



# The Leyland Post

## Inside this issue:

Club Contact details	2
Presidents Report	3
Activities Update	4
From the Registrars Desk	5
Update from the Parts Division	6 - 9
P76 Owners Club Merchandise	10
Club Membership Application Form	11
Minutes Zoom Meeting September 13th	13
Proposed 2021 Calendar of Events	14

### Dates for your Calendar

- \* 24th September - Zoom presentation by Will Hagon
- \* 8th October - Zoom presentation by Noel Delforce
- \* 12th October - General Meeting (Kings Park)
- \* Shannons Sydney Classic (14th August 2022)

### PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING VENUE

Next General Meeting - October 12th

The Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc  
is affiliated with the following organisations

Council of Motor Clubs



BMC Leyland Aust.  
Heritage Group

Council of Leyland P76 Clubs



# Committee contact details

---

## Executive Committee:

**President:** Paul Patten

email: ppatten@ozemail.com.au Mobile: 0407 284 051

**Vice-President:** Charles Anderson

email: charlesa@dpfsales.com.au Mobile: 0478 239226

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Kay De Luca

email: tonkay@optusnet.com.au Mobile: 0410 688 886

**Public Officer:** Kay De Luca

email: tonkay@optusnet.com.au Mobile: 0410 688 886

## Ordinary Committee Members:

**Parts Officer:** Daniel Sheard

email: sheardy95@gmail.com Mobile: 0491 632561

**Merchandise:** Steve Maher

email: stevem1960@tpg.com.au Mobile: 0417 435830

**Magazine Editors:** Paul & Kay

**Activities Coordinator:** Charles Anderson

email: charlesa@dpfsales.com.au Mobile: 0478 239226

**Webmaster:** Charles Anderson

email: charlesa@dpfsales.com.au Mobile: 0478 239226

**Historic Vehicle Registrar:** Paul Patten

email: ppatten@ozemail.com.au Mobile: 0407 284 051

**National (CLPC ) Delegates:** Charles Anderson and Daniel Sheard

Disclaimer:

# Articles submitted for publication may be edited at the discretion of the Editor, under committee guidance.

# Any technical information produced in this magazine is meant as a guide only. No responsibility can be taken by this Club, or its members, or contributors to this magazine, for any loss, damage, injury, etc, incurred and/or suffered by any person as a result, actual or imagined, of attempting to use information contained within this or any other magazine. We provide Technical Tips and other articles for general help or your amusement. You are solely responsible for the consequences of any use made of the information.

All Correspondence to:

THE LEYLAND P76 OWNERS INC

PO BOX 2769 CARLINGFORD NSW 2118

WEBSITE: [www.p76clubnsw.org](http://www.p76clubnsw.org)



---

## Presidents Report—Paul Patten

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is well and keeping safe in these extraordinary times, I am putting pen to paper as greater Sydney enters its 11th week in lockdown. Of course it's been an interesting time for all of us in greater Sydney, but also for our country cousins who joined us just so we could all be in this together. Of course, that's not quite the case because some have been more in 'it' than others, depending on your postcode.

Unlike last year, this time around, the effects on business and the damage to consumer confidence have been nothing short of devastating and I fear there will be many businesses that just won't survive the onslaught of the Delta strain. For us, we have been able to continue operating the business, albeit with half our staff working from home. Our business has certainly slowed and I just wish there was a way I could invoice someone for the time that I have spent keeping abreast of rules and the constant changes to them. A task made worse by the fact that my postcode falls within one of the LGA's of concern, and also having a need to work outside of greater Sydney at times.

We have become very familiar with having our throats and noses poked and prodded, in the first instance for regional access, but then (in my case) just to be able to go to the office. I have undergone a 'Covid test' each week for 8 weeks now, and I can proudly say that I have never been so negative in all my life.

Like many, Sue and I have now had our two vaccinations and look forward to the possibility of things getting back to some sort of normal in the near future. I would dearly like to be able to catch up with everyone and talk about our cars again.

