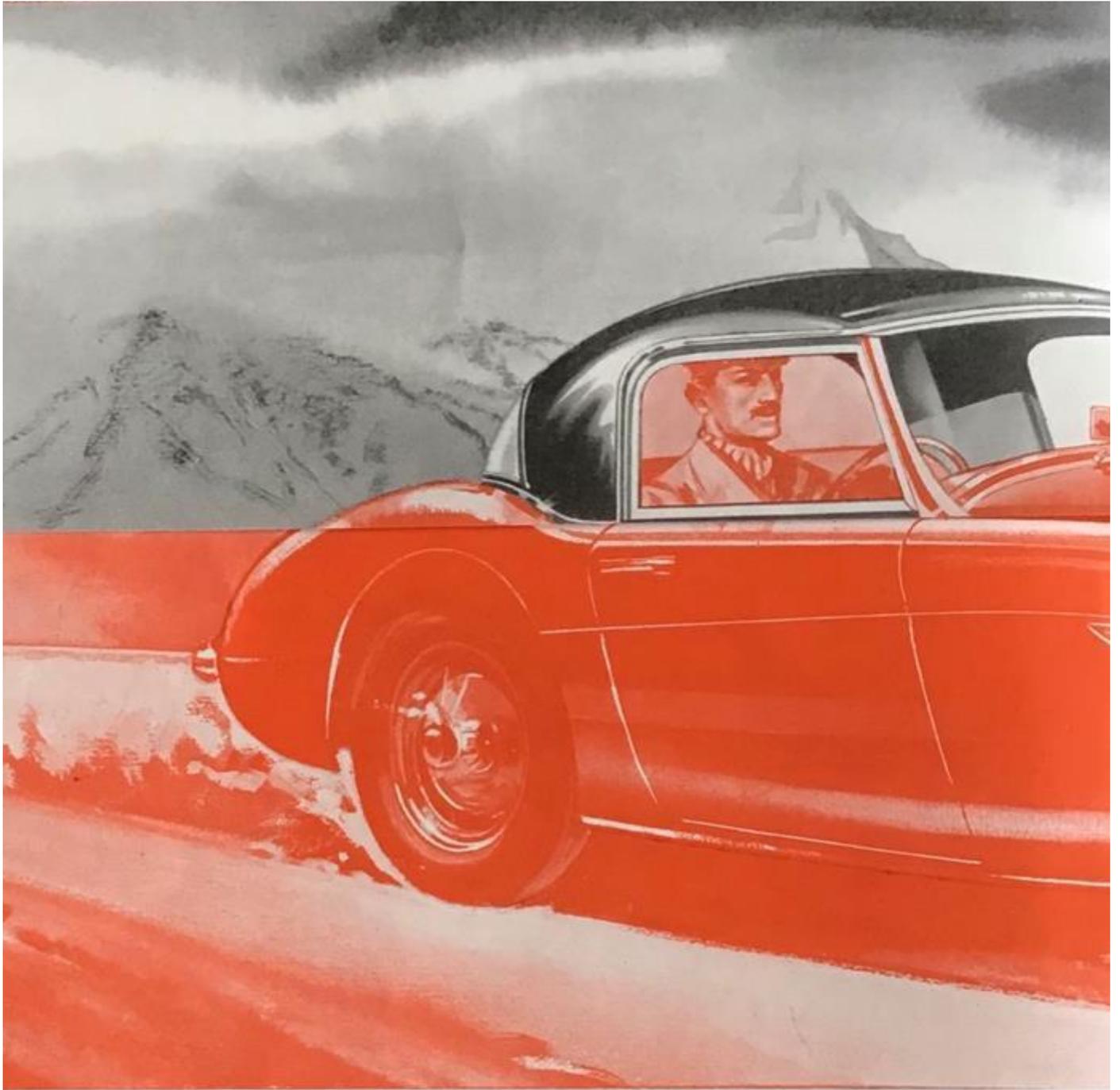




Austin-Healey Hardtop Brochure

I have not seen a brochure for a six-cylinder roadster hardtop before One was for sale on eBay UK.





Austin Healey



No need for apprehension as the storm clouds gather, for the Austin Healey "3000" equipped with a 'Hard Top' is completely weatherproof.

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"3000"

Wet or fine keep pace with the mood of the weather by the use of a detachable 'Hard Top'.



