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CONGRATULATIONS

To all our club members who won prizes at the Easter Nationals Concourse.



**Norm and Marea Julian's car which
was runner-up in the best original
category**



**Denise Mort and Greg Bryant with
their car which was runner-up in the
best V8 category**



**And Jason Birmingham who's car was runner-up in best modified and
was a deserved winner of people's choice**

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GENERAL MEETINGS:

The General Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of EVERY MONTH at the Denistone Sports Club, 59 Chatham Road, West Ryde.

Next Meeting - 9th April At 7.30 pm. We have a strict 9.30 pm finish time, so be punctual.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

March—April 2008

WOW! What a Blast! The 2008 Nationals in Geelong was a real blast. A big congratulations must go to Rick Perceval, David and Rachel Walker and the rest of the Nationals Organising Committee for a job well done. I won't go into too much detail here as I'm sure you will be able to get more further into this issue of Leyland Post, but suffice to say we all had a great time. I would particularly like to thank Brian Hooper who allowed me to borrow his Dry Red 2N26 for the trip down and Michael Nugent and family for chaperoning us most of the time. As Brian's car was pulled out of his paddock only a couple of months before, I was a little cautious despite being supremely confident the old girl would make the trip. The car travelled around three thousand Kilometres round trip without missing a beat. But, as I said, more later.

The Classic Rally Club/Alfa Romeo Owners Club annual Lunch Run was attended by just 1 P76. That was me in Brian Hoopers Deluxe 6. The run was used as a dry run for the Nationals and performed well with no problems. The car had been pulled out of the paddock the day before, historic rego'd and driven to Sydney the day before the run so it wasn't looking it's best on the day. Everytime we stopped for a break I got the polish out and cleaned another panel. It was looking a lot better by the end of the day. The run started from Heathcote and finished at Burrawang in the Southern Highlands, covering some 160kms. The route travelled through the Royal National Park and on to the new Ocean Drive near Stanwell Tops, up Bulli Pass to the Lookout and on through Picton and Bargo to the finish. A beaut day, a great drive and good company. I hope to do it again next year.

Coming up in April is both the Robertson Heritage Railway Station Annual Vintage/Classic Car day on the 13th and a week later the Maitland Steam Festival Show-n-Shine. This may be a great opportunity to touch base with some of the members of the now defunct Newcastle Owners Club. Michael Nugent is our head man on this one. More details will be in this mag.

The Force 7 models are now all gone to their new homes with the exception of the ones being built and painted. This will be completed before our next meeting. Speaking of future meetings, we had a hiccup last meeting as the club management had decided to close early on this Wednesday night. Negotiations since have proved fruitful with an extension to the closing time. This is a trial so if it doesn't work out a move may be on the cards. Well I guess that's it for now. I'm about to head off on a rally called the Highland Fling through the Southern Highlands from Camden to Mittagong in the VW bug. See you all soon Pnuts.

Steve Maher

THE LEYLAND POST

Steve Maher

THE EDITORS SAY..

I'm not going to write anything for this issue. I have dedicated space for all our club's attendees at the recent Easter National to give their impressions of the weekend, starting with my wife, Corrina.

Hi Guys, I thought it would be nice if you heard about the Nationals from someone who is not absolutely nutty about P76's. I thought it would be a great weekend to learn about the P76's whilst we could also do our own thing. The drive down to Geelong was pretty un-eventful and we stopped at Glenrowan so the girls could get an understanding of the Kelly Gang. We arrived at the Caravan Park at about 7.30pm (We left at 4.00am) and we were pretty tired, however the Victorian Club made us very welcome and they managed to rustle up some more food for us. We did however duck up to the shopping centre to buy the necessities as it was Good Friday the next day. A very busy car park and a P76 do not mix. The car next to us must have touched as we lost a back number plate light as a result.

Friday and it Was COLD!!!!, the manager allowed us full access to his 8 Restored US Convertible Cars, WOW! I had the pleasure in sitting in a beautiful blue 1969 Mustang, (Now why does Michael only have interest in P76's). If only all garages could look as neat and tidy as his. (Here's wishing for a clean garage and a mustang). We spent Friday afternoon in a family get together at the local putt-putt golf and maze complex. It was a lot of fun, Friday night was spent at the Avalon Raceway and I thought I would have a lovely night with fish n chips at the cabin with no kids or husband. Not to be, Caitlin developed an allergic reaction and I was escorted to a medical centre with the help of the Vic Club. Nothing major, the guys came back at midnight very cold.

