

LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB



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MEETING DATES - MEMBERS ARTICLES - EDITORIALS AND MORE

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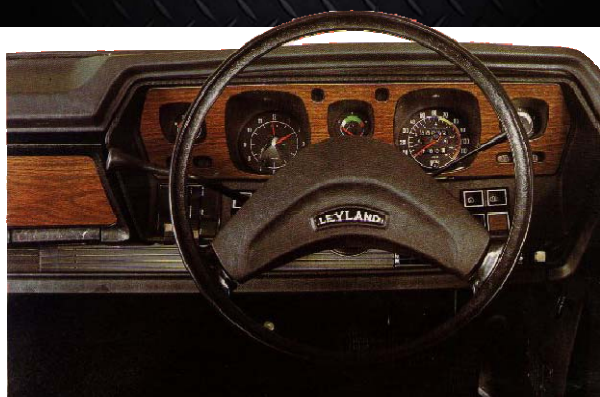
GENERAL MEETINGS

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

Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

MEETING DATES 2012

- 19th December CLUB ROOM PARTY NIGHT



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

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Editorial

Well the festive season is here again and I would like to wish all of our members and their families and members of all interstate and New Zealand P76 clubs a safe and happy Christmas holiday and drive safely.

Our Christmas Party night will be held as usual in the club rooms on 19 December 2012 so please come along and enjoy a social night with all of your car club friends. Please bring along a plate of nice food and a gift for our free raffle. The club will supply soft drink, tea and coffee.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the club over the past 12 months.

I would also like to sincerely thank Wal, Jessie and Aaron Wells for their very kind gesture of donating a very large quantity of second hand P76 parts to the club; it is much appreciated.

I would also like to thank Rick Hopkins for his article in this newsletter. His story I believe is just the tip of the iceberg in relation to his interesting write up. I think that after reading it you will realise the problems and heartache that many of our Police Force have to contend with.

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

Joe Green

THANKS TO:

- Wal, Jessie & Aaron Wells for their donation of spare parts to the club.
- Kevin Ward and Troy Green for their efforts in picking up the spare parts from the Wells family.
- Rick Hopkins for his article.

WELCOME

We welcome a new member, Terry Rout and trust you enjoy your time in our car club.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Ron Frith who celebrated his 76th birthday on 9th November 2012. "Good on you Ron".



THE LIFE & TIMES OF A BATTLER



I was quite thrilled when approached by Joe and Sue to submit an article for the newsletter. Following on from my service in the N.S.W. Police Force (the majority of time spent in highway patrol) I was discharged medically unfit in 1993 due to PTSD (Post traumatic stress disorder), no doubt brought on by attendances at such disasters as Granville in 1977 and numerous air plane crashes, but mostly due to horrific road accidents over continuing years.

My stretch for the final 12 years of my service was the Federal and Hume Highways north and south of Goulburn. Back then of course these so called highways were single lane which meant most collisions were head ons; 42 road fatalities were personally attended by me in 1989 and this caused the loss of my 17 year marriage in 1990.

I try very hard to put those memories out of my mind but most nights there are still the horrendous nightmares. In my final day of service in June 1991 I was savagely beaten up near the Big Merino in Goulburn. This job cost me my family, my health and many friendships. So the only income now was my fortnightly payments coming in from State Super what to do now?

As a young man I had bands and so I then returned to my music which saw me touring around Oz in my car and caravan with my music gear, dogs and one album recorded (on cassette). Tough times and often going without essentials but now after numerous tours as a one man show and sixteen albums released, I can now reflect on nicer memories.



After buying my first car at age 16, a 1949 Hillman (still have it) car memorabilia became my great passion and when touring, I purchased many items of interest that I could afford. So after accumulating what most would see as a very large collection I decided to take a large gamble. In 2007 I opened "Ricks Auto Museum" on land that I resided on in Taralga.

The ABC show from Hobart, titled "Collectors" spent a day with me and my cars and a short time later it was screened nationally with a segment on my museum. The end result was many numbers of couples, families and car clubs as well as other

groups were coming to my museum to enjoy the cars on display. That has all tapered off now due mostly to the proximity of Taralga and lack of advertising, but mostly because of my disabilities in just getting around to my little piece of heaven. So it's not important to me that very few come to view now but I can go into Taralga every day and be proud of my collection.

About 2 months ago I was thrilled to be host to a fellow P76 car club member who appeared to be blown away by my collection. We also talked for 4 hours on everything B.M.C. to Leyland.

We both hit it off from the first moment and from car to car we did a count and discussed the story behind each car. I know it got to him because since that day Mr Jason Birmingham has begun adding dramatically to his own collection of BMC/Leyland, which of course means my own collection has dwindled to that same extent.