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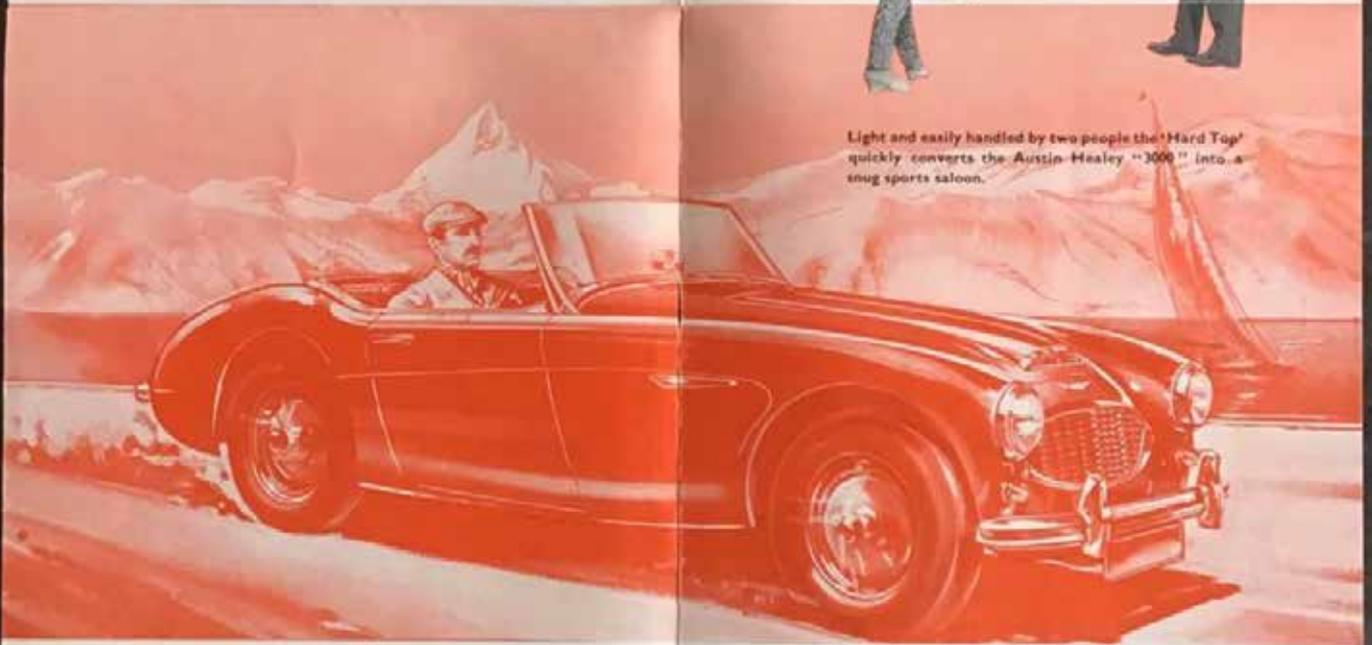
The advertisement features a central illustration of a red Austin Healey 3000 convertible driving on a road. The top half of the image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The background shows a dramatic sky with dark, stormy clouds and a mountain range in the distance. The car is shown from a front-three-quarter view, with a driver visible in the open-top. The overall aesthetic is classic and evocative of mid-20th-century automotive advertising.



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Light and easily handled by two people the 'Hard Top' quickly converts the Austin-Healey "3000" into a snug sports saloon.



Austin Healey

"3000"

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FOR SALE

Mal French offers the following for sale:-

- 100/6 BN4 Soft Top.
- 100/6 BN6 Soft Top.
- Two original 100/6 domed reflectors.
- Fuel filler pipe with small flip top cap.
- Star type headlights x Two.
- Pair HD 6 SUs with manifolds and cable set up with brackets with air cleaners.
- A generator with brackets.

1955 Austin-Healey 100 BN1

This car has been in the same ownership for over 25 years and is in very nice condition.

It has travelled on many Charlie's Runs as well as other Austin-Healey Owners Club runs.

It has had only minor modifications such as heat



FOR SALE

- Rear six-cylinder bumper in good cond.

Malcolm is asking \$400.00 for the lot. ONO. Contact **0439 035 519**.

Interested in a new alloy Austin-Healey six-cylinder alloy bonnet or a centre shift gearbox?

Neville Stirton has both for sale and is asking \$1,000 for each. Call **Neville** on **0414 472 877**.

shields for the fuel system and spin on/off oil filter. Also recently had radiator out and flushed and a new thermostat fitted.

The car is painted Old English White with some panels very recently refinished. Red leather upholstery and red carpet. Currently road registered. \$78,000

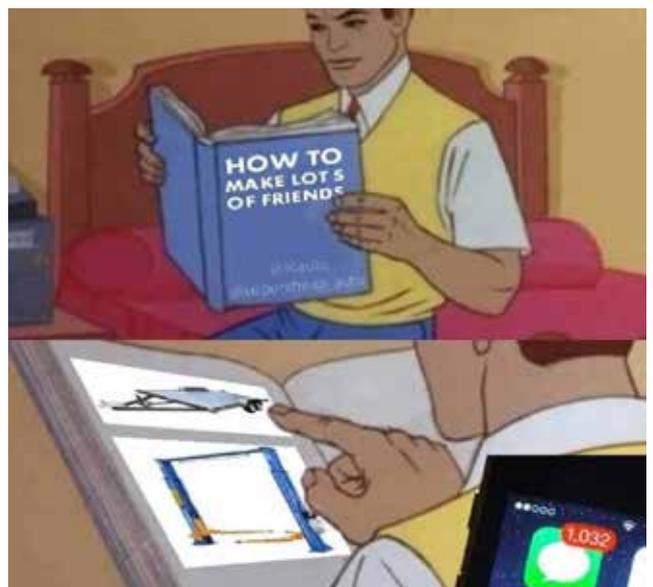
Please call **Harold Johnston** on **0411 519 959**.



Your Last Page Strangers in a Strange Land

Austin-Healeys in India

Certainly don't hear much about Austin-Healeys in India. The two photos on the left are certainly the same 100/6, while the car below is a Mk2 Roadster. Nothing else is known about them, but both have the side flashes on back to front.



Monthly Meetings

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Strathfield Golf Club Weeroona Rd, Strathfield. Starting at 7.30pm or enjoy dinner from 5.30pm