Saturday started with Chicken and Champagne, a very civilized way to start the day, followed by a show and shine at the Eastern Beach. It was a beautiful day and the kids went swimming, It was great to see so many cars and learn about the history of how they came about their cars and the work required to come that day. Only three colors were missing, Plum Loco, Aspen Green and Peel me a Grape. It was great to meet the New Zealanders as they were showing photo's of their cars and were greatly interested in the meet. A long way to come without a car.

I then hit the shops and left the Discovery Centre to the gents and kids. (PERFECT!) Dinner was at Smorgy's. We met a family that were new to the P76 craze. Everyone was friendly and it was a pleasure to talk and share P76 stories.

Sunday—We headed to Sylvia's and Marty's for a Egg & Bacon Breakfast, they had the perfect location, the perfect garage set-up, the sighs upon entering the garage, the pit, the movable lights, the space, the tidiness, the parts AHHHH!!! Even the Easter Bunny had been. After everyone had spent all their money, we did an observation run to Queenscliff and had lunch, again the weather was perfect. We visited a winery on the way back to Geelong, and a bus pulled into the winery, the owners were wondering where all the people had gone off the bus, they were all over the P76.

Dinner was at the local RSL Club and we tried to answer questions in the trivia, to no avail we didn't win. The food was great, the company great, and all in all a most enjoyable time. I would like to thank the Victorian Club for a job well done, the organization was a huge job and I appreciate the hard work that they did, when I needed help they provided it. Hal Maloney roped Michael and myself to help co-ordinate next years Catch-up event for 2009 to be held at Gunnedah, I only hope that we do as a good a job! All in all it was a great family weekend and I appreciate all that helped in making it such a great weekend.

Corrina Nugent

P76 NATIONALS GEELONG, VICTORIA

Norm and I decided to take his original Country Cream Executive P76 and to head down to Victoria on the Wednesday prior to Easter, and drop into Gwen Livingstone's home at Cootamundra on the way down. We were pondering that the last two years have flown since Michael and Gwen Livingstone had hosted the Nationals in Cootamundra, and it was great to catch up with Gwen again and have a tour of the Garage! We stayed for a few hours, having a cuppa and scones, and then headed towards Victoria, via the Hume Highway in 40° heat. We had to navigate over 100km of roadwork between Jugiong and Albury. We decided to stay overnight in Holbrook, as we were rather tired. We had a great steak at the pub next door to the motel and an early night. Almost opposite the motel was a huge submarine mounted on a stand. This intrigued me somewhat and since my return home, I have done some research as to why it was there.

Thursday morning dawned and a weather change had cooled things down somewhat and we had to fish out jumpers! After a quick breakfast we hit the road and were pleasantly surprised how good the road was from Albury and how little traffic. I only became aware that there were speed cameras around after the GPS alerted us to them; in Victoria they do not have signs alerting you to the fact there is one in the vicinity. I am glad we were not speeding!

We had a great run down the Hume Highway, stopping for coffee at Glenrowan and then into Melbourne's outskirts and found the ring road that skirts Melbourne and heads to Geelong. We followed the signs and eventually found the Caravan Park in Belmont, without getting lost, despite some interesting suggestions from the GPS. Whew!

The Victorian club was there, as were quite a few people from other clubs we knew, so we checked in and after unpacking, went to catch up with some other P76 nuts that we had not seen in 2 years. That night, the Victorian Club put on a sausage sizzle at the Caravan Park, and it was a great opportunity to sit, have a drink or two, chat and catch up with everyone.

Good Friday dawned quite chilly and after a great breakfast of Pancakes cooked by the Victorian club, some people used this day to explore Geelong a little more thoroughly and a few wandered further afield. Geelong is a large city, with a great many historic buildings and has a lot to offer. It has the added bonus of being on the coast and only about an hour from Melbourne via a good dual lane highway, or by train. Some people stayed at the caravan park and worked on their cars, getting them ready for the concourse on Saturday. A few had some repairs to do after the long trip. The Caravan Park owner had some cars stored in a garage out the back, and he opened his garage for us to take a peek. That night there was a sprint car trial at Avalon Raceway for those interested, and for others, there was a fish and chip feast at the Caravan Park with movies showing.

