

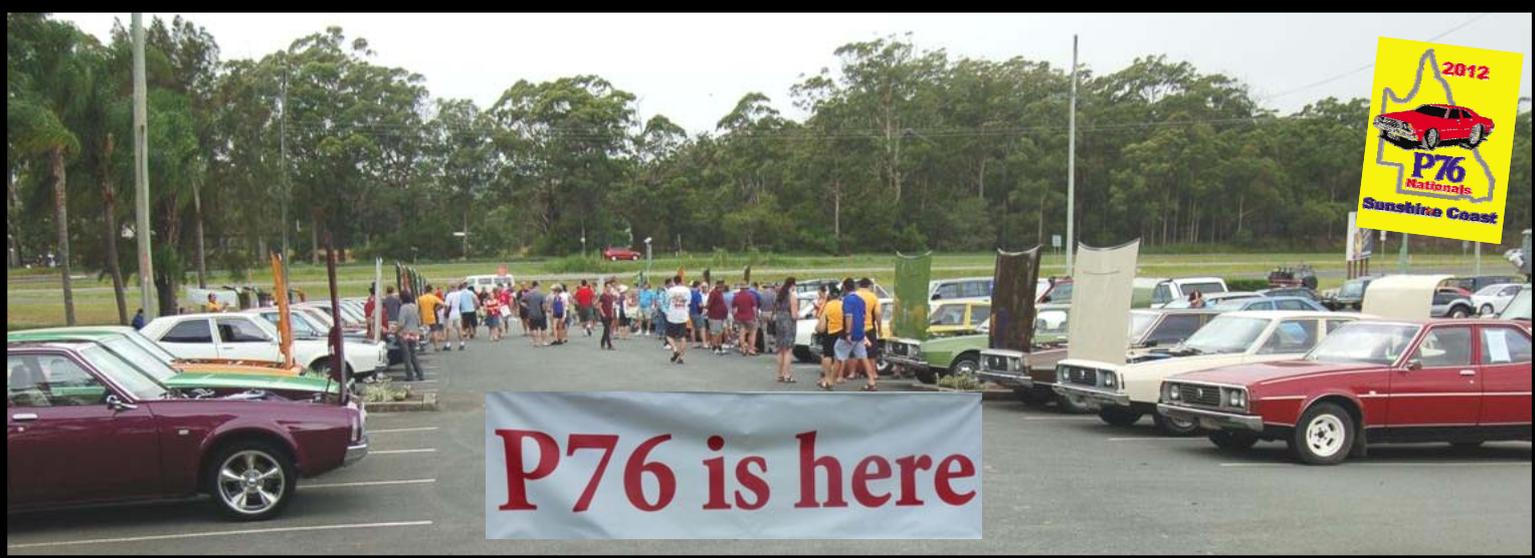
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# LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB

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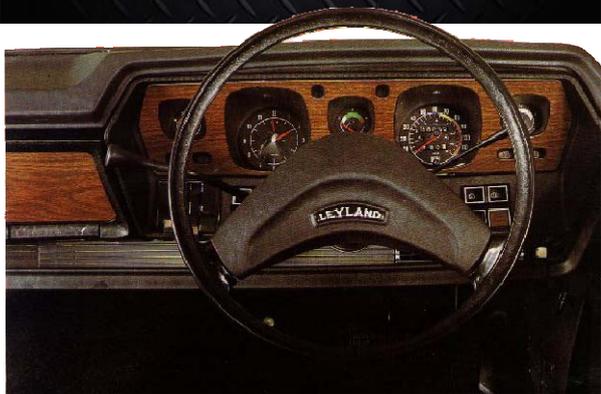
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## GENERAL MEETINGS

Venue: San Souci Literary institute  
Address: 107 Ramsgate Road, Ramsgate  
(cnr Campbell Street)

Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights

## MEETING DATES 2012

- 16th May
- 20th June
- 18th July
- 15th Aug
- 19th September
- 17th October
- 21st November
- 19th December

## PLEASE NOTE

If you are able to write up an article for our newsletter, it will be much appreciated. If you wish to sell a car please send in your add. There is no cost, it is free. It must be received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to be in the next newsletter, however to ensure that your write up or add is included in the newsletter, please observe the following:

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# Editorial

I hope that all of our members and their families had a safe and happy time during the Easter holidays.

