

LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB

INCORPORATED NSW

AUGUST 2009



P-76

Anything But Average

LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB INC.

This newsletter is produced by a sub-committee of the above club and all articles are protected by copyright laws and must not be printed without the written permission of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club Inc. and the writer of such article. The above club hereby thanks and acknowledges the use of any articles etc.

If any members have a vehicle or spare parts for sale, an interesting story about his or her car, weather it is about a rebuild or repair, or of your trips away on holidays, please do not hesitate to contact the editor and it will be greatly received.

The opinions expressed in the newsletter are not necessarily of the Editor. Where possible articles contributed by members are verified, however the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club Inc. accepts no responsibility of the accuracy of the information.

Leyland p76 Classic Car club Inc.
C/o 9 Apsley Place
Taren Point NSW
Phone (02) 9522 6529
Email:force7v@hotmail.com

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

MEETING DATES 2009

Aug 19th Sept 16th Oct 21st
Nov 18th Dec 16th



Editorial

Our next outing is Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic Show & Shine. Tony De Luca has informed me that he has sent out 1998 tickets for the show. That is outstanding, it is no doubt the largest event for the veteran, vintage and classic cars in Australia. Also we have a busy time ahead in regards to runs and outings. The British display day is held on the next weekend after Shannon's. In September we have a club run to Motto Farm and the Orange Blossom Festival.

Most of our members have paid their membership fees, which is most pleasing to see, also it is great to welcome new members Aaron Wells and Kevin Cross to our club and both of them are going to attend the National Meeting next year.

The recent outing to the Tram Museum was a good day even though the weather was very bleak.

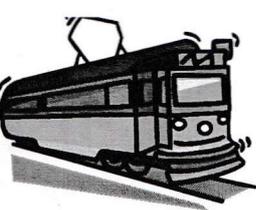
The National committee has been progressing well and the organisation of the events are all falling into place.

Please note that the A.G.M. Will be held on 16th September in our club rooms after our general meeting (approx at 8:30pm).

Well that is it for now and I hope to see you all at our next meeting night.

Joe Green

Notice of Copyright:- Copyright in all articles published in this magazine is vested in the respective authors of those articles. No part of the magazine may be reproduced in any form or by any means whatsoever without permission in writing from the respective authors. Initial enquiries should be directed to the Editor.



Tram Museum Day 2009

Well Sunday 26th July was a very overcast, cold and cloudy day, however this did not prevent the stalwarts of our club from visiting the Tram Museum at Loftus. Sue and myself left home at about 9:00am and arrived at the venue at about 9:30am, we parked the Force 7 in the car park adjacent to the Tram Museum.

Soon after an official from the Museum approached us and asked if we were with a car club, of course we said yes, so he invited us to move the car into an area of the museum adjacent to the Tram Tracks. We moved the Force 7 to the position as directed and then a few of the early visitors came over to us and were very interested in the Force 7. We talked to them about all the usual facts relating to the Leyland Company for a considerable time.

The Ron Frith arrived and not long after Ian and Bev Lyons, Tony and Kay and their grandkids Pete and Emma, then last but not least our friends Frank and Veeny.

So we all decided to have morning tea and set ourselves up in one of the converted tram sheds and had a nice morning tea, all the ladies bought along fresh cakes they were very nice.

After this we decided to go for a tram ride to National Park, it was a fun ride and guess what number our tram was, yes **76**.

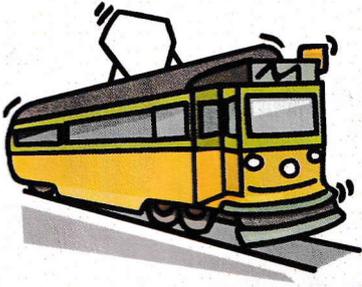
We then decided to go on a tour of the Museum, this was most interesting, there is a great deal of Nostalgia at this Museum, and the dedication of the volunteers is incredible. The painstaking work that has been carried out on all types of trams is a real credit to the tradespersons and those who have assisted as the workmanship and craft work that has been achieved is of such very high standard.