Saturday dawned much warmer and after a delicious chicken and champagne breakfast, it was time to head to Eastern Beach for the Show and Shine. It was quite a sight to see all the P76 cars together on the foreshore, with the beach as a backdrop, and it created considerable interest from the public. There was also a Jaguar display a little further along the beach, which a few of our members drifted off to see.

After the concourse, we headed to the Ford Discovery Centre for a tour of the facility, which was a great learning experience and covered the early years of the Ford Company in Geelong, through to modern times. They showed how the company does crash testing, how colours, fabrics and designs are chosen, huge examples of cars that have been on the road in races, as well as what normal family cars are like, how the motors work, how they put the cars together, it goes on and on. I really enjoyed this and our guide, Ian, was extremely knowledgeable and gave me considerable background history of Geelong and how it had developed into the city it is.

After this, we headed back to the Caravan Park for a rest and shower to ready ourselves for dinner on the pier at Smorgys Restaurant. During the meal the Victorian Club held a raffle for a gold ticket, which gave you first pick of the P76 parts at the parts sale the next day.

Sunday Morning saw us up early for travel to Lara for the Monster Parts Sale. We travelled in convoy along the highway, which was quite a sight. Bacon and Egg sandwiches were cooked for breakfast, along with coffee, tea and orange juice provided. The boys had a great time looking through the parts for sale.

From 11am the Observation Run started in Lara and ended in Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula. We travelled through Barwon Heads, which was the location that Seachange was filmed. After handing in our sheets, you could please yourself what you wanted to do. Opportunities were endless, Wine tasting, Adventure Golf, Antique Shops, Adventure Park, Ferry rides, steam locomotive rides, Museums and Restaurants. Norm and I headed back towards Geelong and found a spot for a late lunch as we found there were too many people in Queenscliff due to the holiday weekend.

Farewell Dinner was at the Geelong RSL that night and this was a great night. Presentations, speeches, auction, good company, trivia night and a great meal. What more could you ask for?

The next morning we bid everyone farewell and headed off to the Great Ocean Road, but that's another story!

Marea Julian

FROM OBERON PADDOCK TO GEELONG NATIONALS

Three years ago our Brian Hooper bought a Dry Red Deluxe 6 cyl, 3 on-the-tree manual with bench seat (2N26) from Eddie Sams of the Country Club. Basically from that time it has been sitting quietly, awaiting restoration at Brians Leyland Farm. Fast forward three years and it is now only 2 months until the P76 Nationals in Geelong. My restoration has hit a snag (funds) and obviously wouldn't be ready to go so a very kind Brian allowed me to take the 2N26 but much was to be done in a very short period of time. The car was fitted with a new battery, driven into the shed after freeing up a frozen clutch, checked over, put on Historic Rego and driven to Sydney – all in one day. The following day I drove on the Classic Rally Club/Alfa Romeo Owners Club Lunch Run from Heathcote to Burrawang. Round trip to home was about 300km and the old girl didn't miss a beat but some more work was needed before attempting a 3000 km trip to Victoria. This was carried out mostly by Brian and a bit from me (I cleaned and polished it) and so now sporting a set of Targa mags the “base model bullet” it was Geelong or Bust.

The trip down on Thursday was thankfully uneventful. Sitting on a comfortable 55-60 mph my three kids and I in company with Michael Nugent and family in their P76 and Honda Accord the bullet just cruised along surprisingly using more fuel than Michaels Super V8 auto. We figure it must be that “Grandpas Hat” (exterior sunvisor) causing wind drag. Who knows but it did raise an eyebrow. We arrived in Geelong just on dinner time so the “snags and chinwags” went down well. Meeting up mostly for the first time with many people I have spoken to, emailed or heard about plus a host of others on that Thursday night really set the tone for the weekend.

