

*MONTHLY ISSUE*

AUGUST 2014

# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB



**FUTURE EVENTS 2014**

**Easter 2015**

**MEETING DATES - MEMBERS ARTICLES - EDITORIALS AND MORE**

# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

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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 2014

AUGUST 20TH, SEP 17TH,  
OCT 15TH, NOV 19TH,  
DEC 17TH



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:force7v@hotmail.com)

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

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Members and Friends

It was with great anticipation that I looked forward to the CMC 2014 Shannon's Sydney Classic at Sydney Motor Park Eastern Creek.

Joe and Troy planned to take their cars, I was taking my "Country Creme" and a few other members were keen to drive their vehicles to the venue. But on Saturday night the Heavens opened and it rained throughout the night and into the morning! So plans needed immediate change!

Joe and Sue accompanied me in my P76 and we set off in torrential rain. John Dalley arrived in his original black column shift Delux - it is in excellent condition, and Kevin Ward drove his Super which was previously owned by Valda one of our senior club members. She would have been delighted to see how Kevin is gradually restoring her car.

It was the 40th anniversary of the Targa so the P76 Targa's were awarded a prime spot on Pit Lane.

The day was good but significantly marred by poor weather - many enthusiasts opting to keep themselves and their vehicles dry at home. Oh well we badly needed the rain!

The NSW Police Force had their historic vehicles on display - very interesting. Old Paddy Wagons, XA Falcon highway patrol cars with giant radar units mounted on their side windows and Valiant Chargers as patrol cars bought back some memories. There were also present day Police vehicles on display. The crowd favourite - the old Double Decker Buses were available to ride in for a small donation.

Overall for those who braved the elements there were some fabulous vehicles to be seen. As usual the CMC organised an outstanding weekend - but Mother Nature won't be told what to do!

Congratulations to Greg Bryant - the new President of P76 Owners Club. Don't forget the All British Day at Kings School Parramatta on Sunday 24th a really good car show to check out. See you Wednesday night.

Peter





# Ray's Targa

Christmas 1973 we went to visit friends in Ferntree Gully. In the driveway was a brand new Leyland (white) P76 V/8 4 speed Super, not mad about its looks (compared to my 12 month old Charger also white) but I had not seen one up close before. I was giving it the once over when Ronas, our friend said "take it for a run..." not needing to be told twice, I was off. I was impressed, nice power, nice ride, nice and quiet, nice everything, the overall look I was not sure about. She had it for years and loved it, the look grew on me in the end.

Fast Forward to June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2003 I went to the newsagent 8:30am, the current Just Cars came out that morning, browsing while sitting in the car I came across Leyland P76 Targa Florio in Adelaide. On the mobile straight away, after a quick chat I said "I would take it and I would ring back with pick up details" Lunchtime my phone rang, the guy with the Targa, "if you want this car you better send me some money the phone is going mad" \$500 into his bank and a phone call to Virgin Airlines for a flight to Adelaide next morning. Up early, train to Melbourne (we are 2hrs East of Melbourne) bus to the airport, plane to Adelaide, taxi to meet up with the owner, William O'Brien and his son, paid over the balance and after lunch by now filled up with fuel, depart South Rd 3:30pm. The plan is to stay in a motel around about Horsham (half way). When I got there I had Macca's for tea and looked for a motel? I feel good, car running like a Swiss watch, I'll go a bit further, Ballarat 10:30pm still feel good, car superb, not stopping now, 1:30 am I pulled into my drive at home. I stepped out of that car and felt like I had just driven from down the road, quiet smooth and comfortable, 10 hours in a strange car with no complaints!!

My wife thought I was stopping somewhere so when she heard me she freaked out, she was convinced the burglars were in. I was in trouble, driving late at night in an unfamiliar car was not on.

If anyone starts putting a P76 down, I ask "have you ever driven one?" The answer is always, no. I was driving taxi's part time in the early 70's, often very nice HQ Holden's, both 1973 one unbelievable good the other unbelievably bad, guess which is which. The Force 7 has a story too, next month

Ray Ikin





Foot note: - Ray has given our members an open invitation to visit him and his wife, have a cup of coffee and view his great collection of classic cars in his shed there is 23 cars all Australian, mostly muscle cars, Holden's, Fords, Valliant's (Chargers and Pacers) and Leyland's of course, including his Force 7, Targa Florio, a Brown V/8 4 speed Super, also a 1978 Jaguar V12x JS the tag says made in Australia by Leyland.