Sadly having to face what life can throw at you the difficult decision was made as I love my cars but in preference to watching each one go into disrepair, a number now reside on the Central Coast and I feel they could not be in better hands. Now when I want to visit "my museum" I'll just go to Jason.

No, its not quite that bad, my 1949 Austin A40 Devon, 1951 Austin 1300, 1954 Austin A50, 1967 Austin 1100S 2 door, 1966one of the very first, April 1965, 1949 Hillman Minx, 1960 Hillman Minx, Austin Lancer and Morris Major Elite, Austin 1800 1968, 1969 Austin 1800 Utility, 1967 Morris 1100, 2 Wolseley 4/44, 1952 Commer Estate, 1964 Hillman Super Minx Estate, 1956 LC5 Tow Truck – ex BMC Goulburn, 1974 Leyland P76. I vow to have on the road to Canberra in June 2013. 1941 Standard Tilly ex Ambulance 2nd World War, 1935 and 1953 Bedford Trucks, 1950 Austin Loadmaster Truck plus my beloved collection of memorabilia.

I still open by appointment when I can. Plus my 1950s Morris 4 tonne Bus Mobile Work Shop and still traces of BPs green gold "car racing history".

Thanks for this opportunity to not only reminisce but to share with you my passion and reason for living and I wish you all a merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Rick Hopkins





Morris 1500 5 speed



Marina 262 super Tbar Auto

JB'S NEW COLLECTION



Ge Sigma



1983 Austin Metro (UK Import)

POEMS FROM SUE GREEN (As requested by one of our members)

*True friends are like diamonds, precious and rare
False friends are like autumn leaves found everywhere.*

*Two were playing tennis
The sky was blue above
They were both in their thirties
The score I guess was love
Merry Christmas from Sue*



There will be no newsletter sent out in January!!
The next newsletter will be sent out in *February 2013*



**Christmas Party night at Clubrooms -
December 19th !**

FUTURE EVENTS



19th December

Christmas meeting in club room

26th Jan 2013



- * Australia Day, Berrima
- * Australia Day Carnivale, Sydney Macquarie Street and College Streets.
Registration: John Glennon
Ph: 4861 2701
or website
carnival@dpcnsw.gov.au
- * Australia Day at Camden

**2013 February
9th & 10th**

Berrima Rally will Celebrate 150th (Sesqui Centenary) of Moss Vale and Bowral. The main venue will be the Historic Bong Bong Picnic Race Course and Mittagong R.S.L.

2013 40th P76

40th Anniversary of the Leyland P76 will be held in Canberra in June 2013. Rydges Hotel/Motor, A.C.T.

CHECK THIS OUT

A BIG THANK YOU

THANKS TO WAL & JESSIE & AARON WELLS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PARTS WE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE IN THE NEW YEAR SUCH AS ENGINES, INTERIOR BITS & TARGA MAGS IF YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR ANY PARTS RING TROY



Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 21st November 2012

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

Apologies – Ian & Bev Lyons, Valda Chappell, Ron Frith

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved – Peter O'Brien Seconded – Troy Green

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Treasurers Report:

Income

M/ship Fees	\$ 35.00
Strutts (4 lots)	\$4500.00
Total	\$4535.00

Outgoings

Aust Post	\$ 30.00
Office of Fair Trade	\$ 51.00
Aust Post	\$ 33.00
Officeworks	\$ 28.00
Total	\$142.00

Bank Statement No 223 Dated – 31st Oct 2012 Balance - \$6472.72

Moved – Kevin Ward Seconded – Sue Green

Correspondence In:

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Correspondence Out: Nil

Acceptance of correspondence.

Moved – Troy Green Seconded – Kevin Ward

General Business:

The WA P76 Club Commemorative Edition Book has been received.

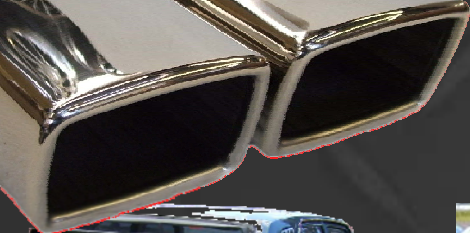
Discussion on P76 Shock Absorbers

Discussion on sale of raffle tickets for AP5 Valiant Sedan

Discussion on colour printing of newsletter

Wal and Jesse have donated a range of P76 parts to the club for sale.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm followed by supper.



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2012 SNAPS

If any members are able to write up an article for the newsletter about their car or their holiday trip please do not hesitate to send it in; it will be gratefully accepted.

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19TH DECEMBER

XMAS PARTY NIGHT CLUB ROOM

BE THERE