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GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute

Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate
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Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

MEETING DATES 2009

May 20th	June 17th	July 15th
Aug 19th	Sept 16th	Oct 21st
Nov 18th	Dec 16th	



Editorial

I hope that all our members and their families had a safe and happy holiday during the Easter time. Sue and myself attended the Robertson Railway Historical Show and Shine at Robertson on Easter Sunday and we had a great day with the mixed car clubs. The general taking point amongst these club members was that all clubs seem to be organising more localised events due to the economic situation. (The Leyland P76 is definitely becoming more thought of and accepted at these types of events. Also in the March edition of "Drive Chatter" the Force 7 is one of six featured photos at the recent Berrima Rally).

It came to my attention that many of the public spectators and some car club enthusiasts are of the opinion that the P76 is not an Australian car, most believe that it was made in the USA, I soon put them on the right track.

On the 17th May, National motoring heritage day, some of our members went for a run with the Owners club. It commenced at Bray Point Reserve proceeded to Taren Point, Cliff Bridge, Stanwell Tops, Bulli, Picton and then home. A most enjoyable day full details in the next newsletter.

The National Committee has now finalised details for the 2010 meeting at Motto Farm NSW. Accommodation and entry forms are included in this newsletter. It is most important that if you intend to participate you must book early and pay your 50% deposit or more as accommodation is very hard to obtain at Easter time and the cost is reasonable. This meeting will be fantastic as we have organised lots of events and nice places to visit and heaps of great Memorabilia.

By booking early you will have accommodation at a venue where we will all be together and organised events will follow on much better if the majority of entrants send back their applications NOW!!!

Tony and Kay De Luca are leaving shortly for an overseas trip to the UK and Europe, we wish them both a safe and happy holiday.

Peter O'Brien will be going into hospital shortly for a major operation, we all wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

Well that is it for now, see you all soon.

Joe Green

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Robertson Heritage Railway Society Show & Shine 2009

This event commenced about 5 years ago and it started off with a small number of vehicles attending, however it has been going from strength to strength and the mixed varieties of cars is always excellent.

On Sunday 12th April 2009 Sue and I left Sydney at about 8am in the Force 7 and shortly after leaving home we were driving along the Princes Highway heading towards Sutherland and we were directed by the police to pull over onto a siding just off the main road for a breathalysing test. Our car was the last in line to be stopped. I believe the officer just wanted to see the Force 7 as he started to ask me all the usual questions about the Leyland P76 cars and the Force 7 and wanted to know why the plant closed down.

After chatting to him for some time he then gave me the breath test which was Ok, we then proceeded on our way to the picturesque southern highlands.

Soon after we noticed an old diesel train travelling south the same direction as we were and the large number on its side was B76, amazing ??? We were lucky that the weather was just overcast and very cloudy it did not rain all day.

We were having a good run driving just under the speed limit and it was not very long and we were going down Mt Osley and heading towards the turn off at Albion Park, we then proceeded to Macquarie pass and then up through the winding razor back mountain. This road has so many twist, turns, S bends and hairpins (It reminds me of a few years ago Jason Birmingham had followed me up this mountain in his immaculate white P76 and really enjoyed the drive and so did I).

Anyhow we soon arrived at the turnoff at Robertson at the junction where the famous pie shop is situated. We then arrived at the venue at Robertson railway station.

There many vehicles already there. Ron Frith and his immaculate P76 had arrived early and reserved a place for us beside his car. It was good to catch up with Ron as he lives on the South Coast and has not been able to attend our general meeting lately.

After setting up our car I meet a friend of mine, Kevin Cross, who owns a left hand drive red mustang, we always seem to meet up at just about every mixed car show that we go to. Many times we have been allocated a parking spot besides each other, it is amazing.

After chatting to Ron and Kevin for a while Sue and I decided to inspect and view the cars on display. The variety of quality was fantastic, Fords, Holdens, Chevys, Dodges, Jags, Cortinas, Morris Minors, MGs and many others. There was also an excellent display of vintage and classic farm machinery in working condition on show. We then had a look around the historic railway station and viewed an art shown the fetters shed, that had been organised by the local art society, it was a very nice



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Robertson Show & Shine

presentation. Just outside the shed we purchased some very nice native flowers that had been grown by the local company. (Ron Frith bought a couple of native plants including the Waratah) We had a nice cup of coffee and one of the famous Robertson pies, they were great.