As you know we had to postpone the August AGM, and we will let you know as soon as possible when this might be able to take place. There has been a suggestion that we could try and conduct the AGM via a Zoom meeting, but I think we all need to become a little more familiar with Zoom before we attempt this. At this point in time, the first possible AGM date will be October 12th, provided of course we have access to the meeting room at Kings Park Tavern.

As always, please stay and travel safe, hope to catch up with you soon,

**General Meetings - the Second Tuesday of the Month  
Kings Park Tavern 214 Sunnyholt Road, Kings Park**

**Next General Meeting**

**Tuesday October 12 at 7.30 pm at Kings Park Tavern**

**if possible or maybe via Zoom!**

---

# ZOOMED

to you from the Activities Officers' Desk - Charles Anderson

As we can all appreciate, things at the club level have been a little on the quite side recently and we are all suffering from a lack of activities due to the Covid lockdowns.

So we have decided to try a few different activities to try and keep everyone in some contact

## **Here is what the club is going to try.**

Some Zoom virtual activities.

We have scheduled one activity for every second Friday at 7 PM starting in two weeks time.

We will try 3 fortnights to start with.

We invite you to join in, it's free, and should be entertaining and can be done from home.

1. Friday 24th Sept 7 PM Guest TV motorsport commentator and marketing manager for Leyland Australia. Will Hagon has a wealth of knowledge and is an interesting and professional speaker - this will be a LIVE presentation - Subject Leyland TBA
2. Friday 8 Oct 7 PM Guest Speaker Noel Delforce about his time and experiences as a cadet engineer with Leyland during the P76 era.

We will contact you by email regarding how to participate.

You need to have a computer with internet connection, a webcam with mike and a working printer. You don't need to be with or join Zoom in any way as we will look after that for you.



---

# From the Registrars desk

Paul Patten

Since our last magazine in July, we have helped several of our members to register and/or re - register their vehicles in both HVS and CVS schemes. In late July/early August we were advised via the CMC, that Service NSW had announced, due to the extra workload from Covid related duties, they would not be able to offer some of the more 'non - essential' tasks they would normally do over the counter. Included in this announcement was Historic and Classic vehicle registration which they consider to be recreational and not essential. Fortunately, they also advised that the normal expiry period associated with both pink and blue slips would be waived so that people wouldn't have to get them re - issued once things get back to normal.

Fortunately, the majority of our members that have needed these services, were based outside of greater Sydney which meant they had access to Service NSW offices to facilitate this. We have had at least one member who had to try a second Service NSW outlet within Sydney, after being turned away from the first, but was able to finalise his registration at the second attempt. Feedback from the motoring community confirms that it really does change depending on which office you attend and how busy they are.

Changes to CVS Registration.

We have just been advised by CMC that they have finally been accredited as an approved organisation. This was something they were seeking as part of the splitting of responsibilities from APMC, which as the only body approved to deal with CVS registrations, had become overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of vehicles involved.

The requirements for CVS registration remain unchanged, in terms of paperwork however the processing fee will need to be paid into a different (CMC) account - you can pay the \$25.00 fee by cheque or money order made payable to CMC CVS, or you can EFT the funds to

