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EDITOR'S CORNER:

A few months ago I had the pleasure, in the course of some business I was undertaking, of meeting with an interesting guy at his home. Tim Vickridge is an avid collector of racing sports car models along with maritime and aviation models, and I had the opportunity to view his collection and take some pictures. The result is the article appearing in this issue of *WestWords*. Tim also introduced me to his friend, Tony Holmes from Rockingham, who also collects automotive and aviation models. In the course of events, Roger Patton-Williams, who lives near to Tony, and I were invited to meet with him to view his collection that included three P76 models. Hopefully, we can share that experience with *WestWords* readers next month. This issue concludes our 40th anniversary series of roadworthy Targa's owned by Club members. And it is fitting that, as a finale, we should feature the car owned by founding life-member, Dennis Woodward. Dennis's own story was featured in our very special 30th Club Anniversary Issue of *WestWords* in October 2012. So it appears appropriate that his favourite Targa should take the stage exactly two years later.



WA Club Parts List

Paul Banham has prepared the following updated parts list for interested Members:

Targa Hubcaps – set	\$110.00	1 set
Rear Speaker Grills	\$10.00	3 pcs
Steering Column Bushes	\$10.00	2 pcs
Strut-top Bushes	\$50.00pr	3 pairs
Timing Cover Seal	\$45.00	1 pc
V8 Oil Filters	\$24.00ea	0 pcs
T bar shifter Handles	\$5.00ea	5 pcs
Heater and fan knobs		13 pcs
Rust Repair front fender panels	\$80pair	2pairs
Indicator Switch mech (new)	\$200 ea	1 pc
Short Handbrake cable	\$5.00ea....	2 pcs
V8 Points sets	\$25.00set	18sets

Contact Paul on 0403774377 to place an order.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014
7.30pm

Kenwick Community Centre
Cnr Kenwick Road and Brixton St, Kenwick.

State Meeting. 11-12 October. Busselton. To include a Display at the Jetty from 10am-1pm. Details on pages 6 and 7.

BMC/Leyland Day. Sunday 26 October. 10.00 am. Manning Park, Spearwood.

Easter National Meeting 2015 April 3 -6. The Easter 2015 National Meeting is to be held at McLaren Vale, South Australia. Organising is well underway and Newsletter No 4 was recently released and appears on pages 7-8 of this issue of *WestWords*. To make this event possible we need get a better idea of numbers so get your accommodation booked direct with the McLaren Vale Motel. Phone 08 83238265 or www.mclarenvalemotel.com.au. Let Dianne or Nigel Bray know you are coming; Phone 08 83250512 npbray@hotmail.com

A comprehensive calendar of WA motoring events can be found at: www.classicrally.com.au



CLUB TARGA NO 7

Owner: Dennis Woodward



The last Targa Florio in our series appears to have a somewhat mysterious beginning. According to the original Owner's Handbook, it was purchased from Dave Johnson

Motors, Fremantle, on 23 October 1974, by a Perth company called R F Seaton & Co. of 158 Murray St Perth. On doing a bit of online googling I found out that a wholesale fashions and promotions company of a similar name has existed in King St, Perth, for many decades. One can only wonder what such a company would want with a somewhat less-than conservative vehicle. Maybe they thought the Targa was quite “fashionable.” and a useful promotional tool.

The current owner, Club founder-President and Life-member Dennis Woodward, purchased the car in 1980 from the second owner who, as an employee of R F Seaton & Co., had driven the vehicle as a company car, and subsequently bought it for personal use.

The second mystery surrounding this vehicle was that it had been originally issued with Bunbury registration plates BY12. Dennis assures me that the current plates (XIU859) are later 1970s Perth Metro issue and were on the car when he bought it in 1980. So we have a Perth fashion house buying a P76 Targa Florio from a Fremantle dealer and having it registered in Bunbury. To add to the conundrum, the handbook indicates the car was serviced regularly by Winterbottoms of Perth.

Dennis’s Targa wears a Force 7 steering wheel, but Dennis cannot remember if this came with the car or if he had one fitted. However, his memory is crystal clear when it comes to the car’s misadventures on the road. On the first occasion, a trailer being used by Dennis jack-knifed on approach to the Narrows Bridge and push its way into the car’s left rear wing. The second incident was a bit more threatening. On returning from a Club run to Williams along Armadale Road, a FWD (as they are wont to do) cut in too soon and impacted with the left-hand rear door. Fortunately, no one was hurt, and as always happens in cases like this the other Club members dashed to the rescue. To this day the Targa bears the scars from these encounters.

