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The P76 25th Anniversary banner on prominent display at the Motor Museum of WA.

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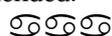
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EDITOR'S CORNER:

Well, we didn't get far into the New Year before the world held its breath once again while two cowardly terrorist attacks and sieges played out in France. And once again, innocent victims paid with their lives for the crazed actions of young deadly-armed people caught up in the dark cults of anarchy and destruction.

Given this most unwelcome start to the year it becomes a bit of a relief to pay more attention to our passions, whether these include sport, art, gardening or, as in our case, the world of classic motoring. Our political leaders appeal to us to carry on with our lives as normal despite the heightened states of security. The theory being that, by doing this, we demonstrate to the terrorist groups their failure to impact on democratic life in the free countries of the world.

With that of my chest, I can now focus on the contents of this issue of *WestWords*. Club President, James Mentiplay, presents Part One of an update on the achievements of Mentiplay Leyland; The Motor Museum of WA celebrates its 20th Anniversary; and an Order Form is included for members and associates wishing to acquire a strictly limited edition Targa Florio 40th Anniversary commemorative wall plaque, locally designed and produced by Paul Banham with assistance from Dave Bryan. This plaque is a fine piece of workmanship and would grace the wall of any office, den or home. Highly recommended.



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	\$25.00ea	8 pcs
T bar shifter Handles	\$5.00ea	5 pcs
Heater and fan knobs	\$2.50 ea	13 pcs
Rust Repair front fender panels	\$80pair	2 pairs
Indicator Switch mech (new)	\$250 ea	1 pc
Short Handbrake cable	\$5.00ea....	2 pcs

V8 Points sets	\$25.00	18 sets
V8 Valley Cover Gasket & End Seal Set	\$100ea	10pcs
Valve Regrind Set	\$200	sets
Sump Gasket bottom Set	\$55	3 sets
V8Rocker Cover Gasket (cork)	\$45 set	4 sets
V8 Head Gasket	\$35 ea	4 pcs
V8 Main Bearings	\$110 set	7 sets
Number Plate Lights Lenses	\$45 Pair	4 sets

Contact Paul on 0403774377 to place an order.



COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2015

7.30pm

Kenwick Community Centre

Cnr Kenwick Road and Brixton St, Kenwick.

Guildford Historical Festival. Sunday 29 March. 9.30am – 4.40pm. Stirling Square, Guildford. See details on page 9.

Easter National Meeting 2015 April 3 -6. The Easter 2015 National Meeting is to be held at McLaren Vale, South Australia. 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

All Aussie Car Day. Sunday 12 April . 10.00am – 4.00pm. Waroona Showgrounds. See details on page 11.

Club Run. Sunday 31 May. Bailup Ford Museum. Meet at Midland Centrepont 10.00am Car Display 10.30am. Bring barbecue meat, etc. Organised by Terry Johnson.

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



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Last month we featured Dave Eadon's UK-based Targa on the front cover of *WestWords*. This month we have the pleasure of coincidentally welcoming Dave to membership of the Club.

Dave, who has a background in commercial piloting, previously lived in Australia and had enjoyed happy motoring in a P76 V8 Deluxe before moving to the UK, where he was able to resume his passion for the P76 when Dave Morton's Targa came up for sale. Dave's full story will appear in next month's issue of *WestWords*. Meanwhile we are happy that Dave has decided to join us and thus have his Targa maintain the link between the car's BL roots and those of Leyland Australia.



Mentiplay Leyland Update

PART ONE

With activity at Mentiplay Leyland ramping up over the past year or so, I thought it was well overdue to write a bit of a report on what we have been up to.

The first project that we undertook was one of my own cars, a Corinthian Blue Super V8 with column auto. I had purchased this car back in 2012 from a former club member who had parked it in his shed in 1989 and left it there until the day I bought it.

Once we got the car out of the shed, it was obvious that this was not going to be one of those stories that you see on television where some lucky sod finds a pristine, low mileage car sitting in a shed covered in dust. The car had significant rust in the sills and around the fuel filler cap, along with many mechanical issues.



Andrew Mentiplay (the other half of Mentiplay Leyland) set about sorting out the mechanical issues, which included replacing the fuel tank, water pump, fuel lines, radiator, hoses amongst many other things.

Once the car was mostly sorted mechanically, we took it down to our panel beater who set about removing all of the rust. The main job was replacing the drivers side rear quarter, which as mentioned earlier had rusted out badly around the fuel filler and wheel arch. We were lucky in this regard as we had in stock a rust free rear quarter panel that was cut off a wreck many years ago.