All the activities kept us busy over the next three days and of course returning each day to the great accommodation at the Riverglen Holiday Park capped off each great day. For me there were four highlights to the weekend – The Show-n-Shine on Eastern Beach, The Car Rally, Sunday Nights Dinner and spending good quality time with my three youngest kids. I'm sure you will read and hear elsewhere how good the event was and believe me there was very little you could fault – if anything. Yes including the Melbourne like weather – mostly. The Committee involved with organising the 2008 Nationals are to be congratulated on a job extremely well done and have set a very high standard for 2010 which by the way is coming to NSW. Details are sketchy at present but stay tuned for some announcements soon.

For those of you who missed it, it was a blast but you can make up for it in 2 years. Many thanks to Brian Hooper for the great car, Michael Nugent and family for chaperoning us in case we broke down, the Vic Club for being gracious hosts, Pnuts from all over Australasia for great company and my Lauren, Alex and Jacelyn for making my weekend.

2010 Nationals in NSW - BRING IT ON!

Steve Maher

Goodday all. Just a quick run down on the P76 nationals held in beautiful Geelong Victoria. My mother Denise and I had a event free trip to and from thankfully as I had only finished doing to re-spray work on mums Country cream P days before leaving, whilst trying to do the essential overall checks. Must I say how depressing it is to be back in the Sydney rat race. Overall I believe everyone in attendance had a great time, the Victorian club really needs a big pat on the back for such a huge event, from the food supplied to the organising of events.

I wont bore everyone with a step by step of events, but more of an over view of my favourite moments. I must say the concourse was of high calibre, both the cars and the area for the event Eastern Beach. The exposure the P's had to the public was enormous, I had some great conversations with the public, not a bad comment heard all day I even spotted Paul Wilson (judge of dancing with the stars) taking a peak.

Great to see N.S.W take home some trophies also. The parts sale and exchange was great, nobody was worried about breakfast at first, the push and shove was on get some bits and pieces. The observation run I took 1st place again as in Cootamundra not in score but first car to arrive. Lack of patience seems to play a big part in this, plus having resprayed the rear quarter of mums car and having a GQ Patrol bullbar close behind. I almost got wiped out at Cootamundra in my Aqua machine. I must sound like a complete grump.

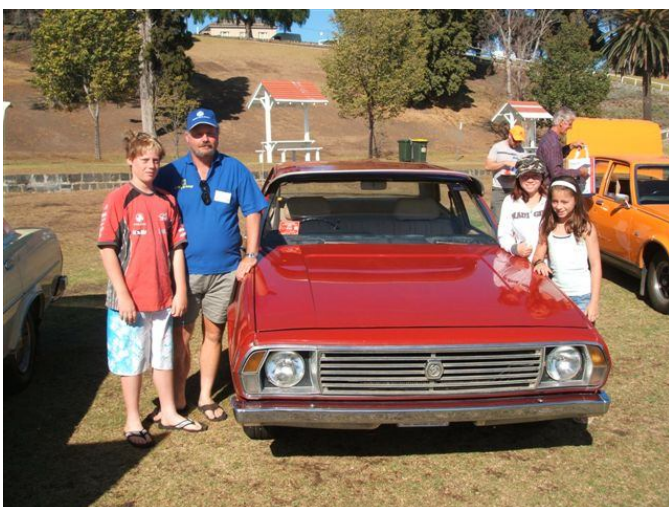
The dinner and award night at the RSL was a stand out. Well organised location and great food. speech from Hal Moloney was good with the announcement of the State of Origin series in Gunnedah to begin next Easter, the more the better I believe as I have only heard of these events with hillclimb etc. Also Marcus Kneebone (VIC parts tech) was auctioneer of the night, he did a tremendous job as all the Victorian committee did with the whole event.

In summing up I believe we in N.S.W have big shoes to fill for the 2010 Easter gathering, hoping both clubs can achieve this goal.

A couple of P76,s did have some mishaps but it just turns into a tech workshop where everyone gets involved, I believe if your car is to break down this is when you want it as something else may be resolved in the meantime.

Regards
Greg Bryant

This is where Jason's summary of the weekend was going to go. Unfortunately, he seems to think that he has written a little bit too much and wants some time to trim it down a bit. His story will be held over and may become serialised over the next few issues.



Steve and I didn't win any prizes, so our photographs get relegated to page 7.

2008 National Meet - Geelong, Victoria

We've had a very successful National Meet with 56 registrations representing each of the Australian and New Zealand clubs.