**CMC CVS**

**BSB 633 000**

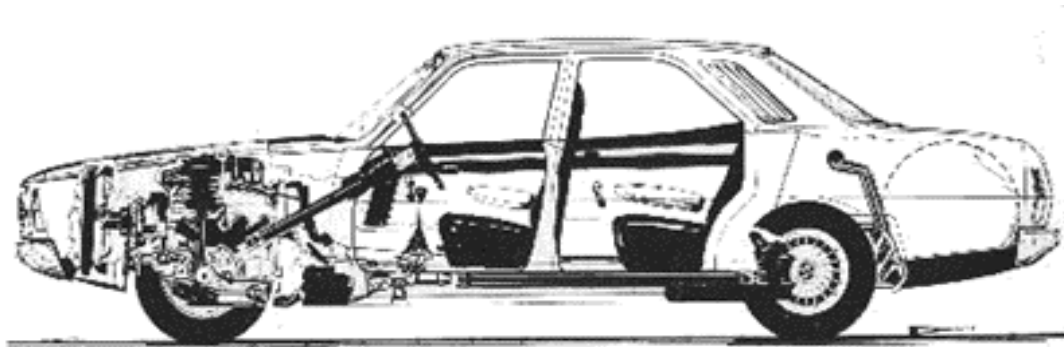
**Account 186322772**

Please identify the payment in the reference field with a surname and initials.

The postal address is;

**CMC CVS**

**PO Box 174, Bexley NSW 2207**



## **Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc**

### **Parts Department**

#### **P76 Front Strut Inserts.**

Having properly working front suspension is critical to the performance and safety of any car however in the case of the P76 the hydraulic inserts for the Front Struts, is now a part which is no longer available over the counter from any of the suppliers of suspension parts. Because of this the club organised the re - manufacture of these critical components and have had them remade on two occasions now, the last being in 2016. To organise this purchase the club has to commit to a minimum of 50 sets (pairs), so it's not something we can do on a regular basis or at short notice.

As stock from the previous order is now pretty well exhausted, we need to see if there is enough interest to justify another production run. Consequently, we need to see if we can get a Strut order together. Prices for the struts will be approx. \$350/pair although as we are buying in US dollars we won't know exactly what the final price will be until we place the order and pay the supplier.

To be able to make this work we will be offering to discount the above price, to approx. \$332.50/pair for those interested in placing an order and paying for them upfront. Of course there may need to be an adjustment - a small refund or shortfall to be paid depending on the exchange variation. The prices above is based on the struts being collected at a club meeting, so if freight is required to deliver your order this will need to be added and paid prior to delivery.

Lead time will be confirmed after we have placed the order but we would expect approx 8 - 12 weeks following order placement. We need to get numbers in ASAP as this order will also be coordinated with the other P76 clubs nationally. So, if you require struts either now or in the foreseeable future (bearing in mind that worn out struts can affect registration as well as drivability) we would encourage you to order now as it could be another 5 - 6 years before we need to order these again.

Please contact Daniel or myself by email or phone with your order.



