

# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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**Anything But Average**

## LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

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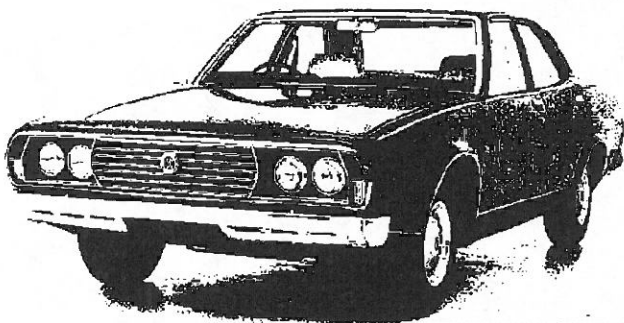
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### GENERAL MEETINGS

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

### MEETING DATES 2008

**NOV 19th, DEC 17th**



### Editorial

Great news, Sue Green has now been discharged from hospital after having been there for about 16 weeks and she is improving every day, however she does have to go back to the hospital every second day for treatment.

Also Ron Frith was in hospital recently for a few days, and when I visited him he was in good shape after his operation. He is now back at home, and lets hope we all see Ron and Sue back at our meeting in the new future.

In the recent Australian edition of the Top Gear Magazine there is an article about the Leyland P76 and the car clubs in NSW.

The Orange Blossom Classic car display was postponed last month due to extremely bad weather. The new date for this event is Sunday 23rd Nov 2008, at the Bull & Bush Hotel Baulkham Hills.

Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday 17th December, so I hope we get a good roll up as we usually do and all have a great time.

Well that's it for now see you at our next meeting.

Joe Green

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## **Thanks to**

- Tony and Kay De Luca for their article.
- Jason Birmingham for his article.
- Troy & Julie for their help in producing the newsletter.

## **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.**

## **Get Well Message**

To Ron Frith and Sue Green

## **FUTURE EVENTS 2008**

<b>November 23rd</b>	Orange Blossom Festival Baulkham Hills.
<b>December 17th</b>	Christmas party night at club rooms.
<b>January 26th 2009</b>	NRMA Motorfest Sydney
<b>February 14th &amp; 15th 2009</b>	Berima District Historic vehicle club rally
<b>Easter 2010</b>	National Meeting Motto Farm NSW

# **FOR SALE**

## **1973 Marina Super sedan**

6 cylinder manual full rego till 7/6/09 rego no. YTG232. Hot Wire mag wheels, sports steering wheel, radio/cassette (not Leyland) with front and rear speakers, tow bar, front sway bar, electric petrol pump, fuel star fitted so it runs on unleaded petrol. Colour is Home on the Orange with brown interior. You won't find a better original unrestored Marina anywhere. It has done a genuine 133500KLMS (Speedo shows 33500 but it is second time around) I know because I bought it with 17000 on the clock. No oil leaks or water leaks and comes with original tool kit in bag and log books. The only reason I am selling is that I have acquired a six cylinder Coupe which needs a full restoration so I need the room and the money for the Coupe. \$5000.00 or will consider near offer.

**Ian Lyons (02)98201487 or 0414760064 car is in Sydney.**



## SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.....

The Article in the "Drive" section of the Sydney Morning Herald, whilst having lovely photo's I found annoying & disappointing. Let me tell you a bit about it.

I received a phone call on my mobile on a Thursday afternoon with a lady introducing herself as Susan Bredow from SMH... "Who the hell is SMH" I thought... She raved on & on asking all these random questions about P76 in general, before I finally asked the question "who is SMH?" (Clearly displaying my ignorance"). Feeling pretty happy that the P76 was going to be in a large newspaper, I carried on & after about 10 minutes the "interview" was over, but not before me asking to see a draft of the story before it went to print, so I could fix any inaccuracies..."No worries" was the answer & the conversation finished up with her organizing a photographer to come up to the Central Coast to take some happy snaps on the following Saturday

The following Tuesday I started emailing this chick asking for a draft of the interview... 3 more emails later & there was no reply, till the day the article was out...no apologies, nothing, just "look how good the photo's are". I didn't even know when the article was to appear...the first I knew about it being out was a text message at 6.40 am on the Friday morning from a friend in Sydney giving me heaps about bald fat people in green cars!

