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## WA Club Parts List

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

|   |             |
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| Rear speaker grills -----                     | \$10 each   |
| Strut top bushes-----                         | \$40 pair   |
| V8 oil filters -----                          | \$25 each   |
| T bar shifter handles-----                    | \$5 each    |
| Heater and fan knobs -----                    | \$2.50 each |
| Rust repair front fender panels-----          | \$80 pair   |
| Indicator switch mech (new) -----             | \$250 each  |
| Short handbrake cable-----                    | \$5 each    |
| V8 point sets-----                            | \$25 each   |
| V8 rocker cover gasket (cork) -----           | \$45 pair   |
| V8 head gasket -----                          | \$35 each   |
| V8 main bearings -----                        | \$110 set   |
| Number plate light lenses -----               | \$45 pair   |
| Front indicators, unpainted, un-assembled --- | \$60 Pair   |
| V8 valley cover gasket and end seal set ----- | \$100 each  |

Contact Paul on 0403 774 377 to place an order.

# COMING EVENTS

## GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY 27th March 2017 @ 7.30pm**

Kenwick Community Centre

Cnr Kenwick Road and Brixton St, Kenwick.

**March 18th:** Quindanning Hotel Weekend away. Details Below

**April 9th:** All Aussie car display Waroona. Meeting at Pioneer Village car park, Cnr Albany Hwy and Southwest Hwy Armadale, behind the Narrogin Inn. Departing 8am for a convoy to Waroona

**April 24th:** General Meeting

**May 29th:** General Meeting

## Quindanning Weekend Away

As most of you know club member George Lavender is the owner of the Quindanning Hotel. On Saturday March 18th we will be heading to the Quindanning Hotel for dinner and some beverages. Some of us will be staying overnight, they are holding the rooms for a short time for us so if you want to stay the night give them a call on 9885 7053 and book in as soon as you can as the rooms will not be held for long.

We will be meeting at the Dome coffee shop in Pinjarra for a 11.00 am departure so if you want breakfast at the Dome get there a bit earlier.

Ray Bourne will be leading the way from Pinjarra and taking us on a mystery drive through the south stopping for lunch or a snack somewhere along the way then eventually arriving at the Quindanning Tavern.

So get your car out, dust it off and come along for what will be a great drive through the south for some good country hospitality at the Quindanning Hotel.

Please let Adrian know if you will be coming along so we don't leave anyone behind at Pinjarra. Email or phone 0417 991 089.





# All Australian Car Day

**Sunday 9 April 2017**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON P76 PEOPLE

WESTWORDS INTERVIEW: Adrian Carr

**WW:** Can we start with a bit of your background?

**AC:** I was born in Swan districts Hospital, Swan Districts, and then my family moved to Padbury when I was still very young. We lived there for roughly 20 years. I met my wife Kirsty in 95 and not long after we built a house in Ellenbrook, when it was a new suburb and there would have been 50 or houses or so.



**WW:** Tell us what happened when you joined the workforce?

**AC:** I started work at 14 as an apprentice at North City Holden in Osborne Park in 1988. I was there for 6 years, before I left and worked at a BP Service station for 8 months as a mechanic. After which I got into earth moving, where I stayed until 8 years ago when I got a job at the red hill tip.

**WW:** What happened next?

**AC:** We moved around a few times before buying a block in Lower Chittering where I could have room for a decent shed and house. We purchased the block in 2011 and over the next 3 years spent every weekend doing earth works and preparing the block for building the house. In March 2014 we moved in and are still putting the final touches on the place

**WW:** Tell us about your first car

**AC:** My first car was an original 1976 LX Torana Hatchback, in horrible brown. It had all the go fast bits like a 308, ford 9 inch diff and a few other things. It went very very well, so well in fact the police would literally turn around and put a yellow sticker on it whenever they could. I decided to sell the car after 12 months and 8 yellow stickers.



