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**General Meetings** are held on the last Tuesday evening of every month at 7.30 PM (unless otherwise notified). The Meetings are held at the Kenwick Community Hall  
**The AGM** is held in July. For dates of club meetings and events, refer to the Coming Events section of this Newsletter.

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### **EDITOR'S CORNER:**

By the time you read this another Christmas will have passed by with all the usual joys and stresses. The New Year beckons and for us P76-ers in WA it will be a very significant year as the club Celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Once again Gary Mentiplay has provided three more years of flashbacks to stir the memory brain cells. Judging from the need to utilize extra pages to accommodate the listing of events for 1991, 1992 and 1993, these must have been golden years for the Club by way of member numbers and volume of activity.

Hopefully, 2012 will become another golden year for the Club, with a number of events reflecting the significance of the year. At this point in time, the most prominent happening will be the All-Aussie Car Day on 15 April, to be held at the Pinjarra Paceway for the first time. We are keen to have at least a car present on that day for each year of the Club's existence---a minimum of 30 vehicles. So, let each one of us nominate a year we would like our car to represent on the day. Send an email to the Club President at [leylandp76@westnet.com.au](mailto:leylandp76@westnet.com.au) to indicate your intention to attend.

Finally, we take up the "Twilight at Zetland" story from where we left off in the November issue of *Westwords*. This detailed account of Leyland's demise in Australia triggers a thought in my mind in relation to the most prominent figures that featured in the design, production and death of the P76. They would make a great topic for a *Where Are They Now?* article. Do you agree?



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## WA Club Parts List

Andy Mentiplay has prepared the following part list for interested Members:

<b>Targa Hubcaps – set-</b>	-	-	-	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Rear Speaker Grills</b>	-	-	-	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Steering Column Bushes</b>	-	-	-	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Short handbrake cables</b>	-	-	-	<b>5.00</b>
<b>7” Headlight Surrounds</b>	-	-	-	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Rust repair Panels R/L</b>	-	-	-	<b>75.00pr</b>
<b>Water Pump Cross</b>	-	-	-	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Strut-top Bushes</b>	-	-	-	<b>50.00pr</b>

*Contact Andy on 93932428 or 0457038877 to place an order.*

### LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (WA Division) Inc. GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011

**Location:** Kenwick Community Hall

**Opened:** 7.41pm

**Attendance:** as per the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Adam Woodward, Gary Mentiplay, Tony M,

**Previous Meeting Minutes:** (25<sup>th</sup> October 2011): read by President James. Moved as correct by Ken; seconded by Roger. Need to Amend the Reference to Bill and Mick’s passing? Minutes accepted by Meeting.

**Correspondence:** Club Magazines from: Classic P76 Club NSW; SA P76 Club. Triumph CC, Southern Districts Mini club, Leyland Club of NZ, Mini Owners club,

**Treasurer’s Report:** As Per Statement .

#### **General Business:**

President James reflected on the passing of Bill Brain and Mick Dodermaid, they were both long time members of our club and sat on the board for many years, both were new car buyers of The P76.

**The BMC Leyland Day** in November was well attended with 11 P76s and a Marina making it to Manning Park.

**Clubs 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Display:** We will try to get 30 P76s to Pinjarra for the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2012 for the clubs 30 Anniversary

**The Cars 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is coming up in 2013. President James is working on a display in the Perth city centre; talks with the Perth city Council have been encouraging

**Meetings moving to last Monday** of the month from January

**Coming Events:** 20<sup>th</sup> Dec is the last Club meeting for the year, See West words for details.

**The P76 Drag car** is going well and will be at the Nitro meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> January. Those wishing to purchase discount tickets please call Mick **0414731535** (20% off)

**Members cars for sale** Tim’s car is for sale at \$6000.00 Tony’s Dry red P is also for sale \$5000.00 should get it. Paul Bamham a past member is on the lookout for a P76 and Kens 6cyl P is now on Club licence.

**Club Spare parts.** Some discussion was held on the need for our Club to hold spares in stock for members. We feel that oil filters, rear lens covers, top strut bushes and other fast moving parts need to be kept in stock, rust repair panels, etc, will be ordered as required.

