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GENERAL MEETINGS:

The General Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of EVERY MONTH at the Memorial Bowling Club, 26 Pritchard St West, Wentworthville.

**Next Meetings - .All Welcome
17th April, 8th May At 7.30 pm**

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

March/April 2012

Brian Hooper

Matt Bryson and Gerry Crown are now in the USA preparing for the start of the Trans America Challenge. Their P76 will arrive any day. Stay up dated on their progress in the rally by checking out their blog at www.transamp76.blogspot.com.au



**FOR
SALE**

P76 DELUXE MODEL

The club has had one of our Deluxe models assembled and painted by our model builder. The colour is Am-Eye-Blue with Antique Parchment interior and is model no. 13 of 100. The cost to anyone wishing to purchase this model is

\$140 plus postage if required. If you don't want to wait to have one done, here's your chance. Contact Glen Gray to secure this model.



COUNTRY RESCUE MISSION

Eddie Sams from the NSW Country Club acquired a P76 from a country property in Narrandera. This Country Cream Deluxe with Imperial Leather interior was originally a taxi in Leeton NSW and ordered as a 2M26. At some stage the 6cyl was replaced with a V8 and this is what it is today. Chassis no. is 076 A4S2M26 1212 built 12/73. Body is pretty straight with a little rust but paint is poor as is the interior. It would make a great project. Contact Eddie on 0428 772 409 for more info and it can be yours for a measly \$50.

SOLD

SOLD TO ALAN FIRTH. NOW LIVING AT THE FARM



AND ED SAID.....STEVE MAHER

Well another couple of months has passed us by and it seems only the other day we were enjoying the hospitality of the Queensland club at the Nationals. This issue of The Leyland Post has been a bit late getting everything together for some reports on the Nationals. My report is on the next page. Many other things have been humming along.

James Mentiplay from the WA club have organised a number of Ryco air filters that are the same as the original equipment ones.

These have been made available to all the clubs involved with the Council of P76 Clubs. Our club has bought 12 of these and are available at only \$35 each. Contact Glenn Gray to get yours. James is also working on getting a run of Z86 oil filters done at a reasonable price. The Council has been talking to Pedders Suspension about getting a run of front strut inserts done. These are no longer available from Pedders but they are willing to do a run on 200 units or 100 sets for us. If you would like to organise a set for yourself contact Glenn for that as well. We will need money up front as we have to purchase the entire 100 sets. WA, SA and Vic clubs have already confirmed that they will buy some I believe. Cost looks to be around the \$240 mark but that is still being negotiated.

The BMC/Leyland Australia Heritage Groups long awaited book on the history of car manufacturing by BMC/Leyland Australia at Zetland is now available. The club has secured a small number of these books so contact Kay De Luca to see if you can get one, otherwise they will be available through The BMC Experience magazine. I have mine and I can thoroughly recommend it as a great read. Catch up with you at our next run. Steve Maher

BLAST FROM THE PAST!



IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO, TODAY.....or something like that. This photo was taken in 1982 at Parramatta Park on the day of the formation of the club. Can you name those in the picture? It includes 4 past Presidents. In the back row is (L-R) Roland Torony, Steve Deakes, Ross Squire, Steve Hollings. On the front row is Phil Crowther (Dr Philthy), Paul Patten, Steve Maher, Annette Byrne and Joe Torony.

Past Presidents were Phil Crowther, Paul Patten, Steve Maher and Joe Torony.

14th LEYLAND P76 NATIONALS SUNSHINE COAST QLD EASTER 2012

The highlight for me at the 2012 Nationals was the trip to Bowdens Own display of their outstanding private collection of Australian Touring Cars and other notable exotics. Dan Bowden conducted the tour and made the 3 odd hours we were there fly past with his astounding knowledge of all the cars in the collection. The run at the Big Kart Track was probably next on my list. Although it was only 30 minutes long, it was plenty long enough. The body couldn't take much more and I was sore for days afterwards, but it was worth it.

My travelling companion, Marty Stockwell, and I took part in the Observation/Poker Run. I believe we got all the questions right but lost out in the poker hand. I'm glad we weren't playing for money. It was a great cruise around the Sunshine Coast hinterland. The National Concours had around 39 cars on display and it was obvious that the pre-event publicity done by the club worked as the turnout of spectators was great. Someone actually brought a V8 motor in a box trailer and ended up selling it to one of the Nationals entrants. Even though I didn't stay onsite as I was the guest of Shane Foxs' family who lives up there, the accommodation at the Coach House looked comfortable and clean.