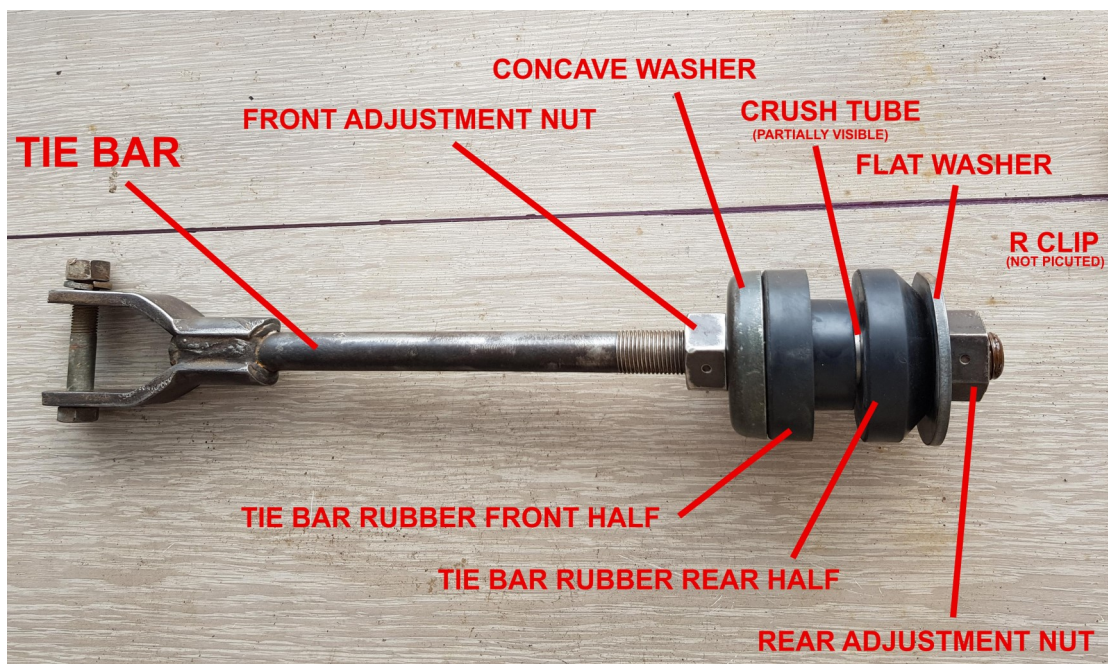
---

## DR PHILTHY'S (and friends) TECH TIPS – Some of these might be re-issues of Phil's old Tech Tips but are being reproduced for the benefit of our newer Club Members.

### P76 TIE BAR RUBBERS

This month's Tech Tip is about P76 Tie Bar Rubbers, which are very important little critters, given the job they do. The tie bar has gone by many names, depending on manufacturer and which way the wind was blowing. Radius rods, trailing arms/rods and castor rods are among a few you may have heard in your travels. The tie bar on a P76 serves to keep the control arm and front strut positioned correctly and accurately located within the wheel arch. This a critical job as a P76's road-holding capability depends on all its wheel alignment angles being correct and within specifications. As you know both the strut and the control arm must move, so the tie bar must as well. This is where the rubbers come in.

Before we offer you a few helpful hints about how to make the job of changing tie bar rubbers a bit easier, let's have a look at the various components which are needed to enable a tie bar to do its job properly:



A P76 tie bar is a long partially threaded bar with a “fork” welded at the other (front) end. On the threaded end you will find two rubber bushes (two halves), sandwiched between a set of washers and nuts. Going from front to rear, there is the front adjustment nut which is then followed by a large cupped or concave washer. This normally presses (when tightened properly) against the front (male) rubber (bush) which has a large outside diameter at the front end and a smaller diameter at its rear. This male bush passes through a hole or aperture in the half-chassis when fitted on the car. On the other (rear) side of the aperture the female side of the bush is fitted, which is held against the rear face of the chassis aperture by a large diameter flat washer and the rear adjustment nut. There is also an “R” clip, which is meant to be fitted, to prevent the rear nut coming off but don't be surprised if you find a cut down adjustment nut has been fitted as a lock nut instead for the same purpose.

To protect the threaded section of the tie bar and help to stop the tie bar rubbers from being over tightened (which can greatly shorten the life of the rubbers), there is a precision length steel tube (a crush tube) located between the front and rear steel washers, which limits the travel of the adjustment nuts. This tube passes through the inside diameter of the two tie bar rubber halves thus limiting the “crush” of the bush. Initially during the car's production, these crush tubes were 2” long but as this length led to the rubbers prematurely failing in service, Leyland issued a technical bulletin (update), Service Bulletin C 1/75 as published by Leyland on 28/01/1975, which advised adding a sleeve to increase the length of the crush tube to a length of 2¼”

The job of replacing the tie bar rubbers is made easier if the vehicle is run up onto a set of car-ramps to allow easier and greater access to the area. Before undoing anything, measure the distance from the forward edge of the front nut, on the bush assembly, to the centre of the bolt that secures the front fork of the tie bar to the control arm. This dimension is usually about 270mm or roughly 11” but it may vary, depending on whether or what the castor was adjusted to during the car's last wheel alignment. Write down the measurement so once you have refitted everything you can tighten the bush up to roughly the same position, which saves a great deal of time when the wheel alignment is next done.

