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*Cover picture:* Models of the P76 Wagon taken from *The Leyland Post* newsletter No 41 of the NSW Club

## **Coming Events**

**General Club Meeting**, Tuesday 29 March 2011 at 7.30pm, Kenwick Community Centre, cnr Kenwick Road & Brixton Street, Kenwick.

**Northam Flying 50**, Sunday 3 April, 2011. See details in display panel on page ?.

**All Australian Car Day VIII**, Sunday 10 April 2011, Waroona. See details in display panel on page ?

**Classic Car Show**, Sunday 20 March 2011, Whiteman Park.

**British Car Day & National Motoring Heritage Day**, Sunday 8 May 2011, Gingin.

**Maurice Brockwell Run**, Sunday 13 November 2011. Cannington Town Hall to Whiteman Park.

**Easter 2012 (April 22-25)** P76 Nationals - more details to follow.

**The Vintage Sports Car Club of WA (Inc.)  
and the Shire of Northam**  
invite you to participate in the

**NORTHAM FLYING 50**

*on*

**SUNDAY 3 APRIL 2011**

*Members wishing to enter are requested to express their interest to any member of the Club Committee.*

This is a great opportunity to display our cars, have a great day out and meet up with other clubs and members

Entry is \$10.00 per car and includes a collector's events programme.



Picture: From *The Leyland Post* Newsletter No 41 of the NSW P76 Club.

## **“All Australian Car Day VIII”**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**10am to 4pm**

**Waroona Town Oval**

**Huge Classic Display**

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## ***OLD'S COOL CAR CRUISE***

Answering questions on the run, best to bring a navigator

**By the Combined Torana Car Club of WA (Inc)**

**SUNDAY 27 MARCH 2011**

Start at Tomato Lake, Oats St, Kewdale.

Gates open at 9am; First cars out at 10am

\$15 a car

Everyone is welcome no matter what you drive

Food & Drinks are available at the destination, and bring some change for the raffle

Enquiries to Rob 0407444917 or Ken 0407445130

### **EDITOR'S CORNER:**

An exciting phase of the NSW P76 Club models project has been reached with the production of the P76 Wagon. Club President Steve Maher advises that stocks are becoming available and interested members are invited to get orders in as soon as possible. The kit costs \$75, plus a further \$65 to have it professionally built. Even more exciting is the forthcoming 1974 World Cup Rally model P76 that is expected to come in at around \$200. See the picture of the first mock-up of the model on page 3. Steve Maher can be contacted on [steve@graffitigo.com.au](mailto:steve@graffitigo.com.au) or 0417 435 830.

The item in last month's *WestWords* on the "Filipino Incident" aroused some interest. This issue's "Moments in History" item consists of an extensively researched article by James and Gary Mentiplay, commencing on page 7. See also a letter to the editor below. Finally, I am still keen to receive the story behind your P76 and how it found its way into your life and what you have done to make it the vehicle that it is today. This will be a great way for members to get to know each other and their cars a bit better. After all, we are a rare breed and deserve to have some printed record of our "place in the sun".---Ed.

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

The story on the Filipino workers is a curious little one.

I think the article overplays the importance of the attempt to use Filipino workers back in 74. This is not too surprising coming from the League Of Rights, an organisation which was a fairly unsavoury presence in Australian politics for many years (it's still going but is very marginal). It can best be described as a far right organisation that believes in the conspiracy of a world government and is anti-semitic – they are holocaust deniers. And, typically for such a group, anti immigration. It's founder, Eric Butler, was a supporter of apartheid in South Africa. It would have been in their interest to make out that the 'Filipino Affair' was bigger than it was.

I think that the reason that the P76 was not a success have been well canvassed, all of which can be sheeted home to Leyland. After all the British car and motorbike industry had a great track record of destroying itself.

There are lots of Filipino mechanics around these days, the motor trade report that this particular use of the 457 visas as a big success.