Dennis’s Targa has factory air and bears production Number 18042, so probably came off the production line in August, the month in which most Targas were built. In keeping with the generally accepted fact that Leyland Australia had finally gotten quality control underway from around early 1974, Dennis’s elder son, Adam, has reportedly declared that this car is one of the best he has driven, and knowing Adam, he has driven numerous vehicles of many shapes and sizes. By way of modifications, this Targa has had only two: a twin-exhaust system and a transmission oil cooler. Apart from those mods the car is all-original with full matching numbers.

Well, there you have it, we end this series almost exactly 40 years after the last Targa rolled off the Leyland Australia production line. No one can say that the remaining Targas will last another 40 years and most of us who currently drive them are unlikely to be around to find out.

To summarise then, we have featured the following “Magnificent Seven” over the past seven months of this 40th anniversary year of the car’s launch in 1974:

Terry Johnson;	Prod No: 17839
Mick Le Cocq;	Prod No: 17806
John Metcalf;	Prod No: 17889
Tony Moisley;	Prod No: 18384
Sam Murray;	Prod No: 18071
Roger Patton-Williams;	Prod No: 17865
Dennis Woodward;	Prod No: 18042

Footnote: Mick Le Cocq recently purchased John Metcalf’s car. So Mick is now the proud owner of two Targa’s.



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CLUB BURGER RUN



Five of the six cars that made it to Alfred's Kitchen in Guildford

Wintry, wet and windy conditions failed to deter a plucky bunch of members from venturing on the Club Burger Run on Saturday 6 September. Four P's assembled at the Shell servo on Bannister Road, Canning Vale, mid-afternoon and followed the route into the city before heading up East Parade and Guildford Road to Alfred's Kitchen in James St, Guildford, where they enjoyed a welcome repast to warm the inner man and woman. The foursome were joined at Alfred's by a further two P's that had made their separate ways to the venue. The missing P from the pictured five was Gary Mentiplay's Country Cream that had apparently been parked on the other side of the street. It has to be said that even on a dull wet day the big Leylands can add a welcome splash of colour.

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THE MARK II P76

I wonder how many of us know that a factory original Mark II prototype of the P76 is still in service.

Originally owned by Mark Cassarchis of the styling department of Leyland Australia, it is today safely domiciled with Glenn Gray of the NSW Club.

It emerged from the factory in a Nutmeg coat and with a vinyl roof and remains so today.

Glenn is non-committal about doing a detailed write-up on the car, but if he does, it will be offered first to his Club mag.

Meanwhile, I am informed that the proposed changes in the Mark II included a different bonnet with scoop, a modified boot lid, electric mirrors, removal of the C-pillar vents and a modified interior.

The accompanying photos clearly show the bonnet and C-pillar changes but as yet we have no pictures of the boot or interior modifications. The wheels look interesting



The missing C-pillar vents



The bonnet scoop



STATE MEET 2014

This year's State Meeting will take place in the lovely seaside town of Busselton, two hours south of Perth.

I have listed below the itinerary to give you an idea of the planned weekend's activities:

Saturday, 11th October:

- **8am:** Meet at the Shell Service Station on Thomas Road in Casuarina for an 8.30am departure
- **10am:** Arrive at Signal Park, Busselton for a Public Car Display (Next to Busselton Jetty)
- **1pm:** Depart Signal Park and head to Duckstein Brewery in Margaret River for Lunch
- **7pm:** Dinner at the Esplanade Hotel, Busselton

Sunday, 12th October:

- **8am:** Breakfast at Esplanade Hotel
- **10am:** Depart Busselton and head to Augusta
- **12pm:** Tour of Lighthouse at Augusta and Lunch at Augusta Pub.
- **2pm:** Depart for home etc

Most members will be staying at the Esplanade Hotel in Busselton on the Saturday night, everyone is asked to book and arrange their own accommodation. The Esplanade Hotel is located at 2 Marine Terrace, Busselton. Phone number is (08) 9752 1078.

The State Meeting is a great chance to catch up with our members located in the regional areas of WA, and to promote our cars and club in these areas at the same time. Our membership numbers in the Southern parts of WA are growing at a rapid rate, and this is a great opportunity to maintain that momentum.

If you have any queries or comments, please contact James on **0408 918 127**.



COMO CAR SHOW

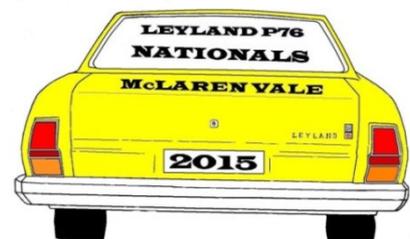
Como Rotary Club will be holding their 3rd annual fund-raising Car Show at Wesley College (Ward Oval), cnr Coode & Angelo Sts, South Perth, on Sunday 5 October. The gate opens to the public at 10am. While parking is free for visitors, there will be a fee for admission (\$10 General Public; \$8 Concession). I have it on good authority that the Motor Museum of WA will be including their Crystal White Force 7 among the many other privately-owned classic cars on display. Refreshments will be on sale. So, by attending it will be possible to enjoy a day out while making a contribution to worthy charitable causes.