Our club did pretty well at the boot sale, even though it started earlier than scheduled :(and did very well out of the auction. Thanks to Peter Tozer who donated to the club one of the original P76 bar mirrors. It was the hot item in the auction. The 70s theme night was a hoot. Some people were hard to recognise under all the 70s gear. The food was good but the singer who was entertaining us was hopeless. My guess is she doesn't earn a living doing it.

I was the guest speaker on the Saturday night, talking about the Council of Leyland P76 Clubs and Martyn Hayes gave us a demo of the National Database. Unfortunately some people chose to attack the database and Martyn which was very disappointing. For me it was the low point of the weekend and tarnished the whole event. Still the Qld club did a great job and should be congratulated on a job well done. Next up will be the P76 40th Birthday in Canberra and the 2015 Nationals at a TBA venue.

Steve Maher



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THE DE LUCA'S ACCOUNT OF THE 2012 NATIONALS

Tony was busy for a week or two (on and off) doing “things” on the 6 Cylinder Deluxe and I finally realized that he was getting it ready for the trip to the Sunshine Coast. I made a few derogative remarks and he remained adamant that this was his choice for the 2012 Nationals. I walked away and said “If you want to take that instead of the Executive, you’ve got to get rid of those awful seat covers”. Guess what, he did just that and even he was astounded at the almost new upholstery underneath. We were both then happy with the choice, even though I knew the bench front seat wasn’t going to be as comfortable as the Executives bucket seats.



On the Sunday before Easter, we had a visit from Alan and Jane Firth who were in Sydney doing the rounds – even a trip to Oberon – Jane showed us her video of the Hooper Farm – she agreed with me it’s a place for the boys – so when Tony and I eventually get there, we’ll stay in a motel !!! Anyway, it was lovely to catch up again with our visitors from the UK and after lunch with us, they were off in their white P76 for the trip north – first stop for them Taree.

We departed the following Wednesday evening around 5.30pm and drove via the New England Highway as far as Murrurundi for an overnight stop, arriving around 10pm. Driving

at night is for the birds when you get to our age! Next morning it was an early start, leaving our motel at 8am for the long journey to Maroochydoore. We had a good run through Tamworth, Armidale, Tenterfield but after a stop near Warwick in Qld, Tony noticed water dripping from the water pump. The Deluxe had to be “nursed” a little bit from there – I’ve learned some interesting tricks along the way though – to ease the pressure in a situation like this you stuff “floral knickers” into the expansion tank leaving off the radiator cap – it worked and the dripping stopped – fascinating where you guys learn these remedies! Anyway, we made it to the Sunshine Coast, arriving



around 8pm and found everyone having dinner in the Hotel Bistro adjacent to the Maroochydoore Coach House, where we joined them for a bite to eat and a chat.

We found the Coach House a delightful venue with our rooms facing north, overlooking a lagoon where keen anglers cast their rods and the fish were really “jumping” out of the water, but I’m not sure if anyone caught one. Tony’s grandsons enjoyed the pool and the BBQ and all amenities perfect for our Nationals.

The Qld. Committee had arranged a delightful weekend, Friday being traditionally a quiet day, making time for old friends from other States to catch up and compare notes. We went to Tony's son John's place at Marcoola, near the Maroochydore Airport and Tony took time then to replace the leaking water pump with the spare which he carried in the boot. Cooling system problem solved. Saturday was very enjoyable with the Observation Run in the morning ending up at the Ginger Factory at Yandina for lunch. We spent the afternoon at the Motel, chatting and relaxing.

The Swap Meet apparently went off with a bang, Steve Maher handed me the cash at the end and apparently was swept off his feet with orders. The evening BBQ was good fun, followed by Steve's talk about the National Body and then the Monster Auction. I became the very proud owner of the Leyland Australia quilt, which was lovingly made by Barbara Packham's sister, Kathy MacIntosh – so happy about that. The big surprise was the Leyland P76 Wall Mirror – auctioneer's hammer fell at \$800 for the mirror which was originally purchased for around \$50



through the SA Club in the 1980's – I will enjoy cleaning that mirror of ours even more in the future!

