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## Special points of interest:

- ***Mystery Run this Sunday - meet at the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre, Hawkesbury Valley Way, Richmond at 9.00 am***
- ***P76 Nationals are just around the corner***
- ***A few changes to the committee and responsibilities***

**Next Meeting Tuesday March 13 at 7.30 pm**

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Council of Motor Clubs



Confederation of Australian Motorsport



BMC Leyland Australia Heritage Group



Council of Leyland P76 Clubs



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## **GENERAL MEETINGS: :**

General Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of  
EVERY MONTH at Toongabbie Sports & Bowling Club  
12 Station Rd Toongabbie.

**Next Meeting Tuesday March 13 at 7.30 pm**

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## Presidents Report

Another way to introduce this newsletter would be to say, 'here we go again', because it has become obvious that despite Stuarts' best efforts, having an editor situated remotely from the club just hasn't provided the solution that we were looking for. After some careful consideration the committee has decided that we need to take control of the clubs communications, so that we can at least get something out to members in a timely fashion.

As I have discussed previously, the club magazine is not just a

concern for us, there are many clubs both within our group and external to us, that are struggling to publish something on a regular basis.

One of the reasons for this of course, is the growing influence of social media, which enables activities and news events to be broadcast immediately, leaving little incentive for people to contribute 'news' for a magazine which might follow at a future date. Unfortunately we have members who are either unable to attend meetings regularly, live overseas, or do not have the required digital connectivity to remain

informed about club events.

The other consideration we have made is that it will be better to get a shorter version of the magazine out regularly than wait for a big edition once every Blue Moon.

In saying this however, we still need, and will appreciate all contributions and feedback for this to be successful.

Contributions don't need to be long winded though, short summaries or a few paragraphs will be better than nothing at all.

Similarly, stories of your car adventures, or submissions of a

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## Presidents Report

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personal or general interest are also welcome if relevant.

We are but a few weeks away from the P76 Nationals in Wodonga and most of those going down from our club are well and truly organised. The final details of the event are being finalised, however we are advised that an agenda for the national delegate meeting is being developed.

I mentioned at our last meeting that if anyone has any comments or suggestions they would like to be considered for the national del-

egates meeting, please let me or Greg know.

So far the topics being considered include;

- \* **Handling reproduction parts**
- \* **Frequency of National Meets**
- \* **Future of the National Data Base**

At our most recent meeting several ideas about which parts should be given priority, were made but any further suggestions would be welcome.

In terms of National meetings a number of observations were made about the average age of

members and their ability to travel, the need to have a Jubilee (50th Anniversary) meeting in Sydney in 2023 also needs to be taken into any discussion.

The concept of holding the Nationals in a central location every two years was also discussed as was the concept of sharing the burden of organisation being shared through a national organising committee. Again any thoughts that you would like to contribute will be taken on board.

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## The Editor's say.....

Easter is approaching fast and there's a good contingent of our Members going to the 2018 Nationals in Wodonga, so we're hoping for lots of fun and friendship with our P76 mates from the other States.

Nothing much more to say except that I ask each and every one of you to consider writing something for future issues of the

Club Magazine. It doesn't have to be a novel - just a few para's and a picture or two would be greatly accepted.

Most of us readily post something on Face Book but seem to not be bothered contributing something into our own Club Magazine. Think about our members who don't have online facilities, they look forward to this magazine to bring them up to date with what's hap-

pening in the P76 world.

A future feature will be to have a "Member Profile" where we will contact one Club Member and ask a few questions and hopefully get a personal story of what makes an Owners Club P76 Member "tick". Watch this space.

*Kay De Luca*

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## CLUB SHIRTS

These really smart blue Chambray Club Shirts are available for \$42 each - short/long &  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve for ladies, and short or long sleeve for men. If you're going to the Nationals and don't have a Club Shirt, you will need to get one ASAP.

Contact: Kay – [tonkay@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tonkay@optusnet.com.au)  
or Phone 0410 688 886





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# CHRISTMAS AT THE DELFORCE FARM SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 *Kay De Luca*

For the second year in a row, we were invited to lunch at Leonne and Noel Delforce's place at Lochinvar in the Maitland District. Another hot December day but lots of fun to be had around their beautiful home and swimming pool.