At these mixed car shows you bump into so many people you know and have not seen for some time. We met up with Ron Shewn and his wife who are ex P76 club members. They are now into old vintage Fords. It was good to see them we also met Brian Horne and his wife. (He is one of the CMC judges) and I said to him "are you judging today " he replied "no on your life we are having a relaxing day just viewing the cars" he stated to me he was very impressed with the quality of the cars on display.

As we moved on we met Jeff Knapton and his wife (officials of the Berrima Historic Club) we talked to them for some time and reminisce about the early days of the Berrima Rally and the Dahila festival, going back to the early 80's. We then met a guy named Tony who had an immaculate white MGA, (just like the one we owned many years ago) he was very interesting and told us he had just finished a ground up restoration of his car. It was a real credit to him. Then we met up with John and Lesley Serve (they are close by neighbours of us, they live in the next street) they had their very nice 1951 FX Holden on display. It was entered into the same class as us. (the Australian section)

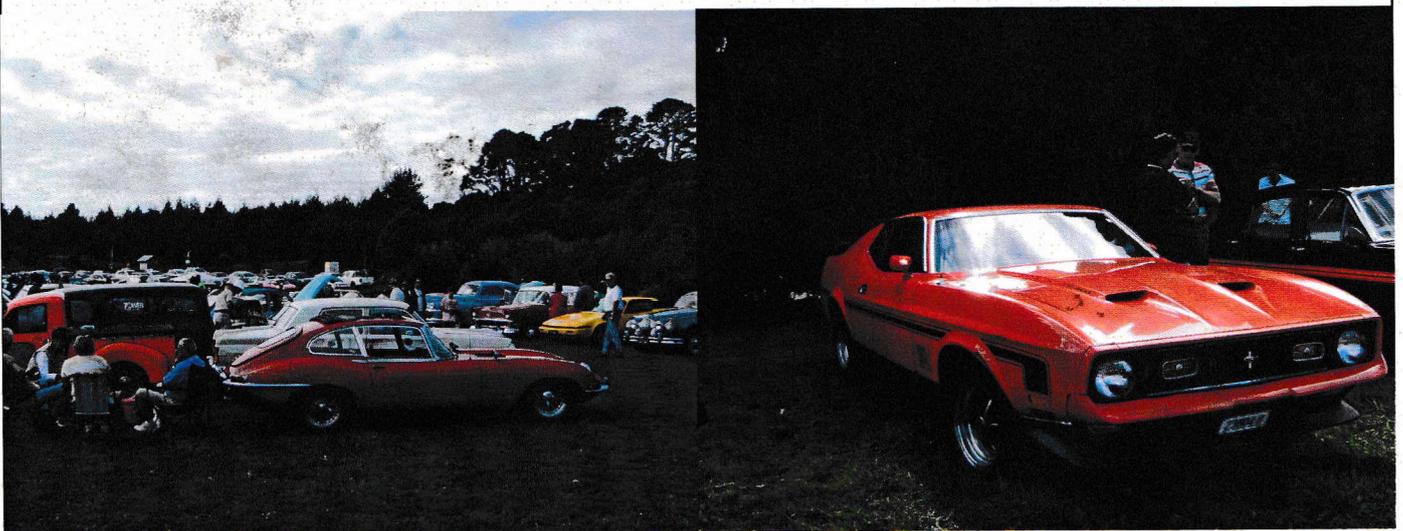
Anyhow we then had some lunch and soon after the organising committee commenced to announce the awards.

The first on the list was the Australian one and we were not surprised when our friends John and Lesley won the best Australian car, however we did get a shock when our Force 7 was named the runner up. I do thin that the P76 is being more thought of at these mixed shows. The rest of the awards were then announced and they are listed further on in the news letter.

After saying goodbye to Ron and Kevin and our other friends we decided to browse through the church hall and the Bric-a-Brac, fruits and vegies, linen, books, jewellery, woollen and craft goods. We did buy some Robertson potatoes and a couple of books.

We then headed off for Sydney via Bowral, Mittagong, along the Hume Highway and then onto the M5, we lost count of the amount of car drivers who took photos of our cars as we were driving in the highway traffic. The roads were not too busy for an Easter Sunday and we arrived home at about 5pm after a very enjoyable, successful day, and look forward to attending this show next year. Many thanks to the Roberson Heritage group for organising such a good day.

