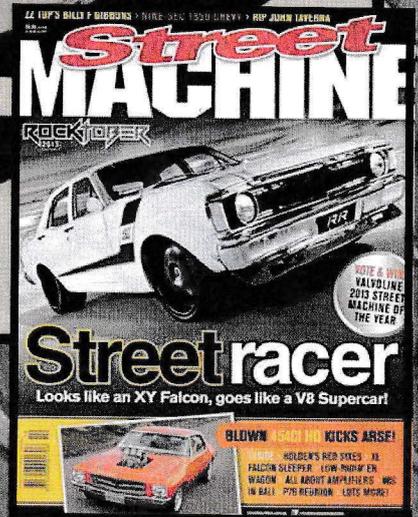


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GENERAL MEETINGS

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

Time: 8:00pm Wednesday Nights



MEETING DATES 2013

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| OCTOBER | 16TH |
| NOVEMBER | 20TH |
| DECEMBER | 18TH |

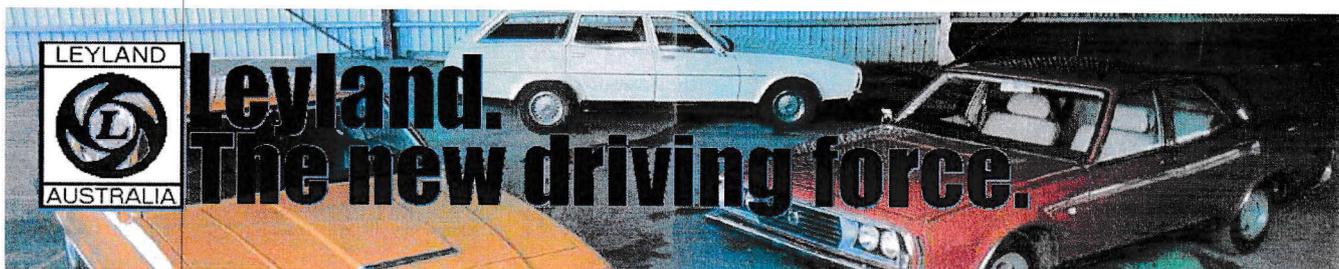
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If you are able to write up an article for our newsletter, it will be much appreciated. If you wish to sell a car please send in your add. There is no cost, it is free. It must be received by the 1st of the month to be in the next newsletter, however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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT PETER O'BRIEN

Well P.O.B. was voted in as President at the recent A.G.M. unanimously and received hearty congratulations from myself and all other members that were present. Peter has been a long standing Vice President and committee person in the club for many years and I am sure that he will do a great job as President.

The following members were elected to the following positions:-

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| President : | Peter O'Brien |
| Vice President : | Kevin Cross |
| Secretary : | Kevin Cross |
| Treasurer : | Troy Green |

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| Committee positions: | Kevin Ward |
| | Tony De Luca |
| | Ross Rickard |
| | Sue Green |
| | Joe Green |

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| Public Officer : | Joe Green |
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Joe Green

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Thank You

As the new President of Leyland P76 Classic Car Club I would like to draw your attention to recognising the contribution made by our outgoing -President Joe Green.

Joe has been, is now and will always be a knowledgeable, passionate, friendly and determined Club leader.

The Leyland P76 is now our hobby; in the past it was our main means of transport; that same remains for some today; but mostly our members wish to preserve a classic Australian icon. Joe has been instrumental in this.

Joe Green was there at the formation of the club, and, today each club member recognises the strong contribution both Joe and his wife Sue have continued to give to the club over many years. We are grateful.

On behalf of all your friends at Leyland P76 Classic Car Club and the many friends and associates you have made, due to extended car club connections, I would like to thank you Joe for being an outstanding President of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club.

Peter O'Brien

PLEASE NOTE:

The latest edition of the Street Magazine (October issue) has a great article about the 40th Anniversary of the P76 in the A.C.T. in June and has some great photos in it, so be sure to obtain a copy. Thank you to Street Machine Magazine for allowing us to show the cover of their magazine in our October Issue

GET WELL

GET WELL!

To Ron Frith who is out of hospital and back home and is now going okay. We all hope to see him soon.

