

# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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## Anything But Average

# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

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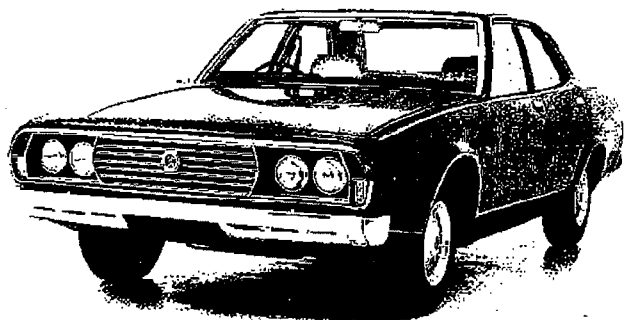
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## GENERAL MEETINGS

**Venue:** San Souci Literary institute  
**Address:** 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate  
(cnr Campbell Street)  
**Time:** 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

## MEETING DATES 2008

**AUG 20TH, SEP17th, OCT15th,**  
**NOV 19th, DEC 17th**



## Editorial

I am sorry to have to inform our members that Sue Green has recently been admitted to hospital in a very serious condition and I would like to thank the club for the lovely floral arrangement that was sent to her. Also thanks to all those members who sent her get well cards, it is all well appreciated. I will inform the club of her progress.

I would like to thanks Troy for organising the newsletter.

The British display day at Kings School should be another good day, and also Shannon's Eastern Creek on 24th August will be outstanding as Tony De Luca has a record number of entrants, close to 2000.

A venue for the National Meeting in 2010 has been decided by the combined National Committee and it is to be held in the Hunter Valley at Motto Farm (near Raymond Terrace) in the picturesque Hunter Valley, and I am sure it will be a most successful meeting.

Well that's about all for now and I hope to have better news about Sue next month.

Joe Green

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## **Thanks to**

- The club for sending flowers to Sue Green
- Troy Green for his help with the newsletter
- Tony & Kay De Luca for their article

## **Please note**

If you are able to write an article for our newsletter the deadline for it to be printed in the next newsletter is the **1<sup>st</sup> of every month.**

## **A.G.M.**

All members please note the annual general meeting will be held on 17th September at 8:30pm after the general meeting at the San Souci Literary Institute at 107 Ramsgate Road Ramsgate (cnr Campbell Street)

## **FUTURE EVENTS 2008**

<b>September 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Muscle car masters day Eastern Creek
<b>September 7th</b>	Burwood Council Show & Shine
<b>September 14th</b>	Orange Blossom Festival Baulkham Hills 9:30am
<b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	B.M.C. Heritage day at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club West Ryde 11:30am start.
<b>October 26th</b>	Highlands Motorfest and County Fair at Chevalier College Bowral.

## **Heated Rear Windows**

We are ordering rear windows shortly so if you are interested please ring & confirm your order now on 0409 988 757 or (02) 9522-6529  
Clear \$220 or Tinted \$230 plus freight

## **P76 NATIONAL 2010 MEETING NOTICE**

The Combined Committee of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club and Leyland P76 Owners Club of NSW has pleasure in announcing to Members that a venue for the 2010 National Meeting has been selected and booked.

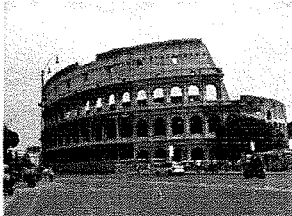
**The venue is the Motto Farm Motel Complex at Raymond Terrace  
just north of Newcastle.**

A detailed report will follow as more information becomes available.

## GREY NOMADS HEAD FOR THE HIGH SEAS

In May this year Tony & I embarked on a Mediterranean Cruise, including some time in Rome and a week in Sicily & the Aeolian Islands as well.

We had 5 days in Rome doing all the usual tourist spots (Colosseum below) and a wonderful day long coach trip to Tuscany, where we visited Cortona & Montepulciano (below).



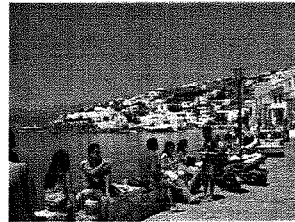
The Cruise was an escorted trip organised by Sydney company Cruise Express and our fellow passengers on the Legend of the Seas included over 300 Australians and many from Metropolitan Sydney. The Cruise was given wide advertising on Radio 2CH and the Station's Breakfast Announcer, Gareth McCray, in fact came along for the ride!



Royal Caribbean Lines "Legend of the Seas" carried 1800+ passengers and 700+ crew, most of whom came from European Countries, Central America but most notably for us two young Australian guys, who were the Head Chef and Second Sous Chef. We enjoyed 12 days of wonderful food and great service from all the waiters, cabin attendants etc.