The National Meeting in Queensland, I have been informed, was a great success. Tony De Luca has written an article about the event and it is included further on in this newsletter. Also congratulations to Tony and Kay for winning 1st prize in the 6 cylinder section of the National Course. A very good effort and thoroughly deserved as this P76 is in pristine condition.

Any of the members who have ordered one of the BMC Leyland Heritage Group books "Building Cars in Australia" will be able to pick them up at our next general meeting night. We also have a few National Meeting items for sale; these include National magazines, stubby holders, drink flasks, and caps and we do have a few of the W.A. P76 Owners Club 30th Anniversary T shirts for sale.

The recent Show and Shine at Robertson Railway Station was very successful and is increasing in numbers considerably. (Ross Rickard has written a report on this event and it is included in this newsletter.) Also the Wings Over Illawarra Air and Car Show was another great outing.

Will see you all at our next meeting.

Joe Green

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Tony & Kay De Luca for winning 1st prize trophy in the Queensland National Meeting.



## CONDOLENCE TO

Kevin Cross & his family due to the recent loss of his mother, our thoughts are with him & his family.

## Thank You

- To Tony De Luca for his article
- Ross Rickard for his article. Also Ross has written an article about his latest acquisition, another P76 and this will be included in the next month's newsletter.
- Leyland p76 Website for some National photo's

## Get Well Message

To Ron Frith who has had another short stay in hospital.

# P76 NATIONALS

## SUNSHINE COAST QLD - EASTER 2012

For these Nationals we decided to take the 6 cylinder De Luxe Automatic, as the Queensland organizers requested some De Luxe Models, as there was a shortage of De Luxe registrations.

I spent a few days preparing the P76, giving it a full check over and at Kay's request removing the seat covers, which proved to be a huge plus, as the seats on the De Luxe were in excellent condition.

We started off on the Wednesday before Easter around 5.30pm with an overnight stay organized in Murrurundi, as we planned to travel on the New England Highway summing that there would be less traffic, which proved to be correct. The first leg to Murrurundi was easy going, even though we had encountered the traffic on the F3 peak. We arrived at the motel around 10pm, which we thought was quite reasonable considering it was all night driving for this leg of the journey.

Leaving Murrurundi around 8.00am, we travelled through to Tamworth, Armidale, Tenterfield and over the border to Warwick, where we stopped for a break and noticed that coolant was dripping out of the water pump. This was concerning as I had flushed the radiator and added new inhibitor before leaving Sydney. I released the pressure on the radiator cap and kept checking the water level as we continued on our journey. We branched off at Spring Creek, through Gatton, Esk and zig-zagged our way to Maroochydore, arriving just after 8.00pm. The last part of the journey in the dark proved quite challenging as we didn't know the road and the locals tended to push us along at least 100 kms/hour.

We had dinner at the Bistro next to the Maroochydore Coach House, catching up with everyone who had arrived during that day.

Good Friday began with breakfast in the dining room adjacent to our Motel rooms. As it was an easy day on the program, Kay and I opted to visit my son and his family at Marcoola (just a few minutes drive north). I took the opportunity after the engine had cooled to replace the water pump with a replacement which we had carried in the boot. This rectified our running problems and the P76 was again as good as gold. We enjoyed a quiet afternoon with the others, chatting, enjoying the cars and relaxing. The day ended with fish and chips at the Coach House for dinner.

Saturday commenced with breakfast, then setting off on the Observation/Poker Run at 9.30am. The journey was most picturesque, enjoyable even though we took some wrong turns and missed a few of the answers. We passed by a lovely picnic spot at Wappa Dam before finishing at the Ginger Factory at Yandina. This was a well earned rest stop for the Qld Committee, who had time for a drink and rest for the time and effort put in by them so far.