---Nick Gye

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# 2011 2011 2011 2011

January	15-16	Motorvation - Kwinana Motorplex
	23	All-Girls Motorsport & Driver Training Day - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
February	6	Superkhana - Speed Dome, Midvale - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	6	Chrysler Expo - Lathlain Oval - <a href="http://www.chargeclubofwa.asn.au">www.chargeclubofwa.asn.au</a>
	12	Big A's Poker Run - <a href="http://www.pokerrun.com.au">www.pokerrun.com.au</a>
	20	Dowerin Dirt Superkhana - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	20	Northam Vintage Swap Meet - <a href="http://www.avonvintagecars.org.au">www.avonvintagecars.org.au</a>
	21	Council of Motoring Clubs general meeting - 8pm, Bassendean Community Hall
	27	All Italian Car, Bike & Scooter Day - Mulberry on Swan Hamersley Road, Caversham
March	6	Jaguar E-Type 50th Anniversary Car Show - Supreme Court Gardens
	12-13	Classic Challenge Touring Road Rally, Perth & Bunbury - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	20	Classic Car Show - Whiteman Park - <a href="http://www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au">www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au</a>
April	3	Northam Round the Houses historic regularly - <a href="http://www.vscwa.com.au">www.vscwa.com.au</a>
	10	All Australian Car Day - Waroona - <a href="http://www.eventassist.org.au">www.eventassist.org.au</a>
	16-17	Theo's Run to Dowerin - <a href="http://www.dowerincardclub.com">www.dowerincardclub.com</a>
	15-17	Forest Rally - Busselton region - <a href="http://www.rally.com.au">www.rally.com.au</a>
	18	Council of Motoring Clubs general meeting - 8pm, Bassendean Community Hall
May	1	V8 Supercars - Barbagallo Raceway - <a href="http://www.wascc.com.au">www.wascc.com.au</a>
	15	National Motoring Heritage Day
	15	British Car Day - Gingin
	20-22	Kilamee Targa South West - Pemberton - <a href="http://www.targawest.com.au">www.targawest.com.au</a>
June	5	Albany Classic Round the Houses - <a href="http://www.vscwa.com.au">www.vscwa.com.au</a>
	20	Council of Motoring Clubs general meeting - 8pm, Bassendean Community Hall
	26	Superkhana - Speed Dome, Midvale - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
July	24	German Car Day - Perth to Northam - <a href="http://mibcwa.org.au">mibcwa.org.au</a>
	TBA	CMC Quiz Night - <a href="http://www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au">www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au</a>
August	15	Council of Motoring Clubs Annual General Meeting - 8pm, Bassendean Community Hall
	19-21	Perth Motor Show - Perth Convention Centre - <a href="http://www.perthmotorshow.com.au">www.perthmotorshow.com.au</a>
	25-29	Targa West - <a href="http://www.targawest.com.au">www.targawest.com.au</a>
	28	Superkhana - Speed Dome, Midvale - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
September	11	Shannons 1-Day Classic touring road rally, Perth & environs - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	25	All-Girls Motorsport & Driver Training Day - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
October	1 & 2	Australian Motorkhanna Championships - Perth
	9	Superkhana & New Event TBA - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	16	100 Years of Chevrolet - Chevrolet Clubs of WA
	17	Council of Motoring Clubs general meeting - 8pm, Bassendean Community Hall
	23	MG Car Club Motorplex Day - Kwinana Motorplex
	23	British Auto Classic - Waroona - <a href="http://www.eventassist.org.au">www.eventassist.org.au</a>
	30	All Ford Day
	TBA	French Car Festival
November	6	Superkhana - Speed Dome, Midvale - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	13	Brockwell Run - <a href="http://www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au">www.councilofmotoringclubs.asn.au</a>
	20	Fabcar 1-Day Classic - Perth & environs <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	TBA	Fiat Lancia Day - GO Edwards Park, Burswood - <a href="http://www.fiatlandia.asn.au">www.fiatlandia.asn.au</a>
December	18	Last Blast Superkhana - <a href="http://www.classicrally.com.au">www.classicrally.com.au</a>
	19	Council of Motoring Clubs general meeting - 8pm, Bassendean Community Hall
	TBA	Day of the Volkswagen - GO Edwards Park, Burswood - <a href="http://www.vwclub.asn.au">www.vwclub.asn.au</a>

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## CLUB MINUTES FOR 35/01/2011

Open: 7:45

Apologies: James Mentiplay, Roger Pattern-Williams

Minutes for December: Unavailable

Correspondence in: Triumph and standard x2, Council of motoring club, Mini Owners club, Southern districts, P76 classic car club, SA P76 club, Avon valley vintage, Combined torana club.

