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LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB



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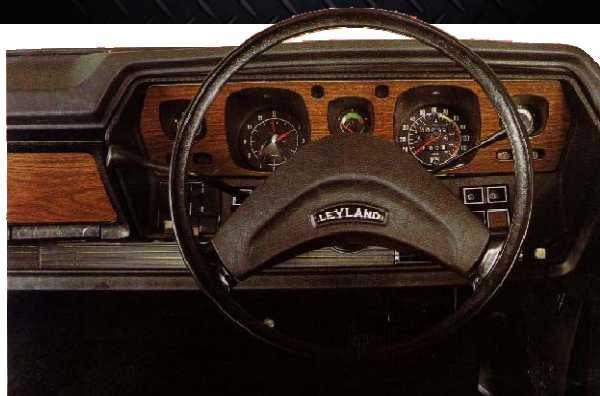
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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

MEETING DATES 2011

- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- December 21st

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Editorial



We held our A.G.M. last month and there have not been many changes to the committee. Thanks to all for re-electing myself as President once again and I welcome new committee member Ian Lyons and congratulate and thank all of the other members for standing again.

We had two great outings recently, those being Shannon's Eastern Creek and the British Display Day at King's School. Both events were great and very well attended. Write ups about both events will be included in this newsletter and the next one.

Peter O'Brien gave another interesting and informative talk and demonstration of the oil filter conversion set up at the last meeting. We thank him very much.

This month we have the British Leyland Heritage Group's 2011 Reunion to be held at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on 25 September 2011 and this should be a great day.

Well that's it for now and I hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Joe Green

COMMITTEE 2011-2012

President:	Joe Green	Vice President:	Peter O'Brien
Secretary:	Kevin Cross	Treasurer:	Troy Green
Public Officer:	Joe Green		
Committee Members:	Kevin Ward, Ross Rickard, Sue Green, Ian Lyons		

Thanks To

Peter O'Brien for his technical talk and demonstration of the oil filter conversion set up and he may have another interesting technical tip at our next meeting.
Ian and Bev Lyons for their article in this newsletter.

FUTURE EVENTS 2011

Sept 25 th	2011 Annual Reunion BMC Leyland at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
October 30 th	Highlands Motorfest Show at Chevalier College Southern Highlands.

GET WELL RON



To Ron Frith who had a SMALL accident in his P76 recently, fortunately his car was not damaged & Ron has only some minor bruising & is ok..... Wishing you all the best to get well soon & hopefully we will see you soon at a meeting.

MINTO-COOKTOWN-RETURN

We left Minto about 5pm on Thursday 2nd June headed to Baulkham Hills where we were going to have dinner and stay the night with Bruce who with his wife Cynthia was going to be driving the back up vehicle and towing the three bike trailer for the trip. Bruce intended taking his new G5 Royal Enfield, which he intended alternating with Cynthia day about riding and driving the back up vehicle with Bev as the passenger. Unfortunately, Bruce hit a kangaroo on the Putty road the Sunday before and the Enfield was not going so he ended up taking his Sachs. We were also meeting Mal there who was riding his Royal Enfield Electra (same as mine) but when Mal turned up at midnight he had a flat tyre on the rear of his Electra so he went to bed for 4 hours then hitch hiked back home to North Sydney and got his Moto Guzzi and arrived back at Bruce's at 8 am ready to leave. With all these problems before we left we should have realized that it was going to be anything but plain sailing. Out of the 3 Enfields leaving Sydney mine was the only one still on the road. We left Baulkham Hills at 9am and arrived at Warialda at 7pm, 626klms without any problems whatsoever.



We were staying at another member's place at Warialda, (Bob riding a Triumph) and meeting Gary and Joy, Harley Davidson with trailer (he didn't bring his Enfield because he thought it would be too much for the 500cc Enfield two up and towing a trailer) & Ian Coan Royal Enfield military & his wife, Margaret driving a camper and towing a two bike trailer. We left Warialda at 8.30am and met up with the Queensland contingent at Goondiwindi which consisted of Mike & Jenny (Triumph and trailer), Clint (Triumph), John (Enfield) and wife, Suay driving another back up vehicle and trailer, Chris (Enfield Electra) and wife Leisa driving a camper & her parents driving a camper. We now had the full contingent consisting of 19 people with 12 on bikes & 7 either in campers or back up vehicles as we headed out of Goondiwindi. The Harley of Gary and Joy's was the first casualty just out of Rolleston and was towed by the NRMA to Toowoomba for repairs. We didn't see them again until Cairns

MINTO-COOKTOWN-RETURN CONTINUED

on the way home. The rest of us arrived at Roma at about 7pm and 475klms after waiting around for Gary for a few hours at moonie. This was Bev and my 1st night in our tent and Bev wasn't impressed.