While most of the Leyland Rainbow was in attendance, there were a few elusive colours including Plum Loco and Peel Me a Grape. Unfortunately, there were no Force 7's in attendance as the owners need to preserve their special vehicles making it less likely for them to travel long distances. Perhaps in 2010.

Thursday was arrival day for most Nationals attendees so not much was planned. We held a BBQ for those that arrived in time and spent the night catching up on P-happenings from the past two years. The BBQ made for a great start to the weekend bringing everyone together.

There were a couple of stragglers on **Friday** but most attendees had registered and were settled in. After a pancake breakfast, people used the day to see some of the things the Geelong region has to offer including the Anakie Fairy Park, Queenscliff Seafood Fest, antiques stores and some even braved the traffic and took a trip along the Great Ocean Road. It was a good time for those who had come a long way to have a bit of a rest. It also allowed those who had encountered mechanical problems on their trip to attend to their vehicles.

That evening, a group of P-Nutz went to the Avalon Speedway to watch the speed trials, fireworks and demolition derby. The more placid opted for a relaxing evening eating fish & chips and watching great classic car movies. Although the food came exceptionally late and few movies were shown in their entirety, everyone had a great time.

Saturday saw an early Chicken & Champagne breakfast at Riverglen. Not many opted for the champagne as they had to drive to Eastern Beach for the Concourse and Display. There were 42 cars on display, including a Kimberley and two Marinas. It was a beautiful location and luckily someone turned the weather on for us.



The concourse winners were:



Best Original (First Place)

John & Linda Beattie



Best Original (Runner-up)

Norman & Marea Julian



Best Modified (First Place)

Greg Varveris



Best Modified (Runner-up)

Jason Birmingham



Best V8 (First Place)

Nick Kounelis



Best V8 (Runner-up)

Denise Mort & Gregory Bryant



Best L6 (First Place)

Martyn & Silvia Hayes



Best L6 (Runner-up)

John Ernst



Best Experimental

Scott Reynolds



Best Non-P76

Rick Perceval



People's Choice

Jason Birmingham



President's Choice

Graeme Beck

Congratulations to all the winners!!

Those not as interested in the P76 chatter during the concourse discovered Geelong waterfront including the Jaguar Club Concourse, historic carousel, swimming and Baywalk Bollards, timber pier pylons that have been transformed into notable characters of Geelong's history. After the concourse, many attendees visited the Ford Discovery Centre for a guided tour while others went antique hunting or visited the National Wool Museum or the Old Geelong Gaol.

The day concluded with dinner at Smorgy's overlooking the beautiful bay. Congratulations Rod Warrick the winner of the Golden Ticket Raffle!!!

Sunday started with a convoy to the Monster Parts Sale & Exchange at Chateau De La Haye in Lara. Once Rod, had made his selection, the sale was opened up to everyone else. There was a bacon & egg fry up and Easter eggs for the kids.

Following parts purchases, registrants headed off on the Observation Run to Queenscliff for their chance to secure the Zetland shield. Though the result was very close, the winning state this year was Victoria again.

Congratulations!! After a spot of lunch in Queenscliff, attendees were free to explore the historic town at their leisure. This included visiting the Bellarine Railway Collection where you can travel on the steam train, the Maritime Discovery Centre, Geelong Adventure Park, Adventure golf and the Queenscliffe Historical Museum.

Dinner was held the Belmont RSL and was a fun night with the presentation of trophies to the concourse winners and trivia. As part of a new tradition, the banner from the 2008 Nationals was handed to the NSW clubs who will be hosting the next National Meeting in 2010.

Monday - time to go home. There was a meeting for the National delegates and a picnic lunch in the park. Everyone said their good-byes and headed off to whence they came. Until next time...



