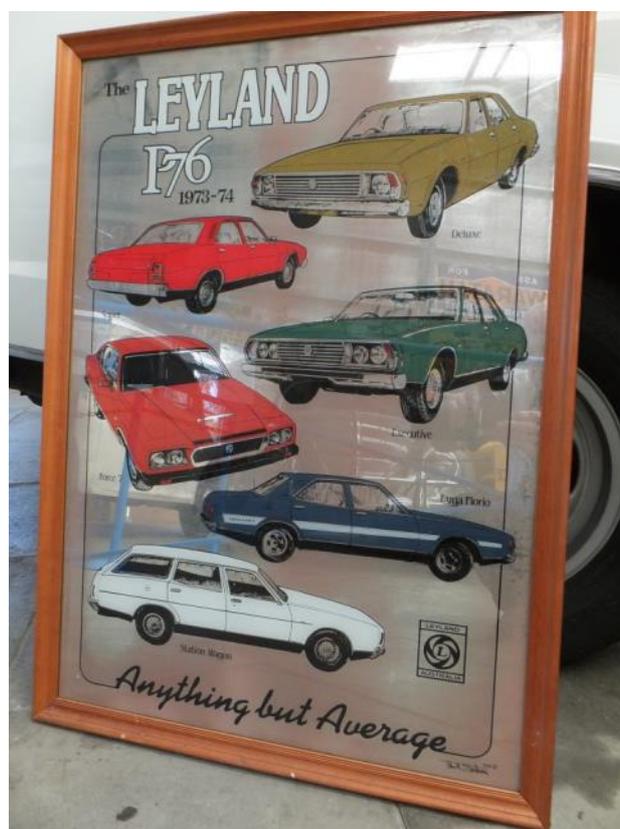


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*The P76 Range mirror on display at the Motor Museum of WA.*

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

With the onset of March, some of us here in the West will be looking forward to the chance of cooler autumn weather as a relief from a blistering summer. And of course, with the change of season, motoring clubs activity will be on the increase to take advantage of the more pleasant driving conditions.

All of this will be reversed for our only UK member, Dave Eadon, who no doubt will be longing for the weary northern winter to give way to glorious spring. This month we feature Dave's fascinating P76 story which even includes an interesting mention of the royal yacht *Britannia*. So check it out.

Perhaps the most exciting event in the P76 world will be the National Meet in Adelaide over the Easter weekend in early April. This will be a great experience for those who can make it to McLaren Vale. Those of us having to stay at home can only look forward to reading and hearing some interesting stories emerging from the activities planned for the Meet.

For those of you waiting to read the next episode of the Mentiplay Leyland story, I have been assured it will appear in time for next month's issue of *Westwords*. So hang in there! At least you now know why this is a rather lean issue of the mag.



## WA Club Parts List

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

*(Correct as at 14 02/2015)*

Targa Hubcaps – set	\$110.00	1 set
Rear Speaker Grills	\$10.00	3 pcs
Steering Column Bushes	\$10.00	2 pcs (1 set)
Strut-top Bushes	\$50.00pr	2 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	1 pair

Indicator Switch mech (new)	\$250 ea	1 pc
Short Handbrake cable	\$5.00ea....	2 pcs
V8 Points sets	\$25.00	58 sets
V8 Valley Cover Gasket & End Seal Set	\$100ea	10pcs
Valve Re grind Set	\$200	2 sets
Sump Gasket bottom Set	\$55	2 sets (4 singles)
V8Rocker Cover Gasket (cork)	\$45 set	4 sets
V8 Head Gasket	\$35 ea	4 pcs
V8 Main Bearings	\$110 set	4 sets
Number Plate Lights Lenses	\$45 Pair	4 sets

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# 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. Club Display: See details in last month's *WestWords*.

**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](http://www.mclarenvalemotel.com.au). Let Dianne or Nigel Bray know you are coming; Phone 08 83250512 [npbray@hotmail.com](mailto:npbray@hotmail.com)

**All Aussie Car Day.** Sunday 12 April . 10.00am – 4.00pm. Waroona Showgrounds. See details on page 7

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

**Targa West.** Sunday 13 August. Langley Park, South Perth. Club display. Details to be advised.

**State Meet.** 17-18 October. Albany. Details to be advised.

*A comprehensive calendar of WA motoring events can be found at: [www.classicrally.com.au](http://www.classicrally.com.au)*



## THE COVER PICTURE

The mirror featured on the front page of this issue of *WestWords* forms part of the Force 7 permanent display at the Motor Museum of WA in Whiteman Park. It depicts the range of P76 vehicles that were meant to be on offer before Leyland Australia closed down production in November 1974. Judging by the signature, the mirror is a fine piece of automotive art produced by a John K Stoneham in 1986. The item was made available to the Museum in 1997. There are a number of other similar mirrors around the Museum featuring different marques such as Rolls Royce, etc.