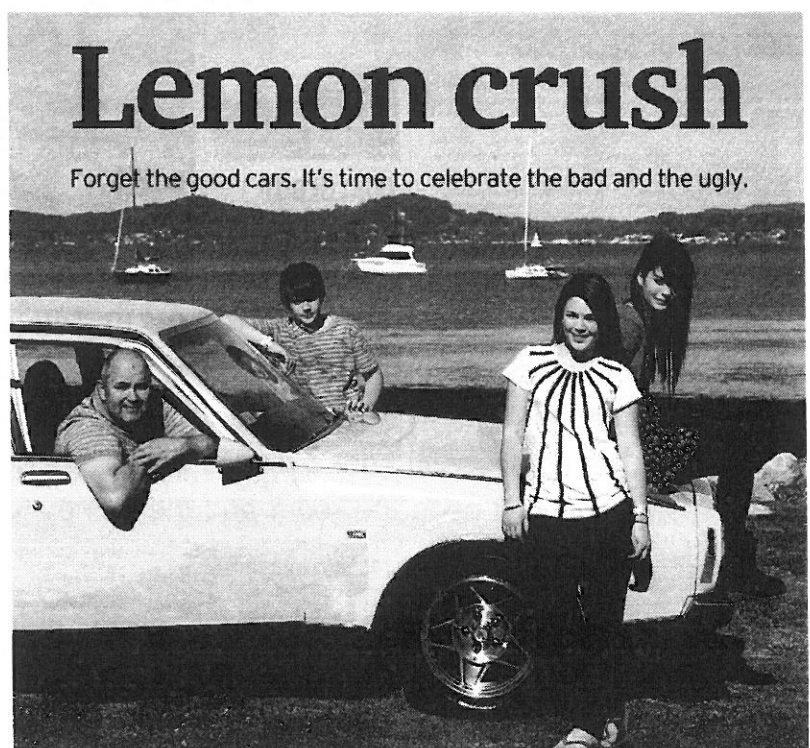
Anyway, the article about me wasn't too bad, but the general article about "Cars only Enthusiasts would love" gave me the dirt's. You would think that after all this time, these bozo's would try something different & have a look at some of the positives of the P76, after all we have been reading about the few negatives for 35 bloody years, but these wankers, neatly sidestep the many positives & "firsts" of the car & drag out the same old shit. I suppose it is lazy journalism... why do something different... or maybe it's just cheating....Phil mc cumiskie from the Vic Club, rang me & said "The Age" in Melbourne did the same article a few weeks before that was identical..Word for word... but what can you do??? Bloody irritating though!

Then there was the Top Gear Magazine article. 18 P76's ventured down to the Southern Highlands for an interview & Photo shoot. It was a lovely day with great weather & good food at an old pub. Top Gear sent Steve Maher the article they had written before it went to print & it was largely a good article... cheeky & humorous in the style of the magazine, but largely positive. Then the Editor got to it & turned it into a still funny (at our expense) sometimes negative article that was only a shadow of the one first written.

I suppose I am a bit too touchy about the P76, but I can cop criticism when it is given by someone informed, but to keep bringing out articles with the same crap, written by dumb arse/lazy cretins annoys me no end.

If I ever end up in an article again, it will be on my terms.

Jason Birmingham



## **Christmas Party Night**

If every member would like to bring along a nice plate of food and also a present for our raffle. So I hope we get a good attendance and we all have a great night

### **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

## **Very Interesting Stuff**

- The first couple to be shown in bed on prime TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstones
- Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than US treasury
- It is impossible to lick your elbow
- Many years ago in Scotland a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only....Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language
- The cost of raising a medium sized dog to the age of eleven is \$16,400.

### **You Know you are Living in 2008 when...**

1. You accidentally enter your Pin on the microwave
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three
4. You email the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have email addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home to carry in the shopping.

# **BMC LEYLAND AUSTRALIA HERITAGE GROUP**

## **REUNION LUNCHEON AT RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB**

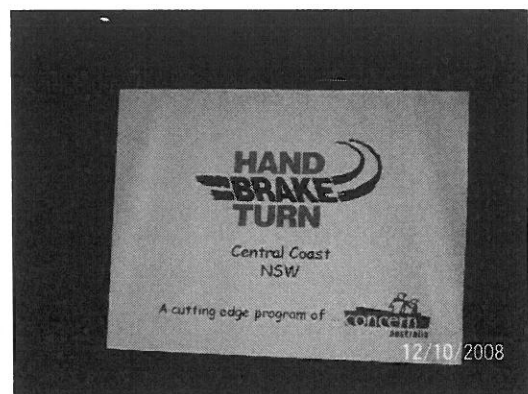
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The change of venue was great by all accounts and the Leagues Club offered us their rooftop carpark for the display of some 25 or so cars from the selection of vehicles that were manufactured by BMC Leyland, some at the Zetland Plant.

