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EDITOR'S CORNER:

It is with mixed feelings that I write my last editorial for *WestWords*. After five years of “pushing the pen” so to speak, I have to say it has been an interesting and, at times, challenging journey. And my experience tells me that, although feedback from the mag readership is sparse, that which is received is usually most encouraging.

Given the explosion of social media over the past five years, the question of “where from here?” has to be asked in regard to monthly newsletter publications. So often it appears that most items covered in an issue have already been thrashed out on Facebook or Twitter some weeks earlier. I am certain that the person who takes up the role of Editor in the immediate future would really appreciate some ideas from the club membership as to what sort of mag they want to see, what kind of articles are most desirable, and what kind of information is most helpful. The new Editor will also appreciate that those who contribute articles or items to the magazine form the lifeblood of *WestWords*. I express my appreciation to all those who have made my job so much easier by submitting excellent material, in some cases, on a regular basis.

Apart from every other consideration, my personal health issues involving some major surgery in the not-too-distant future, renders it impossible for me to continue in this role. Finally, we have had to bid farewell to yet another longstanding member. John Metcalf represented the stereotypical Aussie man of the land. Tough, straight-talking, yet a caring and gentle family man who kept himself active right up until the final hurdle. John's generation virtually built this nation out of the dust and gravel of this dry and thirsty land. We all owe him and his like our gratitude for their loyalty, fortitude and downright decency. Let's hope that some of that spirit filters through to those who now hold the tiller of the good ship *Australia* in their hands. Thanks, John, for the memories. You've earned your rest.



WA Club Parts List

Paul Banham has prepared the following updated parts list for interested Members:

(Correct as at 19/06/2015)

Targa Hubcaps – set	\$110.00	1 set
Rear Speaker Grills	\$10.00	3 pcs
Steering Column Bushes	\$10.00	2 pcs (1 set)
Strut-top Bushes	\$50.00pr	0 pair
Timing Cover Seal	\$45.00	1 pc
V8 Oil Filters	\$25.00ea	8 pcs
T bar shifter Handles	\$5.00ea	5 pcs
Heater and fan knobs	\$2.50 ea	13 pcs
Rust Repair front fender panels	\$80pair	
Indicator Switch mech (new)	\$250 ea	1 pc
Short Handbrake cable	\$5.00ea....	2 pcs
V8 Points sets	\$25.00	58 sets
V8 Valley Cover Gasket & End Seal Set	\$100ea	10pcs
Valve Regrind Set	\$200	2 set
Sump Gasket bottom Set	\$55	3 sets
V8Rocker Cover Gasket (cork)	\$45 set	2 sets (4 singles)
V8 Head Gasket	\$35 ea	4 pcs
V8 Main Bearings	\$110 set	4 sets
Number Plate Lights Lenses	\$45 Pair	4 sets

Contact Paul on 0403774377 to place an order.



COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2015

7.30pm

Kenwick Community Centre

Cnr Kenwick Road and Brixton St, Kenwick.

Targa West. Sunday 16 August. Langley Park, South Perth. Club display. Details to be advised. To register go to www.targawest.com.au

State Meet. 17-18 October. Albany. For details see page

A comprehensive calendar of WA motoring events can be found at: www.classicrally.com.au





John and his much-travelled Targa outside Alfred's Kitchen, Guildford.

JOHN METCALF

It is with mixed feelings of sadness and gratitude for a long life well lived that we record the passing of long-time member John Metcalf.

John was 77 years of age when he joined the WA P76 Club around 1988. Given his age it is remarkable that he became a prolific attender of P76 National Meetings. Some of those included:

- 1989 Perth
- 1991 Adelaide
- 1993 Sydney
- 1995 Rosebud (VIC)
- 1998 Kurri Kurri (NSW)
- 2000 Roseworthy (SA)
- 2001 Bathurst NSW
- 2002 Perth

In addition to the above, John and wife Mavis drove their Targa Florio from Perth to Canberra and return in the 2001 Centenary of Federation Motoring Tour.

The story of how John came to own his Targa in 1985 was recounted in the June 2014 issue of *Westwords*. Suffice to say he was the second owner of the car and made added a number of mod cons such as central locking, LPG, and a 4-speed turbo auto VN Commodore gearbox.

A keen motorist and P76 enthusiast, John was a farmer in Dowerin for many, many years. In later life he moved to Bayswater, but commuted regularly to the farm and remained active up to his passing. The farm is still in family hands.

