

# LEYLAND P76OWNERS CLUB SA INC

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Anything But Average



Merry Christmas 2014





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## **GENERAL MEETINGS HELD**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month (except January) 7.30pm

At: Church Hall rear of St Edwards Anglican Church 16 East Terrace Kensington Gdns

**AGM** August at a venue to be decided


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**Just a reminder that  
the magazine is now Bi  
Monthly**





# CLUB CALENDER

## December

25 Christmas Day

## January 2015

**No General Meeting held**

26 Cars of Australia Show at Strathalbyn Club Display.

Let Nigel know if you are displaying a car as he has to book site size. See flyer elsewhere in magazine

## February

3 General Meeting

TBA Visit to the Adelaide Oval

## March

3 General Meeting

## April

3/6 National Meeting McLaren Vale SA

7 General Meeting

## UPCOMING SWAP MEETS and EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Events

17/18 January 2015	19 <sup>th</sup> Yesterday Power Rally Milang
26 January	Cars of Australia Strathalbyn
8 March	Moonta Show & Shine

### Swap Meets

Saturday 6 December 2014 | [Blair Athol 4X4 Swap Meet](#) | SA

### **2015**

Third Sunday | 18 January 2015 | [Hahndorf Swap Meet](#) | SA

Third Sunday | 18 January 2015 | [Hahndorf Model Car & Old Toys Fair](#) | SA

First Sunday | 1 February 2015 | [Lockleys Swap Meet](#) | SA

**TBC** Sunday 1 February 2015 | [Victor Harbor Swap Meet](#) | SA

**TBC** Sunday 16 February 2015 | [Murray Bridge Swap Meet](#) | SA

Should any member wish to participate and make any of these Events as a Club Event please contact the Events Coordinator 08 83250512 or a committee member



# **2014 CLASSIC OUTBACK TRIAL**

*After ordering some parts for his P76 car for the Rally I asked Michael if he would like to write an article on his experience which he kindly has .....Thank you Michael*

Hi Chris,

2014 Classic Outback Trial

7 days, 3000k total, 1300k competitive all on station tracks and Forrest tracks across outback NSW from Parkes via Ivanhoe, Broken Hill to Remark.

Pre 1985 vehicles, no turbos or 4wheel drives.

It was a fantastic event.

I was in the over 3000cc class which the P76 won by 18 mins.

I finished 9th Outright with over \$1,000,000 worth of cars in the first 8 places.

I drove the car to the event and home with no dents!

We did have some dramas including having to do over 100k competitive with a steering rod bent into the shape of a volcano. The foot brake would jam the wheel against the body which was extra tricky if cornering or sliding and turning the wheel more than 20 degrees would do the same.

We lost a bit of time but on a straight bit I managed to pass a Peugeot 504 at 175 kph.

As we got lost on the very first stage we dropped to 34th on the road so it was a long way back to 9th and very pleasing to be moving up the field every day.

In the last event I had trouble with new rear suspension and with the assistance of rally engineer Gary Kirk had that sorted. However this time I totally stuffed the Koni inserts in the front on Day 1 and had to put up with horrible noises and springs only - kangaroo hopping through the bush.

There were some fabulous cars in the event and the P76 felt very humble alongside others whose commitment was so obviously far greater than mine.

There was a Porsche 911sc, and a 944, a Mustang and a Mercedes and some very fast 10 year later Commodores and a Ford in my class.

The build costs of the first 8 cars are estimated to be above \$1,000,000 and they all have a bigger brave gland than me.

The humble Leyland runs the same engine built for the 1995 Mobil One Around Australia Trail - balanced with a mild cam, big Holley and extractors.

I have run the same engine, gearbox and diff for the 1995 event, the PlayStation Around Australia in 1998, the 2001 Aust Safari Alice Springs to Darwin as the only 2 wheel drive (class winner), 2007 Alice Springs to Gold Coast via Cairns then Birdsville (class winner), and the 2012 Classic Outback Trial (second in class by 6 secs after losing a 3 minute advantage on the second last day due to no brakes at all for 100 k of competitive)!!!!



It blows a little smoke on startup. Not bad for 6 events, three class wins and a second.

How reliable is that and I can assure you I do wring its neck.

It's a gem and mechanically has never let me down.