Some trams have been acquired from interstate and also overseas. There is an ex-prison tram on display that is unique. They also have a large passenger tram from the USA and there is also on show a fixed heavy metal device that was used to stop trams from running into Sydney Harbour. The interior of the trams is very interesting as they have a great deal of old fashioned signage on the walls and on one of the trams I noticed in had 'smoking' signs on every window of each compartment, how times have changed. Also the wooden running boards looked great, there were so many old photographs and memorabilia displayed on the walls of the Museum. This is a place that I would encourage anyone to visit and you would be sure to have an enjoyable day.

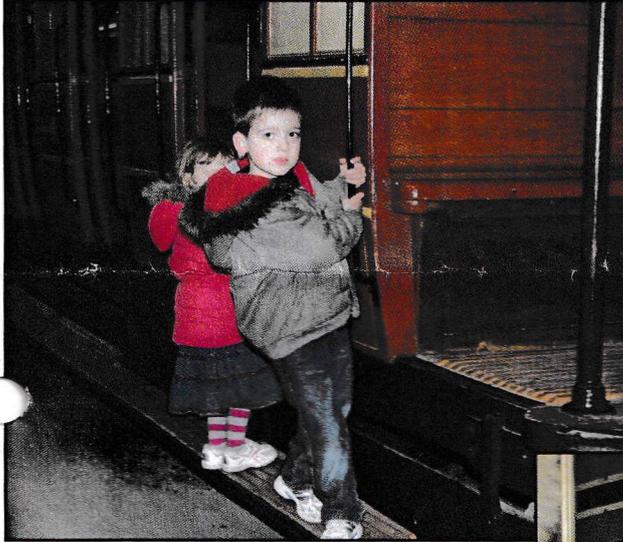
We then decided to move on to Symbio Wildlife Garden Park at Helensburgh, however it just started to rain as we left. Anyhow Sue and myself were leading the way in the Force 7 when a van drove up beside up, the driver was waving madly at us. It was one of our club members Jim Bennett who was in his work van and must have been going back to his newly acquired farm at Goulburn. We could not stop, we turned off at Helensburgh. When we arrived at Symbio it started to rain very heavy so we decided to call it a day and we all headed off home after another enjoyable day.

Joe Green.