**Closed:** 9.05 PM

## ***COMING EVENTS***

### **General Club Meeting:**

#### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

Under new arrangements the January Club meet  
will be held as follows:

**Monday 30 January 2012**

**7.30pm**

At The Kenwick Community Centre  
cnr Kenwick Road & Brixton Street KENWICK

**Nitro Funny Cars**, Saturday 7 January, Kwinana Motorplex, preceded  
by a Club Lunch. Details to be advised. Those wishing to purchase  
20% discount tickets please call Mick on **0414731535**.

**Burger Run**, Saturday 25 February. Details to be advised.

**All Aussie Car Day**, Sunday 15 April, Pinjarra Paceway. The white  
Force 7 will be on display courtesy of the WA Motor Museum.

**P76 Nationals**, Easter 2012 (Thurs 5 to Mon 9 April). Details can be  
found at <http://www.leylandp76nationals.com>. The Queensland Leyland  
P76 Owners Club is proud to host the Easter 2012 Nationals at  
Maroochydore, Sunshine Coast. The Queensland club is keen to show  
case their state and Easter 2012 event. Come along and join us at the  
aptly named Sunshine Coast.

### **The Cover Pictures**

Some years ago a family acquaintance of the editor played around with features of the  
P76's rear end tail-lights using a photo-editing computer programme.

Among the resultant pictures were the two included on this month's cover page.

Do the taller tail-light assemblies make the car look "beefier"?

Do the full bodywidth reflector strips remind you of an American production model?

Your comments on the two variation examples are invited.

## FLASHBACK TO: 1991 / 92

### Activities:

**July 1991:** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at Mandogalup Hall

**July 1991:** P76 Club launches WA Leyland dealer research project

**July 1991:** Club Championship scheme discontinued, Clubman Awards overhauled

**August 1991:** Economy Run: Airport to Dwellingup

**September 1991:** Observation Run: Perth Causeway to Wireless Hill Park

**September 1991:** Country Weekend at Pemberton YHA Hostel

**September 1991:** Club holds first country General Meeting in Pemberton

**October 1991:** 3rd Leyland Challenge Shield cricket match at Jarrahdale (100<sup>th</sup> club event)

**November 1991:** Technical Day at Fenmac Autos in Morley

**November 1991:** Club Display at Observation City, Scarborough

**December 1991:** Xmas Function in Ballajura

**January 1992:** Country Weekend at Binningup (Harvey Christian Centre)

**February 1992:** Burger Run: Perth Causeway to Belmont

**March 1992:** Club Display at Brookton Old Time Motor Show

**March 1992:** Observation Run: Perth Causeway to Rockingham

**March 1992:** Working Bee at Fenmac Autos (to build club driveline display project)

**April 1992:** Club Display at Classic Car Show, Whiteman Park, Caversham

**April 1992:** P76 National Gathering at Ballarat, VIC. Gus & Marj Durham attended

**May 1992:** Club Run to Railway Museum in Bayswater

**May 1992:** Boys Away Weekend at Busselton Caravan Park

**June 1992:** Dirt Motorkhana at York (in torrential rain)

**Club General Meetings:** held on the last Friday evening of every month at the Willetton Library in Burrendah Boulevard.

### Club Committee:

- President: Laurie Fennessy
- Vice President: Andy Renn
- Secretary: Derek Harris
- Treasurer: Maureen Fennessy
- Editor: Gary Mentiplay
- Publicity Officer: Danny McIntosh