The next event is out of Alice Springs for a week in 2016 and I might just lift the head and have a look.

I have put in a hydraulic handbrake for handbrake turns and it works perfectly which over the first few days in the extremely tight Forrest stages came in very handy for any corner of 90 degrees or tighter.

It's fun sliding the beast whether the back wheels are spinning or not.

We use a power steering rack but have never had power to it. I have hurt my right thumb in the last two events (fracturing a small bone in 2012) from bump impact reverse steering shock and now want to fit a full power steering setup.

Anyone got one for sale???

The competitor list and the awesome display of cars in these events is amazing with multiple state and national rally champs ,6 man service crews equipped with everything imaginable, but the dear old Leyland finished one spot behind multiple champ Ross Dunkerton's hot Datsun !

What a buzz!

The car has earnt the respect of other competitors due to reliable fast times with surprise from many that such a big car can be flogged through the tight narrow tracks without damage.

I tell them that it feels small on the inside and it handles the bad stuff so well as it is so well balanced and just loves sliding.

I will get Murray Coote the guru of suspension to build me indestructible front struts and Matt Bryson (an excellent fellow is building me some front struts that he uses in his Peking to Paris winning P76.

Next event I should have suspension, steering, and brakes working all at the same time which will be a first for me.

I just love the car - it's good fun to drive fast in a good handling forgiving car on station tracks day after day. My last rally flat tyre was in 1998 and I only run secondhand tyres and so far have never put a dent in it.

The P76 has given me so much fun I would never change even if I won the lottery and could endurance rally anything.

I am hoping someone out there may be able to help me with a power steering setup and would invite anyone to contact me on 0427-812-013 or by E mail.

To all enthusiasts I applaud you for your good judgment. Stick with it.

All the very best to you all

Michael Coates



# Clips from around the Country

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The car to the left is Rod & Maureen Warrick's new addition to the collection as in the Aug/Sept Victorian magazine  
Looks mighty like the car below one of a few that Geoff sold it went to Victoria.

It was bought for son Stuart to drive I think it was Peel me a Grape. I now hear stories from his friends of how many fitted in the boot to go to the drive-in or trip to the beach. Or just to see how many they could fit in the cabin.





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## P76 Memorabilia ..... Chris Cutting

Faced with the task of going through the copious amount of Geoff's P76 memorabilia and having to decide what to keep what to try and sell and what to ditch I brought some car magazines and SA club magazines and nearly a full set of National Meet mags up from the garage to go through. Then there's the pamphlets manuals etc which we seem to have double of.

I have a nearly complete set of SA Club magazines up to when I started to issue them on line also a set of 4 Anything But Average National Magazines edited by Rolan Toroney of NSW starting with Vol 1 #2 although it states inside it is the first issue. Being a wet day I started to flick through then read some of them.

These National mags were intended to be quarterly but as it says in the editorials it was extremely difficult, time wise, to collate and issue. It was initiated by the SA & NSW clubs and the first mag July 1982 had a supplement from the SA & NSW club as well as general information articles and tech tips the last December 1984 had supplements by WA, Canberra and the Sporting Car Club once the clubs were formed.

I was not aware that the magazine started out as the National ABA before each state edited their own individual one and sharing it with the rest of the states. I have reproduced a couple of editorials from these mags which you may find interesting. The National Magazine then went on to be issued for the National Meetings starting in 1987.

How things have changed since then with communication - emails and internet playing a huge part in keeping the clubs connected. Everything now can be instant. But we still must rely on members submitting articles to keep things interesting.

If anyone is interested in buying these let me know I may have decided by then what I'll sell or keep.

Also for sale is a scale model of Leyland P76 Deluxe number 76 out of 100 this is still in the box unassembled . Any one interested make me an offer.





## *EDITOR'S DILEMMA*

Dear Members,

Let me welcome you to our first National Magazine.

It gives me great pleasure to be involved in such an exciting venture when you consider the Club did not exist some seven months ago and now we are a National concern!

Thankyou also to the people who supported Joe and Darryl in those early days.

"Anything But Average" does have it's problems and the deadline time does and will stray on occasions so don't be too dissapointed if we're late and bear with us.

