

WESTWORDS

VOLUME 16

MAY 2015

ISSUE: 23



The Club display at Waroona District Showgrounds.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF
THE LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (WA DIVISION) Inc

Leyland P76

LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA (WA DIVISION) Inc.

Postal Address: PO Box 507 Kwinana WA 6167

Email: leylandp76@westnet.com.au

Website: <http://www.leylandp76.com/jameswa.html>

General Meetings are held on the last Monday 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.

Committee Members 2014-2015

President:	James Mentiplay	0408 918 127
Vice President:	Dave Bryan	0400 884 841
Secretary:	Adam Woodward	0439 492 143
Treasurer:	Mick le-Cocq	0414 731 535
WestWords Editor:	Sam Murray	0415 768 485
Vehicle Scrutineer:	Andrew Mentiplay	0457 038 877
Vehicle Registrar:	Gary Mentiplay	94977754
Spare Parts Officer:	Paul Banham	0403 774 377
Publicity Officer	Dave Bryan	0400 884 841
Non-Office Bearers:	Adrian Carr	0417 991 089
	Kirsty Carr	0402 153 100

Disclaimer: In regard to products, services and/or procedures which are either advertised or mentioned in the editorial content of this magazine, members should determine for themselves the reliability and/or suitability for their own particular requirements.

The Leyland P76 Owners Club of Australia (WA Division) Incorporated cannot accept responsibility for any product or service statement made herein and the opinions or comments from any contributor are not necessarily those of the club, the committee, the members or the editor.

□ □ □

EDITOR'S CORNER:

The last few weeks have been busy enough for the Club with major events occurring within a fortnight from each other.

This issue includes reports on the Club's first venture to the Guildford Historical Festival and our usual annual display at the Waroona All-Aussie Car Day, along with a fine write-up on the Nationals Meet in SA by Lyn and Riley Bradley. Enjoy!



WA Club Parts List

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

(Correct as at 20/04/2015)

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	0 pair
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	1 set
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

Contact Paul on 0403774377 to place an order.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 25 MAY 2015

7.30pm

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

Club Run and Annual Inspections. Sunday 31 May. Bailup Ford Museum. Meet at Midland Centrepoint 10.00am. Car Display 10.30am. Bring barbecue meat, etc. Organised by Terry Johnson. All concessional licenced cars must attend this event. Inspection Fee: \$20

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 (*see p.12*).

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



Tribute to the Targa Florio Road Race

For those of us with a special interest in the significance of the Leyland P76 Targa Florio, the following online links will provide fascinating insight into the one-time most famous road racing circuit in the world: The Sicilian Targa Florio.

Link to home movie of 1969 Targa Florio

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzjjm6feCK4>

Targa Florio Historic 2011

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1T4d9YSdW4>



The Lighter side

As the coffin was being lowered into the ground at a Parking Officers funeral, a voice from inside screams

"I'm not dead, I'm not dead. Let me out!"

The Vicar smiles, leans forward sucking air through his teeth and mutters...

*"Too f**\$#%^g late pal, I've already done the paperwork"*

(Submitted by Paul B)



GUILDFORD HISTORICAL FESTIVAL

The Club made its first appearance at the Guildford Historical Festival on Sunday 29 March, held at Stirling Park, in the grounds of St Matthew's Anglican Church.

During this centenary year in which we remember the fallen at Anzac Cove in Gallipoli during those harrowing, but now hallowed, months of 1915, it was most appropriate that we participated in this event, given the history of St Matthews.

St Matthews became the only garrison church in Western Australia when the 38th Battery Field Artillery of the Australian Army marched into Stirling Square on 1st November 1913. The Battery was housed at South Guildford, across a suspension bridge on the Helena River. Britain announced it was at war on 5th August 1914 and the 38th Battery was combined with the 37th Battery to form the 8th Field Battery of the 3rd Australian Field Artillery Brigade, based at South Guildford. Men trained at Blackboy Hill (Swan View) and lived at Guildford. The 8th Field Battery embarked for the Mediterranean and was among the first to see action at Gallipoli in 1915. Reinforcements continued to be trained at Guildford and these men made St. Matthew's Church their spiritual home. On 21st September 1919, when the troops had all returned home, a special service of remembrance and thanksgiving was held at St. Matthews Church.



A long shot of cars on display with the P's occupying a central position in the line-up.

Seven members brought along their cars to display among a host of other marques, including Riley, Triumph, MG, Holden, Ford, Morris and a fiery red Esada Lamborghini. The Motor Museum of WA brought along a number of its collection of classic cars including the white Force 7.



The Force 7 looks across at Adrian's Corinthian Blue with Ken's Spanish Olive just arriving in the background.