From here, the Leyland Workshop Manual describes the dismantling and reassembly procedure for fitting new rubbers, so we don't need to cover that ground again. The main points to remember are, to ensure that the new rubbers are adequately compressed by ensuring both the front and rear nuts are tightened firmly against the steel crush tube and don't forget to refit the R clip or lock nut to prevent the rear nut from going on “walk-a-bout” if it does somehow manage to work itself loose.

Lastly, have your car's wheel alignment checked by a competent workshop (tape measures are only so accurate) after doing any work on its front suspension.


Our Parts Officer is Daniel Sheard and can be reached anytime by email at [sheardy95@gmail.com](mailto:sheardy95@gmail.com) or on mobile between 5:30pm and 7:30pm week days (please leave a message if he does not answer) on 0491 632 561 although email is preferable.






## New Remanufactured Parts for Sale

V8 Valley Cover and end seals - Remanufactured	\$90
Points for V8	\$20
Speedo Cable inner seals	\$7.50
Front Strut inserts - Pedders - Remanufactured (Limited Stock)	\$350
Clutch Cable Conversion kits to suit manual P76's	\$350
Rust Repair Panels - suits bottom of front guards and rear doglegs	\$45
Tie Rod Bushes - Remanufactured	\$95
Targa Wheel Centre Badge (set of 4)	\$60
Z86 Oil Filters	\$30

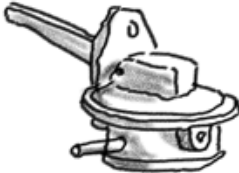


# SPRING SPECIALS


## THIS MONTHS OFFERINGS




NOS AFTERMARKET 5 BLADE  
METAL COOLING FANS - \$10 EA



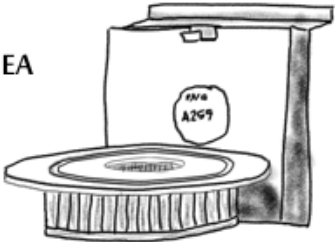
S/H FUEL PUMPS  
V8 & E6 - \$25 EA



NOS TOP & BOTTOM  
RADIATOR HOSES E6 & V8 - \$25 EA



VERY GOOD S/H STRUT LEGS  
LEFTS, RIGHTS & PAIRS  
-\$15 EA OR \$25 A PAIR



NOS V8 AIR FILTERS  
LIMITED STOCK - \$40 EA

LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB — MERCHANDISE		AS AT 14.09.21	
ITEM - At Market Value		PER ITEM \$	
Book P76 40		\$ 10.00	
Coasters Set of 6		\$ 15.00	
Model Kit, P76 Wagon Unbuilt		\$ 75.00	
Model Kit, P76 Wagon Built/Painted		\$ 140.00	
Mouse Pad, Targa Brown		\$ 10.00	
Mug, Targa Brown/Targa Blue		\$ 10.00	
Mug, World Cup Rally Car		\$ 10.00	
Patches Leyland Team (Helmet)		\$ 5.00	
Pin, P76 Nationals 2010		\$ 5.00	
Print, Targa Brown/Targa Blue, Framed		\$ 20.00	
Print, Force 7 Yellow unframed		\$ 10.00	
Print, Targa Brown/Targa Green/Targa Blue Unframed		\$ 10.00	
Club Shirts Blue Chambray – long sleeve various sizes		\$ 40.00	
Club Shirts Blue Chambray – short & ¾ sleeve various sizes		\$ 40.00	
Club Jackets Blue		\$ 45.00	
Club Jackets Blue Rally		\$ 56.50	



Blue Club Chambray Shirts \$40

P76 Station Wagon Kits - \$75 Unbuilt



Club & Rally Logo on Front Rally Jacket

Rear of the Rally Jacket

Club Jacket Plain - \$45.00

Rally Jackets \$56.50 each

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE POSTAGE**

Contact : Steve Maher

email: [stevem1960@tpg.com.au](mailto:stevem1960@tpg.com.au)

Mobile: 0417 435830



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

The Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc,  
PO Box 2769, Carlingford NSW 2118