That afternoon some went Go Karting at Landsborough before returning for the swap meet in the motel grounds, commencing around 4.00pm. The swap meet was most interesting and quite a few parts swapped hands. In the evening the Qld. Committee organized an excellent sausage sizzle down by the waterfront at the Coach House which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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View from the Motel looking across the Lagoon



Concourse at Aussie World.

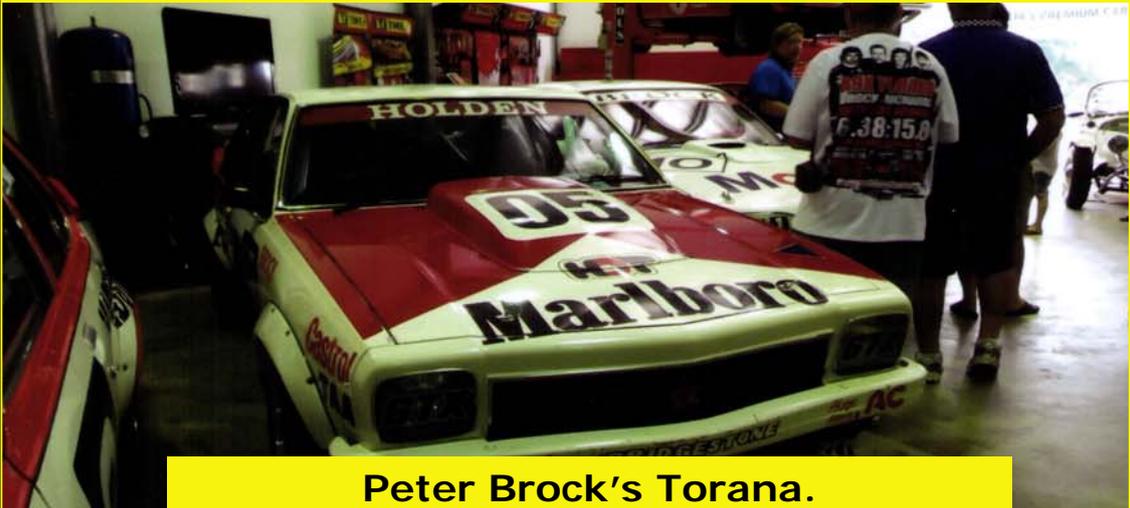




Bowdens Own Museum Car Park



Alan Moffat's phase 4 GT Falcon



Peter Brock's Torana.

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## P76 NATIONALS

### SUNSHINE COAST QLD - EASTER 2012

Steve Maher (Leyland P76 Owners Club) gave a talk on the National Council of P76 Clubs, followed by the Monster Auction in the main dining room of the Coach House. A great deal of P76 items were auctioned, as well as wine, quilt, mirror etc. Kay was absolutely delighted to secure the Leyland Australia quilt which was made by Barbara Packham's sister especially for the event.

After breakfast on Easter Sunday there was a big effort by all those entering the Concours preparing their vehicles for display. At 9.15am we departed for the Concours at Aussie World Palmview. The event was held from 9.30am to 12.30pm and unfortunately the weather turned showery, however the judges did a great job under the circumstances and the 40 odd P76s looked great and created a lot of interest.

After lunch we headed off for Bowdens Own Museum at Buderim where we were welcomed for an in-depth tour of their private museum, which included a great array of muscle cars ranging from Porsches, Falcons, Toranas, BMWs and to my delight I saw in the flesh the SL300 Mercedes gull wing, featured in the April 2012 edition of Australian Classic Car Magazine. Their collection also included a Cobra and a Ford GT40.

On returning to the Coach House, we had the Delegates Meeting where it was decided that a function will be held in the Lakeside Hotel, Canberra over the June 2013 long weekend, to be organized by the Canberra P76 Club with assistance from the other Clubs as needed. It was also decided not to hold the next Nationals until 2015, bring the dates into line with the P76 Anniversaries. At this stage, it was not decided which Club would host the next Nationals.