The weather turned up trumps with bright sunshine warm enough to cause people to keep moving their chairs to enjoy the shade of the tall trees dotted around the park. The Festival attracted large numbers of people who enjoyed trawling around the various stalls and food outlets. Entertainment by a number of performers was provided from a central pavilion and children enjoyed the funfair. Word has it that this was the best attended event in the history of the Festival.

Members who attended included Paul Banham, Adrian and Kirsty Carr, Gary Mentiplay, James Mentiplay (and his delightful children), Ken Domeyer, Dave Neuzerling and Christy, and Sam Murray.

Along with the cars, there was an excellent display of motorbikes and cycles. Following the success of the day, it is hoped that the Club will see fit to include the Guildford Festival in its annual calendar of events in the future---(Ed.)



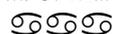
The unmistakable lines of the ravishing Esada Lamborghini.



A colourful selection of P's from the line-up at Guildford.



Visitors enjoy the entertainment with St Matthews in the background.



WAROONA 2015

Despite being greeted with early morning lowering clouds heavy with rain, no less than fourteen members' cars made their way to Waroona, 110km south of Perth, to participate in the Annual All-Aussie Car Day staged at the huge district showgrounds.

As it turned out, apart from a few light April showers on the way down, the day developed into a mixture of fresh coastal breezes and welcome cloud cover interspersed with brief sunny intervals. Although the general turnout appeared a bit down on last year's, we enjoyed seeing the usual classic collection of Ford, Holden, and Chrysler cars along with a healthy sprinkling of American vehicles. A lonely Rover sat among the throng, probably wondering what it was doing there. Stall holders displayed a large variety of goods for sale with the usual outlets for food and drinks meeting the needs of the many visitors to the event



The P76 line-up included Ray Le-Cocq's dragster and three Targa's, along with a variety of Leyland's classic colours: Crystal White, Peel-me-a Grape, Home-on-th'Orange, Spanish Olive, Am-I-Blue, Dry Red and Hairy Lime.



A surprise visitor arrived during the morning in the form of Martyn Stockwell, from Sydney. Marty had been to the Nationals Meet in SA, and decided to push on to WA, driving his Isuzu diesel-powered flat tray truck bearing his caravan emblazoned with the insignia of the Targa Florio in Aspen Green along with the Leyland emblem in blue. Martyn is the proud owner of a very rare Aspen Green Targa and he enjoyed sharing his enthusiasm with club members who had previously met up with him at the 40th Anniversary in Canberra. He also displayed a V8 rocker cover painted in his favourite colour and mounted on wheels made from mini-CDs that performed very well at the Rocker Cover races held at the National Meet in SA.





Other notable displays included a tribute to Peter Brock featuring a VL Commodore built to HDT specifications, an AU Falcon graced with a US-built Tickford V8, and a fiery-red Ford Cougar.



The cloud cover enabled many more people to engage with the displayed cars without enduring the usual heat and glare of the WA sun.



Members enjoyed sharing experiences and ideas with each other and Mick Le-Cocq undertook a minor upgrade to Roger Patton-Williams' Targa by replacing the old and battered number plate lamp lens covers with brand spanking new covers supplied by Mentiplay Leyland.



All too-soon, the day came to an end with the cars and crowds wending their separate ways and leaving Waroona Showgrounds until the next motoring extravaganza in 2016.---Ed.



The Club gazebo provided a central spot for members to chat and relax.



Frank's a garage guru

THERE is not much Frank Realph does not know about that great Australian flop, the Leyland P-76 motor car.

Mr Realph is 89 now, and his claim to fame is that he spent 18 months compiling the Leyland P-76 workshop manual, published in 1973.

"I've seen every nut and bolt taken out of that car and put back in again," he said.

His technical knowledge has impressed the staff at the Laurels Retirement Home where he now lives at Kogarah.

Mr Realph is a past president and technical editor with the Institute of Diesel Engineers and served five terms as the president of the Diesel Engineers of Australia.

As the technical editor, he produced the institute's quarterly journals.

His hard work was rewarded and he became

Master of the Leyland P-76

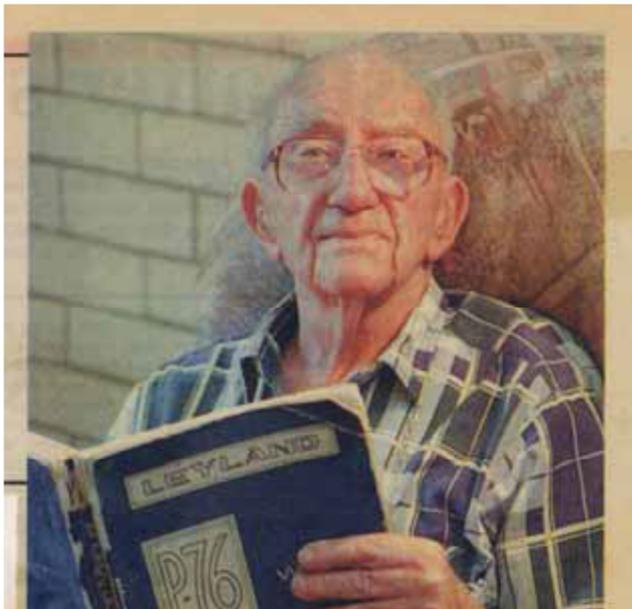
one of the few in Australia to be granted life membership of the institute.