Correspondence out: Nil

Treasures report: As per statement.

General Business:

- The lack of attendance at the December meeting was noted and members talked about possibly making changes to the December meeting in future
- A letter from the combined Torana club was read in regards to an observation run to be held by them on march the 27<sup>th</sup>, see club events
- The club re-welcomes Brendan Truman as he has re-joined the club and is looking at getting one or more of his cars back on the road in the near future
- The club will add its spare parts list to Westwords in coming months
- The sad news of Craig Weir's passing late last year reached the club and members were saddened to hear this news

Meeting closed: 8:50



The picture above constitutes a foretaste of an article by James Mentiplay featuring in next months *WestWords*. These four colourful P's participated in **Big Al's Poker Run** that assembled at Charles Paterson Park, Burswood, on 12 February. Watch out for the dynamic details and plan to enter your vehicle next year.



## LEYLAND P76 S.A. SPARES LIST 10/10/10

<b>V8 Engine</b>	
V8 throttle link ball joints	\$1
V8 throttle link bushes	\$1.50
V8 PCV rubber hose	\$10
V8 plug leads stainless steel Bosch	\$70
V8 spark plugs	\$1.50
V8 rotor button	\$11
V8 distributor cap	\$43
V8 distributor shaft	\$30
V8 manifold bypass hose	\$3
V8 radiator hose, top	\$15
V8 radiator hose, bottom	\$20
V8 long heater hose (VT Commodore LPG)	\$38
V8 short heater hose	\$10
V8 thermostat housing	\$38
<b>V8 &amp; 6 engine mount new</b>	<b>\$30</b>
Z86 oil filter	\$13
V8 front seal, CR 19777	\$36
6 & V8 rear seal, PR 4978	\$28
V8 head gaskets	\$40
V8 rocker gaskets (cork)	\$12
V8 rocker gaskets (rubber)	\$14
V8 sump & timing gasket set	\$54
Fuel pump gasket	\$2
V8 fuel pump kit	\$48
V8 carb Jet	\$5
Genuine fan belt, V8	\$8
Genuine P. Steer Belt	\$5
Power steering pulley	\$10
Air conditioner belt	\$5
V8 recp water pump changeover	\$100
V8 Water pump gaskets	\$2.50
V8 oil pressure relief valve	\$2
V8 extractor gaskets, set	\$15
V8 exhaust pipe rings (non-asbestos)	\$5
GL27V (V8) points	\$15
V8 oil pressure switches	\$8
V8 crankshaft thrust washers, Pair	\$10
<b>Suspension/Steering</b>	
Power steering rack o/o incl. deposit	\$750
P.S. control valve seals, pair	\$12
Rack boots, p/steer and R.H. manual	\$25
Rack boots, L.H. manual rack	\$30
Power steer control valve spacer bush	\$5
Urethane tie bar rubbers, set of 4	\$30
Front strut inserts (Pedders) per pair	\$200
Front strut top (rebushed) changeover	\$40
Power steer pinion adjusting shims	\$1
<b>TARGA MAG WHEELCAPS each</b>	<b>\$20</b>
.....Per set of 5	\$80