These two people are the best hosts for sure – everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with a sumptuous lunch and great company. The children had a ball in the pool and so did Phil Crowther and Julian Portelli (both big kids at



heart). Another great roll-up of Ps on the lawns surrounding the homestead and Andrew Blacklock turned up with the Bus again – so much fun to be had!!



The President's Quiz was run and won by Steve Maher. Everyone complained about the "too hard" questions and Steve was amazed that he could win with only 14 correct out of 19 questions. (Paul said he had to make it hard because everyone is so knowledgeable about the marque). The Trophy was presented at the February Meeting.



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## P76 Parts Report

Most of you will be aware that Glenn, our stalwart parts officer has opted for a tree change and the parts are being managed by Tony, Greg and myself. To clarify things a little more, I have volunteered to house the parts, with the new parts and NOS parts being stored at work and are relatively easy to access

and dispatch, given some notice. Our stock of used parts are stored either in the clubs container or at Oberon and are not as easy to access. The overall management of parts in terms of reproduction etc, will be shared by the three of us and I'm sure with the help of other members with relevant expertise depending on the part we are dealing with at the time.

In terms of activity, it has been relatively quiet, there have been a number of requests from members busy with rebuilds and of course several requests for the newer bits such as the tie rod bushes, inlet gaskets etc. A list of stocked items are included in this magazine.

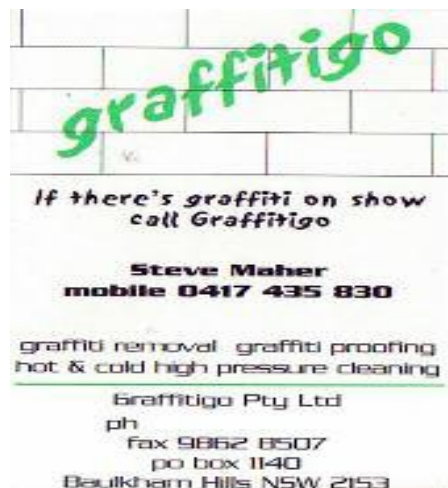
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meeting, and more particularly the National delegates meeting, we have tended to concentrate our re-manufacturing efforts on the parts which are most likely to let us down and/or take cars off the road, or worse make them unsafe.

There were a number of suggestions made at our recent meeting for parts which should be given priority, in terms of remanufacture or resourcing and these included, water pumps, points, lower control arms, power steering short staff, indicator lenses front & rear.

Once again if anyone would like to contribute further thoughts about other crucial parts, it would help any discussions.



## 2018 Events Calendar

<b>11 March</b>	<b>Mystery Run Meet at Richmond RAAF Base</b> Meet 9.00am Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre, Hawkesbury Valley Way, Richmond at 9.00 am
<b>13 March</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>30 March</b>	<b>P76 Nationals Albury/Wodonga Vic/Tas P76 Club</b>
<b>3 April</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run - Tony De Luca</b>
<b>10 April</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>1 May</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run - Tony De Luca</b>
<b>8 May</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>20 May</b>	<b>National Motoring Heritage Day - Various venues</b>
<b>5 June</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run - Tony De Luca</b>
<b>12 June</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>3 July</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run - Tony De Luca</b>
<b>10 July</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>7 August</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run - Tony De Luca</b>
<b>12 August</b>	<b>Shannons Sydney Classic Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek</b>
<b>14 August</b>	<b>Club Meeting/AGM</b>
<b>4 September</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run Tony De Luca</b>
<b>11 September</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>23 September</b>	<b>All British Day The Kings School, North Parramatta</b>
<b>2 October</b>	<b>OASIS Club Run Tony De Luca</b>
<b>9 October</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>28 October</b>	<b>BMC-Leyland Aust Heritage Group Reunion - Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club</b>
<b>13 November</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
<b>11 December</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>

This article is a reprint of an earlier one I did about doing some modifications to your Stromberg carby to give you some improvements in your V8's economy figures. As fitted as standard equipment to our V8 P76s, the Strombergs were not a bad piece of equipment, but like all factory-fitted gear, there was definitely room for some improvement.

I remember seeing an article in one of the road test mags which stated a fuel economy figure for a near-new V8 P76 of about 16 to 18 mpg. With our cars now more than forty years old, it is inevitable that some components will be getting a bit worn out, but don't panic, because there are a few things a home mechanic can do to improve his V8 P76's economy!!