Sunday was a big day with the Concours Event at Aussie World – my friend Amelia and I checked out the cars, then the shops and she enjoyed doing some “work” under an umbrella to keep showers at bay. A very colourful display of P's this year and the judges were busy under bonnets and in boots. There seemed to be a lot of interest from passersby, chatting with the various owners and making their comments, usually about the 40 gallon drum in the boot. The afternoon was a

winner for the guys – Bowdens Museum was filled with muscle cars from the decades past and stories of Beechey, Geoghegan, Moffat, Brock etc. Jane Firth and I decided to retreat back to the Motel and leave the boys to their toys. Tony was stoked to see the mid-1950's gull winged Mercedes SL300, which was featured in the April Edition of Australian Classic Car Magazine.

The 70's Fancy Dress in the evening was a fantastic time and so many people went to the trouble to find examples of the horrible gear we used to wear in the 1970's – congratulations to all. During the dinner, the Raffle was drawn and Tony won one of the Fuji Cameras much to his delight. Then the Concours results were announced and Tony won the De Luxe category – he was so excited with his trophy. Congratulations to all the winners and placegetters.

Monday morning saw most people departing but we spent the day visiting family and enjoyed dinner with them that evening, with Denise Mort joining us. Denise was leaving Tuesday morning, same as us.



Our trip home was in stages – lunch with friends at Banora Point (near Tweed Heads). We met this couple on our recent cruise to Hong Kong and it was great to catch up with them and share photos etc. We spent Tuesday night at the Big 4 just north of Coffs Harbour – weather getting quite chilly and very windy. Next day (Wednesday) we stopped at Port Macquarie and had lunch with a cousin of mine who owns a lighting shop in Port. The trip from Port to Sydney is a lot shorter these days – 4+ hours will do it – I remember when my mum and dad took us on a holiday to Surfers Paradise back in 1958 in our new FC Holden Special Station Wagon – we took a day to get to Port Macquarie, another day to Brunswick Heads and finally getting to Surfers the next day. The road then was very winding, with lots of ferry crossings of the various rivers – can you remember when we used to have those little NRMA strip maps to follow – that was my job as a 12 year old!

Anyway, enough from me – except to say it was a great trip north for the 2012 Nationals – big thanks to the organising committee and the Qld Club for a job well done – we know how much time and energy is required to get this event over the line and they did that with great results.
Kay De Luca

PS: *The Deluxe 6 Cylinder Auto (had to be auto or I couldn't drive it) went like a dream for almost 2,500 kms and I was suitably impressed, although not quite as good as the V8 Executive.*



The NSW Owners Club feeling very 1970s. Missing from photo are the Nugent family and Bruce Rose

Marchooydore Qld Nationals 2012 - Shane Fox

Hi All. It's Shane. This was a great trip not just for the Qld Nats, it was more, as it was the first trip for me in my P76 since joining the club several years ago and buying my P76 from the original owner. I have been sorting out gremlins for the past 12 months and it was such a big ask to drive my baby this distance including towing a trailer after only ever driving her from Taree (purchased address) and Oberon.

Scott Wilson and his daughter Amelia & I set off at 9am Wednesday morning and only got as far as St Ives before we realized we forgot the mirror for auction so after setting off again we hit the freeway with clothes, full tank and plenty of 70s music. We travelled to Coffs Harbour for the night after driving with sun fully shining and arm on the window, music playing. I have never felt so comfortable and relaxed in a car before including new car at home in the driveway.



After a good night sleep we hit the road again and met up with Steve and Marty in Byron Bay outskirts and the convoy was started. Watching people's faces and comments when pulling up at a service station or lights was priceless. So many people commented on how they truly were a car ahead of the times and often asked me what they like were to drive almost 40 years on. My reply was "you cannot wipe the smile off my face, they're that much fun". We finally hit Brisbane traffic and 1.5 hours later cleared the run to Qld

Nats arriving around 6pm.

We were met by club members with OPEN arms and it was as if we were never apart of the QLD Club at regularly meetings. After signing in and having a quiet drink to celebrate my Ps faultless effort, not a single fault. Fuel economy was superb. I was asked when I arrived how tired was I. My reply was "I have driven a lot of cars from Sydney to Qld in 20 years and never have I gotten out of a car feeling like I was still at the start line. After spending the night with family we headed the next morning to meet at Coach House for a chat and yarn. The whole experience, everything from dinner the first night to all functions on the agenda, were I think well received by all. From boot sale to karting to concourse it was great but I think the stand out was Bowdens such an awesome feeling standing next to Australian history and take my hat off to the Qld Club. Such a great thing to have on the agenda.