<b>4 speed gearbox</b>	
4 speed gear lever retainer nut	\$18
4 speed g/box gasket set	\$12
4 speed g/box shifter saddles	\$5
3/4 speed g/box reversing light switch	\$10
<b>6 Cyl</b>	
6 cyl choke cable	\$5
<b>6 &amp; V8 engine mount new</b>	<b>\$30</b>
6 cyl engine breathers	\$2
6 cyl fuel pump kit	\$12
<b>Electrical</b>	
Lucas starter motor bushes, per pair	\$10
Headlamp suit super	\$5
Headlamp dip switches	\$15
Wiper delay relays, Ford	\$10
Wiper switches	\$30
Indicator switch assembly recon	\$40
<b>General mechanical</b>	
Master Cylinder kit	\$32
Front disc pads (standard) CDP 1045	\$24
Radiator recovery system cap 13psi	\$4
Long handbrake cable	\$10
<b>Interior</b>	
Horn rim rubber grommets	\$4.50
Boot mats	\$160
Deluxe window winder handles	\$5
T-bar selector handles	\$5
Rear parcel tray clips only brown pkt of 10	\$10
Door lock knobs	\$2
Console lid cover Imperial leather	\$10
Boot/Bonnet bump stops set 2	\$11
<b>Exterior</b>	
Front indicator lenses, painted, pr	\$80
Front indicator lens, painted, single RH&L	\$30
R.H.F. zinc corner, no chrome	\$20
Ford number plate lenses, pair	\$15
Tinted Laminated Windscreens	\$130
Windscreen trim clips set (33)	\$10
Window scraper rubbers, repro, each	\$38
Bonnet insulation hangers, set	\$10
Badge Clips	\$1
Chrome mould clips, set 10 (pink)	\$3
Chrome mould clips, set 10 (green)	\$3
Grill Mould clips set 10	\$1
<b>General</b>	
A3 Posters ex Vic Club	\$10
Auto Quarterly magazines	\$40

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## *Moments in History*

### **FILIPINO MIGRANT WORKERS AT LEYLAND**

In August 1973, Leyland Australia proposed to bring in a number of skilled automotive workers from the Philippines to work at its Waterloo plant in Sydney. Under the 'Employer Nomination Scheme' it was proposed that a 'pilot scheme' of 35 immigrants should be implemented, with further increases of workers in the future.

The company's skill requirements were in the manufacture of car bodies, engines, and final assembly of P76, Marina, Mini and Moke models of Leyland vehicles.

The first batch of 35 workers would include: 4 x panel beaters, 4 x spray painters, 2 x electricians, 4 x welders, 4 x mechanics, 10 x first class machinists, 5 x second class machinists, and 2 x toolmakers.

Leyland was prepared to send a representative to Manila for the purpose of recruitment.

In October 1973, the Immigration Department rejected Leyland Australia's 'pilot scheme' plan for Filipino workers, and restricted recruitment to Australia's traditional source countries: Spain, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, France, Austria, Britain and Germany.

Immigration Offices in those countries then assisted Leyland Australia in recruiting suitable personnel. On the recommendation of immigration officers, Leyland also expressed interest in recruiting from South America – however the company stressed that its major short-term need was for skilled and semi-skilled motor industry workers.

*By the New Year of 1974, there must have been a change of attitude in the Federal Government over the recruitment of Filipino workers for Australia, as the following News items reveal.*

#### **ABC TV News (10 Jan 74):**

Perth Aboriginal activist Ken Colbung stated that the move by Leyland to import Filipino workers discriminated against the indigenous people of Australia. Mr. Colbung said that the problems of aborigines would only get worse if we are going to import people from other countries. He believed that the aboriginal people would miss out again on job opportunities.

Asked what he intended to do about Leyland's plan, Mr. Colbung would be calling on all working aborigines around Australia to go on strike, to support those that don't have a job. He stated: "there will probably be only a handful involved, because most aborigines can't get a job and are on unemployment benefits. Aborigines have never had the training that the Filipino workers have."

Mr. Colbung will be calling on the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee to recommend that a national strike by aboriginal workers should take place within the next month. He expected all aboriginals to support this, because it will affect the livelihood of their children.

#### **Sydney Morning Herald: (12 Feb 74)**

35 Filipino workers and their families will be allowed to migrate to Australia. This was agreed during talks between the Australian Prime Minister Mr. Whitlam and Philippine President Marcos in Manila yesterday. The workers will be employed by Leyland Australia at its Sydney plant.



This will be the first time that Australia has accepted such a group of Asian migrants as permanent settlers. It is seen as 'very symbolic and significant' in the Philippines and elsewhere in South East Asia.

The Vehicle Builders Employees Federation has said that it will not oppose the Filipinos working in the Australia motor industry, provided that the men were not bonded to the company.