'A.B.A.' is far from a solo effort and I would like to extend special thanks to Tony DeLuca (in Sydney) and Darryl Packham (in Adelaide) for their fine articles, Harry Zaglis for the artwork ..... a great cover sketch and an Executive (not Super) thanks to Paul Patten in Sydney for without his contribution the bits of paper you are now holding would be blank! And my dear wife, whose typing is better than mine.

For those that didn't help ..... well, there's always next issue!  
Next National "A.B.A." ..... Octoberish.

Keep Rollin'

Ed.





## Editorial from Vol 2 # 2



Welcome to Volume 2, Number 2 of "ANYTHING BUT AVERAGE".

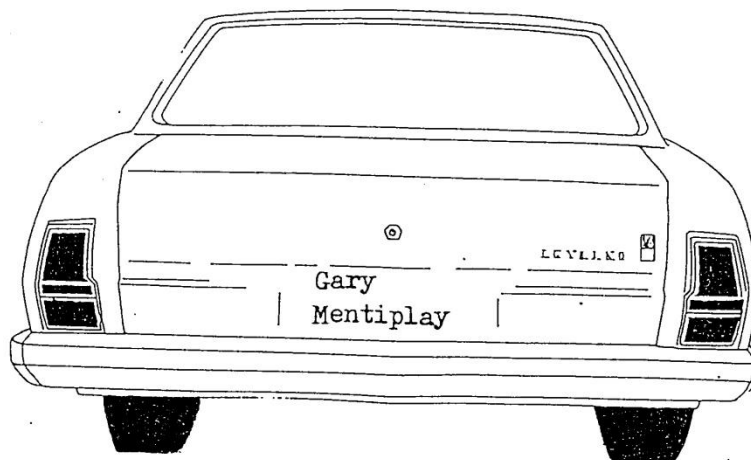
The National Magazine was revived in 1987 with the first issue of Vol 2 produced by the Hunter Valley and Northern Rivers Club. "Anything But Average" had been in limbo for a couple of years prior to that. The decision to make the host club of the biennial National Meeting responsible also for the production of the National Magazine should guarantee its appearance in the future.

The early issues of "Anything But Average" were produced by the keen members of the NSW and SA P76 Clubs, and they turned out great efforts under what must have been very difficult circumstances. I only hope this current issue goes some way towards upholding the fine standards set by its predecessors.

I wish to thank all the members from around Australia who contributed articles for this issue, and I commend them for their club spirit. I also thank the various State Editors, including David Wallace (South Australia), Col Taylor (Queensland) and Sue Green (NSW) for their extra efforts, despite already very busy schedules.

The articles in the Club Sections have been left untouched, as the quality is of a high standard, which has made my task easier. The Club Sections in this issue have been arranged in a purely alphabetical order, as I considered this to be the best method.

Finally, Graeme Smith deserves special mention for his tremendous assistance with the production of this magazine.





# Another great day to show off your car And put on a Club Display



## CARS OF AUSTRALIA



**Main Categories - Trophies**

- ♦ Judges Choice ♦ Best Street Machine ♦ Best Club Display
- ♦ Best Vehicle on Historic Registration ♦ Best Aust Built Competition Vehicle

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Car Make: .....

Car Model: .....

Car Year: .....

Location of manufacture or assembly: .....

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## ***PRESIDENT'S RAMBLINGS***

Well November has been and gone and our annual jaunt over to Bendigo for the swap meet has also been and gone. We left home on the Thursday after work and stayed on the side on the road just passed Keith and continued on to Bendigo on the Friday and settled in early afternoon. Went for an early night as I had a long day at the swap meet but to our annoyance could not get any reception on the telly in the van. Sort that later, let's listen to the radio, uhoh no noise here either, bloody gremlins. Ventured off to the swapmeet Saturday am and walked and walked determined to not miss any sites.



Pickings were

pretty slim this year for P76 stuff but that's not the reason I go, It's worth the look just to see what's on offer. I picked up a couple of NOS electrical items but that was it.



We left the van in Bendigo on Sunday and drove down to Werribee to see Tina and family or what is left at home now, even the grandkids are old enough to fly the coup now. Had an enjoyable lunch at a local pub. On the way in to Werribee we dropped in to see Joy Harris at Manor Lakes, who is still kicking along and in good health. Her husband Ron was a founding member of the Vic club and later joined our club as well. We have stayed in touch even after Ron passed away a couple of years ago and she enjoys a catch up. We got "home" late afternoon and decided to have a "no" day on Monday.