The final night was by far the best as I was sitting outside with friends chatting and listening to the awards and nearly fell off my chair when my name and car won a prize for 2nd place Deluxe. I didn't think my car was entered not that she is a show and shine car (yet) but it made me so proud, words can not express it fully and it gives me determination to do more for the next Nats.

Check out the pictures of me in the 70s dress up as one of the Bee Gees. It was great to let the hair down or shall I say FUZZED up, I'll let you choose, but the night was great as we had a picture taken of most of the NSW clan that attended and to me it was a FAMILY picture. So to sum up, I truly believe QLD set a standard above and beyond and made us all feel welcome (thank you) truly THANK YOU. I enjoyed trip and was sad to leave. I also would like to thank Scott for all the fiddly work before trip and making the trip comfortable also Marty for the many drinking sessions outside in private bar (Martys room) & Steve for support and great company and look forward to next one.

Cheers Shane



LIMITED EDITION 1:43 SCALE LEYLAND P76 MODELS

The Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW is offering for sale Limited Edition LEYLAND P76 models. Following on from our super successful Force 7 model kit these models are 1:43 scale so they will look great next to your Trax P76 Supers and Targa Florios. These models are available as either kits or fully assembled, painted and mounted.



The Station Wagon is limited to a production run of only 100 numbered kits and is available for \$75 in kit form or \$140 fully built up and mounted.

The Deluxe and Evan Green/John Bryson 1974 World Cup Rally car are based on the same kit with a total production run of also 100 numbered kits split between the two. Deluxe models are \$75 in kit form and



\$140 fully built up. The World Cup car is \$110 in kit form and \$195 fully built up. Once these kits are sold they will not be remanufactured as the moulds will be destroyed. Contact our Parts Officer Glenn Gray to secure yours before they are all gone.

Models shown here are pre-productions only.



A TARGA THAT LOST ITS STRIPES!

The opportunity has arisen that could enable you to purchase one of the last remaining P76 Targa Florio's that is still in original, and excellent, condition with original Registration and Log Books. The vehicle was bought new on 13/11/1974 from Campbell Leyland Bankstown by Glassop & Son as a Company vehicle. The Targa Stripes were removed by the Dealer at the Company's request. After some four years the vehicle was traded and bought by Les Cooper of Penrith who retained it for twenty years. I purchased the vehicle 14 years ago from him. It has covered some 159,000 kilometres over its life, only some 4500km. since in my ownership. The vehicle is in original and excellent condition. It has been subject to some repainting prior to my purchase. Since in my possession it has been garaged and used a very limited amount. There is only minimal rust evident, at the base of rear window and on the front lower guard, rocker panels. The interior is in excellent and original condition. I was part of the Leyland Design and Development Team for almost 16 years and my last position with Leyland was Vehicle Engineering Manager for the P76 Vehicle Range with responsibilities for the Chassis Mechanical Design and the vehicle as a package. My intention was to restore the paintwork and give it back its' stripes but am willing to let someone else do that if the 'price is right'!

My details are:

ALAN F NICOLSON 11 THOMAS ROAD GALSTON. NSW. 2159.

TELEPHONE: 0296531483; MOBILE: 0402851483; EMAIL: acsnic@yahoo.com.au



Ron Naylor has contacted the club to advise us that he is, sadly, selling his P76. His car (pictured) is a Nutmeg Super V8 Tbar auto and is apparently in good running condition. Ron had the car up at the 2010 Nationals and reported that it ran faultlessly. This car has been in Rons family for many years and was his daily driver for most of those until some

years ago it was transferred to historic rego. The car does have some rust but appears not to be substantial and relatively easily fixed. The car knocked back for a pink slip recently due to the condition of some of the steering/suspension rubbers. The car comes with some spares in the boot and the original V8 engine and transmission (not fitted). The engine and transmission was changed some years ago. Ron is Sydney based and is looking for something around \$1000. He can be contacted on 02 9790 4010 after hours or at ronnaylor@optusnet.com.au.

LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB of NSW Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2012 AT 8.10PM

- Present:** Members as per attendance book.
- Apologies:** Andrew Griffiths, Marty Stockwell.
- Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.
Accepted: Shane Fox; Seconded: Tony De Luca
- Business Arising:** Secretary to obtain sample of Windscreen Banners. Cars at Riverstone – Steve Maher to contact the owner and advise action to take place in a month's time. The Meeting was advised that travelling interstate on HCRS can take up to 3 months – use discretion. Website to be brought up to date – currently receiving 350 hits per month.
- Treasurer's Report:** As per Bank Statement. Moved: Shane Fox Seconded: Greg Bryant
- Correspondence:** Mail: Tech Report from Phil Crowther (hand written). NZ Mag Feb 2012; SA Mag. Feb 2012
IN:
- Email: CMC Affiliation Certificate + Guidelines re Handover, SECC/NMHD, CAMS Affiliation query, A.Spencer Marina parts, new member Gary Barber; Hal Moloney re merger P76 Club; Leyland Post No.47; February Westwords.
- Correspondence:** Email: January Minutes.
OUT: Mail: Nil.
- Reports:** Parts Officer: Parts sold – \$60 Brian Hooper (parts to Alan Firth); \$352 "Wards" stock sold – Treasurer to draw cheque to Wards for \$316.80. \$200.50 parts bought for Alan Firth's car.
- Registrar's Report: Club now has 9 vehicles on HCRS. Alan Firth's Car has been placed on HCRS and is registered in Steve Maher's name. Shane to do an article for the next Magazine on HCRS guidelines. There was concern regarding many members who never attend meetings and the issues relating to HCRS. After discussion, it was suggested that members living more than 300 kms out of Sydney CBD could be a member of the P76 Owners Club, but in addition should approach a "local club" for listing the vehicle on HCRS, in order that the vehicle can be inspected by that Club. This matter to be discussed further at the Committee Meeting on 20th March 2012 at 7.30pm – venue 7 Savoy Court, West Pennant Hills.
- Activities Past:



Activities Future:

Harry's Café De Wheels – 2nd March 2012

ACMC Conference – Eastern Creek Raceway – Sunday 26th February 2012 –
Shane to attend as a Delegate.

1st April 2012 Family Day – Pitt Town Sports Club.

Leyland P76 Nationals Qld. 2012 at Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast
(Maroochy River Resort).

Wings Over Illawarra – Sunday 6th May 2012 – Albion Park Airport.

National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 20th May 2012

Shannons Eastern Creek Classic – Sunday 19th August 2012 – place an Application for 12 tickets.

BMC Heritage Group Reunion – 23/09/12 Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.

Club to consider participation in the 2013 Motorfest conducted by NRMA.

General Business:

Marty's "Race" Car was sold for \$10,000 and was driven to Dubbo by the new owner.

Website needs updating – Glenn advised invoice is pending from Webmaster.

Steve Maher mentioned the 2 cars at Riverstone need to be relocated – Marty and Steve to organize.

Next Meeting:

Next General Meeting – 13th March 2012 – Apologies from Kay & Tony who will be overseas for the March Meeting.

Closure:

Meeting closed at 9.45pm



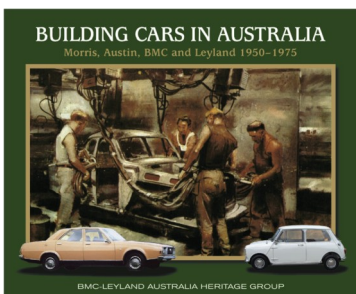
The Leyland Post was contacted recently by club member Greg Clarke to report that his Country Cream Executive has been stolen. The car was stolen from the Sydney suburb of East Hills on Tuesday 10th April. Understandably Greg is devastated that his much loved P76 has been stolen by some low life. The car has been reported stolen to the Police. The cars NSW rego no. is GMP 948. Chassis no. is 076 B4S4A44 1432. Engine no. is 44002286. The

car has been converted to run on LPG and is similar to the one pictured here. Please notify Police if seen and be wary of buying and parts possibly from this car.

LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB of NSW Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13TH MARCH 2012 AT 8.05PM