Mr Realph also wrote the workshop manuals for the Morris and the Australian-built Mini.

He retired in 1974.

Though slowed down by illness, he still keeps up to date with the latest in technology with a regular supply of trade magazines.

His vast knowledge has been passed down to his two sons who are both engineers.



Frank Realph

Frank Realph is a reminder of the technical skills of the engineers who help prepare the text of the manuals. Together the artists and engineers made a great team that provided an essential service to the motoring fraternity. Despite the unfortunate (and untrue) reference in the above newspaper cutting to the P76 as a 'flop', the fact that a significant number of factory-issued P76 workshop manuals still survive and continue to be used is a testament to the car's refusal to lie down and fossilize into Australian motoring history. The above article is unfortunately undated so we can only hope that Frank is still with us. Nevertheless, his contribution to the story of the P76 will continue to be appreciated by enthusiasts for many years to come.



2015 P76 National Meeting at McLaren Vale SA

By Lyn and Riley Bradley

Firstly we have to congratulate South Australian Club members involved in creating a very friendly and enjoyable National meeting.

We left Manjimup Saturday 28th March for McLaren Vale, travelled well the usual 700kms or so the first 2 days, then down to 450kms the next few. Had two nights at Port Augusta for a bit of catch up and walking after so much sitting.

We were among the first arrivals on Thursday afternoon 2 April. After booking into our room and unpacking, it was time for registration and collection of our goodies. We had a BBQ Thursday evening and met up with all our P76 friends and made new ones.



Lyn and Riley's Bold As Brass stands out from the rest in this shot of a roadside line-up.

Friday morning: There were more people arriving. It was also time for us to wash our car before lunch.

After lunch the Car Club Olympics were held on the lawn at the Complex.

We all dipped into a bucket pulled out a spark plug (3 different brands) this created three teams; one way to mix everybody. Each team had up to 10 members.



Riley tosses a starter-motor in the shot-put event.

The events were

Tail shaft tossing (P76 tail shaft to be thrown)

2male & 1 female

Shot-put (P76 Starter motor to be thrown)

2 male & 1 female

Discus (P76 Clutch to be thrown)

2 male & 1 female

Quoits (10 Fan belts thrown on to P76 axle)

each team member

Spark plugs relay (Spark plugs mixed in a bucket of sawdust had to be retrieved and screwed into the head).....8 runners

Wheel nut relay (wheel nuts in sawdust this time, to be

screwed onto a P76 wheel and axle).....5 runners
This was good light hearted fun. Riley and I ended up on different teams. Riley's team got Silver.

Gold and Silver medals were awarded at presentation night.

Dinner was at McLaren Vale Bowling Club, very nice.

Rocker Cover Races 1st heat after dinner.

Saturday: We were off to Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum at Port Elliot. This was well presented. After lunch we all met at the Goolwa Wharf for our Coorong Cruise to the Mouth of the Murray. This was a very enjoyable and interesting experience.

Dinner was at Alma Hotel in Willunga.

Sunday: Everyone prepared for the convoy to the concourse at Wigley Reserve at Glenelg where 35 cars lined up and put on a good display.

The presentation Dinner was at South Adelaide Football Club. This was a good evening. The last of the Rocker Cover Races were run.

Monday: We enjoyed a great cooked breakfast and packed up as it was time to head home.

And guess what? It was raining! But we had had a fine and fun weekend.

We arrived home on Monday 13th April after a 6122km round trip to McLaren Vale.



A longer view of the cars with the usual mix of colours

(As it turned out Lyn and Riley were the only WA representatives at the Nationals. They were duly awarded the Furthest-Distance-By-Car Trophy. Lyn and Riley are to be commended for their enthusiasm and participation in most if not all long-distance P76 events.—Ed.)