Joe Green



Robertson Show & Shine Awards

(in the order as per programme)



Australian Section

1st 1951 FX Holden Sedan
Runner Up 1974 Leyland P76 Force 7 Coupe

British Section

1st Jaguar
Runner Up Cortina

USA Section

1st 1936 DeSoto 2 door coupe
Runner Up 1955 Ford Custom line 2 door coupe
1957 Chevrolet

European Section

1st 1908 Renault

Japanese Section

1st Datsun
Runner Up Belett Coupe



Commercial Section

1st 1932 Dodge, flat bed

Ladies Choice

E type Jaguar



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National Meeting 2010

If you are able to write an article either technical or about your P76 please do so and send it onto our National committee for inclusion in the National Magazine. All articles will be edited by the committee.

Now please consider coming along to the National and support the Leyland P76 movement. P76 is a unique classic car and even if you can not bring your vehicle you are very welcome to attend and treat this event as your holiday. Some of the following are **proposed** for the weekend that I am sure you will enjoy.

Observation and picnic run through the picturesque lower Hunter valley including historic town-ship of Morpeth visit a local winery dinner and trivia night at Muree Golf Club, night car cruise, river cruise around Newcastle, Newcastle's working harbour and the Koorangang wetlands, Stock-ton bridge and the Hunter River, Concourse event, many show cars, also the 1948/1978 Holden central coast car club will meet up and participate with our club over the course of the weekend. Vintage bus ride , presentation dinner in the Hunter room in the Motto Farm Hotel, includes raf-fles, auctions, music, trivia etc and many free prizes given to entrants. Memorabilia available T-Shirts, badges, key rings, wine, calendar, national magazine, film, video clips about the P76

Joe Green

FUTURE EVENTS 2009

May 17th	National Motoring Heritage Day
August 22nd & 23rd	Shannon's Eastern Creek Classic weekend Muscle Car Masters Eastern Creek
August 30	British Display Day— Kings School
September	Orange Blossom Festival
September	Chevelier College Show & Shine
October	BMC Leyland Heritage Day
Easter 2010	National Meeting Motto Farm NSW

Please note

- Eastern Creek—Fees due NOW!!!

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

Thanks

Troy & Julie for printing the magazine

Get Well Message

- Peter O'Brien—we all wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery from his future operation
- Don & Valda Chappell

Bon Voyage

- Tony & Kay De Luca for their overseas trip
- Kevin Myers for his overseas trip

Did You Know???

The late famous Australian artist Sir Erik Lanker was
Knighted for his service to Australian Art in **1976.**

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club

held at Sans Souci Literary Institute, Wednesday 18th March 2009.

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

Apologies: Valda & Don Chappell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Moved-Peter O'Brien. Seconded-Sue Green.

Business arising from the minutes: A minute silence was held for the Bushfire Victims in Victoria last meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

\$3,295.82 in Bank. Statement No. 179 dated 27/02/2009.

Income for February 2009 -Trax Models \$80.00, Christmas raffle/auction \$23.00. Total \$103.00.

Outgoings for February 2009 - Hall Rent \$27.50, Australia Post \$33.00, CMC Fees \$25.00, Eastern Creek Cards \$100.00. Total \$185.50.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report: Moved - Kevin Ward. Seconded - Kay De Luca.

Correspondence in:

1. Trax Catalogue Second edition 2009.
2. WA P76 Club Magazine Westwards March 2009.
3. Qld P76 Club Magazine February 2009.
4. South Australia P76 Club Magazines February & March 2009.
5. NZ P76 Club Magazine Penzed March 2009.

Correspondence Out: Nil.

Acceptance of correspondence. Moved - Paul van Look. Seconded - Tony Brown.

General Business:

1. Kay De Luca reported on the Wings Over Illawarra held on Sunday 22nd February 2000. The car display was great however the air display was spectacular and included the Roulettes from the RAAF, Connie, DC3's, and Neptune's etc.
2. Joe Green informed the meeting of the P76 get together at Gunnedah over the Easter weekend. Also the Robertson Machinery Day on Easter Sunday.
3. It was decided that we would look at a run for the National Motoring Heritage Day 17th May 2009.
4. Steve Maher reported to the meeting that a night at the Blacktown Drive-in has been arranged for Saturday 21st March 2009. Meeting at the Prospect Hotel at 6pm, the movie is "Love the Beast" with Eric Bana, along with a 2nd feature movie "Kenny". All are welcome.

The meeting concluded at 9.12pm followed by supper