Australian officials stressed that the migration of 35 workers was a 'pilot scheme'. When Leyland Australia made its request it suggested that 1,000 Filipinos might eventually work at its Sydney plant. Leyland Public Relations Director, Mr. John Pola said that because of their skills the Filipinos would "help to relieve some of the malaise in the motor industry. We will do our hardest to help them become assimilated, and with that in mind we have already engaged social workers who were educated in the Philippines."

#### **The Australian (13 Feb 74):**

Leyland Australia PR Director Mr. J. Pola stated that the 35 Filipinos coming to Australia to work for Leyland would not be given special privileges – they will be treated no differently from other employees. Mr. Pola said that the 4000 workers at the plant represented 61 nationalities.

He went on to state that there was a surplus of skilled and semi-skilled vehicle industry workers in the Philippines caused by the US withdrawal from Vietnam. Thousands of Filipinos who went to Vietnam to work in US Army motor plants had returned home to find no jobs available.

It was from this surplus pool that Leyland had drawn the workers who will come to Australia. They included highly-skilled motor mechanics, machinists, specialist welders, spray painters and panel beaters.

Mr. Pola said that because of the Filipino's Spanish and American background, and their 90% literacy rate, they would quickly adapt to the Australian life style.

An Aboriginal leader attacked the Filipino scheme yesterday. David Anderson, from Victoria's Western Region said: "shiftless and demoralized Australian Aborigines have been ignored by this decision of the Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam, to accept Filipino migrants to the work force."

#### **Sydney Morning Herald (12 March 74):**

Leyland Australia asked the Federal Government in January 1974 to allow 35 Filipinos to come to Sydney to work.

A deputation is expected to visit the Philippines to establish the trade qualifications of the 35 intending to migrate to Australia.

The Prime Minister, Gough Whitlam gave permission on February 11<sup>th</sup>, during a visit to the Philippines.

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#### **What happened to the plan to import Filipino workers ?**

The actual scheme never went ahead. It would appear that the media storm over an alleged affair between Deputy Prime Minister Jim Cairns and Junie Morosi created enormous political turmoil – the Prime Minister then apparently vetoed the whole plan to bring in Filipino workers. (*The only real scandal was the media 'beat up' of the Cairns / Morosi story*).

Even without that complication, it is doubtful if the scheme would have got underway, as Leyland Australia's financial position worsened over the next few months, as the following newspaper excerpt details.

**Sydney Morning Herald (22 June 74):**

Leyland retrenched 1,000 workers yesterday at its Waterloo plant in Sydney, because it had been hit hard by the credit squeeze.

It was a dramatic reversal by the company which until a few weeks ago had been advertising extensively for workers. The dismissals will cut the workforce at the Waterloo plant by a fifth.

Leyland Australia said a large number of unfinished vehicles had accumulated at its Waterloo plant. The severe credit restrictions limited the company's capacity to maintain such a large stockpile. Also, demand had dropped because the restrictions were limiting money available to dealers and buyers. Leyland also blamed the past inability of some key component suppliers to provide essential component parts.

**Ethnic Mix – Employee Nationalities at Waterloo (July 1973)**

	<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Australia		647
Yugoslavia		427
Greek	406	
Cyprus	21	427
England	299	
Scotland	37	
Wales	12	
Nth Ireland	14	
Sth Ireland	11	373
Egypt	118	
Israel	2	
Jordan	24	
Lebanon	119	263
Italy		242
America		184
Malta		176
New Zealand		108
Turkey		97
Spain		90
Portugal		72
Africa		69
Asia	33	
China	9	
Malaysia	5	
Philippines	7	54

Germany	48
Hungary	36
Argentina	28
France	25
Holland	23
Czechoslovakia	17
Austria	15
East Europe	10
Ukraine	10
USA	9
Switzerland	7
Latvia	7
Canada	6

Norway	1	
Nth Europe	1	
Denmark	3	5

New Guinea	5
Finland	5
Brazil	4
South Africa	3
Bulgaria	3
Lithuania	3
Mexico	1
Estonia	1

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*Research for the above article was conducted by James and Gary Mentiplay, utilising a number of sources, including Federal Cabinet Papers (recently released), and newspaper articles.*

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