**There will be another article next month from Ray about his Force7v**

## ALL BRITISH DAY

All vehicles with A, B, C or E tickets enter the school via Russell Road gates from 6:30am. This is the main gates on Pennant Hills Road where the traffic lights are located. Continue along Russell, left into Ryrie, left into Suttor Road (at the senior swimming pool) right into Wade Road. At the tennis courts 'A' ticket holders will turn left toward the Hay Shed then onto the Price Fields. B, C and E ticket holders will then be directed around to Doyle fields.

It is our aim to have all cars in place by 9.30.

**Remember to put your ticket on your windscreen!**

Enjoy the cars, enjoy the food, enjoy the art, enjoy the day!

The letter & colour on your ticket indicates which area and which field your club is located on, Red A, Blue B, Yellow C. Purple E tickets allow you entry and free parking.

**KINGS SCHOOL  
PENNANT HILLS ROAD  
NORTH PARRAMATTA**

**MAYBE 14 SEPTEMBER**

**For more info go to these websites**

[http://allbritishdaysydney.asn.au/index.php?p=1\\_11](http://allbritishdaysydney.asn.au/index.php?p=1_11)

<http://allbritishdaysydney.asn.au/>

**CANCELLED**



# THANKS TO

- Ray Ikin for his great article about how he purchased his Targa
- Terry Rout for his info about mechanical repairs workshop that has a pink slip book available in the Liverpool district.
- Hal for the information in the Newcastle Herald force7v
- Newcastle Herald for allowing us to publish their article from the 9Th August 2014



To our President Peter & Pauline who will be leaving for an overseas Holiday. We all wish them both a safe & enjoyable time.

# PLEASE NOTE

The A.G.M will be held on the 15th of October Meeting

**WANTED!**

Ray would like to buy a Vinyl Boot Matt for a Leyland P76  
Ray's phone no (03)51766086

### HISTORY

Many readers responded to last week's photo of Dairy Farmers Corner, back in the days when it hosted the NSW Motors car sales business.

Most were keen to point out that my estimate of the date (1960s) was a very poor guess. The clue was the Leyland P76, launched in 1973, being promoted in ads shown in the photo.

For those readers I have dug up another gem: a photo of the rare P76 Force 7 coupe, parked in Parry Street. The P76 may or may not have been a total lemon (I'll let others argue about that), but I wouldn't mind owning this particular vehicle today.



**MORE PHOTOGRAPHS  
+ BLOG WITH GREG RAY**

[theherald.com.au](http://theherald.com.au)



Many thanks to journalist Greg Ray

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The Force 7 was NV Green car 1041





DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:            SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2014

COST:            \$40 PER HEAD includes full buffet (from 12 noon)

**BMC LEYLAND CAR DISPLAY** on the Rooftop Car Park from 10.30am—  
please contact Roger Foy 9559.1524 to participate in this Display.

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PAYMENT SLIP for 2014 REUNION | Forward this section with your cheque for \$40.00 per person to:

Kay De Luca, 7 Savoy Court, West Pennant Hills 2125 (phone 02 8812 2479 or 0410 688 886)

OR: Electronic transfer: A/c No.131 434 941 St George Bank BSB 112-879

If paying by EFTPOS please send receipt with this Payment Slip to Kay De Luca, address above.

**RSVP: 12/09/2014** *Cheques/Money Orders payable to BMC Leyland Aust. Heritage Group*

NAME: ..... AMOUNT PAID: .....

PARTNER/FRIENDS

NAMES:.....

ADDRESS:..... POSTCODE:.....

PHONE:.....EMAIL:.....

*I would like to be seated with:* .....

*I would like assistance with transport: YES/NO (please circle )*

*Special Dietary Requirements:*.....