The first and most common problem is excessive wear where the throttle spindle passes through the carby base-plate, which will allow unmetered quantities of air to enter the engine, causing rough idling, and in extreme cases, flat-spots when attempting to accelerate. The only fix here is to use another base-plate which is not so worn, or have an engineering shop machine two small bushes to make the throttle shaft a tighter fit in the base-plate.

The second area of concern is the auto-choke mechanism, which in most cars is not working properly, due to the poor condition of the stove pipes, which cannot deliver enough warm air to the choke assembly to open the choke fully as the engine warms up. Obviously, if the choke stays partly shut, the engine will use a lot more fuel. There are two ways to fix this prob-

lem. The first is to install a manual choke kit and the second is to simply reduce the amount of tension the choke operating link puts on the choke butterfly valve.

The third area of concern is the level of fuel in the float-bowl. Over time, the float's arm, which pushes on the needle to close off the supply of fuel to the float-bowl, tends to bend out of shape, allowing a greater quantity of fuel to enter the float-bowl. This will lead to the engine operating as though the choke is stuck on, because too much fuel in the float-bowl will cause a very rich mixture to enter the engine. The solution here is, with the carby top removed and the ignition coil disconnected for safety, to crank the engine until the mechanical fuel pump has filled the float-bowl. The level of fuel should be at least 6mm below the rim of the float-bowl. You can adjust the fuel level by carefully bending the float's arm towards the needle and seat to lower the fuel level.

In relation to the air-leak problems with a worn carby base-plate, the last item which would normally require attention is the power valve plunger. The power valve is located in the bottom and rear side of the float-bowl. You will see that the power valve has a little spring-loaded nipple in its centre. If you look at the underside of a Stromberg carby top, there is a little plunger, encased in a spring, which has a little circular "plate" at its lower end. In normal operation, at light throttle settings, there is sufficient "vacuum" in the lower throat of the carby to keep the power valve plunger in its raised position, so that the little nipple in the centre of the power valve is in its raised

position too and the power valve is effectively closed.

When the throttle is opened a large amount, the plunger presses down on the centre of the power valve, depressing the little nipple and opening the power valve to deliver a greater amount of fuel to the engine. By removing about four or five coils from the spring on the plunger, you can compensate for any wear in the throttle spindle and this will slightly delay the opening of the power valve. I have found that removing a few coils of the plunger spring was sufficient to make a difference to my P76s economy results, without creating any flat-spots, so the car was still quite enjoyable to drive. When I did this modification to one of my P76s before doing an outback trip up to Darwin in the early '90s. I was able to achieve about 24 to 27 mpg while cruising between 90 to 105 kph on the open highway.

So, if you are confident enough to do some minor modifications to your Stromberg carby, you have a pretty good chance of gaining a few mpg, which will help to lower your running costs.





## Parts For Sale

**Shop 76**



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### Some fast moving items to consider

DESCRIPTION	Sell Price
Gasket kit V8 bottom end ( EW970 ) ACL	\$60.00
Gasket kit V8 Valley cover and end seals - remanufactured	\$90.00
Points V8	\$20.00
Speedo cable - Inner seals	\$7.50
Strut inserts - Pedders (Pair)	\$320.00
Strut top bushes - remanufactured by QLD club set 2	\$40.00
Tie rod bush Rubber with crush tube (Pair)	\$95.00
Targa wheel centre badge (set of 4)	\$60.00



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## LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB of NSW Inc

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 8.00 PM AT TOONGABBIE SPORTS & BOWLING CLUB  
12 STATION ROAD, TOONGABBIE