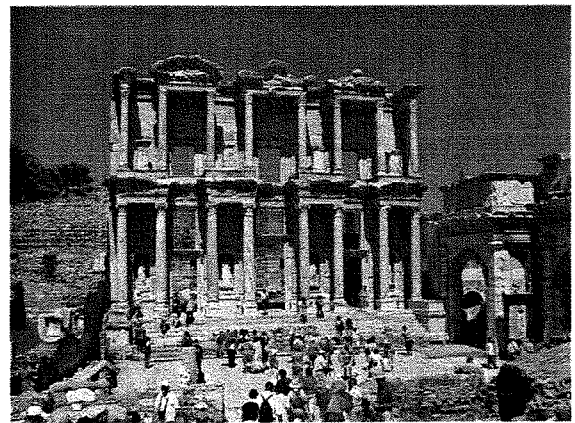
Our first port of call on the Legend was the Greek Island of Mykonos and we had a lovely afternoon/evening there roaming through the narrow streets and watching the locals enjoying al fresco dining at the waterfront.

The buildings are just like the picture cards, gleaming white with feature colour of blue. There was plenty of boutique shopping for the eager travellers too.



Our next port of call was Kusadasi in Turkey, which was a real surprise for both of us. The fertile countryside and the wonderful historic places that we visited were memorable to say the least.

The ancient city of Ephesus is one of the best preserved Roman cities in the World. We spent a momentous day walking through the ruins with our Turkish guide, who gave us a great rundown of the incredible Roman buildings and streetscape.

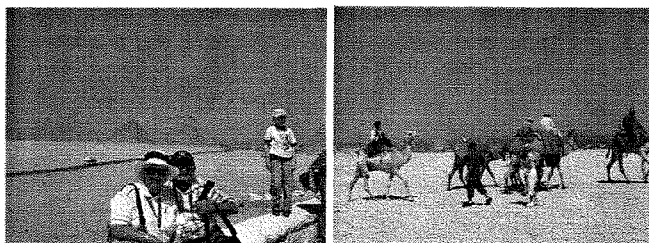


The ancient library building above is still in incredible condition, given that it was built in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century AD.

We also visited a Turkish Rug Company and saw how the locals produce these beautiful pieces for distribution around the World.

The Legend also took us to Cyprus and Rhodes before taking us across the Mediterranean Sea to Alexandria, for our long coach trip to Cairo where we visited the Museum where Tutankhamen's treasures are on display.

We lunched on the Nile before heading out to the Pyramids at Giza for an amazing afternoon.



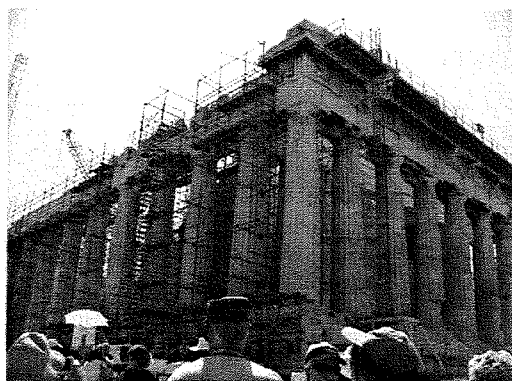
One of my life-long dreams has been to visit the Pyramids and it was such a great experience (except for the "pushy" locals who seem desperate to sell their wares and the camel riders, who literally run you over to get a "fare").

The main road from Alexandria to Cairo is a 4-lane highway and traffic flowed well on the way to Cairo, but our return journey to Alexandria was extended for over an hour because of a bad accident involving traffic heading in the opposite way to us. Fortunately when we returned to the Ship, we found that all services had been put on hold because of our delayed arrival and the Restaurants etc were "standing by" to look after their hungry travellers.

Once again, the service on this Ship was outstanding and we just couldn't fault any part of our cruise experience.

Unfortunately a few people must have tasted the local water whilst in Cairo and were suffering upset tummies for a day or two later (including Tony even though he didn't drink the water).

Next port of call was Athens and a memorable visit to the Acropolis and the beautiful Parthenon (below).



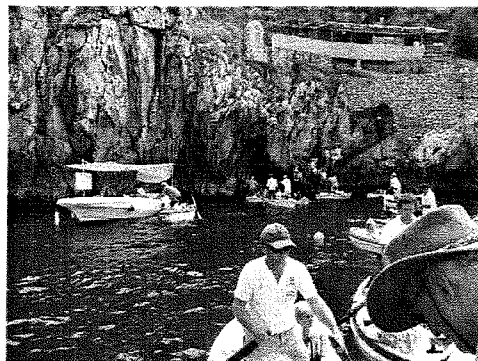
The City of Athens is steeped in Olympic history and this is evident wherever you look.