There is little doubt that John Metcalf will be remembered for many years to come, if only for his energy and enthusiasm displayed during what for most people would be the years of declining health and activity.

On behalf of all club members we express condolences to the Metcalf family and friends.



LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE

Terry Johnson

Sam, on behalf of the NZ Leyland P76 Owners Club please accept our condolences on the passing of your stalwart member Terry Johnson. I am unsure of how many of our members knew Terry but over the years some of his writings were shared with our members in Penzed and certainly entertained me as I read them in my position as Editor. I had the pleasure of meeting Terry in Canberra in 2013, we sat together at the anniversary dinner. Maybe he was our honourable Aussie host as most of us Kiwis were at his table.

I have just taken a phone call to advise me of the passing of one of our founder members today, Don Sutherland, father in law of our President Mike King passed away at midday!

This situation is something all our clubs are facing and for some time I think it will be foremost in our minds as we all age, however gracefully.

We are lucky to have a few younger members joining the ranks like you have my nephew Jared Simpson amongst yours. Jared was just here last week while we celebrated my in laws 50th wedding anniversary and had an early beer for his 4th of July birthday coming up.

Again, please accept our condolences on the passing of Terry.

Rob Jones

Editor

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John Metcalf

Again we must offer our condolences on the further loss of a long standing member. Let us hope we settle for a long while now.

I went north to attend our Don Sutherland's funeral along with 10 other P76's. We made an impressive convoy behind a 67/9 Impala hearse followed by the P76's and his grandsons 58? Lincoln. Not a car show but as Don and his family were heavily involved in boats, caravans and hot rods as well as P76's it is not surprising a few cars attended.

Rob Jones



CLUB OBSERVATION RUN TO JARRAHDAL

(taken from the Club's Facebook page)

Sunday 19 July saw several club members turn out on a damp, windy day for an observation run and our club's Annual Dinner. Starting from Walliston in Perth's hills, we meandered our way through the winding hills roads on the observation run which was organised by Ken Domeyer (thanks Ken). As arranged, we all managed to find our way to the Jarrahdale Hotel for a timely lunch and chat over a drink or two, before heading for home mid-afternoon. Members drove from as far away as Manjimup (Lyn & Riley), Rockingham, Mandurah and Pinjarra. It was a good turnout for the club which saw several variants of our beloved P76s being seen and commented on by members of the public. The observation run was won by Gary Mentiplay with his all girl (Mentiplay) crew, with 29 points out of a possible 30. Congratulations.



4th Annual Leyland P76 State Meeting

Albany: 17th & 18th October 2015

The beautiful south west town of Albany has been chosen as the location for the State Meeting that our club holds each year.

The weekend will be full of activities to ensure that the long drive is well worth while.

Some members will be heading down on the Friday (16th of October), and activities will be planned to cover the whole weekend.

Itinerary:

Friday 16th:

Morning: Depart from Pioneer World Armadale to Albany

Afternoon: Visit the The Gap and Natural Bridge in Albany

Evening: Dinner (venue to be announced)

Saturday 17th:

Morning: Free Time and Socializing

11am – 1pm: Car Display in Albany Town Centre

1.30pm: Observation Run to Whaling Station

Evening: Dinner at Rustlers Restaurant

Sunday 18th:

Morning: Visit Anzac War Museum

Afternoon: Depart for Perth



Ain't History Wonderful?

The following bits of historical trivia are offered by way of conversation changers when you get a bit bored of Car Club shop talk:

There is an old Pub in Marble Arch, London, which used to have a gallows adjacent to it. Prisoners were taken to the gallows (after a fair trial of course) to be hanged. The horse-drawn dray, carting the prisoner, was accompanied by an armed guard, who would stop outside the pub and ask the prisoner if he would like "ONE LAST DRINK". If he said YES, it was referred to as ONE FOR THE ROAD. If he declined, that prisoner was ON THE WAGON.

So there you go... more bleeding history.

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot and then once a day it was taken and sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were "piss poor", but worse than that were the really poor folk, who couldn't even afford to buy a pot, they "Didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June, because they took their annual bath in May and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odour. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom, where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how four-poster beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying, "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside.

A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.

Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight, then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old".

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over they would hang up their bacon, to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "Bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around talking and "chew the fat".

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "The Upper Crust".



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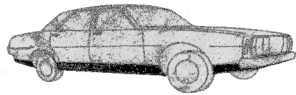


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