Undara Camp Site

We left Roma Sunday morning and fuelled up at Injune and about 30klms down the road my Electra just cut out. No spark, so I checked the fuse and found it blown so I replaced the fuse and turned on the ignition and the amp meter went to full discharge so I quickly turned it off, shook the nearest wiring harness, turned it back on and everything seemed OK but I thought I'd put it on the trailer anyway until I had a chance to look at it properly. Another 20 or 30kms down the track Chris's Electra had a problem so it joined mine on the back of the trailer. We got to Cleamont that night after 513klms but I didn't have time to look at it, but as I was sick of travelling in the back up vehicle I decided to ride it the next day anyway because it was going perfectly.

Our 2nd night in the tent. We left Cleamont about 8.30am and headed for Charters Towers. As I pulled into the roadhouse at Belyando Crossing the Enfield coughed and stopped. I filled it with petrol bought a fuse shook the wiring harness, turned it on and everything was dead, so back on the trailer it went. We arrived at Charters Towers after 512klms and it was cold and dark so I decided to leave it on the trailer till we got to Townsville where we had a rest day. Tuesday, we left Charters Towers at about 8.30 and got to Townsville about 10.30 as it was only 138klms. I quickly dropped the Enfield at a bike shop and got them to fix it. The next day Bev and I went out to Magnetic Island and at about 2pm I got a call from the bike shop that my bike was ready. It appears that when I was tying everything so tightly onto the back of the bike I crushed a wire between the seat base and the frame and with the constant movement it had rubbed through and exposed a bare wire thus the short.

The fuse I bought at Belyando Crossing was faulty and that's why it was dead there. He also said that when he tested the battery it showed 12.4 volts but when he put any load on it, it dropped to 3 volts, so he also replaced the battery. As it was the original battery I thought that was OK as the bike is 5 years old. Two more nights in the tent and Bev is getting less impressed each night. The next day we did 407 uneventful klms to Mareeba with another night in the tent.

MINTO-COOKTOWN-RETURN CONTINUED

The next day was an easy 265klms to our destination, Cooktown. We had already booked and paid for our three nights in Cooktown in a cabin in the caravan park. The Cooktown festival which is a yearly event commemorates the landing of Captain Cook at Cooktown where he apparently spent a few weeks in the river repairing his



ship the Endeavour which he named the river after. The festival was great with a re-enactment of Cook's landing complete with "Captain Cook" and the army complete with uniforms and muskets arriving on the shore in a row boat to a welcoming committee of Aborigines with war paint and spears. After two fun filled days in Cooktown we headed the 338klms to Cairns with a stop for lunch at Port Douglas. The Royal Enfield dealer in Cairns let us stay in a large house that he was renovating. It had a bathroom,

and power and he had thrown a few mattresses on the floor so we jumped into our sleeping bags and lay on the mattresses, better than the tent but not as good as the cabin in Cooktown but Bev was still reasonably happy as long as it wasn't in the tent.

The guy put on a bar-b-que for us that night and filled the fridge with beer and bacon and eggs and sausages for the next two days breakfasts. The next day was free so Bev went with some of the others up to Karanda on an old train and returned on the sky train. She had a great day because that and Magnetic Island were the only two bits of touristy things she did because she couldn't get on the bike because of her broken leg. The next day we went 239klms to the Undara national park where the lava tubes are located but again because of Bev's leg we didn't go on the tour of the tubes so we just hung around the park and I drank beer at \$8.00 a stubby. The next morning we left for Charters Towers and arrived there mid afternoon which gave us time to set up the tent and relax for a few hours. It turned out that the local scouts were holding a fund raising dinner at the bar-b-que area in the caravan park with a bush poet thrown in for good measure. We had a good feed and a great night and made even better for Bev because as it turned out it was our last night in the tent.

The next day we had an uneventful trip to Springsure where we stayed in the best cabin that we had ever seen and a very comfortable night was had by all. By this time we were down to Bruce and Cynthia in the campervan towing the bike trailer with Bev aboard and myself on the bike. By this time we had had enough with Bev's leg and my back and arms from all the riding and we decided to come straight home while the others continued on with the original route. When we woke the next morning the bike was covered in ice (it was -2 on the cabin thermometer) and the ride to ST George was the coldest I have ever been. So much for sunny Queensland.

MINTO-COOKTOWN-RETURN CONTINUED



First time the bike was on the Trailer

We had a round table discussion that night because Bruce wanted to go straight home without any stops which was over 1000klms. Bruce and Cynthia were rotating drivers with their bike on the trailer. I made it clear that it was too far to ride in one day so it was decided to stay at Murrurundi. That was nearly 800klms anyway but by this time I would have agreed to anything. After a very long and fast trip I arrived at Murrurundi in the dark at about 6pm. As I was riding down the main street with my lights on I spotted a motel on the left hand side so I put my blinker on and pulled over to wait for the others and as I slowed down the bike just cut out. Once again the whole bike was dead as a maggot. As it turned out the new battery that I had fitted in Townsville on the way up had just collapsed. While I was moving of course the alternator was keeping the bike going but with lights on, blinker on, and brake light on as I came to idle the poor old alternator said "I give up". When Bruce arrived he once again said lets put the bike on the trailer, one of us in the campervan and you and Bev in the front and we will go home I agreed, so off we went and we arrived home at Minto about 10.30pm on Sunday 19/6/11.

