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P76 Anything But Average

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GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate (cnr Campbell Street)

Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

MEETING DATES 2010

19th May,16th June, 21st July,18th August,15th September 20th October,17th November, 15th December

Editorial

First of all I would like to apologise to the members for the mistakes in last months newsletter. I will do my best so as it does not occur again.

On Sunday 16 May 2010 our club the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club and the Leyland P76 Owners Club were hosts for the C.M.C. Inc NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY held at Bella Vista Farm Park, corner Norwest Boulevard and Elizabeth Macarthur Drive, Bella Vista. This was a great day and it is a terrific venue & members from both clubs attended.

I have received a suggestion and request from one of our members to have an outing to the Bradman Museum at Bowral on Sunday June 20th. This may be discussed at our next general meeting.

Well that's it for now.

Joe Green

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FUTURE EVENTS 2010

June 20th Run and outing to the Bradman Museum at Bowral

(to be confirmed at next general meeting).

August 22nd Shannon Show & Shine, Eastern Creek

August 29th British Display Day, Kings School Parramatta

Orange Blossom Festival Renamed "Hills Fest" September 12th

Bull & Bush Hotel, Baulkham Hills.

September 19th BMC Heritage Group Luncheon at Ryde Eastwood

Leagues Club, Ryedale Road, West Ryde

October 24th Chevelier College Show & Shine, Bowral

Thanks To

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Paul Van Look and Kevin Cross for their articles featured in this newsletter. (These are examples of some of the articles featured in the National magazine).

Welcome

To new members Garry Wilson and Roger Martin. We all hope you both enjoy your time with our Club.

Congratulations 7



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Peter & Pauline O'Brien are now grandparents, their son Michael and wife Jen had a baby boy Lachlan on 29th April 2010. We would like to wish them all the best of health and happiness for the years ahead.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are able to write up an article for our newsletter, it will be much appreciated. If you wish to sell a car please send in your add. There is no cost, it is free. It must be received by the 1st of the month to be in the next newsletter, however to ensure that your write up or add is included in the newsletter, please observe the following:

Email it to force7v@hotmail.com

Post it to: c/o 9 Apsley Place Taren Point NSW 2229

follow up with a **phone call** to 9522 6529 to ensure it has been received.

Marina Magic

By Paul Van Look, Classic Car Club

Hi!! My name is Paul Van Look.

Yes I am a member of The P76 Club of NSW, but I don't own one. For the record though, I was married in 1976 and guess what? we had a Leyland P76 Executive and my Leyland Marina Coupe' 6cyl. as our wedding cars (both Home on the 'Range')

I brought my Marina in April 1974. What a surprise packet !!! This little car had a motor built on a Wednesday, body built on a Friday but in its time, Absolute Quick....

Gee I kicked some butt at the lights. Most of all it was reliable, travelling north to Proserpine, south to Bega and west to Wellington. The last registration was in 1998, when I pulled her off the road to keep her in storage until I had time to restore " my baby " or true love as my wife says, to her full glory again.. I couldn't wait!! As she sat there and being a Motor Mechanic by trade, I started getting itchy.

I visited the Shannons Classic and to my surprise there were no Marinas', only P76s. After talking to the P76C.C.C. I was asked to join when ready and bring my car.

A short while later, to my surprise, a Leyland Marina Coupe' turned up on Ebay from S.A. 6 Cyl, Showroom Condition, Wrong Colour.

Seeing a donor car, I started to bid. About \$2,500 (inc. transport) it arrived.. What a BOMB !!!!! Showroom condition _ Right. Dents everywhere, Upholstery Shot, Filthy inside & out, then I lifted the bonnet – A FOUR CYL. There goes my donor car. I thought – no good to me, too good to wreck, so here we go --- fix it up on the cheap side ?????

18 months later, I had the spray job done, had spent endless hours repairing, rebuilding, refixing so everything was working again and in its' right place. It didn't come up too bad- much to the disgrace of 'my baby'. For the purpose of driving and displaying this little car you see here now, it was worth it. Presenting my Bold As Brass, Leyland Marina Coupe' 4cyl manual.... What has made it more worthwhile is the companionship amongst the P76 fraternity, family & fellow car enthusiasts.

Wishing everyone all the best, Paul.

Footnote !!!! I now have a donor car, 'my baby' has had her new paint job and now the major work begins. All going well, she should be at Shannons' Day this year in August. I also acquired another 6cyl coupe'auto (hairy lime) which our grandson has his eyes on. You never know, there maybe 3 on display one day.......

MUST HAVE NATIONAL MERCHANDISE 2010 NATIONALS



Badge











NATIONAL MERCHANDISE SALE



Tee Shirts	\$25.00
Caps	\$16.00
Key Rings	\$ 7.00
Badges	\$ 5.00
Stubby Holders	\$ 9.00
National Magazines	\$20.00
Wine per bottle	\$10.00

LIMITED STOCK HURRY ACT NOW.....