[www.p76clubnsw.org](http://www.p76clubnsw.org)

<b>FIRST NAME:</b>		<b>Membership No.</b>
<b>FAMILY NAME:</b>		
<b>FAMILY MEMBERS:</b>		

<i>Please include details of your P76 vehicles as well as photos.</i>	VIN No.	Engine No.
	VIN No.	Engine No.
<i>No. of vehicles owned by you</i>		<i>Complete vehicles not under restoration</i>

<b>Home Address:</b>	
<b>Postal Address:</b>	

<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>
---------------	----------------

<b>Email:</b>
---------------

<i><b>Nominator:</b></i>	<i><b>Secunder:</b></i>
--------------------------	-------------------------

<i>Please find enclosed the sum of \$50.00 being full payment for membership to The Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc. for the period ending 30 June 2022 (note that payments made within the final 3 months of the current financial year will carry membership through to the end of 2022). I agree to the aims &amp; objectives of the Club &amp; agree to abide by the Clubs Constitution &amp; By-Laws.</i>	
<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

<i>Payment by Direct Credit can be made to the Club's Commonwealth Bank A/c</i>		
The Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc.	BSB: 062 336	Account No. 1017 1082
<i>Please email receipt to: <a href="mailto:tonkay@optusnet.com.au">tonkay@optusnet.com.au</a></i>		

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY:</b>		
<i>Date Paid:</i>	<i>Payment Type:</i>	<i>Card Sent:</i>

# BAULKHAM HILLS REMOVALS & STORAGE

From little trucks for little moves,  
through to the biggest semi trailers.

**RING US**  
**9624 7766**

Mon to Fri  
8.30am to 5.30pm



**We have the Hills District covered!**

## CONTACT US:

Ring us on: 9624 7766

Fax: 9838 7075

Email: We'd rather talk to you, but if you need to send an email the address is [bhr@pacific.net.au](mailto:bhr@pacific.net.au)

Depot & Storage facility: 3-5 Gibbon Rd, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153

Baulkham Hills Removals & Storage have been operating for 36 years now and are based at 3-5 Gibbon Road Baulkham Hills where they have a large furniture storage warehouse.

They are an agent for Safe & Clever™ Furniture Storage, which is a modular system that eliminates double handling and allows them to ship the modules beyond Sydney and as far as Brisbane, Melbourne & Adelaide.

They are Accredited by the Australian Furniture Removers Association and are a Government contractor.

Baulkham Hills removal & Storage have also recently moved two of our club members, Kay DeLuca and Steve Maher and from all reports, both were happy with the service they received. They have also done some work for the club, moving parts around during the lockdown period.

On top of the great job they can do for anyone in the need for their services, the owner also has a soft spot for the P76. He recounts his fond memories of strolling through Larke Hoskins at Parramatta as a kid on his way home from school, gazing wide eyed at the brand new P76. He remains a car lover to this day, and although his energies have mostly been directed into trucks over the years, he still get excited when he sees P76's at shows, and Evan Green's "A Boot Full of Right Arms" remains one of his most favourite reads.