WANTED

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Wanted 6 Cylinder Head Gasket phone Joe Green (02) 9522-6529

URGENT ACL GASKETS

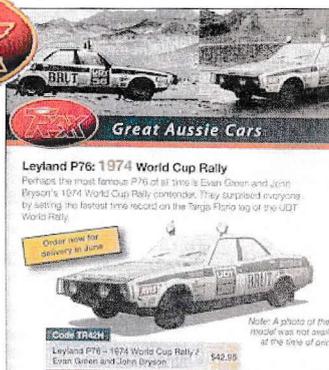
IMPORTANT With the bad news regarding the closure of the ACL Bearings factory in Launceston just sinking in, it has now been announced that the ACL Gaskets facility in Brisbane is now being closed. If you would like to order a set for your car, stock future builds, etc you need to order right now this week contact Troy 0409 988 757

WE NEED TO ORDER THIS WEEK



We are in the process of building an internet site for our club there is a site up now under construction so if you would like to check it out.... www.leylandp76.org.au

OUR WEBSITE
LEYLAND P76 CLASSIC CAR CLUB



THE P76 YEARS

Hi Everyone, I am Peter O'Brien and I would like to briefly tell you about some of my P76 years.

In 1974 I was driving an Austin 1800 reliably purchased from my parents when I decided to invest (!) in a new car.

The Leyland P76 was the car that took my interest. I purchased a Targa Florio in Nutmeg and the rest, as they say is history!

I was 20 years old and that car took me up and down the New England Highway to visit my then girlfriend – now my wife of 37 years – Pauline.

Our wedding day: it rained then poured and we set off for the 70's honeymooners' destination! - The Gold Coast! – it was February 1976 and in the torrential rain the Targa floated across the river at Grafton and off on our honeymoon we continued – saved by the p76!

We drove that car for many years (in fact I still have it) and the babies came;

so did an invitation to meet up with some P76 enthusiasts who were endeavouring to form a club. We drove to Parramatta, again in the rain! Here we met the initial members of the NSW P76 owners club. Pauline remembers two screaming infants confined inside the car due to bad weather, whilst across at another car, a very keen father and son were standing in the rain chamoising their proud possession with enthusiasm, oblivious to the weather! Such is the devotion of P76 owners!

Needless to say the Club was formed and it has increased in membership and friendship, with talented people who can tinker and repair the majestically mechanical P76.



Over the years I have driven many P76s and for both of my sons the indestructible P76 was their first car. And similar to the father and son I mentioned earlier on, my sons and I have spent much quality time hunched over the engines of P76s, a few arguments about their early driving techniques, but for the most part the O'Brien family P 76s have given much family pleasure.

I now drive my Country Cream Deluxe V8 manual; it is on historic plates and it accompanies me and family members to club events.

I am looking forward to attempting to carry on Joe Green's legacy and hope to see our members at future events.

Peter O'Brien

B.M.C. HERITAGE GROUP 2013 LUNCHEON EVENT

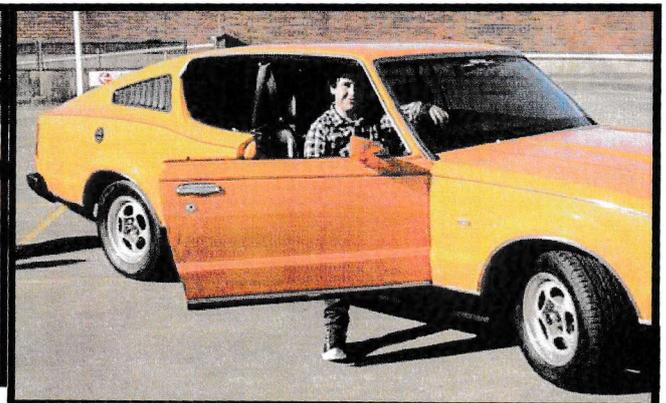
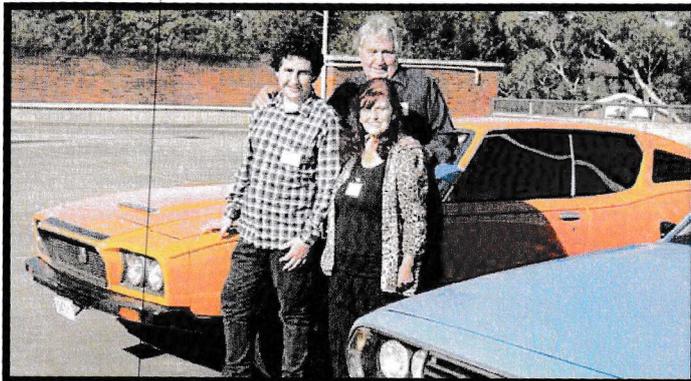
On Sunday 29th September the Heritage Group held another great day for the reunion at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club and as always it was another great success. The display of cars was held on the rooftop car park. The cars displayed included many B.M.C. Leyland vehicles such as E type Jaguar, Austins, Morris, Wolseley, Minis, MG, Rover, Maxi and of course quite a few Leyland P76s and many others.