MEMBER PROFILE KEVIN CROSS, Classic Car Club

Almost 6 years ago I bought my first classic car. I imported a 1972 Ford Mustang Q code Mach 1. I sourced a rear window louvre, rear wing and side stripes which came out with the car because as a young lad, that's how I remembered how a Mach 1 was.

The Mustang was blue slipped for registration and after the headlights were replaced and the rear brakes overhauled, the Mustang was fully registered. After the Mustang had been on the road for about 6 weeks, a tappet noise developed in the car. The Mustang was taken to Cam Worner who ran the BP service Station in Mittagong. Cam had a reputation for racing XW ford with 351 Cleveland V8 engines.

After inspecting the engine, we replaced the following parts – camshaft and timing sprockets, timing chain, cam followers, push rods and rocker arms. A case of 30 year old parts wearing out. Over the following 2 years the car was plaqued with brown talcum powder clogging the fuel filters on a regular basis. Eventually it was decided that the problem was probably rust in the fuel tank. A replacement fuel tank and sender unit was fitted to the Mustang and this has ended the problems with clogged fuel filters. The Mustang has now become quite reliable and the only other thing to be done is the fitting of an electronic distributor in the future.

Over these years I attended a number of various club events where I met Sue and Joe Green with their orange Force 7 coupe. Quite often we would end up parking next to each other at these events.

About 18 months ago, through talking to Joe Green and a number of other enthusiasts, I became interested in the history of the Leyland P76 with a view to eventually owning one. In June 2009, I was told about a country cream P76 sedan for sale down in Nowra. I went down, had a look at it, drove it and bought it. Knowing the rust problems that some P76's can have, what sold me on this car was the lack of rust in the vehicle.

During the next 12 to 18 months, depending on finance, the following work will be carried out on my P76 – rectify water leaks in front and rear windscreens, trim repairs to front and rear seats, repairs/ replacement of wood inlay in dash, vehicle re-spray and an ongoing collection of spares for the P76.





What A Collection

A very BIG thank you to Tony & Michelle & Family for the invitation & hospitality for us at the Nationals to look through there personal collection of Collectables & cars it was Fantastic & enjoyed by all.



NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY





BELLA VISTA FARM PARK







Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club

held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 21st April 2010.

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:10pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Bev & Ian Lyons, Ron Frith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded- Ron Naylor.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil.

Treasurer's Report:

\$2,611.68 in Bank. Statement No. 191 dated 26/02/2010.

\$513.54 in Bank. Statement No. 192 dated 31/03/2010.

Income for February 2010 & March 2010 - Nil.

Nil.

<u>Outgoings</u> for February & March 2010 – CMC fees \$25.00, Hall Rent \$33.00, Street Machine Public Liability Insurance \$360.00, Officeworks Printing \$33.60, Action Badges for National Meeting \$391.00, B J's T Shirts & Merchandise for National Meeting \$1,591.20. Total \$2,433.80. It was noted Nationals cheque was received.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: Moved – Kay De Luca. Seconded – Kevin Cross.

Correspondence in:

General Business:

Correspondence Out:

Nil

- 1. Kevin Ward reported to the meeting that he had some trim work done for his P76. He brought samples of the work to the meeting.
- 2. Troy Green reported to the meeting that James Mentiplay from the West Australia P76 Owners Club is looking for expressions of interest if any member would like an Originality Certificate for their P76 vehicle. The WA Club will supply the Certificate laminated at a reasonable cost.
- 3. Kay De Luca raised two issues regarding the latest edition of the Club Magazine. Firstly the number of mistakes and grammar and secondly the fact that the Nationals article did not adequately thank those who contributed to the Nationals success. As well, some people would be offended because of their names being misspelt.
- 4. The meeting agreed that the minutes of the National Delegates Meeting at Motto Farm be circulated to the attending delegates.
- 5. The following item of General Business is a Statement by Joe Green of which he requested is recorded in the minutes.
 - "In 1993 I started the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club because of the politics of the NSW P76 Owners Club. One of the aims of the Club was not to get bogged down in heavy politics as other clubs do. It has always encouraged members to contribute articles to the newsletter and like all clubs the response is very low. On occasions articles have been included in the newsletter that have been corrected by me and the person who wrote the article requested privately that they would like the article to go in the newsletter as written even though it may be incorrect.
 - If this Club decides to get heavy into politics I will resign as I am not going to put up with any type of political problems".
- 6. Steve Maher as Chairman of the 2010 P76 Nationals Organizing Committee, thanked Troy Green, Joe Green, Peter O'Brien, Kay & Tony De Luca as well as the Committee Members of the Leyland P76 Owners Club for the effort in organizing the National Event. He stated that many did not believe it could be done, however the end result was beyond expectations.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 followed by supper.



Membership Fees are due on 30.06.2010.

Fees remain the same:

Single Membership \$35.00

Family Membership \$40.00