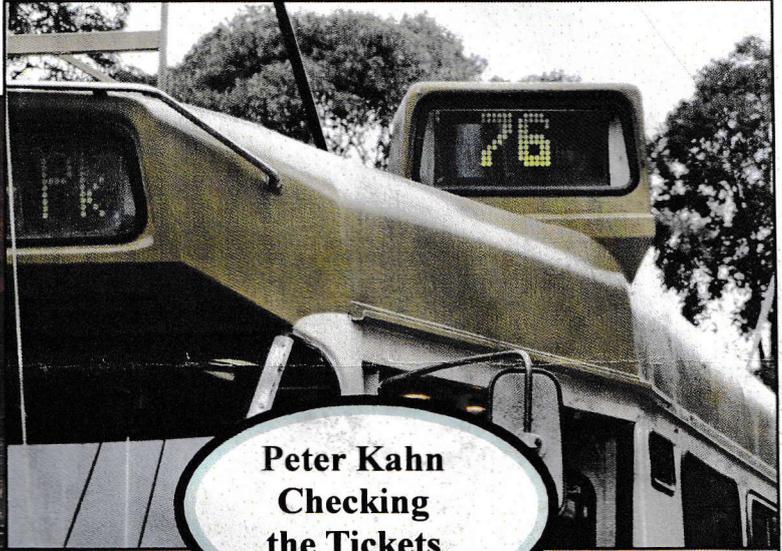




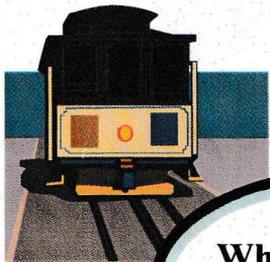
Tram Museum



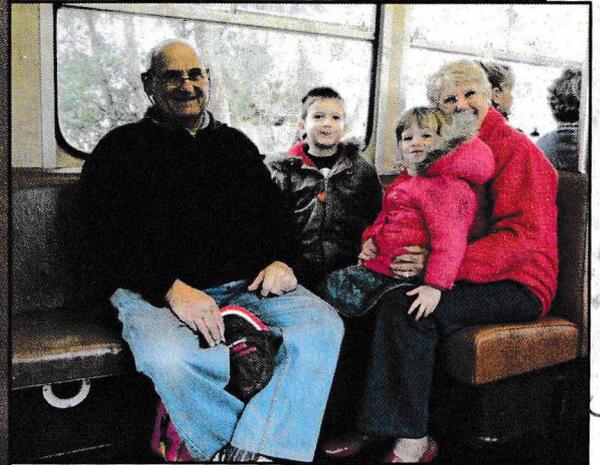
Pete & Emma scaling the Tram



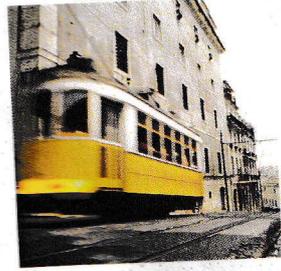
Peter Kahn
Checking
the Tickets



When will the
Tram be here



Tram Museum



Ron Frith's recently restored Green P76



Sue Green with her dialysis machine and wearing her 76 shirt.

Don & Valda Chappell

Joe and myself recently visited Don and Valda, they were very pleased to see us and we were happy to spend some time with them and it was good to know that they get enjoyment from our newsletter.

We discussed and told them about the activities the club is planning for the National meeting at Motto Farm next Easter, and also the general car club news.

Valda is still very occupied doing her beautiful tapestry work and they both send their regards to all of our members.

Sue Green

A.G.M.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the club rooms,
107 Ramsgate Road Ramsgate
on September 16th,
immediately after our general meeting, time approx 8:30 to 8:45pm

Just a Reminder

How often do we know we have a particular maintenance task to do on our cars, regardless of make or model, and we tend to put it off until another day using any number of excuses. In my case it is the annual flush of the brake system of my 'P'. I don't use the car very much as it is on club plates so it sits under cover for most of the year. It was Pink Slip time a few weeks back and when I took the car to the mechanic for its check-up, I asked if he could flush the brake system. He gave the pedal a few good pumps and agreed it was a little soft. His initial diagnosis was that the fluid was leaking out the back of the master cylinder. The master cylinder had quite a bit of "gunk" in the bottom and some difficulty was experienced when trying to bleed the rear cylinders. It was eventually found that the two steel pipes to the wheel cylinders were partially blocked and the rubber hose that goes over the diff. was completely blocked.

So, with two new wheel cylinders, new rear brake lines and a new master cylinder, the brakes work as expected. Now that is the reminder, don't put off flushing the brake system, it can be costly.

Now, having related this matter to you, I must add the next matter. I need to sell this car as I can't find the time in the immediate future to repair the rust damage that must be attended to immediately. This rust is in the front door sill/pillar junction which is considered a structural problem (why when a P76 is built so strong) to them that make the rules. There is other rust along the bottom of the rear window and under the petrol filler hatch.

It is a Nutmeg Brown, Super V8 and runs quite well. I have just had it re-registered.

If any reader is interested in a challenging repair, please contact Ron Naylor on 9790-4010. Sale price can be discussed at time of inspection.

Did You Know???

That the unmanned American Spacecraft VIKING 1
landed on Mars after an 11 month flight in 1976

ENGLISH MAXI CLUB FRIENDS

Whilst in London at the beginning of our recent overseas trip, we took the Flying Scotsman from Kings Cross Station to Peterborough where we had arranged to meet up with my long-time friends, Chris & Ernie Jackson, who belong to the Austin Maxi Club in England.

They were waiting for us as the train pulled into the Station and we walked with them through the enormous Cathedral in Peterborough and the city with its shops and malls.