Details at: <http://comorotarycarshow.com/show-details/>



Nationals Newsletter # 4

*P76 Easter National Meeting
3-6 April 2015*



The Itinerary has been finalised (subject to changes) as below.

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Evening</i>	Sausage sizzle
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<i>Friday</i>	<i>AM</i>	Check in and merchandising
	<i>Lunch</i>	Provided
	<i>PM</i>	Car Club Olympics
	<i>Dinner</i>	McLaren Vale Bowls Club
	<i>Evening</i>	National Council delegates meeting Rocker cover racers
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>AM</i>	Run to Goolwa incorporating visit to Motor Museum
		run out to the barrage...there will be time to do the museum before the boat cruise
	<i>Lunch</i>	Available at local shops
	<i>PM</i>	Boat Cruise or local attractions free time
	<i>Dinner</i>	Alma Hotel Willunga
	<i>Evening</i>	Observation Run Rocker cover races later
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>AM</i>	Concourse at Wigley Reserve Glenelg from 10.30
	<i>Lunch</i>	Available at local shops
	<i>PM</i>	Concourse and wander the Glenelg foreshore
	<i>Dinner</i>	South Adelaide Football Club
	<i>Night</i>	Auction, Raffle, Presentations etc
<i>Monday</i>	<i>AM</i>	Farewell BBQ breakfast & Goodbyes

Rocker Cover Races

The rocker cover races are a fun experiment the Supplementary Regulations are enclosed. You will need to bring your own racer built within the specs. supplied.

Zetland Shield

Points will be awarded from the Concourse, Observation, Run Rocker Cover Races and the Car Club Olympics.

Merchandise

Ordering for the Merchandise to commemorate the Easter 2015 meeting is nearly ready and will be out soon.

Bookings

Bookings are going well a limited number of rooms are still available at McLaren Vale Motel and Apartments.

Please get your Registration forms returned so we can confirm the number of those attending. This will help in the overall planning.

Meals

Since the Newsletter #3 we have been able to re-negotiate children's meal prices it will be \$80. The Saturday & Sunday dinner for under 10's will need to choose off the children's menu

The Committee

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IF YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE AN AIRCRAFT HANGER FOR A SHED . . .

. . . you can always follow Tim Vickridge's example and use a few of your bedrooms and passageways around your home to store your classic car collection (die-cast models that is!).

Tim, a company executive, is an avid collector of racing sports car models. He has around 1200 of the little critters on parade in various locations around his home in Harrisdale. Part of his collection is devoted to the legendary Jack Brabham. Sir Jack passed away recently at the noble age of 88 after providing tens of thousands of auto racing fans with a lifetime of thrilling achievements.

Those of you who are into the auto racing scene will probably recognise from the accompanying pictures that Tim has organised his collection into segments representing aspects of the sports history and geography. I will cautiously leave that detail for you to work out.

Meanwhile, Tim has other areas of interest represented in his fascinating collection. His dad had been commander of a "Bathurst" Class minesweeper that had had a distinguished maritime career in times past. One of the pictures shows a corner of Tim's living room that has been dedicated to his father's memory, including a beautifully crafted model of the corvette surrounded by personal memorabilia illustrating the life journey of her late captain.

Tim provided the following details of his father's ship:

H.M.A.S. JUNEE (J362)

Type:	Australian Minesweeper, "Bathurst" Class		
Displacement (Standard):	768 tons	Length:	186 feet
(Overall)			
Beam:	31 feet	Draught (mean):	8 feet 6 inches
Laid down:	17 February 1943		
Launched:	16 November 1943 (Mrs. J.S. Rosevear, wife of Speaker of House of Representatives)		
Commissioned:	11 April 1944		
Builder:	Poole & Steel Pty. Ltd., Balmain, N.S.W.		
Armament:	1 x 4 inch A.A. gun 1 x 40mm Bofors A.A. gun 2 x 20mm Oerlikon A.A. guns 2 Depth Charge throwers 70 Depth charges		
Complement:	90		
Service:	Darwin, Milne Bay, Hollandia, Biak, Morotai, Mios Woendi, Balikpapan, Macassar, Rouang Passage, Ambon, Menado, Djailolo, ternate, Thursday Island, Western Australia, Montebello Island		
Decommissioned:	21 August 1957		

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One cabinet displays Tim's other passion, aviation, with models of a number of military aircraft. But one outstanding large scale model is a RAAF F-18 Hornet that is mounted in a single display case yet to find a more permanent home among the collection.



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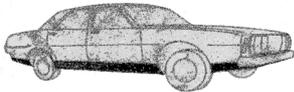
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