# Easter National Meeting

## 3 – 6 April 2015

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**RSVP 30 September 2014**



**Please let us know who is attending**

**NAME(S)**

**Contact Details**

- |         |              |            |
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| 1. .... | Phone .....  | Email..... |
| 2. .... |              |            |
| 3. .... | Address..... |            |
| 4. .... | .....        |            |

### Meals

<b>Thursday</b>	
Dinner	Complex
<b>Friday</b>	
Lunch	Complex
Dinner	Bowling Club 2 course
<b>Saturday</b>	
Dinner	Alma Hotel Willunga - 2 course
<b>Sunday</b>	
Presentation Dinner	South Adelaide Football Club - 3 course
<b>Monday</b>	
Farewell Breakfast	Complex

### Options

<b>Goolwa Motor Museum</b>	<b>\$10.00 per person</b>
<b>Murray Mouth Cruise Goolwa</b>	<b>\$34.00 per adult</b>
<i>Minimum numbers required</i>	<b>\$18.00 per child (5-15 years)</b>

*NB If insufficient numbers for cruise money will be refunded*

**Registration Cost                      \$80 per Adult                      \$20 per Child under 10**

Number Adults.....	@ \$80.00	\$.....
Children.....	@ \$20.00	\$.....

**Meals                                      \$120.00 per person**

Number Adults.....	@ \$120.00	\$.....
Children.....	@ \$120.00	\$.....

**Options**

Goolwa Motor Museum

Number Adults.....	@ \$10.00	\$.....
Children.....	@ \$10.00	\$.....

Murray Mouth Cruise

Number Adults.....	@ \$34.00	\$.....
Children (5-15 Years).....	@ \$18.00	\$.....
No charge under 4 but need to be counted.....		
Total Paid		\$.....

**Payment by**

Cheques / Money orders payable to: Easter 2015 – National Meeting  
Please post along with **Registration Form** to:

Christine Cutting Leyland P76 Owners Club SA Inc 21 St Helena Street Flagstaff Hill SA 5159  
or

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Please return **Registration Form** by post as above or email to

Christine Cutting email [editor76@chariot.com.au](mailto:editor76@chariot.com.au)



# FUTURE EVENTS

**MAYBE 14 SEPTEMBER**



24th August

British Display Day Kings School



21st September

BMC Heritage Lunch re-union Day

26th October

Chevalier College Highlands Motorfest

Date to be Announced

Visit to Club Member Rick Hopkins Auto Museum

Date to be Announced

Orange Blossom Show & Shine

Easter 2015  
3-6 April

National Meeting South Australia

**MAYBE 14 SEPTEMBER**

**Association of British Car Clubs**

**NEXT 'ALL BRITISH DAY' CANCELLED SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 2014**



Unfortunately due to Sydney's current unseasonal rain this weekends event has been cancelled. The fields at the school are already waterlogged and with more rain over the next couple of days the fields will not be usable on Sunday.

There is a possibility that the show can be moved to September 14th. Watch this space!

<http://allbritishdaysydney.asn.au/>

This directly from **Association of British Car Clubs WEBSITE**



## **Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 16th July 2014**

Peter O'Brien opened the meeting at 8:05pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

**Apologies** – Angelous Frangopolous, Ross Rickard, Tony De Luca, Ian & Bev Lyons, Ron Frith, Valda Chappell, Kevin Cross,

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

**Moved** – John Dalli **Seconded** – Kevin Ward

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil

### **Treasurers Report:**

#### **Income**

M/ship fees	\$720.02
Spare parts	\$ 40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$760.02</b>

#### **Outgoings**

BMC M/ship Fees	\$20.00
Hall Rent	\$39.60
Officeworks	\$37.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 97.10</b>

Bank Statement No 243 Dated 30 June 2014 Balance - \$1878.34

**Moved** – Sue Green **Seconded** – Terry Rout

### **Correspondence In:**

NZ Penzed, BMC Heritage Group, SA Magazine

### **Correspondence Out:**

**Acceptance of correspondence.**

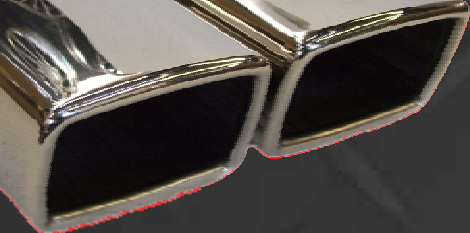
**Moved** – Troy Green **Seconded** – Sue Green

### **General Business:**

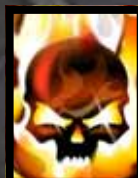
Discussion about Shannon's Eastern Creek outing, & All British Day, Kevin Ward talked about his recent trip.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 pm followed by supper.





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& has been ther for about 6 months



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20th August

Club room Meeting

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