- Present:** Members as per attendance book.
- Apologies:** Kay and Tony De Luca, Brian Hooper, Andrew Griffith, Scott Wilson
- Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.
Accepted: Marty Stockwell; Seconded: Matt Bryson
- Business Arising:** No report on windscreen banners, Cars at Riverstone will be remove as soon as weather improves, Website has been upgraded.
- Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurers report due to Kay being away on holidays.
- Correspondence:**
IN: Mail: Letter from Peter Dueter, SA Club President, regarding McFeeters Motor Museum in Forbes as a possible future club run. They were also looking for a P76 to display in their museum as they don't have one. Norm Julian is organizing to have one of his cars up there.
Australia Post PO Box renewal - \$93.00
Penzed – March 2012, Tax Invoice and receipt from CAMS, Invoice from Brian Hooper for parts supplied - \$80.00
Email: From Kathy Ward regarding parts sale..
- Correspondence:**
OUT: Email: February Minutes; Other P76 Clubs newsletters.
Mail: Nil
- Reports:**
Parts Officer: Parts totaling \$450.00 have been sold. Ordering 4 complete V8 engine gasket sets from QLD Club to be picked up paid for at Nationals. Updated Parts list now on website. Marty and Steve M to take 2 bins of parts to sell at Nationals.
Registrar's Report: Club now has 11 vehicles on HCRS. Advised all members who are going to Nationals to have a copy of the club magazine with them. Requested that a link be put on our website to the RMS website to allow for downloading of HCRS forms. Discussion about electronic pink slips.
Activities Past:
Harry's Café De Wheels 02.03.12 –Steve only attended – poor weather.
ACMC Conference at Eastern Creek – moved to General Business
Activities Future:
Sydney Model Auto Club invited us to join them on 25th March for a day out at Motorlife Museum at Albion Park.
Family Fun Day and Car Show at Pitt Town Sports Club on 1st April
Leyland P76 Nationals Qld. 2012 at Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast (Maroochy River Resort). Looks like 8 members attending in 5 cars.
National Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 20th May 2012
Eastern Creek – Sunday 19th August 2012
BMC Heritage Group Reunion – 23/09/12 Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.
Club to consider participation in the 2013 Motorfest conducted by NRMA.



The BMC/Leyland Australia Heritage Group has released it's new book on the history of manufacturing at the Zetland plant. This book covers the factory, the people and, of course, all the cars made from 1950 to 1975. The Leyland Post was at the official book launch and through Tony and Kay De Luca have secured a limited number of books from the launch at a special price. \$40 will secure yours now.

General Business:

Shane F spoke about ACMC Conference. In general a good meeting
James Mentiplay contacted Steve M about 30th Anniversary WA club polo shirts asking if anyone wants one. Steve M and Alan F getting one.
Glenn G suggested we do our own 30th Anniversary polo shirts. All agreed and Glenn will look into designs hopefully getting them ready for Nationals.
Welcome to new members Gary and Jodie Barber from Dubbo who joined after purchasing Martys Deluxe V8.
Shane F requested an updated membership list. Steve M to send.
Matt and John Bryson gave a talk on the build and progress of their Trans America P76. Its now on its way by ship to America. Steve M to do story for next club magazine.

Next Meeting:

Next General Meeting – 10th April 2012

Closure:

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

MEDIA WATCH

The first issue of **THE BMC EXPERIENCE** hit the newsagents shelves recently with, as expected, a much more diversified range of articles on many of the cars produced at Zetland, not just Minis.

There was still a fairly large Mini content but stories were also included on the beginning of Austin and Wolseley, the birth of the MGB which turns 50 this year, the Morris Minor Million and the London to Sydney Marathon Austin 1800s.

For P76ers there was a piece on the Council of Leyland P76 Clubs as well as a full page spread on the Victorian Club Concourse.

The next issue due out toward the end of June should have major coverage of the 2012 P76 Nationals and the Crown/Bryson Trans America rally P76.

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2012 Events Calendar

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| 4/9-Apr | 14th Leyland P76 Nationals | | Adrian Spencer 0414 383053 |
| Easter | Maroochydore, Queensland | | |
| 17-Apr | Club Meeting | | |
| 4-May | First Friday Cruise to Harrys | | Steve Maher |
| 6-May | Wings Over Illawarra | | Kay De Luca |
| 8-May | Club Meeting | | |
| 20-May | National Motoring Heritage Day | | Tony De Luca |
| 28-May | CMC Meeting | | Tony De Luca |
| 1-Jun | First Friday Cruise to Harrys | | Steve Maher |
| 12-Jun | Club Meeting | | |
| 6-Jul | First Friday Cruise to Harrys | | Steve Maher |
| 10-Jul | Club Meeting | | |
| 3-Aug | First Friday Cruise to Harrys | | Steve Maher |
| 14-Aug | Club Meeting | | |
| 7-Sep | First Friday Cruise to Harrys | | Steve Maher |
| 11-Sep | Club Meeting | | |
| 23-Sep | BMC/Leyland Australia Heritage Group Lunch | | Kay De Luca |

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