- Present:** 12 Members as per attendance book. Paul Patten in the Chair.
- Apologies:** Greg Bryant, Phil Crowther, Marty Stockwell, Greg Gibson.
- Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.  
Accepted: Glenn Gray Seconded: Bert Colombin
- Business Arising:** Re payment for parts to Qld. – Paul to phone. Trailer – Paul to phone.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report as tabled.  
Moved: Steve Maher Seconded: Glenn Gray
- National Council Report:** No change.
- Correspondence:** Email in: Retro Autos Jan; Xmas Party payments.  
IN: Mail In: BMC Heritage Group Newsletter No.67.  
**Correspondence:** Email out: Draft December Meeting Minutes; Minutes to Stuart Brown, Magazine articles, shirt order, CMC December Preserve, Leyland Post No.77, membership list.  
**OUT:** Mail Out: Club Magazines to Paul Van Look, R. Lewis, B. Rose, B. Andrews, P. Crowther.
- Reports:** Registrar's Report: The Club now has 27 vehicles on HVS and CVS – Shannon's car is due. New member Nicholas Thomas has a Sigma.  
Parts: Sales for the month \$290.00 – Qld Club order still pending payment.  
Merchandise: Placed a shirt order for out of stock sizes.  
Website: Invoice due to Schmitt Services – Glenn to forward. Web name to be renewed for 9 years.  
Activities:  
Past: - Kellyville Cars & Coffee  
Xmas at the Delforce Farm – 17/12/17 – Steve won the President's Quiz. Members participating thought the quiz was too hard!!  
Future:  
Kellyville Cars & Coffee.  
Easter 2018 – P76 Nationals in Albury/Wodonga.  
2 hr. Mystery Run 11.3.18 meet opposite RAAF Richmond Base – finish for lunch.  
Club Magazine – Discussion on the size of future magazines (28 pages too big – suggest 12-16 max.) Committee to discuss cost of mailing magazines to members. Steve to advise Kay of magazines missing from the Club's library. Need to produce a Club Calendar for the Magazine.  
Trailer/s – Paul to follow up with Charles Anderson.  
P76 Nationals – Drew advised that registrations are due and payable by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and accommodation at Blazing Stump Motel should be paid for by end of January 2018.  
Tony Brown asked some questions about timing issues on the P76.  
Next General Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Next Meeting:**
- Closure:** Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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Paul Patten - Chair



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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 AT 8.10 PM AT TOONGABBIE SPORTS & BOWLING CLUB  
12 STATION ROAD, TOONGABBIE

- Present:** 17 Members as per attendance book. Paul Patten in the Chair.
- Apologies:** Glenn Gray
- Minutes Of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed.  
**Business Arising:** Accepted: Steve Maher Seconded: Bert Colombin
- Treasurer's Report:** Report as tabled.  
Moved: Marty Stockwell Seconded: Bert Colombin
- National Council Report:** Paul reported the need for important parts to be sourced. Parts that are hard to get include: water pumps, points, lower control arms, power steering short staff, indicators front & rear, other crucial parts should be identified. Items to be discussed at the National Meeting: frequency of National Meetings, reproduction parts, venues for suggestion western NSW & suggest combined committee using representatives from each State.  
Email in: Retro Autos Feb; Sydney Super Swap Hawkesbury 18.2.18; Gnoo Blas Classic 17/18 Feb; Clarendon 15/16 Sept; Schmitt Services Invoice; CVS Reminder.  
Mail In: Penzed76 Jan 2018; Motor Fest 10/3/18 Hawks Nest.  
Email out: Draft January Meeting Minutes;  
Mail Out: New member letter Nicholas Thomas; S. Melvin M'ship Card.  
**Registrar's Report:** No new cars this month.  
Parts: \$100 sales for the month. Paul is expecting to meet with Garth Morris (Qld) regarding parts sale. NZ struts bought 2 years ago – Andrew Larsen.  
Merchandise: Sold one Targa Florio shirt.  
Website:  
Activities:  
Past: - Kellyville Cars & Coffee  
Future:  
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- 2 hr. Mystery Run 11.3.18 meet opposite RAAF Richmond Base (visitor Information Centre) – finish for lunch.  
- Easter 2018 – P76 Nationals in Albury/Wodonga.
- GENERAL BUSINESS:** Steve Maher spoke about fundraising for Classic Rally Club.  
Club Magazine update - waiting for disk or memory stick from Stuart Brown to be able to format the next magazine.  
P76 Nationals – Drew spoke about progress in the planning stages and tabled his rocker cover racer. Trophies have been sponsored for the event. Approx. 40 people now registered. John Ernst sent an email re matters to be addressed at Delegates Meeting (see above).  
Trailer update – the trailer not being used has been sold for \$300, less \$15 spent on globes.  
Calendar for 2018 – David to update.  
2017 President's Trophy – the Trophy for last year's President's Quiz was presented to Steve Maher.
- Next Meeting:** Next General Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Closure:** Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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*Paul Patten - Chair*



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