Once we had received the car back from the panel beaters, we set about reviving the interior. I had a set of New Old Stock (NOS) seat skins in the correct colour for both the front buckets and rear bench along with a NOS set of brown carpets. We had our trimmer fit the new skins to the seats while Andrew fitted the new carpets and replacement door trims.

At this current stage, the car is very close to going back on the road. Andrew is finalising some of the smaller mechanical issues and then the plan is to put it on Club Concessional License.

During the middle of the Corinthian Blue cars re-commissioning, we were approached by the clubs Vice President Dave Bryan regarding his Chrystal White Executive. Dave had purchased this car from Sydney a year back and was keen to give the car a full nut and bolt restoration.



One of the exciting aspects of doing the restoration on Dave's car is that it is a very rare combo, being an Executive with Casino Blue interior. Our records indicate that only 70 odd Chrystal White Executives were built with the blue interior, which makes it a very rare car today.

Needless to say we took on the project, and Andrew had the car stripped back to a bare shell within 2-3 days. We then sent it off to the Sand Blasters to reveal what nasty secrets lay below the paint, and then had it delivered back for panel work. Dave entrusted the panel work to Malcolm Ivatts, who came highly recommended from people he knew in the industry. Malcom's work was first class, and the quality of repairs was something not normally seen on a P76.

Malcolm took a few months to repair poorly repaired accident damage that occurred earlier in the cars life along with the usual rust that affects every 40 year old car. Once Malcolm had finished his work, the big decision of who to entrust with the task of painting the car loomed large. Dave's wish for the paint work was for it to be painted to original specification and to a high standard, but also wanted it to look sharp for many years to come.

After much research Dave chose K Paz Automotive Spray Painting in Welshpool, who we discovered do a lot of work on high end cars such as Porsche's and Audi's. I have heard of many horror stories over the years with people who were promised the world by a spray painter, only to end up with a paint job that fell well short of expectations and a final bill that well exceeded the initial quote, however this is not one of them.

The end result would not look out of place on a Ferrari or a high end show car, and you have to pinch yourself seeing a P76 with such an amazing paint job.

The car is now back at Mentiplay Leyland where we are now making arrangements for the re-assembly of the car. Dave has collected a lot of NOS parts for this car, including a roll of Casino Blue Executive cloth for re-trimming the seats.

I was born a year before the P76 went into production, which meant I wasn't fortunate enough to drive a P76 when they were new, but I am certain that once Dave's car is finished it will be at least as good as a new P76.

I will continue this article next month with a run down on some of the other projects we are currently in the middle of.

Happy Motoring,
James Mentiplay





Kep Enderby, Minister for the ACT, unveiling the P76 on 26 June 1973

TRIBUTE TO KEP ENDERBY

The passing of Kep Enderby on 9 January 2015 at the venerable age of 88, marked a significant event for the P76 fraternity.

Keppel (Kep) Earl Enderby was the First Minister of the ACT and Northern Territory in the Whitlam Government in 1973 when he officiated at the unveiling of the Leyland P76 at Rydges Lakeside Hotel in Canberra. Kep went on to serve as Attorney-General under Whitlam. After leaving politics he resumed his career in law and was subsequently appointed a judge in the New South Wales Supreme Court.

During his younger years in the legal profession in the UK, Enderby was a keen golfer and competed in the British Open.

Acting Opposition Leader, Tony Bourke, in expressing condolences over Mr Enderby's death, said, "His life will be remembered as one of dedicated and loyal service to the people of Australia."



WA Motor Museum's 20th Anniversary

On Sunday 22 December the Motor Museum of WA celebrated its 20th anniversary by hosting its staff, volunteers and associates to an evening of drinks and eats on the Museum premises at Whiteman Park.

As a volunteer for the past six years I was included among the invitees and managed to get a few pictures of the event and at least one interesting story.

A large number of people attended and the usual formalities were observed with speeches from the Chairperson of the Museum Trust and the Curator. Presentations were made to significant others and appreciation expressed to the many volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to various projects designed to make the museum increasingly attractive and interesting.



Speeches were delivered from the tray of a classic truck.

The Chairperson, Kelvin Ferris, reported that the first spade of soil will be lifted in this new year of 2015 as a precursor to the overall plan to eventually double the floor space of the existing building and improve the facilities. As an initial project the front office and shop area will be expanded over the next few months. At this point in time the Museum has a substantial listing of classic vehicles that have been offered on loan for display to the public.

One of the most exotic vehicles on loan to the museum is a completely hand built Jaguar styled by 91-year old Cliff Byfield. This car never fails to attract the admiring attention of visitors and is a credit to the engineering and styling skills of this gifted man.