**Membership:** 69



**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WA P76 Club 1982 - 2012**  
**FLASHBACK TO: 1992 / 93**

**Activities:**

**July 1992:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at Cascades Restaurant in Maylands  
**July 1992:** “Westwords” highlights WA P76 club’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in special edition  
**August 1992:** “Dinkum Classics” 1:43 scale model P76 is released  
**August 1992:** Economy Run: Perth to New Norcia  
**September 1992:** Observation Run: Perth Causeway to Whitfords  
**September 1992:** Country Weekend at Albany YHA Hostel  
**September 1992:** second country general meeting at Albany  
**October 1992:** 4<sup>th</sup> Leyland Challenge Shield cricket match at Jarrahdale  
**October 1992:** Club Display at Kojonup Agricultural Show  
**November 1992:** Club Run to Toodyay Archery Park  
**November 1992:** Club Run to Boyanup Transport Museum  
**November 1992:** Last General Meeting at Willetton Library  
**December 1992:** First General Meeting at Belmont Scout Hall  
**December 1992:** Technical Day at Fenmac Autos  
**December 1992:** Xmas barbecue function at Belmont Scout Hall  
**January 1993:** Club Run to Rockingham – beachfront barbecue  
**February 1993:** Country Weekend at Harvey Christian Centre, Binningup  
**February 1993:** Club Concours at Belmont Scout Hall  
**March 1993:** Club Display at Avon Valley Vintage Fair in Northam  
**March 1993:** Club Display at Classic Car Show, Whiteman Park, Caversham  
**April 1993:** P76 National Meeting, Sydney, NSW (6 members / 2 cars attend from WA)  
**May 1993:** Boys Away Weekend at Vasse Caravan Park, Busselton  
**May 1993:** Observation Run: Perth Causeway to Dog Swamp  
**June 1993:** Club Run to Kulin (preliminary discussion for inaugural Kulin Charity Rally)  
**June 1993:** Club Display to celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of P76 release at St. John’s Square (near Town Hall) in Fremantle

**Club General Meetings:** held on the last Friday evening of every month. Meeting venue changed in December 1992 from Willetton Library to Belmont Scout Hall in Lyall Street, Redcliffe.

**Club Committee:**

- President: Laurie Fennessy
- Vice President: Andy Renn
- Secretary: Derek Harris
- Treasurer: Maureen Fennessy
- Editor: Gary Mentiplay
- Publicity Officer: Danny McIntosh

**Membership:** 81

1992 / 93



30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WA P76 Club 1982 - 2012

# FLASHBACK TO: 1993 / 94

**Activities:**

**July 1993:** 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner at Have-A-Chat Restaurant in Bassendean

**August 1993:** Economy Run: Airport to Toodyay and Clackline

**September 1993:** Technical Day at Fenmac Autos in Morley

**October 1993:** Country Weekend: Ninghan Station (near Payne's Find)

**October 1993:** 5<sup>th</sup> Leyland Challenge Shield cricket match at Jarrahdale

**October 1993:** Inaugural Kulin Charity Rally (3 P76s entered)

**November 1993:** Observation Run: Perth Causeway to South Beach, Fremantle

**December 1993:** Swan River Ferry Cruise

**January 1994:** Go Kart Night in Belmont

**February 1994:** Club Concours: at Fremantle Esplanade

**March 1994:** Club Display: 25<sup>th</sup> Classic Car Show at Whiteman Park, Caversham

**March 1994:** Club Display: Brookton Old Time Motor Show

**March 1994:** Easter P76 National Gathering at Caboolture, QLD (2 WA members attended)

**April 1994:** Inaugural MVP Rally (Tri-club challenge): Raffles to Churchman's Brook

**May 1994:** Country Weekend: Boys Away at Glade Caravan Park, Bunbury

**June 1994:** Club Night at Cannington Greyhounds

**Club General Meetings:** held on the last Friday evening of every month at the Belmont Scout Hall.

**New Club Constitution:** ratified in October 1993, club name changed to Leyland P76 Owners Club of Australia (WA Division) Inc.

**Post Office Box Address:** changed from Willetton to Hamilton Hill in May 1994.

**Club Committee:**

- President: Andy Renn
- Vice President: Laurie Fennessy / Gus Durham
- Secretary: Andrew Mentiplay
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- Editor: Gary Mentiplay
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**Membership:** 71

1993 / 94



**TWILIGHT AT ZETLAND: Talks between Leyland and the  
Australian Federal Government  
Part 5**

*Researched and written by Gary and James Mentiplay*

Leyland Motor Corporation of Australia Limited  
9<sup>th</sup> October 1974

The Hon. J.F. Cairns, M.P.,  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister for Overseas Trade

Dear Dr. Cairns,

Thank you for your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1974. I confirm that the contents are sufficient to enable us to avoid the most disruptive consequences which we discussed.