The display looked great and after we viewed the cars for some time Sue and myself proceeded downstairs to the dining room for the luncheon. The meal was top class and superbly presented. Will Hagon was the M.C. for the day and his style in presenting the guest speakers and the way he made the show flow was great and must be congratulated for his fine effort.

We were surprised to meet up with John Smidt and his son Harrison. Sue and I had not seen John for many decades. We bought the Force 7 and the station wagon off him many years ago and it was fantastic to catch up with him again and also meet his son. Later on in the afternoon we all went up to the display of cars on the rooftop and took some photos of John and Harrison beside the Force 7. John was very pleased to see the Force 7 again and was impressed with the condition we have maintained it in.

After chatting for some time we headed off home after a very nice day. Thanks to all of the Heritage Committee who made it all possible and we look forward to next year's reunion.

Joe Green



FUTURE EVENTS



October 20th

Cruise to Kiama Markets meet 8:30am Panorama House Car Park Princess HWY Bulli Tops.. Give Troy a ring if you are going along. 0409 988 757 If you are interested in going please phone Troy by Wed the 16th

October 27th

Chevalier College Motorfest at 566 Moss Vale Road Bowral, N.S.W. Entrants in Show & Shire - \$10

December 18th

Club Room Christmas Party Meeting

January 26th

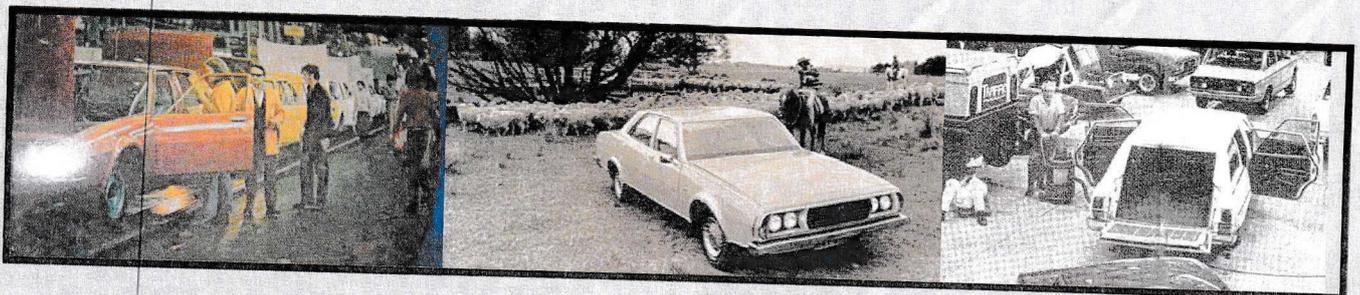
Australia Day Parade at Berrima

**February 8th/9th
2014**

Berrima Rally at Mittagong
For an entry form contact Joe Green - 9522 6529
(Entry form may be included in this newsletter)

Date to be Announced

Visit to Club Member Rick Hopkins Auto Museum

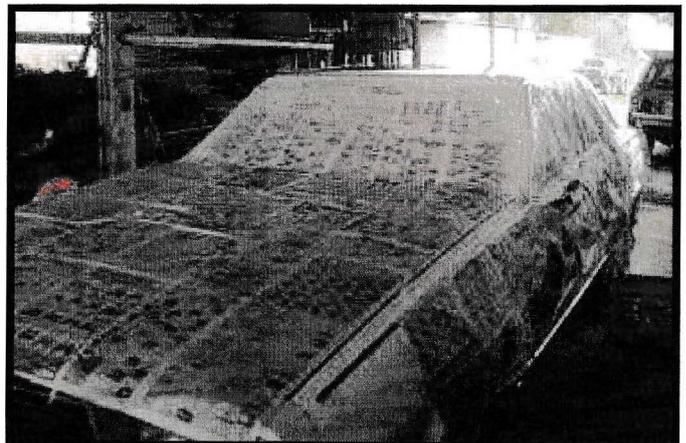


THE DON

With the passing of Don Chappell some years ago Don & his wife Valda wanted to leave his beloved P76 Country Cream Super, which he bought new in 1973 to our car club. They were very generous to donate the car. Since we all have large property's and empty garages in which to park Don's vehicle..... it found its way to my place where I cleaned it up a little. I took it to Motto Farm for the P76 National's, however I soon discovered that when it rained it more resembled a swimming pool. As I worked 6 days a week it was put up the back of my block, funny how time goes by so slowly when you are doing nothing. My executive was still not ready in time for the 40 year celebrations in Canberra, so I had to resuscitate the 'Don Mobile'