I will summarize the trip as such. Basically we had a good time and enjoyed the holiday but I think over 7,000klms in 17 days on an old fashioned motor bike is too much for a 65 year old man. The motor bike though performed faultlessly apart from things beyond its control.

Ian Lyons

SHANNONS EASTERN CREEK 2011



Well we were very lucky that the weather was kind to us all on Sunday 21 August 2011. The sun was shining brightly and Sue and myself, Peter O'Brien, Troy and Julie arrived at Eastern Creek Raceway at about 10am.

Tony and Kay DeLuca were very busy at the entry gates organising the cars as they had arrived much earlier and are committee members of the C.M.C.

Peter had his Immaculate Country Cream P76, Sue and I were in the Force 7 and Troy and Julie were in their Purple car. We were soon allocated into our position and met up with other club members, Paul Van Look and Andrew, Kevin Ward and Roger Martin.

The display of motor vehicles was outstanding, so many varieties as usual; old Fords, MGs, Bullet Nosed Studebakers, Chevs, Morris Minors, Minis, Jags, Corvettes, Holdens and many others.

We were all able to do a few laps around the Eastern Creek track which was very good and the P76s looked great. The Trade stalls were very good and this year's theme was a large number of Model Car stalls as well as the trade displays. A five piece brass band was circulating around the cars throughout the day and was most entertaining. Also there was face painting for the children that Kay DeLuca was organising and also a clown for the kids.

During the course of the day we met up with an ex club member, Pat Howard. She is now a member of the Dodge Club and it was great to catch up with her. (The P76 she owned was a Targa.

After a late lunch lazing in the sun we decided to make a move to return home. Many thanks to all of the hard work put in by the C.M.C. Committee members and Tony and Kay whom we rarely saw all day due to their work commitments. However a great day as had by us all.

Joe Green



EASTERN CREEK 2011



Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 17th August 2011

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8.20 pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies - Paul van Look, Valda Chappell, Angelos Frangopolous

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved – Tony de Luca Seconded – Peter O'Brien

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Treasurers Report:

Income

Show Fees	\$75.00
M/ber Fees	\$462.00
Total	\$537.00

Outgoings

Hall Rent	\$33.00
Postage	\$30.00
Officeworks	\$28.80
Total	\$91.80

Bank Statement No 208 Dated 29/07/2011 – Balance \$3313.36

Moved – Kevin Ward Seconded – Tony de Luca

Correspondence In:

Leumea Hotrod Festival 11/09
NZ P76 July 11
Westwords Aug 11

Correspondence Out: Nil

Acceptance of correspondence.

Moved – Sue Green Seconded – Bev Lyons

General Business:

Tony gave a report on the upcoming Shannons Event at Eastern Creek

Ian & Bev have returned from their trip to Qld.

An article covering their trip is to follow for the magazine

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm followed by supper.

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club AGM held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 17th August 2011

Joe Green opened the meeting at 9.30 pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies - Paul van Look, Valda Chappell, Angelos Frangopolous

The minutes of the previous AGM meeting were read and accepted.

Moved – Tony de Luca Seconded – Kevin Ward

Business arising from the minutes; Nil

Treasurers Report:

The Income Statement for the year ending 30th June 2011 was read out to the meeting

Moved – Bev Lyons Seconded – Kevin Ward

All positions were declared vacant with Tony de Luca asked to be the Returning Officer for the election of Office Bearers for the new year.

Nominations

President – Joe Green – Nominated K Ward, 2nded K Cross

Vice President – Peter O'Brien – Nominated S Green, 2nded Ross ??

Secretary – Kevin Cross – Nominated K Ward, 2nded P O'Brien

Treasurer – Troy Green – Nominated B Lyons, 2nded I Lyons

Committee – Sue Green – Nominated K Ward, 2nded P O'Brien

- Ross ??? - Nominated B Lyons, 2nded J Green

- K Ward – Nominated P O'Brien, 2nded S Green

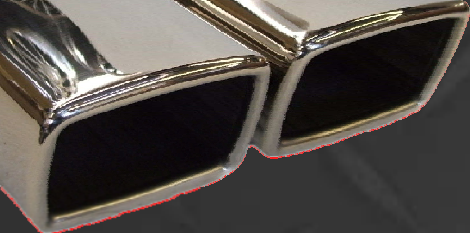
- Ian Lyons – Nominated P O'Brien, 2nded S Green

Public Officer – Joe Green – Nominated S Green, 2nded K Ward

As there were no other nominations, the above members were duly elected to the respective positions.

President Joe Green thanked Tony de Luca for being the Returning Officer.

The meeting concluded at 9.45 pm followed by supper.



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**Leyland P76 Owners Club
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