Thanks to the Victorian Club for letting me reproduce this article from the National Magazine that was produced especially for the Nationals.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2008

Meeting Opened:	8.40pm
Attendance:	As per the attendance book
Apologies:	None
Minutes of Previous Meeting:	Accepted
Correspondence In:	Victorian Magazine (January); New Zealand Magazine (January); CAMS acceptance for affiliation and membership.
Treasurer Report:	\$5648.43
General Business:	
•1 Force 7 Models	All Force 7 models are spoken for. All clubs except for South Australia have purchased their allocated cars. Some clubs got extra cars.
•2 Classic Annual Lunch	Steve attended the Classic Annual Lunch. Steve went in one of Brian's Deluxe P76s that they had just got on the road the night before.
•3 Club Registration	We now have four cars on Club Registration.
•4 Nationals	Just over a month to go until the Nationals
Meeting Closed:	9.25 pm

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008

Meeting Opened:	8.20pm
Attendance:	As per the attendance book
Apologies:	Steve Foldhazy, Brian Hooper, Eddie Hooper
Minutes of Previous Meeting:	Accepted by Glen and seconded by Jason
Correspondence In:	SUV Super Series brochures; Renewal for Campbelltown Post Office Box; Queensland Magazine (February); Classic Magazine (February); Queensland Magazine (January); BMC Magazine (January); Western Australia Magazine (March); Western Australia Magazine (February); New Zealand Magazine (March); South Australia Magazine (March); South Australia Magazine (January and February); Victoria Magazine (February/March).
Treasurer Report:	\$5539.43
General Business:	
•1 Post Office Box	Post Office box up for renewal, need to pay before the end of March
•2 Force 7 Model	Steve wrote an article for Model Auto Review (an English Magazine) for the Force 7 Model
•3 Nationals	Discussion about P76 Nationals. Steve, Michael and Jason are attending
•4 Eastern Creek	Marty and Steve had a fun day out at Eastern Creek doing tests with Marty's Corinthian P76. Had a best time of 2.11
•5 Maitland Show	Big show at Maitland for the Steam Fest. All cars are welcome and it will be open to club cars
Meeting Closed:	8.40 pm

2008 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Info	Contact
9-Apr	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
13-Apr	Robertson Heritage Railway Station Annual Vintage/Classic Car Day	Info	Steve Maher 0417 435 830
19/20-Apr	Maitland Steam Festival Show-n-Shine		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
14-May	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
11-Jun	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
9-Jul	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
13-Aug	LPOC Annual General Meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
10-Sep	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
8-Oct	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
12-Nov	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830
10-Dec	LPOC monthly meeting		Steve Maher 0417 435 830



2008
Hunter Valley
Steamfest
Show 'n' Shine

Starting at 9.00am on Sunday 20 April at Maitland Park.

See over 700 vintage, veteran and classic cars, hot rods and bikes on display.

See displays by Shannons and Autobarn East Maitland.

Stalls selling model cars, prints, hot rod parts, collectables and more!



Everyone is invited to bring their Leylands to the Maitland Steam Festival Show and Shine, to be held on 20 April. Entry is \$5 payable on the day. All proceeds are donated to charity.

It is held in Maitland Park, which is directly across the road from Maitland Station. This is the main precinct for the Maitland Steam Festival which is also on. This is a great opportunity for the kids, both big and little, to see steam trains in operation as well as all sorts of other steam powered machinery, from pumps to real steam rollers. There will also be a large number of market stalls set up nearby.

The plan is for visitors to come up Saturday and either stay at my place, with air mattresses, tents etc, depending on numbers, or to stay in some of the local accommodation. My contact details are with the editors position in the committee members. I am happy to provide directions and more details. (There are only four turns and about three km after the end of the F3.)

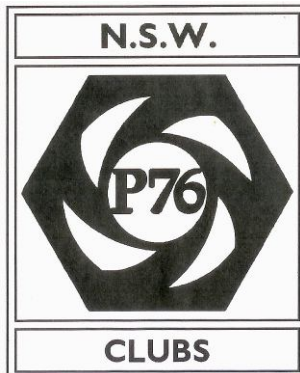
Hal Moloney has offered to get us entry to a local car museum and to meet some local P enthusiasts. That night we can go to the drive-in or just stay at my place for a BBQ and maybe a small bonfire. I am not sure what is showing at the drive-in, but it is the middle weekend of the school holidays, so there should be something for kids as well as adults. Check www.drive-in.com.au for more details.

Michael Nugent



The Country Cream Collection. Prize winning cars from Denise Mort, Scott Reynolds ad Norm Julian. This photo was taken in the park across the road from the Riverglen Caravan Park.

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