After removing front and rear screens I found what some lazy panel beater has done in the way of repair, I had to stem the flow of water into the vehicle. See pictures of strips of metal pop rivets which was all that was left of the frame it was soldered and bogged over, so after redoing the front and rear windows I then had to repair the boot floor as water has a miraculous ability to find its way into any place so boot floor was next. Rear chassis rail, dog leg and some lovely rear quarter damage that had been bogged over.



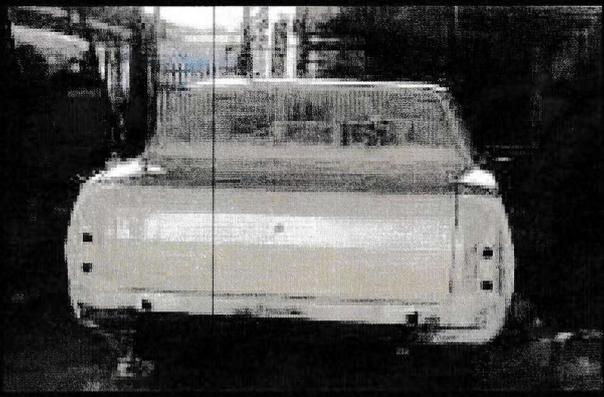
Then time to put some paint on the vehicle, so Thursday prior to driving to Canberra the car was half painted, roof, boot, rear quarter then had to remove interior to fit new carpet as it was rank being water logged. Finished fitting tail lights, boot lock, rear bar, etc for the drive to the National Capital. I never left Sydney till 11:00am and had discussions with Troy and Julie who were having car trouble; they left 2 hours before me. I expected to see them in Canberra, however while over taking a semi on a curve, I saw a congregation of cars on the side of the road. So after a subtle manoeuvre to pull over and reverse back to join up with the gang who were having Leyland problems. Anyhow the Don made it to Canberra and home with only the driver's door deciding not to open which I repaired when I got home.

Long lived the Don
Kevin Ward

TAILPIECE

THE DON

INTERESTING STUFF



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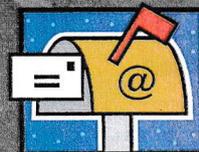
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16TH OCTOBER

CLUB ROOM MEETING

BE THERE

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Classic Car Club held at the Sans Souci Literary Institute on Wednesday 18th September 2013

Joe Green opened the meeting at 8:10pm. Members in attendance as per the attendance book.

Apologies – Sue Green, Bev & Ian Lyons, Ron Frith Angelos Frangopolous Peter O'Brien

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Moved – Troy Green, **Seconded** – Terry Route

Business arising from the minutes - Nil

Treasurer's Report

Income

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| M/ship Fees | \$147.00 |
| M/ship Fees and E/Crk Fees | \$137.00 |
| M/ship Fees | \$ 40.00 |
| M/ship Fees & E/Crk Banner | \$165.00 |
| M/ship & Show Fees | \$ 75.00 |
| Total | \$667.00 |

Outgoings

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| British Club Ass Fees | \$ 25.00 |
| British Show Tickets | \$ 68.00 |
| Public Liability Policy | \$360.00 |
| Hall Rent | \$ 39.60 |
| Office Works | \$ 34.32 |
| Total | \$526.92 |

Bank Statement No 233 Dated 30/08/2013 Balance - \$2047.95

Moved – Ross Rickard **Seconded** – Tony de Luca

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Nil

Acceptance of Correspondence

Moved - Ross Rickard

Seconded – Kevin Ward

General Business

Joe Green commented on the All British Day event with the team from Wheeler Dealers making an appearance.

Troy Green brought in samples of replacement instrument panel surrounds.

Tony de Luca announced that the CMC had raised \$25000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation through the raffle of the Valiant Sedan.

The meeting concluded at 8:30pm followed by supper.