I should first like to say how much I appreciate the sympathetic and co-operative manner in which our mutual problems have been discussed. I am delighted that Leyland Motor Corporation of Australia has been involved in establishing the precedent of Government and Business co-operating and planning for the long term.

I should now like to take your offer in more detail and take the items in your order. I accept that you have not been able to confirm in the letter certain points which I discussed with Neil Currie and Alan Woods of the Department of Manufacturing, but I do feel that it is worthwhile in my reply to make these points.

- (a) The Australian Government purchase of the Waterloo site is expected to realize a figure of between \$19 million and \$22 million. The former valuation is on the basis of \$300,000 per acre and compares with recent purchases in Victoria by the Housing Commission at a figure of around \$340,000 per acre. Verbal agreement was reached that best endeavours would be made to achieve payment of this sum this calendar year. As you realize, this is essential from the cash flow point of view.
- (b) The purchase of a minimum of 782 vehicles is obviously a great help to us. However, I do feel that I should make the point that this contrasts with the ad hoc committee's unanimous recommendation of 2,000 vehicles worth \$5 million. This shortfall in purchases does mean reduced short term employment opportunities. Comprehensive figures concerning the retrenchment program have, of course, now been supplied to Mr Enderby and his staff.
- (c) Timely receipt of all the moneys from Government is absolutely vital to the successful implementation of the restructuring. Indeed, I am most grateful for the Government suggestion that progress payments in respect of current orders could be renegotiated so that Leyland receives up to 90% of the contract value in the near future. This will obviously substantially mitigate the shortfall in cash resulting from the reduction in Government take ex yard stock.

I should like to conclude by stating that my new management team is flattered that Government has seen fit to back its skills and we are all confident that Leyland can play a vital albeit more restricted role in the future Australian motor industry.

Yours Sincerely,  
J.D. Abell  
Managing Director

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**NEWS RELEASE**

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, MR. KEP ENDERBY, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE LEYLAND MOTOR CORPORATION OF AUSTRALIA, MR. DAVID ABELL

**LEYLAND**

The Minister for Manufacturing Industry, Mr Kep Enderby, and the Managing Director of the Leyland Motor Corporation of Australia, Mr David Abell, announced today that the Australian Government and the company had agreed upon certain arrangements to enable restructuring of the company's activities in Australia.

The Minister and Mr Abell said that the two basic principles involved were:

1. To minimise disruption and hardship to employees, and
2. To enable the company to concentrate on those products most appropriate to the Australian market.

The company will gradually phase out its manufacturing activities at Waterloo but will expand facilities at its Enfield plant to continue making the Mini, Mini Moke and Mini van.

This will be in addition to the company's strong truck and bus division operating from plants at Revesby (NSW) and Footscray (Vic) and the profitable parts and accessories division at Liverpool (NSW).

The mainstay of the company's passenger vehicle sales in a new car division will be supplied from the parent company in the United Kingdom and will include a wide range of successful cars, including renewed emphasis on Rover, Triumph and Jaguar.

The Government will assist Leyland in its restructuring. The Government will provide liquidity by offering to:

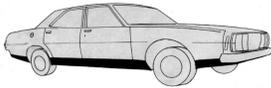
- purchase the company's 63 acre site at Waterloo at an agreed valuation
- purchase approximately 800 Leyland vehicles
- arrange early payment for vehicles already delivered, and progress payments against current contracts for truck, bus and Landrover orders.

The negotiation for the programme follows two months of talks involving the Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Cairns, Mr Enderby and Mr Abell. During the negotiations the Government insisted on the most generous possible terms for those workers retrenched. Mr Enderby said the major concern of the Government was to keep these figures at a minimum and minimise hardship to employees.

'Some unemployment will result, but we have been particularly concerned that the most generous redundancy payments will be made to those employees affected,' Mr Enderby said.

*(to be continued)*

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