It was great to finally meet them after corresponding for around 15 years, as a member of the Maxi Club. We lunched together in a pub and talked about Maxis (naturally) and the involvement in car clubs, both in Australia and England.

One of the major differences with car club outings is that the English Club often drive to Europe for the weekend. They find it hard to believe the distances that we travel between States here in Australia.

Ernie has very generously sent me much needed information on the Austin Maxi Automatic Transmission. This will enable me to understand the workings of the transmission more thoroughly - something that I have needed to do for years!

We briefed both Chris and Ernie on the P76 scene in Australia, as this aspect of British Leyland is not well known in England.

Ernie and Chris have further involvement in Mazda MX5's as well as their intense involvement in the Austin Maxi Club in England.

Both Kay and I would have liked to join the Maxi Club on an outing in England, however on this occasion it was not possible. Hopefully some time in the future this may happen.

We were most appreciative of their hospitality and company on the day.

Tony De Luca



Chris, Tony & Ernie outside the Peterborough Cathedral.

Important National Meeting Update Easter 2010

Be quick to book your Easter 2010 National Meeting accommodation, rooms are booking fast and you don't want to be disappointed...

**Deadline is 30th August 2009
late bookings will incur extra costs**



BMC LEYLAND AUSTRALIA
HERITAGE GROUP



THE 2009 REUNION

After the success of the 2008 Reunion, we're returning to

RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB

Ryedale Road, West Ryde

Sunday 18th October 2009

Once again the **CAR DISPLAY** will occupy the rooftop carpark, so if you would like to bring along your BMC Leyland motor vehicle, **please contact Roger Foy (9449 1524)**. Cars on show should be in place by 10.00am.

Guest Speaker, **George Fowler** will enlighten us with a presentation of his experiences with BMC Leyland and life after Victoria Park, Zetland

Cost will be **\$32.00 per head** and includes appetisers, full buffet (including carvery and hot dishes), desserts, tea/coffee & mints, as well as some liquid refreshment. *(Great value for just \$32.00)*

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 2009 a memorable event.

PAYMENT FOR BMC LEYLAND HERITAGE GROUP 2009 REUNION

Please forward this section with your payment of **\$32.00 per person** to:

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

RSVP: 25/09/2009 (Cheques payable to **BMC Leyland Heritage Group**)

Please give your preferred first name for nametags.

NAME:.....

PARTNER/FRIENDS NAMES:.....

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

PHONE:..... EMAIL:.....

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

RYDE EASTWOOD LEAGUES CLUB
117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde
Phone: 9807 2444

9

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club

held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 15th July 2009.

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:20pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Valda & Don Chappell, Bev & Ian Lyons, Ron Frith, Peter O'Brien, Angelos Frangopoulos.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Moved-Sue Green. Seconded-Kevin Ward.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil.

Treasurer's Report:

\$3,091.97 in Bank. Statement No. 183 dated 30/06/2009.

Income for June 2009 - Membership fees \$475.00, Supper donations \$23.00.
Total \$498.00

Outgoings for June 2009 - Hall Rent \$27.50, Australia Post \$33.00. Total \$60.50.
Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Moved - Kay De Luca. Seconded - Sue Green.

Correspondence in:

1. WA P76 Club Magazine Westwords July 2009.
2. SA P76 Club Magazine July 2009.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Paul van Look. Seconded - Alan Torrance.

General Business:

1. Joe Green welcomed new member Kevin Frost to the meeting.
2. Joe Green informed the meeting that the Hall rent has now been increased from \$27.50 to \$33.00 per month.
3. Joe Green informed the meeting that both Valda & Don Chappell are in declining health.
4. Kay De Luca reported to the meeting that the BMC Leyland Heritage Luncheon will be held at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club on Sunday 18th October 2009. All are welcome to attend.

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm followed by supper.

For Sale

Al look alike Force 7 that has been partly constructed
on a standard P76 shell.

Owner is Simon Darlington.

Please phone him for more details on

0414 500 599