Last port of call on our Mediterranean Cruise was the beautiful port of Naples, where we boarded a ferry to take the 40 minute ride to the Isle of Capri. What a really picturesque place Capri is - no wonder many film stars have decided to call this place home over the years!

We were "bundled" from the ferry to small buses to take the winding road up to Anacapri (meaning above Capri). The view from the hillside down to the port was breathtaking to say the least, but heartstopping when we met traffic coming the opposite way. We somehow managed to pass without a problem and once arriving at Anacapri, were blown away by the pretty, narrow, tree-lined streets and darling little shops selling beautiful souvenirs and trinkets.

From Anacapri we returned by bus to Capri where we had a lovely lunch break with time to roam around the shops - Valentino, Yves St Laurant, Chanel - just bring your money with you!! The return trip from Capri to the Port was by cable car - a very interesting few minutes journey.

After lunch we boarded launches for the short trip along the Capri coast to the Blue Grotto.



Anyone wishing to go into the Grotto had to jump into a small boat, rowed by a "stand up guide" (see above) who takes you through the small opening in the rock wall for an amazing look at the underground cavern with brilliant blue water. The organisation ran like clockwork with around 8 row boats taking turns in delivering 4 or 5 people each time into the cave for a couple of exhilarating minutes.

We returned to Naples aboard the ferry and boarded our Cruise Ship for the last time. Our last night onboard was a special one, saying goodbye to some wonderful friends made on the voyage around the Mediterranean.

Next morning it was time to board our coach for the return journey to Rome, where we commenced the final part of our trip on our own.

**To be Continued Next Month**



## BMC LEYLAND AUSTRALIA HERITAGE GROUP REUNION



**Sunday 12 October 2008**

### NEW LOCATION

2008 marks ten years since the first Reunion and this year the Heritage Group Luncheon will be held at **Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club**, 117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde. The Club is just a short walk from West Ryde Station and just off Victoria Rd (for bus travellers). Attached is a locality map for your convenience. There is plenty of undercover carparking for BMC Heritage Group Members and their friends/families.

Arrive around 10.30am for a look at the cars on display, then have a chat over a cup of coffee or tea or avail yourself of the Club's Bar outside the Ryedale Room on Level 1. Lunch will commence at 12.00 noon in the Ryedale Room and finish at 4.30pm.

**Guest Speaker** this year will be **Mr Malcolm Brooks**, who has vast experience within the automotive industry, including participation in various Redex Trials, running a BMC Dealership as well as being involved in State Politics over the years. From all reports, we can look forward to a very interesting talk.

**Master of Ceremonies** for the day will be our own **Chris Rogers** – thank you Chris.

**2008 sees the return of the CAR DISPLAY**, so if you would like to bring along your BMC Leyland motor vehicle, **please contact Roger Foy (9449 1524)**. Ryde-Eastwood has given us exclusive use of their rooftop car park for this purpose. Cars on show should be in place by 10.00am.

**Cost** will be the same as last year, **\$30.00 per head** and includes appetisers, full buffet (including carvery and hot dishes), desserts, tea/coffee & mints, as well as limited supplies of Red/White Wines, Beer, Orange Juice & Water. (Good value for \$30 you would agree!!)

We look forward to seeing all our "old friends" again – either as an ex-employee of BMC or as a Car Club Member. ***Bring your families/friends along & make 2008 a very special event.***

#### PAYMENT FOR BMC LEYLAND HERITAGE GROUP 2008 REUNION

Please forward this section with your payment of **\$30.00 per person** to:

Kay De Luca, 7 Savoy Court, West Pennant Hills 2125 (Phone 02 8812 2479 or 0410 688886)

**RSVP: 30/09/2008**

**(Cheques payable to BMC Leyland Heritage Group)**

**Please give your preferred first name for nametags.**

NAME:.....

PARTNER/FRIENDS NAMES:.....

YOUR ADDRESS:.....P/CODE:.....

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*Please advise if you have a Special Dietary Requirement:*.....