**WW:** What road cars have you had over the years?

**AC:** After the Torana, I bought a Toyota Hilux, a 1978 model, which I had for 6 months before Buying a Nissan Patrol. I had the Patrol for at least 6 years. I had an XG Falcon ute, I had a 1978 f100, A 1996 Holden rodeo, a 2006 Nissan Navara, a 2007 Toyota Land cruiser, and now a 2006 BF Falcon ute



**WW:** You have also had several Motorbikes in this time?

**AC:** My first Motorbike was a Suzuki GPZ 250 at a low \$350! I only had this for 12 months. After which I bought a 1976 shovel head Harley, which I dearly regret selling. I also had an XJ750 Yamaha, for around 2 years. I then had a 1990 Harley FXR for roughly 11 years, which I sold about 12 months ago.



**WW:** What is your first recollection of the P76?

**AC:** As early as I can remember, my dad had a bold as brass Super V8, col auto. We did at least 4 trips to the eastern states to visit relatives, and towed a caravan all over WA on holidays while I was growing up. He bought the car when It would have been 2 years old and he sold it roughly 12 years ago.



**WW:** When did you get your first P76?

**AC:** I was 20 years old when I bought my first P76, a Spanish Olive V8 4spd, for \$1500 from a bloke in Albany. It was my daily driver for a number of years, however I still had the Nissan Patrol as well. Where I used to park the car in my driveway, the afternoon sun would hit the left side of the car, and over time it faded very badly. I decided to cut some rust out of the car and paint it, deciding on Ford Polynesian green. At the time you had to take a car over the pits if you changed the colour, so I wanted to keep it green, but didn't really like Spanish Olive (at the time).

I put a bug catcher through the bonnet when I painted it and this was a mistake, as it attracted unwanted attention, and got me a yellow sticker 12 months later. Unfortunately money was tight at the time, and instead of re-licensing the car we decided to sell it, along with Kirsty's immaculate country cream executive in the early 2000's



**WW:** What made you get back into P76's?

**AC:** In 2012 I wanted to get back into some sort of classic car, so it was a natural decision to look into P76's for sale. I called the club and Spoke to James Mentiplay to try and track down my Dads old Bold as Brass. He knew where it was, but also knew the new owner wouldn't want to sell the Car. He did however have Kirsty's old cream executive sitting in his driveway, so we bought it the following weekend and joined the P76 club.

**WW:** You now own a number of other P76s?

**AC:** After buying the Cream exec that was in rather poor condition, we borrowed a P76 from James to attend the 2012 State Meeting in Donnybrook. We then decided we must have a P76 that was already on the road, so after the event we looked at a Corinthian Blue Deluxe V8 4 speed with air and steer, and Promptly bought the car. About 6 months after the Deluxe, a Spanish Olive super 6 came up for sale, and we bought that with the intention of fitting a V8, which has turned into a partial restoration after finding rust in the engine bay.

Since moving to Lower Chittering, we have also picked up 3 parts cars which are parked up next the shed. My most recent purchase was a Hairy Lime super V8 auto, which I have recently got fully licensed and I use it quite a bit.





**WW:** Other interests besides P76s?

**AC:** I used to enjoy Fishing and Camping whenever I could, But since moving to Lower Chittering and building our house the main interests are Cars and gardening with Kirsty and drinking lots of German Beer

**WW:** Final Thoughts?

**AC:** I have noticed the attitude towards the P76 has changed immensely since owning my first one to now. I recall going out in my first P76 and copping lots of flack and negative comments, whereas now I get lots of thumbs up and much more positive comments. I have also noticed the standard of cars in the club has gone up tremendously in as little as the last two years. I have really enjoyed being a member of the club, and was a little surprised to be voted in as vice president after only a short time. In short, go the P!





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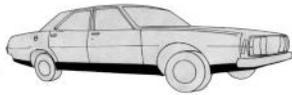
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