# **LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB Inc**

## **VIA ZOOM**

**Tuesday 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2021 at 7.00 pm**

- Present:** 8 members in attendance: P. Patten, C Anderson, D. Sheard, K. De Luca; B. Colombin, S. Maher, P. Smith, P. Abela. Paul Patten in the Chair.
- Apologies:** No apologies
- Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as tabled. **Moved:** Daniel Sheard **Seconded:** Steve Maher
- Website:** No changes made recently.
- Registrar Report:** Paul reported that the CMC will be taking over from the ACMC in running the CVS Scheme. This will require us to change the 'ACMC' CVS guidelines which are currently on the website, so that everyone has access to the correct address and banking details for CMC CVS. Since the end of June we have re-registered 10 cars - 8 on HVS, 2 on CVS and these included 6 P's and 4 non-P's, despite the Covid related difficulties with Service NSW.
- Parts Report:** Daniel advised that recent sales were \$2,765. Responses received from WA regarding strut inserts, no replies from Vic or Qld yet. Greg Gibson is waiting for delivery of parts paid for in December 2020 and March 2021. Steve Maher reported that Tie Bar Bushes are in production. Crush Tubes will be slightly cheaper – Steve will finish them off on a lathe. 5 Palettes of parts (some from De Luca's and some from Seven Hills) have been moved to the Club's Containers.
- Activities Report:** **Past:** - Shannons Sydney Classic – cancelled  
- next year's date Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022.  
**Future:** - 17.10.21 All British Day at The Kings School – cancelled.  
- 31.10.21 BMC Leyland Aust Heritage Group Reunion – cancelled.
- GENERAL BUSINESS:** **Fortnightly Zoom Meetings** were discussed. Charles has booked Will Hagon to speak at a 7pm Zoom Meeting on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. He has also spoken with Noel Delforce to speak – date to be changed to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Will to speak about his role at BMC during P76 production and Noel to speak about his time working in the Engineering Dept at BMC. A Trivia Zoom Meeting was also discussed but it was decided this would be preferable as a face to face exercise.  
**AGM** – hoping to hold this in November 2021. Paul confirmed he is prepared to continue as President, Charles as Vice President, Steve as Merchandise Officer, Kay as Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Abela would like to assist with Website (following some further training). It was decided that more assistance is required in the Parts Dept. for Daniel. Charles is prepared to take enquiries and attend to invoicing, whilst Daniel will handle "pick and pack". Accounting/stock programs were discussed as well as a duplicated hard drive – Charles to make enquiries. Paul Patten to approach David Place regarding Activities.  
**Xmas/Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Steve Maher offered his home at Muswellbrook for a Xmas Party.
- Next Meeting:** Next General Meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – probably Zoom again as Sydney will still be in lockdown.
- Closure:** Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

## Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc - 2021 Events Calendar

12 <sup>TH</sup> January 2021	Club Meeting	Toongabbie Sports Club	Kay 0410 688 886
26th January 2021	Australia Day Outing	Wilberforce Cancelled	Charles 0478 239226
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Club Meeting	Toongabbie Sports Club	Kay 0410 688 886
28th February 2021	Go Karting	Eastern Creek	Charles 0478 239226
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	Club Meeting	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	BMC Heritage Group	Video Afternoon—Hal Moloney	Kay 0410 688 886
21st March 2021	Club Run / Lunch (postponed)	Bathurst & Mt Panorama	Charles 0478 239226
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Club Meeting	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
25th April 2021	Track Day	Luddenham (TBC)	Charles 0478 239226
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Club Meeting	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
16th May 2021	National Motoring Heritage Day	Berry—South Coast	Charles 0478 239226
22th May 2021	Club Run M/Tea/Lunch	Ebenezer	Charles 0478 239226
8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Club Meeting	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
16th June 2021	TBA		Charles 0478 239226
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Club Meeting (cancelled)	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
10 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Club Meeting/AGM (postponed)	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
13th August 2022	Shannons SC (cancelled to 2022)	Eastern Creek Raceway	Charles 0478 239226
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Club Meeting (postponed)	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Club Meeting (to be confirmed)	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
17th October 2021	All British Day (cancelled to 2022)	The Kings School - Carlingford	Charles 0478 239226
31 October 2021	BMC Heritage (cancelled to 2022)	Annual Reunion	Kay 0410 688 886
9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Club Meeting	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886
14th November 2021	Southern Club Run	Avon Dam (TBC)	Charles 0478 239226
? December	Christmas Outing	Details TBA	Charles 0478 239226
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Club Meeting	Kings Park Tavern	Kay 0410 688 886

*Since 1981*

[ [www.p76clubnsw.org](http://www.p76clubnsw.org) ]

**THE LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB INC.  
PO BOX 2769 CARLINGFORD NSW 2118**