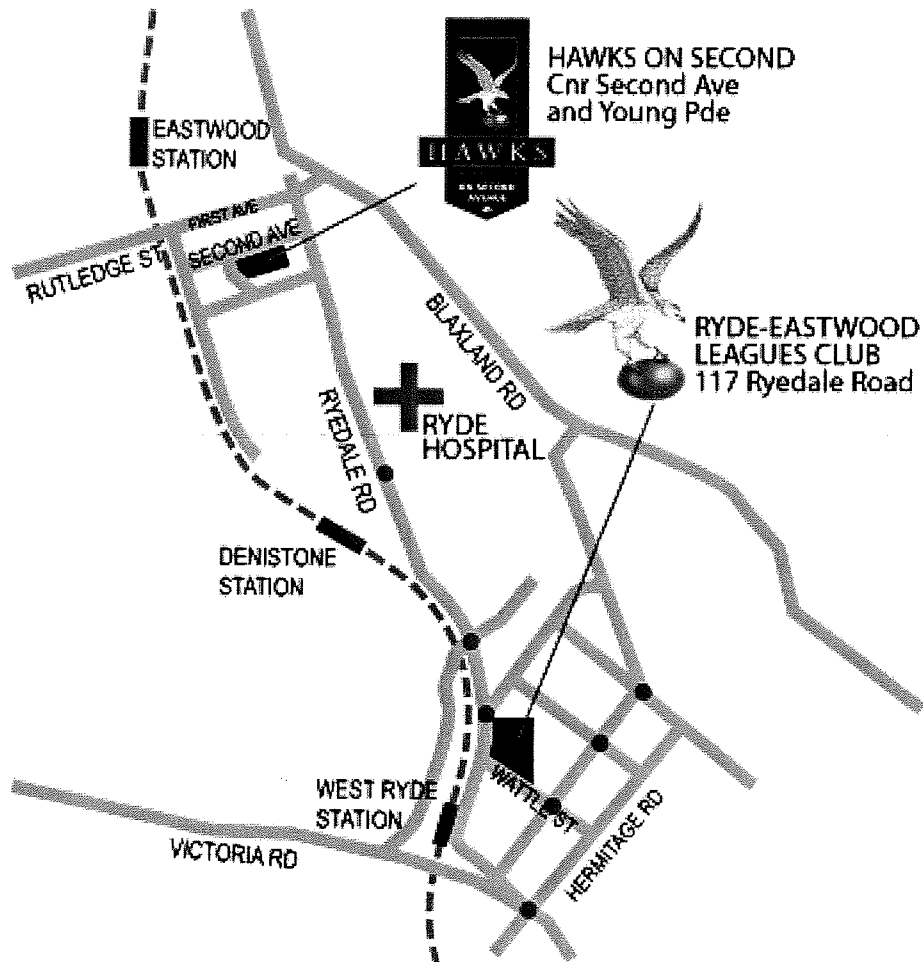




## RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde

Phone: 9807 2444



# **Minutes of the Leland P76 Classic Car Club**

**held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 16th July 2008.**

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:16pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Sue Green, Valda & Don Chappell, Angelos Frangopoulos.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Kay De Luca

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil

## **Treasurer's Report:**

\$3,868.85 in Bank. Statement No. 171 dated 30/06/2008.

Income for June 2008 - Membership Fees \$650.00.

Outgoings for June 2008 - Australia Post \$35.00; Hall Rent \$27.50. Total \$62.50.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Moved - Bev Lyons. Seconded - Alan Torrance.

## **Correspondence in:**

1. Letter & brochures for the Fifties Fair Rose Seidler House Clissold Road Wahoonga Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2008.
  2. Brochure from the Sydney Bus & Truck Museum Gannon Street Tempe inviting the club to visit their premises and offering the facilities of the museum.
  3. Letter & invitation to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society Wings over Illawarra on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.
  4. Letter & entry form from the Burwood Spring Festival Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
  5. BMC Leyland Australian Heritage Group Newsletter May/June 2008.
  6. Queensland P76 Club Magazine June 2008.
  7. Victoria P76 Club Magazine June 2008.
  8. Country P76 Magazine Worts & All June 2008.
  9. South Australian P76 Club Magazine July 2008.
- New Zealand P76 Magazine Penzed July 2008.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Kay De Luca. Seconded - Paul van Look.

## **General Business:**

Kay De Luca informed the meeting that the BMC Leyland Australia Heritage Group Reunion and Luncheon will be held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008.

Joe Green advised members to contact Troy Green if they require heated rear P76 screens.

Joe Green asked members wishing to attend the All British Day to let him know as soon as possible so we can be in the one area.

It was suggested that a future outing for the club could be the Air Museum at Temora.

It was decided that approval be sought from members to transfer into a special account to be opened for the 2010 National Meeting, the sum of \$250.00 as a co-contribution with the NSW P76 Owners Club. Proposed by Kay De Luca, Seconded by Steve Maher, put to the meeting for approval and passed unanimously.

Steve Maher has been approached by Top Gear Australia Magazine to do a story on the P76 vehicles. An outing in the Southern Highlands on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2008 will occur in conjunction with all NSW P76 Clubs to do the story. Please contact Steve 0417 435 830 if you wish to attend & participate.

Joe Green, Peter O'Brien, Paul van Look, Kevin Ward & Ron Frith attended the South Coast Holden Owners Club Display Day at Kembla Grange on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008. It was a great day and well organised.

Sue Green is extremely sick in hospital. It was decided at the meeting to send flowers on behalf of the club. Kay De Luca will make the arrangements.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm followed by supper.