## THE DAVE EADON P76 STORY

*Last month we welcomed Dave to the club as our only UK-based member. Dave graciously agreed to send in a few more details of his P76 story.*

### (LETTER TO THE EDITOR)

Hi Sam,

Thanks for your welcome.

The reason I got involved with the P76 is quite simple, my wife and I lived in Australia for two years between 1986 and 1988. We lived at the airport in Ballarat where I was training as a commercial pilot. We needed to buy a car and we didn't have a huge budget so I looked in the car advertisements and ended up buying an Olive Green Deluxe with a 'three on the tree' gearshift. Why? Quite simply because it was a lot of car for the money, it was in much better condition than the Holdens and Fords I had looked at and it had a V8!! I knew little about the Australian car market and even less about the history of the P76, I was soon educated by my fellow pilots about the 'Leyland Lemon' I had just bought.

We lived in Ballarat for a year, I grew to love the car, my wife learned to drive in it and, when we were offered a permanent job in the Kimberley, we drove the 3600 miles along the South coast and up the West coast whilst towing all our possessions in a huge trailer. We took 14 days to drive to Derby, spending 10 days behind the wheel and pausing in Adelaide to get the brakes fixed (long story, happy ending) and a few days in Perth with some friends of friends whom we had never previously met. We lived in Derby for a year, the car had aftermarket aircon so was really useful. We had paid around £1300 for it in Ballarat and we sold it in Derby 2 years later for £1900!

When we returned to the UK, I always said that I would love to own a P76 but soon found out they were never launched here. By a fluke I read an article in a Classic Car magazine which had a familiar looking photo and a mention that the owner wanted to sell the Targa. (He was also selling Lord Stoke's own Force 7 but he wanted £10,000 which I wasn't going to pay – if only I knew then what I know now...!)

The Targa had been imported by a merchant navy officer who had bought it new from Lancaster Motors in Sydney. He brought it to the UK in November 1977. He also imported a huge haul of parts (which I own now) many of which, I am told, were shipped on the Royal Yacht, *Britannia*. The previous owner, David Morton bought it from this chap in 1981 and I have owned it since February 2001.

How is that for starters?

Looking forward to hearing from you again soon.

Cheers, Dave.

*(Editor's note: I did, in fact, hear from Dave again. He sent in the following message complete with pictures.)*  
Hi Sam, I have dug these out. The Spanish Olive Deluxe was at Healesville in April 1986. The Targa with myself is from Classic Car Weekly newspaper and was taken at the BLMC and Leyland Day at the Heritage Motor Museum in July last year where Alan Firth and myself and the two P76's were the star of the show!!



*Dave and his Spanish Olive Executive – April 1986. Note the modified grill with “80s” spotties.*



*Dave and his Targa at BLMC/Leyland Day at the Heritage Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire, UK, July 2014.*



**The Austasia Spanish Olive complete with Dealer-applied stripes.**

This photo was taken at Sydney Leyland Dealer, Austasia Motors, located in the suburb of Wentworthville. Bob Ilich, owner of Perth Leyland dealer Ilich Motors visited Sydney in 1974 to have a look at the Leyland factory. The main reason for Bob's visit though was to ask Leyland for advice on how to sell Spanish Olive P76's. The boys at Leyland told Bob that Austasia Motors were fitting brown stripes to the Olive P76's and they were just flying out of the door. Bob visited the dealership and got some photographic evidence of Austasia's handy work. Let us know your thoughts. *(Courtesy: The Club Facebook page.)*



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## ROAD TO MANDALAY RALLY

This 24-Day event from Singapore to Bagan in the Mandalay region of Burma features the famed P76 of Gerry Crown and Matt Bryson, competing in the Classic Cars section of the rally. At the time of writing Gerry and Matt were running 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 36 entries to a Porsche 911, with 7 days to the finish line. Hopefully we can get a full report on the Rally in next month's *WestWords*. Meanwhile you can follow the action at <http://www.endurorally.com/pages/road-to-mandalay>.



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