We drove out to Eaglehawk to have a look and a coffee. While there Di paid a couple of bills at the post office and while in there she found a TV for sale (in a post office????). I had established that our problem TV in the van was not getting a signal but the antenna was OK so it needed some expert attention anyway. This one would do as the price was good and it ran on 12 volts. So we had a working TV again.



We left Bendigo and headed up the river stopping at Nyah north of Swan Hill. Great free camp next to the river adjacent their sports ground. Stayed a couple of days then moved on to Hopetoun which is next to Lake Lacelle. Again a free camp next to the lake, a really tranquil spot although a couple of ski boats during the day shattered the silence. It bucketed down on the Saturday with thunder and lightning and everything but was not cold



Returned home on the Sunday and back to work which was training for the next 3 days. Really, how can they teach an old dog new tricks

More next time, till then have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.....Nigel

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## Spare Parts

The Number plate lenses have arrived in stock and are now available \$45.00 per pair. Contact spare parts officer



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB (SA) INC.  
HELD AT THE ST EDWARDS ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL, EAST TCE KENSINGTON GDNS  
ON Tuesday 4 November 2014

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**OPENED:** 7:40 pm  
**PRESENT:** 7 as per the register  
**APOLOGIES:** Tom Cooper, Chris Cutting, Ted Jim & Lyn Helen Filmer

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Read: Nigel

Amendments: Nil  
Confirmed: John  
Seconded: Jilden  
Adopted

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- Suggested tour of Adelaide oval by appointment only. We will need 10 or more cost \$10.00 concession .Feb 2015 planning for this tour. Possibly for a Friday or Saturday

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

- Magazines NZ and other interstate mags
- Eric Johnson letter compliments our Magazine
- Moonta Show and Shine 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Emails regarding Easter

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

- Nil

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As advised in General account  
As advised in the Events account

**SPARE PARTS REPORT:** As advised  
Stock take on all stock done

**COMING EVENTS:**

- Feb... Adelaide Oval tour tentative
- Swap Meets refer to the magazine
- January 26 Cars of Australia day Strath
- Christmas lunch Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov One Tree Hill Blacksmith pub 12:30 RSVP by 21<sup>st</sup> Nov

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Wayne did not get to the FHMV meeting

**NEXT ORDINARY MEETING:** Tuesday December 2nd 2014

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.05 pm followed by tea, coffee and biscuits



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**OPENED:** 7.55 PM

**PRESENT:** Di and Nigel Bray, Chris Cutting, Wayne and Helen Filmer, Keith Lewis and Ted Lemura

**APOLOGIES:** Tom Cooper

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Read	Chris
Ammendments	None
Confirmed	Di
Seconded	Wayne
Adopted	

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Spare Parts stock take, Power Steering rack found  
Adelaide Oval tour late February Friday evening or Saturday

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:** Various magazines  
Shannons  
Military Vehicle Preservation Society request for donations to their building fund.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** None

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Club Account	As advised
National Meeting Account	As advised

**SPARE PARTS REPORT:** As advised cash. \$78 worth of parts sold  
Rear number plate lenses on the way

**COMING EVENTS:**

- January 26th Cars of Australia at Strathalbyn
- January 17-18 Milang
- February Adelaide Oval tour
- May Cavalcade of Cars Moonta

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Australia Day Jan 26 Show at Strathalbyn. Gazebo is available.
- Tear drop banners to be purchased x2. Nigel passed a motion for club to purchase these and a banner to suit the top of the gazebo, also club to pay for entry fees for this event. Seconded Ted and the motion carried.
- Cars on Historic rego are due for inspection if they have been on it for 3 years
- The power steering rack to be offered to Michael Coates as we have had it in stock for 7 years and can no longer guarantee its integrity. The meeting agreed
- Investigate a trip to Swan Reach

**NEXT MEETING** February 3 2015.....NO MEETING IN JANUARY

**MEETING CLOSED** 9pm followed by supper and discussion on progress of the  
Easter National Meeting



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To All Club members around the World