Along with the six P76's were Tony's Austin Maxi, Rovers, Austin Freeway, Austin Kimberley, Mini's, Morris Major, Morris & Leyland Marinas, Austin Princess R, Triumph Dolomite, Austin 1100 GT, Mini Moke, Morris 1100, Austin Lancer and MG 1100 – giving a wonderful display of BMC Leyland vehicles.



Also on display on the roof was the half size Austin Healey (below), built by Colin Rule from the Central Coast. Colin has been interested in Healeys since his boyhood days and this particular model is being raffled by Hand Brake Turn, a company which operates on the Central Coast and offers under privileged young people the opportunity to learn about motor vehicles and maintenance thereof. It's a very worthwhile enterprise indeed.

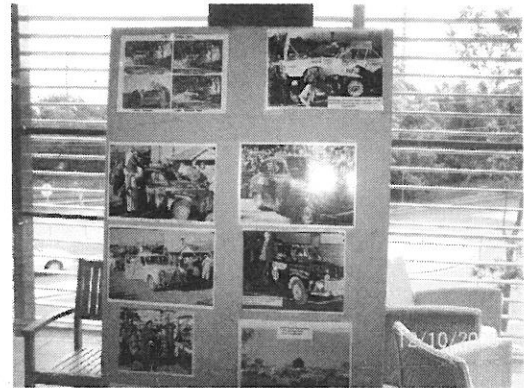


Colin showed a Powerpoint Presentation of his car collection and love of the Austin Healey, followed by a very interesting talk from Heidi Kitchen from Hand Brake Turn.

Guest Speaker, Malcolm Brooks, spoke to us about his memorable experiences in the Redex and Ampol Trials of the 1950's & 60's, keeping everyone spellbound with stories of the outback, not to mention the notorious Galignite Jack Murray. Malcolm also brought along some memorabilia of those wonderful days in motoring history.



*Malcolm Brooks being thanked by MC Chris Rogers*



*Malcolm's Redex & Ampol Trial Memorabilia*

Guests were treated to a great buffet with a wide variety of foods and some were lucky enough to receive one of the many lucky door prizes and raffle prizes.

A big thank you to Jason Birmingham for bringing along a terrific photographic display of the 2008 Nationals at Geelong – these created a lot of interest amongst the BMC employees! Hope to get some of them up to Raymond Terrace in 2010.

Club Members, Peter & Pauline O'Brien, Paul Van Look, Ian & Bev Lyons, Steve Maher, Denise Mort & her son Greg, Tony and myself enjoyed mixing with the people who worked at BMC Leyland Zetland Plant and certainly listened to many stories of days gone by in the factory, which no longer stands at Victoria Park.



*Bev Lyons found some interesting reading...*



*Some of the guests enjoy 2008 Nationals display*

The big race at Bathurst was available on screen during the day for those who just couldn't go without it.

The Club facilities were fantastic, staff very supportive and we received positive remarks from many of the 120 people attending about the venue and the great cars on display.

**Kay De Luca**



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

**held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 15th October 2008.**

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:25pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Sue Green, Valda & Don Chappell, Paul Van Look & Ron Frith.

**The minutes of the previous meeting** were read and accepted. Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Kevin Ward.

**Business arising from the minutes:** Nil

## **Treasurer's Report:**

\$3174.29 in Bank. Statement No. 174 dated 29/09/2008.

Income for August 2008 - Membership Fees \$35.00.

Outgoings for September 2008 - Australia Post Stamps \$28.25....., Hall Rent \$27.50, Stamp Pad & Photocopying \$43.00. Department Of Fair Trading \$45.00 Total \$143.75

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Moved - Bev Lyons. Seconded - Kay De Luca.

## **Correspondence in:**

1. Brochure & Entry Form 2009 Vic. Hot Rod Show, Royal Exhibition Bldg, Melbourne Jan 23-26, 2009.
2. NZ P76 Magazine PENZED September 2008.
3. P76 Club Magazine Westwords October 2008.
4. Qld P76 Club Magazine September 2008.
5. Vic P76 Club Magazine September 2008.
6. SA P76 Club Magazine October 2008.
7. Receipt from Office of Fair Trading for Club's Annual Statement.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Kay De Luca. Seconded - Peter O'Brien.

## **General Business:**

- Kay De Luca reported on the BMC Leyland Heritage Group Luncheon held last Sunday 12/10/2008. It was a great day and the new location at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club was very popular. Around 25 cars were on display including 6 P76 vehicles and Paul Van Look's Marina.
- Steve Maher asked the meeting if any models of the Force 7 were available a he can place as many as available to other P76 Clubs.
- Joe Green reported to the meeting on Sue's medical condition. She is still under constant care however making progress.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm followed by supper.