Leyland Repro Labels

Repro labels are available to P76 club members at the following prices:

Quality OK panel and Paint \$5.00

I'm Driving the Car of the Year internal reversed decal \$20.00

Leyland Part number decal (a new one) where you can write in the part number you are displaying \$5.00

Leyland Australia 2 sided Service decal (with use Castrol oil) on the inside (a new one) \$10.00

Radiator inhibitor decal (Rolls Royce one) . Limited stock \$15.00

Buyer Protection Plan two-sided decal \$20.00

Leyland Part number on a 1.25 metre roll. The "L" symbol in the Leyland logo is missing. This can be used as bunting or cut down to do part numbers (on NOS parts that the labels have fallen off!) \$10.00

Postage on all these is \$1.00 per each on individual orders (bubble wrapped and cardboard outers). On large orders say 5 total I will pack and post for free. Please email me directly with your name and address and my CBA

bank account details are 7000 00685400. Email:

fsank@hotmail.com. Call Nick Kounelis **0418882043** with queries.



4th Annual Leyland P76 State Meeting

Albany: 17th & 18th October 2015

The beautiful south west town of Albany has been chosen as the location for the State Meeting that our club holds each year.

The weekend will be full of activities to ensure that the long drive is well worth while.

Some members will be heading down on the Friday (16th of October), and activities will be planned to cover the whole weekend.

Further information regarding the itinerary and accommodation will be released in the coming months.



The line-up of cars at last year's State Meet in Busselton

Torony Extractors

After 30 long years of waiting, the famous Torony extractors are available again. Developed by P76 Sporting Car Club members Joe Torony and Paul Patten for their famous Budgie P76 race car in the early 1980's, the Torony extractors are the only after market extractor developed specifically for the P76 V8.

The Torony extractors were developed after many hours spent on the Dyno, ensuring that there were substantial performance gains.

On a standard V8 engine, the Torony extractors were gaining an extra 18% in torque with the correct tuning.

These extractors are available now exclusively through Mentiplay Leyland.

Mild Steel: \$600.00

Stainless Steel: \$800.00



Mentiplay Leyland: 0408 918 127 / leylandp76@westnet.com.au

Brand New Reproduction P76 Boot Mats



- Exact replica of the original P76 boot mat, fully moulded and trimmed like the original
- But made from a much tougher material which is virtually impossible to tear
- Just as originally fitted to all Deluxe, Super and Targa Florio Models

Only **\$320**
Including Postage



THE DASHBOARD DOCTOR

Call on 03 9383 6861 or visit www.dashboarddoctor.com.au

Brand New Reproduction P76 Boot Carpets



Original Style Charcoal Loop Pile

- Exact replica of the original item, fully moulded, trimmed and edge bound like the original
- Original Style Charcoal Loop Pile
- Comes with either an original style masonite or more resilient black ABS tool cover board
- Optional colour and loop or plush style of your choice at the same price

Only **\$230**
Including Postage



Optional Black Plush Pile



We also invite you to have a look at our website to see our restoration work on P76s and other classic cars

Call Stuart Brown on 0400 995 515 or visit www.ausclassics.com

SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT YOUR CLUB



MUFFLERMIKE'S
EXHAUST SHOP
Licence No. MRB 2518

Unit 1, 11 Hanson Street
MADDINGTON WA 6109
www.mufflermike.net
info@mufflermike.net
Telephone: 9493 4140

ARMADALE
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS
Incorporating Armadale Gearbox Exchange

UNIT 3
12 OWEN ROAD
KELMSCOTT 6111
Tel: (08) 93993457: Fax: (08) 93993206

Auto and Manual Transmissions
Power Steering :: Differentials :: 4x4 Specialists

TERRY JOHNSON
V8 Water Pumps Reconditioned
Tel: 93423524:
Mobile: 0415788178



MENTIPLAY LEYLAND

Est. 1989



Call the P76 specialists for all your P76 needs

New and second hand parts available for both V8 and 6 cylinder

Body, trim, mechanical and interior parts for all models.

Australia wide service!

Call James or Andrew for all your P76 requirements

Phone: [0408 918 127](tel:0408918127)

Email: leylandp76@westnet.com.au

Special
NOS V8 & 6 cylinder air filter elements \$35.00 plus postage

RETURN ADDRESS: PO BOX 507 KWINANA W.A. 6167



LEYLAND P76 Owners Club of Australia (WA Division) Inc.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?
Please notify the Editor.
Contact details inside.

Have your *WestWords* Emailed

The advantages of email copies are: (1) Faster delivery; (2) Full colour of all pictures; (3) Secure storage of copies in computer hard drive and/or flash drive; (4) Environmentally friendly; (5) Ability to share magazine with friends as potential new members; (6) Release of Club resources to fund other services.

Members on the Club emailing list also receive copies of interstate P76 club magazines when they become available.

Your co-operation in this regard would be much appreciated. Simply send your email address to the Editor: samurai2@westnet.com.au

It is understood that some members do not have online access and will continue to require hard copies sent by regular mail.