The 70's Fancy Dress Dinner Dance was a lot of fun. The raffles were drawn and to my delight I won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of a Fuji Digital Camera worth in excess of \$400 (thanks to the generosity of Warwick Williams for that and other prizes). The Trophies were then presented to the Class Winners and again I was thrilled to receive the Trophy for the Best De Luxe, however I must confess there were only 3 to judge in this Class. In all it was a great evening. They danced long into the evening in their 1970's flared pants, platform wedges, mullet hairdos etc.

Monday morning saw most depart after breakfast, however we stayed until the next day leaving for home around 9am. Our journey home included visiting friends at Tweed Heads and family at Port Macquarie with a stop overnight at Coffs Harbour. We arrived back home late afternoon on the Wednesday after a very successful and enjoyable Nationals on the Sunshine Coast.

Apart from the water pump problem the 6 cylinder P76 performed extremely well after completing just on 2,500 kms. We know that those who travelled large distances from Western Australia and Victoria enjoyed their journeys in their P76s relatively trouble free.

**Tony De Luca**



# 2012 SUNSHINE COAST



# A TARGA THAT LOST ITS STRIPES!

The opportunity has arisen that could enable you to purchase one of the last remaining P76 Targa Florio's that is still in original, and excellent, condition with original Registration and Log Books.

The vehicle was bought new on 13/11/1974 from Campbell Leyland Bankstown by Glassop & Son as a Company vehicle. The Targa Stripes were removed by the Dealer at the Company's request.

After some four years the vehicle was traded and bought by Les Cooper of Penrith who retained it for twenty years.

I purchased the vehicle 14 years ago from him. It has covered some 159,000 kilometres over its life, only some 4500km. since in my ownership.

The vehicle is in original and excellent condition. It has been subject to some re-painting prior to my purchase. Since in my possession it has been garaged and used a very limited amount.

There is only minimal rust evident, at the base of rear window and on the front lower guard, rocker panels.

The interior is in excellent and original condition.

I was part of the Leyland Design and Development Team for almost 16 years and my last position with Leyland was Vehicle Engineering Manager for the P76 Vehicle Range with responsibilities for the Chassis Mechanical Design and the vehicle as a package.

My intention was to restore the paintwork and give it back its' stripes but am willing to let someone else do that if the 'price is right'!

My details are:

ALAN F NICOLSON 11 THOMAS ROAD GALSTON. NSW. 2159.

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## FOR SALE



# Lady Luck Shines - As Bold as Brass

During my university days, I read an article about how good the P76 really was. It was a 'Unique Cars' buyers guide from the early 1990's. From that point on, I wanted a P76. Being a uni student I didn't really have the money for 'new' car. Soon after I graduated I bought a 'Peel me a Grape' V8 four speed. I probably should have done some more home work and waited until a better car was on the market as even though it was a rare car (being factory manual, V8) it was a pretty tired car. I sold the car after 7 years and soon after (got the itch again) and bought a blue Targa Florio from the ex-President of the (now disbanded) Hunter / Newcastle P76 car club. I still have that car and it is a solid and straight roadworthy car that has been looked after. The only issue was that I still missed the manual four speed and I really did not want to convert the Targa to manual as we all know they were factory autos.

I wanted another manual car but with a young family and a big mortgage, I couldn't really afford it. Imagine my excitement when I saw a decent 'Bold as Brass' P76 manual for sale for a very modest price. It was originally a six cylinder factory four speed 'Deluxe'. I looked up the records and they only made about 500 six cylinder four speeds as most were column autos. I spoke to Joe Green



about the car and we believe at some stage it was owned by a club member from the Illawarra region in the 80's or 90's. During that period a V8 was installed plus some additional items such as an electronic fuel pump, a P76 sports steering wheel, extractors, a Valiant 770 tacho, a 350 Holley as well as air conditioning. Also someone has revamped the car to look like a 'Super' and put in the twin

headlight grill and lights and changed the decals from a Deluxe 6 to a Super 8.

The car does need some work but thankfully I don't think it needs too much. It hasn't been driven for about 7 years so I will need to do things like flush the fuel tank and change the oil and filters etc. With a busy life and a young family I don't really have time to fix major rust problems (or other serious issues) and luckily this car is OK in that area with only minor spots of rust here and there.