Cliff Byfield's masterpiece of automotive design and construction
(Photo courtesy David Nicolson)

Cliff is a long-time survivor from World War II in which he served as wireless operator and mid-turret gunner in the RAF during 32 ops as a crew-member in a Lancaster bomber. As with most survivors of the protracted bombing campaigns, Cliff lost many of his acquaintances and friends during those tumultuous times.

The Jaguar is one of a number of past projects that Cliff has completed and he told me he has another underway. It seems he doesn't know the meaning of the word 'retire'.



Cliff Byfield

I met another guy, Nevis, who told me he had been one of the original few who kicked off the Museum back in 1994. Nevis eventually decided to move on when the administrative structure of the Museum changed to include the setting up of a Trust to oversee the management of the organisation. It was good to see him return to the Museum for this special occasion.

Hopefully, by the time the Museum reaches its 25th Anniversary, most of the proposed extension and improvements will have been completed.

Given the family facilities available at Whiteman Park, it might be very worthwhile for the Club to consider having a Club Family Run to the Park that would include entry to the Museum.



HANDY HINT

For those of you with Targa mags, if you are like me, it can be a bit of a struggle trying to get an air hose attached to the tyre valve.

Recently I found an eBay solution as pictured above and ordered a set of four brass valve extensions.

Having received and fitted these I am 100% pleased with the result. As can be seen below, the cost is minimal. The item is sourced from Hong Kong. Just type the item number of the seller's ID into the eBay website to check it out. *Ed.*

Tyre Valve 90deg Extensions; Item No: 131190179328; Sold by [beautyzz2009](#) ([240720](#))

Set of 4 \$10.36 or \$2.59 each; Postage: \$3.88

GUILDFORD HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Club received the following invitation to participate in the Guildford Historical Festival in March.

Planning has commenced for the 2015 Guildford Heritage Festival, which is to take place in Stirling Square, Guildford on Sunday, 29th March from 9:30am to 4:30pm

Applications for this event are due no later than **January, 30th 2015**

This event is a free community celebration of Guildford's historical significance to the development of Perth. The festival allows the community to come together to showcase the activities of local organisations working actively to preserve the regions heritage. Throughout the day visitors will experience a novel glimpse into, as well as an appreciation of the history, cultural activities and everyday living from a bygone era.

The program of events will include:

- Exhibits: Swan Guildford Historical Society Inc. Royal WA Historical Society, Bassendean Historical Society, Midland Railway Workshops, Military Associations
- Children's Festival: heritage games, art and craft activities, face painting, balloon twisting, amusement rides
- Historical re-enactments
- Indigenous exhibition: art, craft, music, dance and bush tucker
- Entertainment: local bands/musicians and dancers on stage throughout the day, Morris Dancers, Maypole Dancers, roving performers
- Vintage Displays: military, vehicles, tractors, machinery, tools, working steam engines
- Historical Cycle Club of WA, Penny Farthings on parade
- Perth Rifle and Artillery Regiment 1860
- Clydesdale horse-drawn wagon rides
- Demonstrations: firefighting, log chopping, book binding, lace making, spinning, wood turning, morsecodians, blacksmithing
- **Veteran, Vintage & Classics Car Show**
- Arts & Craft Market
- Vintage Fair
- Swan Antique & Collectables Fair
- Hawkers Market
- Fresh Produce Market
- Open home & gardens

The Guildford Heritage Festival Council Inc. is a not for profit organisation comprising of volunteers from within the local community. Our primary purpose is to organise and manage the Guildford Heritage Festival.

With regards,

Bromwyn Facer

President/Co-ordinator

Guildford Heritage Festival Council Inc.

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Members are asked to express interest in attending the Festival by advising any member of the Club Committee. See contact details on page 2.



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A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under this arm and says, "A beer please, and one for the road."

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"



ORDER FORM

Targa Florio 40th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque

Orders for the special commemorative, individually numbered, limited release plaque produced to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the release of the Leyland P76 Targa Florio in 1974, following the car's victory whilst competing in the special stage in Sicily during the 1974 UDT World Cup Rally are being filled now.

Frame dimensions are approximately 46 cm x 34.5 cm.

Cost is \$150 plus postage and handling \$19.50. We can combine postage for multiple orders.

Contact Paul for details

Please complete the attached order form and return by **28 February 2015**.

Name:

.....

Address:

.....

I wish to orderTarga Florio Commemorative Plaque(s).

I enclose cheque for the amount of \$..... to include postage as applicable.

OR have made payment of above amount by bank transfer to the following account:

Account Name: **Leyland P76 Owners Club of WA**; BSB: **036-310**; Account No: **100394**

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