# Lady Luck Shines - As Bold as Brass

By good chance I also picked up a set of Targa mags for it recently, also for a good price. So how much (I can hear you say!!). Well let's say than with the mags and including transport to Sydney I have a little bit of change out of two grand. I am really happy that I scored the car and (outside 'club deals') the open market can be buoyant. To me, I hope the market keeps strengthening. I can't see why Fords and Holden's of the same area are so much more expensive. Give the P76 a twisty road and those brands from that era will be left behind in more ways than one.

If you have any history about this car I would be interested in hearing from you. Good motoring to all.

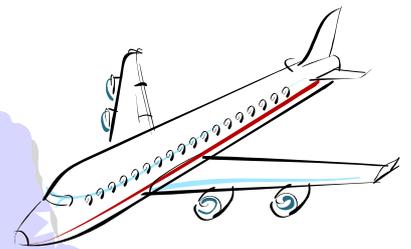
**Ross Rickard**



Please Note

**Your club membership fees are due on 30th June 2012.** A renewal form has been included in this newsletter. Also please note our fees have not increased for many years, however our running costs are increasing so please pay your fees as soon as possible. Fees are: \$35 – single \$40 – family.

## BACK IN AUSTRALIA



Welcome back to Kevin Myers who has just completed a Cruise & air flight to Hawaii & back. His flight from Honolulu to Fiji had a problem as it was a twin engine jet Star plane, & it had an engine problem & had to land in Fiji, as there was no engineers in Fiji the plane was left there & two smaller planes had to fly from Sydney to pick them up. Anyhow he had a great holiday with a bit of excitement on the way home



# FUTURE EVENTS



**20<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

**CMC National Motoring Heritage Day.**

**18th-19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012**

**Shannon's Eastern Creek Weekend.**



**26<sup>th</sup> Aug 2012**

**British Display Day, Kings School.**



**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2012**

**BMC Leyland Heritage Group Re-Union**

## FOR SALE

**Leyland P76 V8 Super Nutmeg Auto T bar .....**

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**Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

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

Apologies – Angelos Frangopolous, Ron Frith, Valda Chappell

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved – Sue Green Seconded – Tony de Luca

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Treasurers Report:

**Income**

Nil

**Outgoings**

Aust Post \$30.00

Officeworks \$50.06

Hall Rent \$33.00

NRMA P76 Ins \$66.00

Total \$179.06

Bank Statement No 215 Dated – 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012 Balance - \$2497.90

Moved – Bev Lyons Seconded – Peter O'Brien

Correspondence In:

Drive Chatter Jan/Feb 2012

P76 NZ Mar 2012

Letter from CAMS

Leaflet regarding Wings Over Illawarra 7<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Leaflet regarding Liverpool Swap Meet 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012

BMC Heritage Group re Upcoming book

Correspondence Out: Nil

Acceptance of correspondence.

Moved – Troy Green Seconded – Peter O'Brien

General Business:

Points that were discussed on the night:

Door rubbers are no longer being manufactured

Queensland Nationals on at Easter 2012

Berrima Rally for 2013

Ray South from the BMC Heritage Group passed away

Spare wheel strap for Ron Frith

The meeting concluded at 8:40 pm followed by supper.

# TAILPIECE

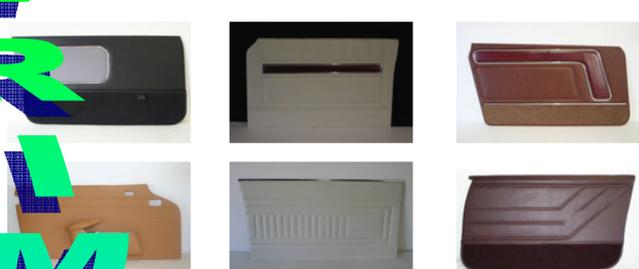


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## DID YOU KNOW?

That this year in April the 76th U.S. Masters Golf Tournament was held at Augusta !!

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